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Golden, B.C., 1st September, 1897.

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SEVERAL CARS ROLL INTO THE KICKING HORSE.

Engine 318 is Badly Used Up--Cars Piled Together Promiscuously--The Loss to the C. P. R. Will be Heavy--No Loss of Life.

On Monday morning last as Conductor Johnson with engine 318 was bringing a freight west a serious accident occurred about a mile and a half below Glenogle, nine cars and the engine going off the track and some not stopping until the bottom of the Kicking Horse river was reached.

A MINER representative who was on the scene promptly was surprised on seeing the wreck that any of the trainmen had escaped, but we are glad to be able to record that no one was injured. The spot where the derailment took place is as bad a spot as could be picked out for such an accident, and though nine cars are completely wrecked, the wonder is that any of the train was left.

The scene as approached from the east shows the cars piled up much as a child would throw his building blocks after having tired of them. Two cars were in the bottom of the river with but their roofs showing above the water. A Pabst refrigerator car loaded with Pabst beer lay on its side at the water's edge and one car loaded with coal was broken completely in two—one half being on the margin of the river, while the other end was half-way up the dump. The other five cars were in various neglige attitudes as though they were tired of life, while the engine and tender stopped just a moment before taking the final plunge into the water and were comparatively near the track.

On Wednesday the wrecking crew had succeeded in getting the engine on the track and she was taken to Donald shops. The work of raising the tender, which was a little further down the dump, is being proceeded with rapidly.

A large number of men are engaged in saving as far as possible the contents of the cars, and along the track is piled a motely heap of agricultural implements, canned goods, boots and shoes, etc. One of the cars was loaded with liquors and of this a large quantity was saved.

While the loss to the C. P. R. is large, one cannot but be thankful that it is no worse and that we have not to chronicle the loss of life.

The wreck was speedily cleared enough to allow the passage of trains and by the time No. 2 came along a temporary track had been laid, which enabled her to go on without delay.

A work train in charge of Conductor Flett is at the wreck and with the large force of men employed will soon have everything in proper shape again.

Large numbers of our citizens have visited the wreck, which is the first serious accident that has occurred in the Kicking Horse canyon.

Served Him Right.

Mrs. Mayor Manly publicly whipped Charles Cummings, manager of the town site company at Grand Forks last week. Mr. Cummings was walking along the street when Mrs. Manly, who was carrying a paper sack under her arm, suddenly stepped up behind him, and drawing a substantial riding whip from the sack, began whipping him most unmercifully over the shoulders. There were over 200 people on the street at the time who witnessed the whipping, which was only stopped by Dr. S. Manly, who took Mrs. Manly away from her victim.

Cummings was badly cut about the shoulders and neck by the whip.

The cause of Mrs. Manly's attack on Mr. Cummings is that gentleman's interference in Mayor Manly's family affairs. The feeling of the community is in sympathy with Mrs. Manly, as it is the general impression in the town that Cummings has made himself very obnoxious to the lady of late.—Silverton Silvertonian.

CANMORE NEWS.

In spite of the most careful nursing, one of the victims of the explosion in the mines has contracted a severe attack of pneumonia and at the time of writing his recovery seems impossible.

President Van Horne's special train arrived in Canmore on Tuesday about 24k but owing to the storm did not proceed west until 7k on Wednesday. Engineer Houston was at the throttle, which ensured a fast run.

The miners have organized a brass band and have ordered the instruments, which are looked for every day. The leader will be Mr. Cowan, which guarantees good music as soon as the boys get "broken in" to their new instruments.

Rev. Mr. Mitchener, who has been east getting married, occupied his pulpit in Canmore last Sunday for the first time since his return, and he and his bride received the congratulation of the members of the congregation at the close of the services.

On Tuesday morning a snow storm set in from the east, continuing all day and part of the night, and on Wednesday morning about six inches of "the beautiful" (?) greeted the citizens. This foretaste of winter reminds us that our coal bins need attention, to say nothing of the highly intellectual exercise of eloquence in putting up stoves. A peculiar feature of this storm was that it did not extend west of Cascade.

SOURCE OF ALASKAN GOLD.

