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MILE AND GUIDE POSTS.

To the Editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR.—In traveling over the country during the past three years, I find there are many strangers also traveling. Nearly all stop me and ask where does this road or that lead to? How far is it to such and such camps? Am I on the right road? Now, sir, this is uncomfortable to the ever-increasing number of travelers, some of whom have no time to lose by wandering off their way into "blind alleys."

I have seen two four-horse teams lose three-quarters of a day to get back to the right road near Camp McKinney. It is not uncommon for travelers to go to Fairview instead of Penticton and vice versa.

Between Fourth of July and Boundary there certainly ought to be mile posts, and, better still, guide posts put up at say the branch roads leading into all our mining camps from the main road.

I am informed that painted mile posts, for 100 miles, are now, and have been, lying for two years in the Penticton wharf storehouse.

Why have these not been utilized? They ought at an early date to be put ut for the convenience of the great influx of business men, prospectors and travelers generally. Having suffered myself, I would fain save unnecessary travel and uncertainty to others.

It is cheering to know where you are, and it is a good recommendation for our country, and I urge the early adoption of these mile and guide posts.

THOMAS PATON.

FORMATION OF COAL BEDS.

Many theories have been advanced to account for the existence of coal, and their merits have been discussed by many learned men. Still the pleasing thesis of Lesquereaux has not been destroyed or shaken, and the virgin forests he conjured up from the shale and coal are accepted yet today. It may easily be drawn from analogy that the bed of clay ever found beneath the coal bed is the floor of the primeval swamp, and this has often yielded fossilized specimens of wood that have often told the secret of the coal. In the roof shales of many mines, too, have been found the delicate fronds of the fern, and those delightful little curios, bringing us in so contact with a far distant past are often the most interesting treasures of the musee. Lesquereaux, it might be noted here, was led to the conception of his vegetable theory for coal by prior investigations into the origin of peat. After close and diligent labor he discovered the affinity between peat and the fibre of existing trees, and established a knowledge of the changes which had taken place. Since then chemistry and the microscope have additional proofs and convincing facts of the source of the black diamonds. All kinds of acids and unctuous substances are still found in the coal that prevail to a greater or lesser degree in wood, and which have been retained in its composition despite the lapse of countless ages. But the penetrating 'enz of the microscope have revealed the greater truths. By means of this it is actually possible to trace the woody fibre and even to distinguish the air cells as clearly as in a piece of wood taken from a tree today. This condition may not be always prevalent, but it can at times be found and proves conclusively the vegetable theory. Yet it is strange that in the face of this other theorists will enthusiastically advocate the extraordinary proposition that coal is a natural composition and has oozed out of original matter like gneist, or granite, or lava. The suggestion that it would have ignited if brought into contact with great heat, would probably be airily discounted on the ground of a lack of air. However, so far as theory goes, the vegetable theory is the one that accounts for coal.

COLVILLE RESERVE.

A new report concerning the Colville reservation was received this week of seeming authenticity and of intense interest to people in this part of the state. It is the announcement that the government inspector of surveys is now on his way to Olympia from the reservation, having examined the completed work before the autumn snows could prevent its inspection and approval.

Under the terms of the call for bids it will be remembered that the contractors were not required to have their notes written up and filed before January 1, 1896. They have hurried their work, however, and a large share of it—in fact nearly all—is now stated to be completed and ready for examination. As a rule the government inspectors do not hurry after the completion of a survey, and in many cases in this state, it is said, the contractors have waited twelve or even eighteen months for the official examination of their work.

This prompt examination, joined with other signs such as the mysterious changes in the official map as described by the Chronicle a few days ago has greatly strengthened the conviction that the interior department is anxious to hasten the opening of the reservation and will take good care that the proclamation shall issue next year so that this administration, which has done the work, may receive the credit for the opening.—Spokane Chronicle.

KETTLE RIVER MINING DIVISION.

Record of Mineral Locations for the Week Ending November 27.

