

THE BROOKLYN NEWS.

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IS GROWING FAST

Business Men Are Making Money at Brooklyn.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS

It Is the Gateway to the Rich Mineral and Fertile Lands of the Boundary District.

In another week the merchants of Brooklyn will have their stocks of goods in their buildings and business will be fairly under way. It is indeed surprising, as all express themselves, to see the wonderful amount of work in the matter of building which has been done in the past thirty days.

For a town only a month old 72 buildings are not too bad a showing. Many of these are large frame structures, fairly well built, considering the rush in which the carpenters are under at all times. Many of these are hotel buildings, restaurants and lodging houses to accommodate the heavy travel. A number of well stocked stores are now doing business, where one can find almost everything needed in a new town.

The writer knows of no other town 30 days old having a gas plant, yet Brooklyn has two stores lighted by gas, and the pipes are being laid for at least ten or twelve other houses. W. B. Youmans is erecting the plant to supply the town, and apparently has all the work he can do in the manufacture of his process.

B. M. Smith, of Revelstoke, has caused considerable work to be done on an electric light plant and water system. The little creek which cuts the town in two will furnish plenty of pure water for all purposes, and the flow is thought to be sufficient to operate a wheel for the light plant. Mr. Smith has had years of experience in both light and water companies and the town is looking forward to the establishment of the plants with considerable pleasure.

The many pioneer features are gradually giving way to the manners of civilization, but the demand has been so great and so urgent that many "make-shifts" have held on tenaciously but are pushed aside by the demand for more perfect and modern conveniences. The new wharf is one of the many new improvements, yet it is found to be too small to accommodate the vast cargo of goods daily unloaded, and steamships must seek the beach for a part of the shipload. The structure is 50x100 and is reached by a 260 foot runway, but the ideas of man were built too small for the bounding, booming trade of Brooklyn. Yards and yards of snowy canvas covers tons and tons of merchandise, through necessity unloaded on the beach these rainy mornings, while teams, drays, carts, pack trains and anxious seekers of boxes and bundles soon diminish the pile, much to the satisfaction of the C. P. freight agent. It may seem odd that immense loads of potatoes, flour, milk, wagons, carts, horses, and dozens of other things, are unloaded here daily, but when the fact is considered that Brooklyn is the headquarters for 105 miles of railroad through the heaviest mountain rock work in the northwest, employing fully 5,000 men along the line, it is not wonderful in the least.

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This point is the supply station, the headquarters and general offices for construction work of this line.

Brooklyn will be one of the best points in British Columbia for trade and as a mining center the prospects are good.

PICTURESQUE BROOKLYN.

Some of the Scenic Beauties of the New Camp.

One of the show places of Brooklyn is the "Natural Bridge" which, high up the mountain side, spans a wide chasm in the rock through which trickles a small mountain stream. The best view is obtained from the upper deck of the steamers. The drive across is about 70 feet wide and is solid rock, covered with moss. Pine cones rolled from the hills above and a luxuriant growth of grass and flowers find a footing on this high point. There it hangs hundreds of feet above the lake, almost sublime in its wild, grand beauty. The stream, which churns itself to a milky foam, looks like a silver thread, swayed by the wind, now glistening in the sunlight, or again hidden by the thick foliage. One must endure quite a climb to reach this natural arch, but the trip is well worth the struggle, torn clothes and bruised hands, for the

THE BIG TUNNEL

McLean Brothers Have Secured the Contract.

TO BE 3100 FEET LONG

Work Will Commence in a Few Days and Air Drills Will Be Used. Other Work.

The extensive outfit belonging to the McLean Bros., railroad builders, consisting of horses, wagons, carts, camp outfits, and all the paraphernalia and appliances belonging to a first-class camp, reached Brooklyn Wednesday.

The McLean Bros. have secured the contract to bore the tunnel, 3,100 feet, and several miles of grading near the tunnel site. As yet the contractors are unable to give much information regarding their work, but in the course of a few days they will have their work well under way.

The approaches to the cut will be open rock work several hundred feet in length. The tunnel proper is 3,100 feet long and will be worked with air drills at this end. It is expected 130 men will be em-

The Sabbath breaker had laid down his tools, the tents disgorged their inmates and the streets were again alive with people. Now and then a mother appeared with the baby in arms, perhaps a toddler followed. The boat steamed away, the triangles rang out their welcome jingle, and a rush was made for the several boarding houses. In an hour or two all was quiet. Brooklyn sleeps in tents, log houses, hotels and bunk houses, carefully guarded by Her Majesty's provincial police.