Prof. S. E. Emmons, of the United States geological survey, says:

"The mass of golden wealth in Alaska remains as yet untouched. It lies in the virgin rocks, from which the particles found in the river gravels now being washed by Klondyke miners have been torn by the erosion of streams. These particles, being heavy, have been deposited by the streams which carried the lighter matter onward to the ocean, thus forming by gradual accumulation a sort of auriferous concentrate. Many of the bits, especially in certain localities, are big enough to be called nuggets. In spots the gravels are so rich that, as we have all heard, many ounces of the precious metal are obtained from the washing of a single panful. That is what is making the people so wild—the prospect of picking money out of the dirt by the handful literally.

"But all this is merely the skimming of grease from the pot; the soup remains and precious soup it is. The bulk of the wealth is in the rocks of the hills, waiting only for the proper machinery to take it out. For you must remember that the gold was originally storedin veins of the rocks, which are of an exceedingly ancient formation. Nobody can say how many millions of years ago the metal was put there, but it must have been an enormously long time back.

"The streams wore away the rocks, carrying gold with them, and this process continued for ages, making immense deposits of rich, gold bearing gravels. Eventually these deposits were themselves formed into rock—a sort of conglomerate in which pebbles small and big are mixed with what was once sand. To-day the strata composed of this conglomerate are of immense extent and unknown thickness. The formation closely resembles that of the auriferous "banket" or pudding stone of the South African gold fields; but the South African pudding stone was in far remote antiquity a sea beach, whereas the Alaskan formation is a deposit made by streams, as I have said.

"In the latter epoch the stream continued to gnaw away at the hills, bringing down more gold and leaving it behind in the gravels of their bottoms. It is these comparatively modern rivers which are responsible for the pay dirt of the Klondyke district and of all that region. Naturally, because it was easily got at and worked, the miners have struck this surface alluvium first. The streams at various times have followed different courses, and it is the gravels of the disused channels that the gold miners dig with such fabulous profit.

"You will observe from what I have said that the gold of that region exists under three widely different conditions—in the gravels, in the conglomerate or pudding stone and in the ancient rocks of the hills. When the modern stream deposits, now being worked, are used up the miner can tackle the conglomerate, which represents the gravels of ages ago. Finally, when they are provided with the requisite machinery, they will be in a position to attack the masses of yellow wealth that are stored in the veins of the mountains. At present we can hardly consider that the first bite has been taken of the Golden feast which Alaska offers to hungry men."

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION.

Every Electoral District well Represented.

The much talked of Liberal convention is now a thing of the past. Everyone agrees that it was a success, their being present at New Westminster no less than 115 delegates from all parts of the province. The first business before the convention was the organization of a Provincial Liberal Association and on motion it was resolved that an associa- be formed with the following officers:—President, Secretary, Treasurer, one Vice-President for each Dominion electoral district, and an Executive Committee of three from each Dominion electoral district; the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer to be ex-officio members.

The following officers were then elected:—President, Wm. Templeman; Secretary. J. H. Kerr; Treasurer, Dr. McKechnie.

Victoria City—Vice-President, G. Riley; Committeemen, E. V. Bodwell. Col. Gregory, R. L. Drury.

Burrard District—Vice-President, E. P. Davis; Committeemen, J. I. Senkler, Ald. McQueen, Wm. McCraney.

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Vancouver Island—Vice-President, J. Slugget; Committeemen, Ralph Smith, J. Evans, Mr. Stevens.

Yale-Cariboo—Vice-President, Wm. Baillie; Committeemen, J. M. Martin, D. O'Hara, R. G. Macpherson.

A committee was then appointed to draft a congratulatory address to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on his elevation to knighthood and on his great success in Great Britain recently.

The convention declared itself emphatically opposed to the policy of the present British Columbia Government as shown by the legislature promoted by the Government and by the action of the Executive, and were of the opinion that their continuance in office is detrimental to the general welfare of the province.

After much discussion it was resolved "that in the opinion of this convention it is in the best interests of the Liberal party to support in all the constituencies of the province such candidates as declare themselves to be fully in accord with the resolution just passed."

The convention then discussed and endorsed the platform, the outlines of which had been prepared by a committee. The platform which deals exclusively with provincial matters was then referred to the executive committee and will be made public as soon as it receives the finishing touches.

The All-International Yukon Route.

The chairman of the Yukon route committee is in receipt of the following reply from the Provincial Secretary in regard to the matter:

Victoria, B.C., Sep. 20, '97.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, together with a resolution passed at a public meeting held at Golden on September 4th, and suggesting to the Government the advisability of promoting any scheme for a railway from Donald up the Columbia river northwards to the Yukon Gold Fields.