21. Alhambra, Skylark camp, E. A. Bielenberg.
21. Olympia, Skylark camp, Spencer Benneman.
22. Golden Butterfly, Brown's camp, C. D'B. Green.
22. Beetle, Brown's camp, C. D'B. Green.
22. Margherita, Brown's camp, C. D'B. Green.
22. Red Coat, Brown's camp, C. D'B. Green.
22. Piastre, Brown's camp, E. Clark.
22. Lee Metford, Brown's camp, W. G. McMynn.
22. Rouge et Noir, Brown's camp, Lewis Hind.
22. Ohio Boy, Christina Lake, B. Cussen.
25. St. John, Deadwood camp, John Lucy.
25. Lady Elgin, Deadwood camp, R. Wood.
25. Big Add, Copper camp, E. P. Suydan.

CERTIFICATES OF WORK.

20. Rawhide, J. C. Boss, R. Denzler, W. W. Gibbs and Thos. Tighe.

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19. Old Mexico, ⅛ interest, W. E. Covert to Colin McRae and Austin Hammer.
20. Oriental, ½ interest, Herbert Shaw to H. P. Heacock.
20. Little Tim, ½ interest, Herbert Shaw to H. P. Heacock.
20. Lulu, ½ interest, Herbert Shaw to H. P. Heacock.
20. Tip Top, ½ interest, Herbert Shaw to H. P. Heacock.
20. Brother Jonathan ½ interest, Herbert Shaw to H. P. Heacock.
22. Knob Hill, ⅛ interest, H. White, C. J. Lundy, M. W. Palmerston and J. Stevens to R. E. Strahorn.
22. Old Ironsides, ⅛ interest, H. White, C. J. Lundy, M. W. Palmerston, J. Stevens and A. A. Jones to R. E. Strahorn.
22. Laura D., ½ interest, E. P. Suydan to I. Waldron.
22. Trilby, ½ interest, W. H. Norris to R. Stuart.
23. Dundee, ½ interest, J. C. Haas to J. Sutherland.
25. Bonnie Bell, all interest, Thos. Atkinson to R. Wood.

SHORTENING THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

For several years past the Canadian Pacific railway has been looking for a pass through the mountains between the Columbia river and the North Fork of Kettle river. Three or four years ago Mr. J. A. Coryell, a Dominion surveyor, claimed to have found one near the head of Christina lake, which he claimed was 500 feet lower and 70 miles shorter than the route which had been surveyed by the Canadian Pacific.

It is said by people recently from that section that there is a party of surveyors in the vicinity of Christina lake, but no one has been able to find out in whose employ they are. If they are Canadian Pacific people, the problem of shortening their line will be solved, if the pass offers no serious engineering difficulties.—Spokesman-Review.

ALASKAN EXCITEMENT ALL BOSH.

Joseph Murry, United States commissioner of fisheries in Alaska and special treasury agent, says, in regard to the occupation of United States territory by British troops: "The published report about excitement in Alaska, British seizures and building of forts are all bosh. There will be no trouble. There are no armed forces there, excepting about 25 Canadian police, who have gone to the head of the Yukon river to watch for highway thieves who are infesting the gold camps. The people up there hardly know there is a survey running."

ROSSLAND TO HAVE TELEGRAPH.

The Rossland Electric Light and Power company has completed arrangements to purchase the plant of the Rossland Light and Water company. The purchase price is not made known, but it is understood that the new company has assumed all the liabilities of the old company and paid a bonus besides. The negotiations have been pending for several days. Finch and Campbell acting for the purchasers, and Stack and McDonald for the sellers. It is expected that the lights will be turned on within a few days.

The company selling the electric light plant is now at work on a scheme which will be of material benefit to Rossland. It is the intention of the projectors to establish a telegraph line between Northport and Rossland and they have already applied for a franchise. Work on the line will commence in a few days.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY SUITS HIM.

The Anaconda Mining company has become interested in some mines in British Columbia, and if they turn out as it is predicted they will, the action of the Montana company will result in the rapid development of that section of her majesty's dominions, says the Butte Miner. John R. Toole recently returned from a visit of inspection, in the interests of the company, and, talking of his impressions of the country, says:

"I am very favorably impressed with the Boundary country. It gives indications of being rich in mineral. Of course there is as yet no positive assurance that there are great mines there; but I confess the indications are favorable. While in that region I bonded the Winnipeg and put a force of 50 men to work on developing the claim. If the ore is found to be there in quantity and as rich as the samples taken from the top it will be a good property.