CURRENT COMMENT

Among the many Fourth of July orations in the United States was one by Rev. Dr. Evans, of Columbia, South Carolina. After Dr. Evans had reminded his hearers that he was preaching in the city where the first secession convention was held in 1861 and the state where the first gun was fired against the old flag, and pictured the desolation which remained after Johnson's army had surrendered to Sherman, he declared that any man who would have prophesied in 1865 that the men who so gallantly led our armies would some day fight as fearlessly under the Stars and Stripes and defend it with their life's

LOWERY SAW IT

His Views on Brooklyn Town and Its Locator.

SOME OLD TIME FRIENDS

What He Thinks of the Place and Its People, Only a Few of Whom Drink Water.

Bill Parker came into this country several years ago and staked out a large amount of hard luck. Two years ago he discovered some fine clay opposite Deer Park and preempted the land around it. The railroad people picked upon his ground for their headquarters during the construction of the road from Robson to Penticton and Parker called his townsite Brooklyn. The crowd flocked in and changed Parker's name from Bill to Mr. A month ago the shore line was dotted by a few tents and Parker's original cabin. Now there are 10 hotels ready for business with five more building, and nearly all lines of business are represented. About a half a dozen dwelling houses have red curtains. Schools of black jack and horse poker have been established and sleep is scarce in the town. Brooklyn is swift, but a mushroom. Peterson, of Trail, opened the first hotel, and in a short time raked in \$3,000. Everybody wanted to drink, and they lined up to the bar as thick as editors in Paradise. James McNeil, Gus Jackson, H. Y. Anderson, Sandy McDonald, James Martin, Fred Richardson and several others are in the hotel business. The town needs a postoffice. Mail is now brought in a gunny sack from Robson, dumped into boxes in front of Parker's cabin, where every man sorts the mail and picks out what belongs to him. Parker has a sign displayed upon which is painted, "No Chinese Need Land." Major Blackmer, who has been addicted to the newspaper habit for several years, has charge of the townsite. In the camp can be seen old timers who have followed railroading all over this continent. McMartin, Jack O'Leary, Jim McDonald and many others have contracts on the line. Brooklyn is a hot town, and only a few of the inhabitants drink water. There are plenty of business people there now and a few more will spoil the effect of the million dollars that is to be expended in the vicinity during the next year.—*New Denver Ledger*.

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

Brooklyn, B. C., July 21, 1898.

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view is one of nature's own painting. Far away up the lake the blue Columbia winds its way, on many peaks snow yet remains to cool the summer winds, while way across the lake rise the ragged saw tooth mountain peaks, clothed in dark green vestments, tall and stately in their solemnity. Over and above you are the sweet smelling pines, rising high as in an effort to hold up the oft times dripping clouds, while at your feet lies the beautiful waters of Arrow lake, Nestling among the crags and overturned tree trunks, grow beautiful wild roses of many delicate shades, the fragrance filling the air with a grateful sense of nature's works. Deer are plentiful in this section, and this particular place is a favorite stamping ground for these pretty, mild eyed creatures, and the hunter has often taken advantage of this fact that he may not return empty handed. The approaches to the bridge are easy when once the altitude is attained, and many of the Brooklyn people who have made the ascent claim that the great Brooklyn and New York bridge has no grander view or more pleasing sights than the natural bridge of Brooklyn on lower Arrow lake.

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ployed for a year in the construction of their work.

The camp will be established at the mouth of the tunnel or some convenient spot near where they will direct the movements of the work in hand.

McLean Bros. have the contract also for building the several miles of switchback across the summit.

SUNDAY IN BROOKLYN.

Routine from Sunrise to Sunset in the New Camp.

A Sunday in Brooklyn is not so bad as many would expect. The morning was gloomy, rain fell occasionally and about noon the wind kicked up the white caps on the lake. Toward night the sun escaped from the dark clouds, the wind died away and the surface of the lake was soon calm, only broken by a gentle ripple. The sun brought out the loungers, the boating was splendid and away back in some tent in the wood the plaintive notes of a violin could be heard, while down on Main street a small organ assisted a minister of the gospel to collect a congregation. The rain drops glistened in the pines which surround the town and just as the shadows were approaching, the steamer Rossland came in sight, several miles up the lake, steaming rapidly to the wharf to discharge her cargo of freight and passengers.

blood; that a Lee and a Rosser of Virginia, and the intrepid Wheeler of Alabama, and the gallant Butler of South Carolina, would some day command a corps, or a division, or a brigade composed of troops from Georgia and Indiana, or from New York and North Carolina, or from Pennsylvania and South Carolina, and that they would all march as brothers under the old flag, would have been shot on the spot or hanged to the nearest apple tree. And yet this had all come about through a threat at the nation as a whole by an outside enemy and a direct attack by the blowing up of one member of the United States navy.—*Exchange*.

DEVELOPING PROPERTIES.