The recommendations of the meeting shall be laid before the Government for its consideration.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours very faithfully,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

THOS. McNAUGAT, ESQ.,
EAST KOOTENAY MINER,
Golden, B.C.

Mr. A. J. Hopkins, Mr. Parson's representative at Fort Steele, and Mr. Thomas McNaught arrived in Golden this evening from Fort Steele. They drove through all the way. They report the main trunk road in excellent condition and thorough repair, with the exception of a few miles near Fort Steele, which is both dusty and stoney. The freight that has gone over this road during the past season been an exceptionally heavy one.

An amusing incident took place on the arrival of Thursday's No. 2 at the scene of the wreck. One of the porters, after ten minutes' hard work in ice-cold water, succeeded in getting a bottle of gin. One not being enough, he went on looking for further treasures. While thus engaged the watchman in charge came along and took possession of the bottle, much to the chagrin of the porter, who had his work for nothing.

WINDERMERE MINING DIVISION.

The following business has been done in this mining division during the past month of September: Nineteen new claims have been recorded; seven transfers have taken place; no free miner's licenses have been granted during the month and no assessment work has been recorded.

The transfers are as follows: Susy B. and Maggie B. mineral claims on Dutch creek by A. St. G. Hammersley and J. S. W. Bugh, Vancouver to the London & Vancouver Financial & Development Co. One-half interest in the Golden Gate and Crown Point mineral claims on a tributary of Toby creek by J. N. Bergstrom of Rossland to Thomas Wilson of Trail. One-fourth interest in the Moyea, Golden Septer and the Summit Lake mineral claims on the middle fork of Findlay creek by John L. Pierce and John Sherman, both of Kaslo, and S. S. Simmons, of Fort Steele, to Alexander Smith, Kaslo, and the said John Sherman and John L. Pierce. One-eighth interest in the same mineral claims by George B. Gerrard, Kaslo, to James A. Townsend, of the same place. One-half interest in the Two Friends mineral claim on the middle fork of Findlay creek by Samuel Simmons, of Fort Steele, to George B. Gerrad, Kaslo. One-fourth interest in King Solomon mineral claim on Horse Thief creek by Florence Gallup to C. A. Digley, and one-fourth interest in the Silver Island mineral claim on Horse Thief creek by R. S. Gallup to C. A. Duffy.

In all of these transfers the nominal consideration of one dollar is inserted, but this does not represent what the actual consideration was that was given for the transfer of the claims.

The Messrs Mitchell-Innes are presently at Windermere, busy getting in their supplies to the winter camp, which they have established on Toby creek.

Tom Jones arrived in Windermere on Monday night from Toby creek, where he had been busy doing development work on the Old Chum and New Chum mineral claims there. We understand a deal will shortly go through on these mineral claims.

The Crops in the Columbia Valley.

This has been an exceptionally good year for crops of all kinds in the Upper Columbia Valley. Not only have they been harvested well, but the bulk is large, the weight heavy and the market prices high. The product of the ranchers' stock are strong and healthy notwithstanding the severity of last winter and the hardships the stock had to endure from the want of proper feek.

The crops around Windermere have been the best yield this year compared with past years. Colin C. Mackay has had a splendid crop on his big ranche near Windermere, the grain being the heaviest in the district. Mr. Atkinson of Shortey's ranche has as usual secured a splendid crop of hay. This ranch is particularly noted for the excellence of its feed. Farmers will have no opportunity of grumbling for want of feed, for there has been abundance and all well secured in barn and yard.

At McKay's ranche, near Sinclair creek, Mrs. McKay is having another crop of strawberries. The plants are in bloom, the berries are forming and if night's fros ts do not come for another fortnight there will be an opportuniiy of having strawberries and cream in the end of October. Mrs. McKay's crop in June was one of the most abundant she has had for some past years, the fruit being rich in flavor. Her orchard has produced some fine apples and beautiful plums, and in distributing her fruit Mrs. McKay did not overlook her friend THE MINER. He got some fine specimens of apples, there being 3 varieties, that of the Baldwin being particularly fine. One small tree had over 170 apples, the branches had to be fixed up and supported by slabs and props.

There was a Mormon saying in Utah that the best crops raised in Utah were children. Columbia valley has also been fruitful this year in that direction and some interesting little strangers have arrived. Mrs. Deacon, Spillimacheen, has added to her family and blessed her husband with another daughter. Mr. Atkinson is busy making another cradle as he has now got use for two.