"But the Winnipeg as yet is simply a prospect. It is six miles north of the American line and about 60 miles from a railroad. There is, however, a good government road within a mile of this property. There are some other promising looking prospects in that section, but, of course, it is a gamble whether or not they will develop into paying mines.

"The mining laws of British Columbia have many excellent features. For instance, a mining claim is 1500 feet square. All the mineral in that ground belongs to the owner of the claim, no matter where the apex is. Its boundaries are vertical and there is no disputing about underground workings. This prevents a vast amount of expensive and annoying litigation. Then the claim-jumper finds British columbia a poor field for his operations. All persons to own mining property there must have a miner's license. This applies to natives as well as foreigners. If a miner attempts to jump a piece of property or does anything calculated to make trouble or inflict wrong, the gold commissioner promptly revokes his license, and his mining property is declared forfeited."

The Boundary creek district is attracting more than ordinary attention and must have merit to induce Butte capitalists to make investments there. Wherever they commence work they mean business. Transportation is the serious drawback, but with the development of the mines railroads will come.

WORK ON THE CLIFF AT ROSSLAND.

S. M. Wharton came down from Rossland Thursday evening, and was questioned yesterday as to the probabilities of the Barnard syndicate making the payment on the Cliff, due December 1. He declined to answer, saying he would know when the time came. He said that after his return to Rossland Mr Barnard wired him to put all the men at work that could be handled, so 22 men were set at work.

This work shows increased value on the surface. A shaft 35 feet without walls was sunk in thirty days, in ore varying in width from 1 foot to 18 inches. The shaft was down vertically 50 feet. The ore then took a twist to the north, owing to the foot wall coming in. The ore spread at that depth and came on the hanging wall. The foot wall is now taking a turn, heading towards a tunnel which had previously run in bearing northerly. The tunnel below is 5 feet 6 inches, between two perfect walls, and the material thrown out runs $8.25 per ton in gold, copper and silver. The body of the ore in the lower tunnel is as large as the end of a street car and will average $10 a ton. The mine is very much improved by the work accomplished by the increased force of men. The expert, Mr. Benedict, sent out by Mr. Barnard, expected the mine to my entire satisfaction, in that he was thorough, going through all the workings and going over the surface. He is "onto his job," but he keeps a padlock on his tongue, and not one word could I extract from him. I am satisfied, however that he gave the Cliff all there was in it, and should the report prove unfavorable, I am certain it will be the fault of the mine, not of Mr. Benedict.—Spokesman-Review.

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NAMING OF CLAIMS.

Unutterable confusion must of necessity spring from the practice so prevalent at the present time among prospectors, in the matter of naming their newly found treasures, if the custom is not done away with of making use of a repetition of names. Not only in the same mining division but as well in the same camps, it may be noticed that properties exist bearing the same name. Now this is unfortunate, as in future it is bound to lead to confusion, and there is really no necessity of having more than one American Eagle or Jumbo or Dark Horse in any mining district. To remedy the evil, we would call the attention of prospectors to the fact that there are dozens of names, and good ones too, to be selected for instance from among those given to flowers. Let any one think for a moment and he will wonder at the vast field for selection. Having exhausted the catalogue of names devoted to the floral world, turn to the names of kings and queens, and here again will be found a large choice. The names of great statesmen and generals and authors may also be brought into play, and if this is not enough, turn to the different countries of the world and select from among the hundreds and thousands of names given to towns and cities, and after this, if the searcher is not satisfied, hunt up the rarest relic of the mining camp—the bible—and dive down deep into its pages, and grasp a name dissimilar to any now on record, and having made a choice, adopt it, and we are satisfied you will have become a public benefactor.

SMELTERS AND RAILROADS.

Let those who fail to appreciate the magnificent proportions to which our mining industry is fast attaining, take note of the manner in which the importance of this trade is viewed by our shrewd and competitive brethren across the line. The action of the C. P. R. in furnishing railway communication to the mining camps of Kootenay and Trail, seems to be duly appreciated by our cousins, and the press of Spokane in the following manner sounds a note of warning to the great corporations whose advantages, enjoyed for a long time past, seems about to be undermined by active competition. That the trade of the northern camps is so highly valued and considered so well worth competing for, should fill us with gratification, as no better testimonial could be given to our wealth and worth as a mining country than that furnished in the following from the Spokesman-Review:

Smelters make a local payroll; they consume supplies; they draw capital to the local banks. These, however, are but minor benefits from the operation of this industry. The greater benefit would flow from the impetus given to mining in the adjacent districts. Properties now idle because their ores are too low in value to stand shipment to distant smelters could enter the list of producing mines. This would put incalculable value into the various mining camps, and of course the influence would soon be felt in this city.