Men Who Are at Work on Brooklyn's Mines.

The Brooklyn mine has begun work and Sam Bates and W. C. Coppick are putting in their time on this promising prospect, located a mile back of the town. This claim has a large cap of black iron several feet wide. The Cuba claim had the same surface showing, but when work was done the showing turned quickly into copper ore and the workmen found copper stains abundant. It will be remembered the assays on the Cuba gave 11½ per cent copper and has been bonded for \$5,500. The owners of the Brooklyn hope to make a favorable showing in a few weeks, as the capping is very similar to the Cuba.

The management of the Great Northern railway evidently has a high opinion of the future of the Kootenays. That company does not seem content with the railways it now has in this district, viz., the Corbin system and the Kaslo & Slocan road, but has, it seems, decided to forthwith construct a line of railway from Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, down the Kootenay river to the international boundary, there to connect with the proposed Nelson & Bedlington railway. From another, and a reliable source it is learned that the Great Northern controls certain valuable railway charters in East Kootenay, and that in the near future a branch commencing at Jennings, Montana, on the main line of the system, will be extended northward as far as Golden. The completion of these projects together with the Kettle River valley extension, will give the Great Northern access to every mining camp of importance in southern British Columbia.—*Rossland Miner*.

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BLACKMER & ESLING.

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MANY of the old-time railroaders predict Brooklyn will be the smartest camp in the history of railroad building. After the second pay day money will be abundant and those in business will profit. Only parts of the line have been cross-sectioned as yet and little of the right-of-way cleared. The tunnel work has not commenced, the outfit only arriving Wednesday. Only a few hundred men are working now where thousands will be employed in a few months. Brooklyn's future is bright.

DID you ever watch a lot of bees gathered about a sweet-smelling flower or a deserted syrup can? How they struggle, crawl over each other and push into the sweets, all anxious for a sip or a footing to get his share. So the crowd surges and sways around over the soap mail box, anxious for letters from home. News delayed makes all anxious and the crush is sometimes similar to a crowd around a circus ticket-seller. Strange the government should allow such a primitive way for a thousand men to get their letters from home. If tardiness were a crime, the officials who conduct the mail service for Kootenay would have been in jail long ago.

BROOKLYN is growing rapidly. The wharf is completed and freight and passengers are unloaded there. The "tote" road is completed almost half the distance. The contract calls for several "half way" houses, which have been established. The fact that a water system and electric light plant are being constructed gives the town an air of stability. The manager of the company store has been unable to secure sufficient stock to supply the demand made upon him by the various sub-contractors. The right of way is cleared to the summit and grading, blasting and other construction work is going ahead as rapidly as can be expected. All the men who apply for work are sent out on the road or to the various camps along the right of way. The progress of work is very satisfactory.

A GENTLEMAN who is connected with the building of the railway returned from a trip to the Boundary country this week, and to a news man spoke of it in the most flattering terms. That section in the immediate vicinity of Greenwood, he predicts, will make another camp like Rossland, while the splendid water power at Cascade City will be brought into use for commercial purposes. Grand Forks and Midway not only have a mining section but a rich agricultural country is tributary to them. Their farm lands, like their mines, are awaiting transportation facilities to make them valuable. Large orchards, extensive gardens and farms are laid out which, when the railroad reaches that section, will be ready to produce freight for the company and money for themselves. All this can be had in Brooklyn. There are farm lands for the asking and the soil is fertile. Our mines are handy to smelters and transportation and our location is ideal. If you want to invest come to Brooklyn before the prices soar beyond your reach. Time is money. Act quickly.

STORED away in the hills which surround Brooklyn are vast stores of mineral. The indications on the surface show it and the small

amount of development work prove conclusively that the country is rich. The several claims in the neighborhood which have been partially developed show good walls and fair sized ledges. As yet there has been but little work done, but this small amount is evidence sufficient that only capital is required to make the Brooklyn district one much quoted and sought after by mining men and those interested in mines. From ledges in the Dog Creek district assays have been obtained running as high as \$42 in gold and copper. These are general sample assays and not from picked pieces. This is not only encouraging but extremely gratifying to the owners and those whose interests are in this section. At present there are many eyes turned in this direction. The coming of the Columbia & Western railway has opened an avenue for the prospector to sell and the capitalist to buy. Brooklyn and the country tributary to it has a wonderful future.

Cat Assayed \$18.31.

An amusing mining story comes from the Mocking Bird mine in the Warm Springs district, says a Butte dispatch of the 5th inst. L. J. Rowen, who owns and works the mine, also owns a pet cat. This cat climbs up and down the shaft, through drifts, crosscuts, stopes and levels, and lives down there most of the time, being fed by the miners from the contents of their dinner pails. A brilliant idea struck Rowen the other day. He took the cat into the ore house and washed the hair as clean to the skin as it could possibly be washed. Then he panned the dirty water to the highest percentage, and the entire cat assayed \$18.31 on an assayer's scales. It is doubtful if any mine in the Rocky mountains can assay better than \$18.31 to the cat.

