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**THE DEVIL HIS DUE.**

Our Chechako contemporary, the News, after making several sorties upon the government intrenchments in the matter of road construction, is now seeking some lonesome kopje wherein to find cover.

The occasion of all this distress lies in the fact that our contemporary persists in dealing with subjects concerning which it is without information. In discussing the actions of the local government, the News works upon the general principle that the government never does anything worthy of commendation—ordinarily a safe principle, by the way, but one which, like all rules, has its exceptions.

After some six months of somnolent quietude, the News recently awoke to the fact that the government spent considerable money on a ridge trail last fall.

Without waiting to ask anyone if the road had ever been used, or whether it served the purpose for which it was built, our contemporary, as soon as it discovered that the road is in existence, jumped right into the air, kicked its heels together, and told things about that road which were new to men who have traveled over it every day for the past six months.

So well pleased was the News with this first imaginative production that it immediately followed up with another, which, if anything, was more imaginative than the first.

But right at this point the campaign, so far as offensive operations were concerned, ceased. Miners on the creeks reached by the road in question, pointed out to our contemporary the error of its way, and explained the fact that the road was built last fall, and has served a very useful purpose during the winter. Having secured this information, our contemporary hauls down the bloody shirt and executes a movement to the rear.

We have before pointed out to our contemporary the necessity of having at least a few facts upon which to base a newspaper article, even when the object in view is so laudable a matter as an attack on the government. The fact should never be overlooked that the devil is entitled to be given his due.

The Queen's visit to Dublin has and is intended to have only one meaning. It is the highest recognition which the Empress-Queen can give of the loyal devotion of the Irish soldiers to the flag and empire. When story after story came from South Africa of how the Irish regiments were nobly sustaining their traditions for dauntless valor and splendid loyalty, it came into the mind of the Queen that she would go to Ireland and there give the thanks of herself and people for the heroism of those to whom she had graciously given permission to wear the

shamrock. It was a woman's thought, for in all things the womanly side of Her Majesty's character stands out pre-eminent. There is something extremely touching about it. We read in the stories of chivalry how, when the fighting men came home from many a bloody field, the chieftain's wife and her maidens came out to meet them in token of her thankfulness. Many an artist has chosen such a scene for his skill, and depicted womanly youth and beauty greeting the battle-stained veterans from the castle gate. But the Queen does not wait for the heroes to come to her. She could not go to them, but she could go to their mothers, their wives, their sisters, their sweethearts, and tell them how she, and how her people everywhere, esteem the noble work done by loved ones on veldt and kopje. The heart of a true woman inspired a womanly deed, and, unless the world has all gone wrong, that simple deed will accomplish more than the eloquence of statesmen or the wisdom of legislatures.—Victoria Times.

Thousands upon thousands of dollars were spent for scows at Lake Bennett last fall by parties who brought their freight over to Bennett too late to get it down by the steamboats. These same scows, which cost all the way from \$750 to \$1,200 to build, can now be picked up all along the river, and even on the beach in front of Dawson, for sums ranging from \$25 to \$50. There is a lesson in this little story which all intending shippers would do well to heed. Freight should be brought in during the early part of the season, in order to avoid tremendous expenses and possible loss.

Nearly all the steamers which are scattered along the upper river are now in charge of their respective crews, and are in readiness for the break-up as soon as it comes. Last year the first boat left the foot of Lake Lebarge before the 10th of May, but did not get into Dawson until the 23d of the same month, owing to repeated encounters with ice jams. Reports now coming from above indicate that the boats may be enabled to leave earlier this year, although it is not likely that Dawson will be reached any sooner than was the case twelve months ago.

The minstrel performance last night brought forth another evidence of Dawson's willingness to patronize any effort which is put forth in a worthy cause. The large and representative audience present was a well-earned tribute to the energy and ability of those who contributed so much earnest effort toward the success of the entertainment. All concerned are entitled to congratulations.

It is a saying born of long experience that one swallow does not make a summer. It is equally a fact that one warm day will not take the ice out of the Yukon, despite all wishes and prayers to the contrary.

**Corner in Ostriches**

A letter from Phoenix, Arizona, says: The Salt river valley surrounding Phoenix is to be made the center of the ostrich industry of the Western continent, and within a few months every bird in the United States, not held for exhibition purposes, will be brought here. The ostriches of this valley, which were owned by the Phoenix Ostrich company and number 250, have been sold to A. Y. Pearson, a New York capitalist, who, two years ago, set out to gather all the ostriches of this country and succeeded in getting all but 100. Those birds are located principally at Pasadena, Cal., San Antonio,

Tex., and Jacksonville, Fla., and the owners keep them merely for show and will not part with them for any price. Mr. Pearson, who now owns about 700 ostriches, has made contracts by which he will have the product of chicks at the age of 2 months from the remaining 100 ostriches. These arrangements complete the formation of an ostrich pool in this country, giving to the New York capitalist, who in the last year has spent more than \$100,000 in ostriches, absolute control of the industry. He has bought a large alfalfa farm ten miles from Phoenix and has commenced putting the farm in condition to receive all the birds owned by him. Most of them will come from Southern California, and importations will commence in a few weeks.

Mr. Pearson is not inclined to be over sanguine in calculating the increase in his flock of birds before the chicks are hatched, but his experience has showed him that ostriches multiply with great rapidity, and he believes that at the end of three years 3600 birds will be feeding on his alfalfa farm near Phoenix. About seven years ago several ostriches were brought to this valley, but, owing to injuries received in shipping, a male and female only survive, and the 250 birds here now have all been inbred from the single pair. Notwithstanding the fact that there has been no crossing of breeds the birds are superior to any others in the country, and in the future better results probably will be obtained by crossing breeds.

Mr. Pearson first became interested in ostriches about seven years ago, and after a careful investigation of the Salt river valley at that time he decided it was the best breeding place for ostriches outside of Africa. Since then he has made a study of the ostrich in its native state, and now he believes that the ostrich will do even better here than in Africa, its habitat.

Speaking of the ostrich business Mr. Pearson said: "Ostrich raising is a matter of business now with my family, and we believe we shall have no difficulty in competing with the importers of feathers. In fact there can be little competition. The importation of feathers into the United States amounts annually to \$3,000,000, exclusive of a 50 per cent tariff. Where the feathers are the product of the United States, we, of course, will escape the tariff."

The ostrich business, says Mr. Pearson, cannot be conducted profitably on a small scale, but a large number of birds must be concentrated. It does not cost much more to maintain a flock of 1000 birds than it does to care for 100. Mr. Pearson's confidence in the adaptability of this valley to ostrich raising is shown by the expenditure of a small fortune in removing all his birds to this region, even after he had obtained good results from them in California and Florida.

**Troops for Rhodesia.**

Lisbon, April 4.—The question of the transport of British troops across Portuguese territory from Beira, Portuguese East Africa, into Rhodesia, having been brought up in the chamber of deputies, the foreign minister, Senor Beira, made the following statement:

"The transport of British soldiers by railroad from Beira to Umtali was requested by Great Britain and consented to by Portugal because the British government thereby only exercised a right recognized in the treaties between the two countries. The outbreak of war has not abrogated these treaties, which were concluded and signed prior to the war by Portugal in a spirit of loyalty. I have informed the Transvaal of this reason. Portugal has loyally adhered to its duties and neutrality, and its reasons have been communicated to all interested parties. There could occur a no more solemn occasion than the present to declare that the British cabinet has maintained with Portugal relations of cordiality and loyalty for which there is reason for congratulation. Please God that these good relations shall always be maintained."

**George Butler's Dispensary.**

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