For years the railroads of this country have been under indictment for adhering to the narrow policy of discouraging the operation of smelters in this section. It has been said that their policy has been to carry the product to distant smelters in order to secure the long haul of the ore shipments.

If these charges have been true—if the railway managers have really been wedded to that makeshift policy—it must be evident that this method has outlived its possibilities. To the north of Spokane an extensive mineral area is passing from the prospecting stage to the stage of active development and production. Smelters are in course of erection at Trail and Nelson, and a large plant is in active operation at Pilot Bay on Kootenay lake. The ores of these northern camps are to be treated near at hand and the management of the Canadian Pacific, aroused to the importance of the mining industry of West Kootenay, has entered on a vigorous policy. It does not propose to allow the ores of that district to be carried thousands of miles to the American smelters. Its policy is close local treatment, which, it expects, will give it the long haul on the bullion and also the tonnage from supplies carried to the smelters.

If the American roads are to enjoy active competition for the tonnage of the northern camps, it will be necessary for them to change their base of operations. Where is a better base presented than Spokane? The Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the O. R. & N. and the Burlington have access here. Smelters here could compete with vigor for the ores of the northern camps. The American roads would haul in the supplies and carry out the bullion. The mining industry would undergo expansion, tonnage would be increased, and the railroads would share in the general prosperity.

It is plain that the changing conditions call for prompt and vigorous action. Already the Canadian Pacific is intrenching itself in the northern districts. Its officials have announced their definite purpose of building early in 1896, from Robson to Rossland, and they have further announced as a strong probability, the construction in 1896 of a line through Crow's Nest pass into the rich Mining camps of East and West Kootenay. Unless the American lines awake to their own interests, they will find when it has become too late, *that they have been cut off from* the tonnage of these productive camps.

WET AND DRY ORES.

Oftentimes the question has been asked and as often remained unanswered as to what constitutes wet and dry ores. "The terms wet and dry ores are often confused. Generally speaking, a wet ore is one that has a high percentage of lead or copper, say 40 per cent. and upwards in lead and 20 per cent. in copper, or less than 5 per cent. of either of these metals are dry ores. Smelters do not pay for less than 5 per cent. of lead, so if there is any line of demarcation, it is at this point." By this it will be apparent to those acquainted with the ores of our camps, how very suitably are they blended for successful treatment, as it is a well known fact that in the Boundary creek Camps ore of either description are extremely plentiful, and the amount of the same is being made apparent by the development work now taking place

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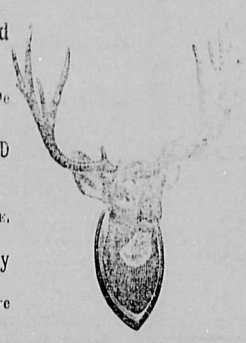

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Lat..... .....49 Long.....118° 50
Altitude, 1,800 feet above sea level.
Rainfall for week. .22 of an inch.

TEMPERATURE FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 1.

	Max.	Min
Nov. 25	28.5	15
" 26	29.5	25
" 27	35.5	19.5
" 28	32	21.5
" 29	35.5	28.5
" 30	41	23
Dec. 1	33	13

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Mr. R. Wood is building a house on his ranch on Boundary creek.

A very enjoyable dance was held in Palmerston hall on Thursday evening (American Thanksgiving), about 25 couples being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood are now installed in their new home at Greenwood, and it is reported Mr. Wood is doing a good business at his store.

Mr. James Sutherland is putting up a house on his claim, the Spotted Horse, and will in the future reside there. This is close to the town of Greenwood.

The survey of Boundary Falls having been completed, lots are now on the market at reasonable prices. Mr. McCarren of Boundary Falls and Mr. C. A. R. Lambly are the owners of the townsite.