Mr. Willis, of the Channe Mining Co., Vancouver, and Jack Adler, of Golden, have gone up the Columbia valley to the Fort Steele mining division in connection with certain mining deals.

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Golden, B. C.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 1897.

VARIETY OF MINERAL WEALTH

Of East Kootenay--Is There Any Cinnabar in East Kootenay?

East Kootenay practically contains every variety of mineral wealth that is known to exist on the American continent. It is found in every form—singly and in combination. It has mineral springs of every variety, oil and gas deposits. The principal search has been for metal wealth and of the richest form, and its other varieties have been overlooked, as they have not been sought for to any great extent and their discovery has been to a great extent the matter of accident.

Some years ago near the Ottertail on the Wapta (Kicking Horse) river, not far from Golden, and in the immediate vicinity of the railway, a vein of white calcite holding flecks of bright red cinnabar was discovered and prospected on to some extent.

THE MINER does not know what was made of the discovery or how far the prospecting proceeded. It would be of interest to know what became of this discovery. Can any of THE MINER's readers supply information to its Editor?

A Canadian Mint.

The agitation recently started in favor of establishing a mint in Canada is one which is deserving of every support. There is no reason why our gold and silver should be sent out of this country to be converted into coin. It may not be generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact, that there was a mint in operation in New Westminster in 1877. It was closed up by Sir James Douglas, governor of the united colonies, in the hope of allaying the jealously then existing between Victoria and the royal city. Some of the coins there struck are still held and treasured by collectors. During the fifteen years ending 1886, $3,462,114 in silver and $242,425 in copper was coined for Canada and England. The charges of the royal mint amounted to $102,863, and for handling the copper a Birmingham firm received $23,252, or a total of $128,115 for the fifteen years. All this could have been saved had there been a mint in this country. It is computed that there is at least $20,000,000 in foreign gold circulating in this country which could be advantageously replaced by Canadian gold coin. We hope the agitation will be continued until the desired object is attained, and that when a site for the mint is being selected we will be in a position to show that there is no more favorable location than Nelson.—Nelson Economist.

Tompkins on Klondike.

Come to the place where they've got it right,
come where the treasure's 'id,
Where a 'at full of mud is a five-pun note, and
the clod on yer 'eel is a quid.
Where ye scratches the soil and it tumbles out
as much as yer 'ands can 'old,
Where the hills above and the plains beneath
is bulgin' and crackin' with gold.

Klondike! Klondike! Libel yer luggidge
Klondike!
Theer's no chawnce in the street to-day,
Theer's no luck down Shoreditch way,
Pack up yer traps an' be orf, I sye,
An' orf an awye ter Klondike!

Lots o' chaps they 'as started small, and awterwuds struck it rich,
Bought their kerridges, sailed their yachts—
nutthink's too good fur sich—
Awmies of servants, miles o' land, cuttin' the
toppical art,
Bran new palace to knock Park Lane, then....
what was I thinkin' abart?

Klondike! Klondike! Chinge the subject ter
Klondike!
Theer's no chawnce in the street to-day,
Theer's no luck down Shoreditch way,
Pack up yer traps an' be orf, I sye,
An' orf an' awye ter Klondike!

Lots o' chaps they 'as started small, an' finished
it smaller yet,
An' the gold as yer wants ain't got fur nix
twixt 'ere and 'ell yer bet;
Froze ter death, or stawved ter death, or shot
in yer tracks yer'll lie,
Fur one 'ull pick an' come 'ome agen, but
twenty 'ull pick an' die.

Klondike! Klondike! It sticks' fer its own,
does Klondike!
Theer's no chawnce in the street to-day,
Theer's no luck down Shoreditch way,
An' fur all yer cats yer 'as ter pye,
And yer'll find it the sime in Klondike!
—London Daily Chronicle.

THE KOOTENAY VALLEYS LAND COMPANY.

The Company's Lands to be Opened Up Immediately for Colonization and Settlement—It Possesses the Finest Lands in the South East.

This company is an English company and has its head office in London. It possesses 30,000 acres of the finest land in South East Kootenay. This land was given as a concession by the provincial government to the original founder of the company for the construction of a canal between the Upper Columbia lake and Kootenay river. This canal was found to be impracticable and the provincial government spent thousands of dollars in damming the same up. The concession, however, remained. It consists of timber lands, bottom lands and bench lands along this Upper Kootenay valley, between the head of the Upper Columbia lake and the international boundary line. The land is laid out in blocks. One of its finest blocks is the flat known as Canal Flat, two miles broad, lying between the lake and the Kootenay river. The bottom is gravel with a fine alluvial soil on top, suitable for the finest grain crops. This block contains several thousands of acres and at one time possessed fine timber, which has now been denuded. It also contains an hotel—one of the best known in East Kootenay—and an excellent townsite.

