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A PLEASANT CALLER.

A British Columbian—Minerals and Game—Queer Animals.

THE STANDARD appreciated a call Friday from Mr. T. C. Collins, whom we found to be a valuable acquisition to our list of acquaintances.

He is a brother to Mrs. Luther Saunders and with a sister, Mrs. Mitchell and children, is visiting his relatives here. Mr. Collins is a native of North Carolina and has a good degree of native pride. The family home is in Asheville, to which he has returned after an absence of thirteen years.

He is engaged in the mining business near Kootenay lake in British Columbia, about 150 miles north of Spokane, Washington.

From Mr. Collins we learn some interesting facts that we had failed to gather earlier in life. The territory for about 100 miles has increased in ten years from about 200 to about 50,000 white inhabitants. Minerals and game are the chief attractions.

Gold, silver, copper and lead abound. Metals are often found together, especially silver and lead and gold and copper. Gold ores are of two kinds; free milling ore and base or smelting ore. The former requires little experience, while the base ore requires a very expensive smelting plant and thorough chemical knowledge and skillful manipulations to extract the metals which are formed into one mixed mass to be sent to another costly plant to be separated and refined.

These mines are very rich and profitable, even at the present depressed prices of silver, and the duty of 1½ cents per pound on lead.

The territorial government allows equal privileges to aliens but charges each prospector certain fees that produce a handsome revenue to the government.

There can be no monotony in life there to one fond of hunting, adventure and gunning sports.

Among the feathered game are the wild goose and the mallard duck. The latter may be knocked over with a stick and gathered for frying when of good size, but incompletely plucked.

The habits of the wild goose are like they are here. Their home is still to the North and you're a good shot if you get many of them.

Pheasants also abound, and there are many grouse which is very fine game of a blue color, red head and struts like our turkey. This bird is of size between our common turkey and chicken. Another interesting bird is called the fool hen of white well-flavored flesh and about twice the size of our quail and of similar habits. This bird takes its name from one of its odd ways; having no sense of self-preservation, it will fly up from its covey and sit on a low bush and let you shoot it or knock it off with a stick or even catch it. Its home is in the mountains.

Among the larger game is the Caraboo, an animal rarely heard of here, though abundant enough there. He is something like the moose, has a big broad head and of course forms a good target for a poor shot. He ranges in the mountains in herds and attains to the weight of 1,200 pounds sometimes.

There are four species of deer and the mountain goat and the

mountain sheep. There are also four species of bear; the silver tip or ball face, the grizzly, the black and the cinnamon bear. The latter name is from the color of the hair. The cinnamon and the black are often tamed, but the grizzly is somewhat cross, and as for the silver tip or ball face, he is ferocious and is a terror to the natives. They will charge upon you without provocation, while the other species will only fight in self defence when wounded or bayed.

The climate is not extreme. The winters are long but the temperature is equable. The lakes and rivers are our ideas of Switzerland in their placid beauty. The streams flow along smoothly and grandly and ever and anon they widen out into lakes of charming picturesqueness when the crystal waters again flow on the verge of valley land when they plunge along through mountain gorges in their haste to reach another spread of valley land where again the river and lakes are afloat with boats 250 feet in length, and pleasure yachts plying from town to town doing the great carrying service.

The natives are of course Indians of various tribes of which the Kootenay tribe seems to be a model. He is peaceful, industrious and self-supporting. As elsewhere, though, the Indian is yielding his place to the aggressive white man. The new citizenship is of all nationalities, harmonious and pleasant in their relations save Mr. "Henglish," who renders himself somewhat the object of deserved disfavor through his haughty view of "common people."

Moose-Littleton.

At the residence of Dr. J. W. Littleton this morning at 9 o'clock Mr. Jas. E. Moose and Miss Bettie Littleton were happily married, Rev. C. M. Campbell officiating.

Miss Littleton is one of Albarmarle's most charming young ladies and Mr. Moose is general manager of Messrs. Yorke & Wadsworth's lumber business in this county and a most excellent young man. Immediately after the marriage the happy couple left for the home of Mr. Moose's father in Cabarrus county. We extend congratulations.—Stanly Enterprise.

Barringer's Majority 78.

Friday afternoon Sheriff John A. Sims, of this county, and Sheriff G. R. McCain, of Stanly, met at Mr. Pleasant and canvassed the votes of Cabarrus and Stanly counties electing a Senator. The canvass showed that Mr. C. D. Barringer's majority over Mr. J. B. White was 78. Proper papers were signed up and Mr. Barringer went his way rejoicing.

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Miraculous Escape.

On Wednesday last Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodman visited the family of Mr. A. M. Freeze, at Mill Hill, when a very exciting runaway occurred. On arriving at Mr. Freeze's, Mr. Goodman alighted and was holding the reins when the horse he was driving made a dart and was running in an instant, with Mrs. Goodman and a ten months old child in the buggy. The animal ran several hundred yards, crossing two fences and a cotton patch before Mrs. Goodman and child were thrown from the buggy. It looked as if they would be dashed to death, but providentially there was no fatality. Mrs. Goodman and child were thrown about twenty feet from the buggy. Mrs. Goodman's foot was slightly sprained, otherwise no injuries were received by herself or child. The buggy ran for some distance on one wheel.

The horse attached to the buggy was one that Mr. Goodman had recently traded for. Mr. A. M. Freeze advises everybody to know the good, gentle qualities of a horse before trading for one. He says the escape of Mrs. Goodman and child was miraculous. By home stock instead of Western animals.

A Charming Musicale.

Last night at Dr. Robert S. Young's, Mr. Leo Wheat, the Southern pianist, entertained a house full of the doctor's invited guests with a most beautiful and delightful piano recital.

His program comprised selections of the very best piano music by many of the greatest old masters, as well as the most popular of modern composers; and his performance and rendition of them all was greatly enhanced by his graphic description of the intent and inspiration of the various authors in the particular excerpts from their works he selected. It was, and will be, a memorable evening to all who were privileged to hear it; and they were all charmed to hear him state that he is likely to give an evening to Concord soon with the concert company he is now organizing.



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