By the past week's mail the proprietor of this paper received the sad news of the painfully sudden and unexpected death of his mother on the evening of the 30th of October. The cause of death was an attack of angina pectoris.

There is not much fault to be found with the country when prospectors can go out into the mountains on the 1st of December and make mineral locations. One thing is greatly in their favor, and that is, so far very little snow has fallen in camps even of the highest altitude.

Complications are arising with regard to mineral locations, which will in the future entail a recourse to the law. We reiterate the assertion that even now, or at latest in the spring, a good opening will exist for a lawyer at Midway, or shall we say two, for it is generally conceded business is more brisk where they locate in pairs.

It is reported that Mr. Van Ness, the party who recently purchased 50 acres from Mr. P. McCallum, adjoining Grand Forks, intends starting an opposition townsite. The Red Light ranch was supposed to have been purchased for a similar purpose, and if this is also cut up into town lots there will be lots of lots and very little ground left to grow onions and cabbage upon at Grand Prairie.

It is understood that O. B. Nelson, one of Spokane's leading business men, intends disposing of his interests in that city and removing to Carson in the spring, to devote his time and energy to the building up of his interests at the latter place, where he is now erecting a very commodious store. A man of such business standing will be a welcome acquisition to the mercantile portion of our community.

On Wednesday last George Burbank appeared before W. H. Norris, J. P., in answer to a summons that had been issued against his brother Charles, who was charged with having concealed weapons upon his person at Boundary Falls on the 29th October. In the absence of the accused, who it was proven was evading the service of the summons, the case was proceeded with, and the brother pleading guilty on behalf of the accused, a fine of $10 and costs or two weeks' imprisonment was imposed. The fine was paid.

On Friday last Mr. C. A. R. Lambly, accompanied by Mr. McGowan, came over from Osoyoos. Mr. McGowan is judge of the court of revision and appeal, and upon arrival here opened the same to hear an appeal from the Cariboo Mining company, which was represented by Mr. H. Nicholson of Camp McKinney. This was the only case that came before the court, so it shows that people of the district, although they may grumble a bit, are not altogether dissatisfied with their assessment, as imposed by our assessor and collector, Mr. Lambly.

Mr. C. L. Thomet returned on Tuesday last from Spokane and reports that the Boundry Creek mines are very much talked about there, and will certainly receive a very great deal of attention at the hands of moneyed men who visit that city next spring. Although Spokane is not a large money centre, a great many mining men who are extensive operators rendezvous there. The fact that telluride has been discovered in Long Lake camp, seems to strike the Spokane people's fancy, and they would like to change the name of the camp to Telluride, but this would not do, as the present one of Long Lake is very appropriate.

C. D'B. Green, P. L. S., is engaged in laying out the road between Greenwood and Greenwood camp, and Mr. R. Wood is putting men to work to cut out a sleigh road that may be made use of this winter, and which will be improved in the spring and converted into a good wagon road. In this work the government will render a certain amount of assistance. Gradually but surely our several mining camps are being provided with avenues of communication with the outside world, and nothing that can be done that will assist the development will be considered too great a burden to the business men of the district, providing it lies within their means to carry it out. They have faith in the district's resources and are continually giving expression to the same by the building of roads, bridges, trails, etc.

MINING NOTES.

Mr. Brophy of Butte, Mont., is in looking over our camps, presumably in the interests of the Butte and Boston company.

Mr. C. D'B. Green, one of our local surveyors, has recently acquired some valuable extensions on the North Fork of Kettle river, one of which it is said adjoins the Seattle claim, for which Mr. R. Clark refused a bond a short time since of $60,000.

About twenty-five men are now at work on and around the Cariboo mine at Camp McKinney, and as a consequence quite a bustling air pervades the camp. Some of the best average ore ever taken from the mine is being run through the mill at the present time.

Mr. R. G. Sidley has three men at work on the Anarchist claim, Camp McKinney, and intends keeping a force of men at work on the claim for the balance of the winter. At the bottom of the shaft, which is now down about 30 feet, free gold is visible in the rock. A mill test of ore taken from this claim gave very satisfactory results.

It is expected a force of men will be put to work on the claims recently bonded in the Greenwood camp—the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides, and it is greatly to be hoped that such will be the case, for nothing will have such a tendency to induce capitalists to invest in our mines, as the proving of those prospects that have already changed hands, providing they turn out well.