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BROOKLYN BUDGET

Subscribe for the News.

J. W. Stout has signed a nice contract for timber work on the new road.

The little steam launch, Myrtle B., is doing a big business in freight and passenger traffic.

Powder wagons going over the "tote" road have the right of way. No one crowds them.

Engineer Proctor, from the Crow's Nest, will have charge of the tunnel and is expected daily.

The Evangelists have erected a large tent in the edge of the forest, and are holding evening services.

It is rumored the C. P. R. purchased the land at Shields' landing from Jack Livingstone for \$6,000.

P. P. Cullen has established an eating house at Second creek crossing, eight miles out. Sleeping accommodations will also be furnished.

Remember the BROOKLYN NEWS when you want printing. Letterheads, bill-heads, envelopes, cards and all classes of printing promptly executed.

W. Parker has the contract to deliver all mail to the various camps along the route. Leave your name with the time keeper and get your mail regularly.

Twohy Bros. killed a big black bear last week 150 yards from their camp. It was a very large one, requiring six men to bring it in. Others have been seen along the right of way.

Captain Whitmore of the Lytton is unhappy. While at work on the Robson wharf he lost his pocket-book containing \$112. He has purchased another Brooklyn lot to earn another hundred.

John Dorsey has rented the large log building erected by Forrest & Cameron, twenty miles out from Brooklyn. The house is two stories and will accommodate fifty people. A hotel and barn for accommodation of hands is the purpose of the venture. It's half way to Christina lake.

The first serious accident along the line of the C. & W. occurred last week when Ed Lind's legs were broken by a falling rock. Dr. Ewing amputated the left leg above the knee Saturday in the operating room of the new hospital. The unfortunate man is about 38 years of age. The accident was in the Videen camp.

Major Cooper, J. P. of Rossland, has made his second trip to Brooklyn. During his stay he made an example of two camp loungers who have made themselves a general nuisance, by imposing a sentence of 30 and 60 days at hard labor at Nelson. The Major took occasion to read them a severe lecture and impressed the listeners that this would be no place for any one who would not work.

Application for post office boxes may be made at this office. The rate has been fixed per month as follows: soap box 25c; condensed milk box 50c; egg crate 75c; gunny sax for free delivery \$1.00 each. Keys for the boxes and strings for the sax, renter must furnish. Call early as the boxes are limited and will only be supplied as the grocery stock is used up.

The great crowds which flock to the wharf on approach of the down river boat have been stopped on the lake's shore, only those with tickets are admitted. Thursday night a man was pushed off the wharf, and had not Dr. Dutton pulled him

ashore with a fishing pole, he would have drowned. The crowds are a hindrance to the dispatch of business and a menace to life.

Street services have been held on the corner of First and Brooklyn the past few evenings. The attendance is exceptionally good and very respectful. Frank Dixon of the U. P. church and Walter Williams of the M. E. church were conducting the services. A small organ helps the meeting and singing very materially.

Now that Brooklyn has a free mail delivery, the soap boxes are not so badly crowded. Sunday the larger one was used as a rocking chair, but the remainder of the week held papers from all nations. Johnnie Magney is delivering mail to the camps. There are few towns 30 days old with water works, electric light, gas and free delivery, but Brooklyn has all the latest and best.

"I congratulate you, sir, upon having made as gallant a fight as was ever witnessed on the sea," said Lieutenant Commander Wainwright to his prisoner, Admiral Cervera, as he received the gray-bearded Spanish sea-dog on board the Gloucester and grasped his hand in hospitable greeting and unreserved admiration. Lieutenant Commander Wainwright then placed his cabin at the disposal of the Spanish officers. Looking back at the Spaniard's thoughtful notice to Admiral Sampson of the safety of Hobson and his comrades and his courteous treatment of those famous heroes, honors are easy between the naval leaders of the United States and Spain. Such incidents take from war's grim visage some of the sterner wrinkles, leaving still enough to show the direful aspect that tells the cruel story of passion, courage and woe, says an exchange.

Those who are opposed to the acquisition by the United States of territory abroad should have their attention directed to the spectacle of this great country having several thousand tons of coal at the little island of St. Thomas but being forbidden to take any of it by little Denmark. The Danish government is justified under the laws of neutrality in withholding permission; indeed, to give it would be an offense to Spain. The need of coaling stations may become so impressed upon us that possession of the Canaries will not be such a shock to the anti-annexationists. —U. S. Exchange.

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