GRAND PRAIRIE NOTES.

R. McCarren has gone on a business trip to Spokane.

Lots in the Carson townsite are being freely disposed of.

Mrs. R. Clark left for Spokane the past week and intends spending the winter there.

O. B. Nelson's store at Carson will soon be completed, as he has a large force of men at work.

Grand Forks lots are finding a ready market, and buildings are springing up in spite of the recent cold weather.

Mr. Jos. Ward's lime kilns are to be enlarged from a capacity of 65 to 125 barrels per week, to accommodate the increasing trade.

The sawmill, which has recently been moved from its old site to Grand Forks, will be busy turning out lumber in a few days.

A bad accidant happened a few days ago to Mr. T. Newby, who, whilst engaged in boiling food in a large vat in some way slipped and fell into it, with the result of having one leg severely scalded.

On Thanksgiving evening a most successful concert-social was held in the church at Grand Prairie. Songs, recitations and duets having been freely rendered for two hours, and, judged by the approval of the audience, greatly appreciated. Among those taking part were Mr. Sutherland, the Messrs. Ward, Miss McLaren, Miss Spencer, Miss Paton and others. Mr. A. Prater furnished the audience with a humorous speech which was greatly applauded. At 10 p. m. a sumptuous repast was spread by the ladies, which consisted of the customary thanksgiving turkey and other good things, to which all did ample justice. The supper being disposed of there were provided candies and fun for the little ones and pleasant and social entertainment for the elders. Before dispersing, a ceremony which was attended with deep regrets by all, it was generally conceded that never before had such a thoroughly social and enjoyable evening been spent by those present, and the hope was evpressed that soon they might all meet again. Hearty praise was due to all those (especially the ladies) for the great effort put forth to make the entertainment the success it proved to be, and this it was, as will be seen when it is stated the result was the dropping of $57.50 into the church coffers.

ANOTHER IN THE TOILS.

Horse and cattle thieves are finding to their cost that the government have very efficient officers in this part of the country, the result of which is that every now and then a new culprit is brought to justice. On Wednesday last a man by the name of Theodore Booth was brought before R. G. Sidley, J. P., charged with no less than four or five offenses, the first of which was the bringing of stolen property into Canada. Constable Cuppage acted as prosecutor. Mr. Kruger, customs officer at Osoyoos, brought a charge against the same man of smuggling, which was heard and remanded, as was also the charge of J. Judd, of Loomiston, Wash., for the stealing of 18 head of horses. The charge laid against the prisoner by G. R. Wood for stealing a mule was then gone into, and upon the evidence produced he was committed to stand his trial at the next court of assize at Kamloops. The charge of J. Mitchell of Conconully against Booth for the stealing of a brown horse was also heard and the prisoner was committed on this also. The offender was captured by Constable Holmes on the Similkameen, near Mr. Luke Gibson's ranch, with some of the horses in his possession. A good many witnesses were examined, and there was a large crowd in attendance from across the line.

DEMAND FOR PRODUCE IN THE SOUTH.

A dispatch to the Spokesman-Review from Kettle Falls, Wash., says: "Shipments of all kinds of vegetables continue brisk to the mining camps to the north. Mr. Reynolds is shipping flour by rail and boat. There is a good demand for hogs and poultry.

"The advice of the Spokesman-Review has been followed by many farmers along the Columbia, who are now raising everything for which the soil is adapted. They cannot supply the demand for the articles they do raise on account of the increased consumption up north."

The foregoing represents a sorry state of affairs surely, for on this side we have our farmers without any produce, and yet bemoaning the want of a market, and on the other side of the line we find the farmers bemoaning the fact that they have too much market in our northern mining camps and nothing to supply it with. Surely no better object lesson should be needed than this, to stimulate our home ranchers to renewed energy, and an endeavor to supply a market which holds out to them such splendid opportunities to obtain the wherewithal to raise the mortgages on their land and place them in an independent position. And in the meantime, who suffers?

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TAKE NOTICE that we, Robert Wood, free miner's certificate No. 41964, and J. W. Hugh Wood, free miner's certificate, 41965, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 25th day of November, 1895. 12

MINERAL ACT.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

JACK OF SPADES MINERAL CLAIM, Situate in the Central Camp, Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that we, Robert Wood, free miner's certificate No. 41964, and J. W. Hugh Wood, free miner's certificate No. 41965, and Frank Gone, free miner's certificate No. 59175, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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Dated this 26th day of November, 1895.

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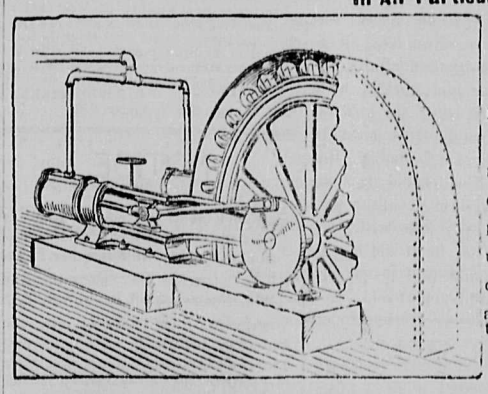

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PROVINCIAL NUGGETS.

The shaft on the Le Roi mine Rossland is down 400 feet, and the ore taken from the bottom is the highest grade yet found in the mine. With the exception of the Slocan Star, in Slocan district, the Le Roi is now opened to the greatest depth of any mine in Kootenay.—Nelson Tribune.

Word comes from New Denver that John A Finch has at last got hold of ground that promises well, in fact ground that will pay him even for all his expenditures in the Slocan. The ground is situate on Ten-mile creek, and is the two claims that he recently bonded from Kirkwood and McKinnon.

The expert employed by the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, limited, is from New York, and his name is Benedict. He has examined the Cliff and St. Elmo Consolidated mines at Rossland, but it is not known what his report will be. He is said to have expressed a good opinion of the camp in general.—Nelson Tribune.

The new boat of the C. & K. S. N. Co., now being built at Nelson, will not, it is said, be launched until next spring. All the machinery except the boiler is in place. The hull is painted and is sheathed with steel. Most of the joiner work in the cabins is completed. The material for the new boat to be built at Nakusp early next year has been ordered.

The Colonist's Barkerville correspondent gives a practical illustration of the results of the credit system, which is practised to such an extent by British Columbia merchants. He says: "There is a man living on Grouse creek who used to keep a general store. Now, nearly all he keeps is a set of books with $64,000 bad debts on them."

The asbestos find at Trout Lake has attracted considerable attention from outside, and several letters of inquiry have been received from parties desirous of investigating its possibilities. The discovery was made too late in the season to permit of work being done on it this year, but the owners intend opening it up as soon as possible next year, when a trial shipment will be made. Expert opinion has been obtained upon several samples and it is pronounced of a very high grade.—*Kootenay Mail.*

The Canadian Pacific people are in a stew. They have learned that F. A. Heinze and his associates, who are building the smelter at Trail, have purchased rails, engines, coaches and flat and box cars for a narrow gauge railway from Trail to Rossland. The material is said to be on the way, and the work of constructing the road is to be commenced at once. The road will be eighteen miles long so as to give an easy grade. This does not suit the Canadian Pacific, and General Superintendent Abbott of the Pacific division has visited Kootenay and Spokane to learn what Mr. Heinze means.

The Province, in a recent issue, commenting on the make-up of the present government, says: "The departure of Mr. Davie left a great blank in the cabinet which the government has not been able to supply. Mr. Davie's resignation and Mr. Vernon's defeat are the first signs of a change which will shortly come in the old order of things. Before very long we confidently expect to see the break up of the clique of office holders which for so long has controlled affairs with no profit to the country, but in some instances some profit we fear, and in no case any credit, to themselves. As things are now the present government really gives its best friends no ground to offer excuses for its further existence. We have no desire to hurt the feelings of these gentlemen who pretend to what one might call in a frolicsome way "govern" this country. But they really are an aggregation of nonentities, and surely in the conduct of British Columbia affairs brains are no less a necessity than they are in any other province of the Dominion. Mr. Turner really believes he can safely be entrusted with the financial affairs of this province; Colonel Baker, the minister of education and the advocate of temperance, really believes he is consistent and intelligent when he advises the farmers of this country to grow barley and hops with the express design of fostering a love of strong drink among the Chinese and Japs: Mr. G. B. Martin, as the commissioner of lands and works, makes just the sort of minister that from previous acquaintance with that gentleman one would have imagined he would make, while Mr. Eberts, as attorney-general, is still Mr. Eberts as he always was and always will be. Now what an opportunity this position of affairs presents to an able and upright man. Above all he must be of the strictest integrity, but surely there must be such an one in British Columbia. It is our firm belief that should he come forward he could form a coalition government at an early date with very little trouble, and he would be surprised at the number of people who will be prepared to support him.

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MINERAL ACT, 1893.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

THE WINNIPEG CLAIM.

Situate in Greenwood Camp, Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Duncan McIntosh, free miner's certificate No. 55,4, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Mining Recorder and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1895. (11)

MINERAL ACT, 1893.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

THE DARK HORSE MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in Skylark Camp, Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Robert Wood, free miner's certificate No. 4955, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Mining Recorder and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1895.

MINERAL ACT, 1893.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

THE CORDICK MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in Summit Camp, Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that we, Robert C. Adams, free miner's certificate No. 59322, and Robert Hoe, free miner's certificate No. 57210, intend, within sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Mining Recorder, and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 8th day of August, 1895.

NOTICE.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Ah Peye and Ahm Hock has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Outstanding accounts will be received and all debts paid by the new firm.

AH LEM AND AHM HOCK.

Rock Creek, Nov. 13, 1895.

NOTICE.

THIRTY DAYS from date we, the undersigned, intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described tract of land: Commencing at a stake set about one half mile from the mouth of Lock creek, and running thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile, thence north one mile to the point of commencement.

W. T. THOMPSON,
JOHN WELD.

Midway, Oct. 31, 1895.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I, Lewis Hind, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

Beginning at a post on the east bank of the North Fork of Kettle river, about 1½ miles north of Lynch creek, and running thence north 80 chains along the bank of the river, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, more or less, to point of beginning, thence south along the west bank of the river 160 chains, west 80 chains, north 160 chains, east 80 chains, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 1280 acres, more or less.

Also beginning at a post on the west bank of the same river, about four miles north of Lynch creek, and running thence north 80 chains along the bank of the river, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, more or less, to point of beginning, containing 640 acres, more or less.

LEWIS HIND.

Kettle River, 19th November, 1895.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I, Robert Wood, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

Beginning at a post on the west bank of the North Fork of Kettle river, about 2½ miles south of the Forks, and running thence north 40 chains along the bank of the river, west 40 chains, south 40 chains, east 40 chains, more or less, to point of beginning, and containing 160 acres, more or less.

Also beginning at a post on the east bank of the same river about 2 miles south of the above land and running thence north 160 chains along the bank of the river, east 80 chains, south 160 chains, west 80 chains, more or less, to point of beginning, and containing 880 acres, more or less

ROBERT WOOD.

Kettle River, 19th November, 1895. 7

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Beginning at a post on the west bank of the North Fork of Kettle river, about 2½ miles north of Lynch creek, and running thence north along the bank of the river 40 chains, west 80 chains, south 40 chains, east 80 chains, more or less, to the point of beginning, thence south along the east bank of the river 80 chains, east 240 chains, north 40 chains, west 320 chains, more or less, to the point of beginning, containing 320 acres, more or less.

Also beginning at a post on the west bank of the same river, about 5½ miles north of Lynch creek, and running thence north along the bank of the river 240 chains, west 80 chains, south 240 chains, east 80 chains, more or less, to the point of beginning, containing 720 acres, more or less.

C. D'BOIS GREEN.

Kettle River, 19th November, 1895. 7.

NOTICE

Camp McKinney, Osoyoos Division of Yale District, Province of British Columbia, Canada, 8th November, 1895.

To R. G. SIDLEY, Esq., J. P. SIDLEY, B. C., AND W. H. NORRIS, Esq., J. P., MIDWAY, B. C.

GENTLEMEN.—I beg to hereby give you notice of my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Licensing Court to be held for the lower portion of the Osoyoos Division of Yale District, for permission to transfer my license for the sale of liquor by retail from my old to my new premises here, both situate in Camp McKinney aforesaid. Yours respectfully,

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