The other blocks are scattered along the river bottom down to Fort Steele and contain the pick of the land. From there blocks all the way to the boundary line. One of the biggest blocks is on the Elk river and contains 12,000 acres. There is another block on Sand creek of 1800 acres and one on the Ball river of 1000 acres. These are among the best lands in the Kootenay valley.

Hitherto these lands have been practically closed against settlement, but they are now to be opened up and placed on the market in lots suitable for settlers. A thorough tour of inspection of these lands is now being made by Mr. R. H. Venables Kyrke, one of the directors of the company, from London, and Mr. G. G. Proctor of Nelson, the manager for the company in East Kootenay. They have now been three weeks out and have got as far as Fort Steele in the course of their inspection. They started from Golden by steamer and arrived at Windermere. Thence they sailed across the Upper Columbia river in a Peterborough canoe to the disused canal, frontaged their canoe to the Kootenay river and sailed down that river to Fort Steele, examining all the lands on their way. The posts marking out the boundaries of the different blocks are to be renewed, fresh lines cut out, so that their boundaries may be properly defined, and thus prevent any mistakes as to settlers taking up pre-emptions on government lands adjoining.

After a few days' rest the tour will be continued down the river until all the company's lands have been visited and inspected. The tour will last other three weeks. After the tour of inspection Mr. Venables Kyrke will return home to England and Mr. Proctor will move up from Nelson to the scene of the company's operations in South East Kootenay. Mr. W. R. Ross, Fort Steele, has been appointed local agent.

What the company desires is a good class of settlers with means, who will become owners on installment principles, spreading the time for acquiring ownership over a period of five or more years. The company has, however, not yet matured any definite scheme. The lands will be sold in lots to suit all classes of purchases. Probably the scheme for easy instalments will be ten per cent down and a reasonable rate of interest on future instalments, but the scheme will be fully considered and matured after Mr. Kyrke's return home. The company considers that it should receive from $3 to $30 per acre, as it holds the choicest of the lands and has some fine cleared bottom lands, which are already fit for cultivation.

Government lands for cultivation cost $2.50 per acre, but in addition to this sum are the expenses for obtaining the survey and procuring the crown grant. Then over and above that the lands require to be cleared, and these expenses amount to a considerable item.

The main object of the company is to secure a good body of settlers, who will improve the lands and help to open up the resources of South East Kootenay.

Has Gold a Limit?

Mr. McArthur, the inventor of the cyanide process for the extraction of gold, has been giving his views with respect to the future supply of that metal. He points out that true mining for gold only commenced about the year 1860, and that up to that time we had only been gathering up the detritus, as it were, alluvial deposits being merely what had crumbled down from the reefs. Now we are going to the sources and attacking the auriferous rocks, of the extent of which we know very little, while of the depth to which they may descend beneath the earth's surface we know still less. They have been traced for 3,000 feet downward, and geology confesses its ignorance of what may lie below. "There seems no limit," says Mr. McArthur, "to possible discoveries." Some years ago the proportion of the precious metal obtained from alluvial workings was as four to one compared to what was won from its rocky matrix. Now these figures are reversed. In Russia, including Siberia, the west coast of Africa, British, Dutch and French Guiana, some of the South American states and Borneo, the alluvial output is overwhelmingly greater than that from reefs, which is only a thing of yesterday. How great an increase in the yield may be expected to take place, therefore, in all these countries when the steam engine and machinery for crushing are brought to bear upon the reefs, of which the alluvial gold is the mere debris? "Gold mining," concludes Mr. McArthur, "is just beginning to take the place that copper or lead mining has occupied for centuries. One has no more reason to doubt the continuance of gold reefs than one has to doubt the continuance of other metalliferous mines. No one can say what quantities of gold may be concealed in the more central parts of the earth, nor what improved means science may find for extracting it from great depths." A belief prevails in some quarters that at a certain depth gold exists in vast masses as a virgin ore and may be hewn out like coal.—Ex.

A Good Paper.

Thomas McNaught, of the Golden Miner, spent several days in Wardner this week. Mr. McNaught is making a tour of South East Kootenay, and left on Monday for Moyie. THE MINER is rapidly securing the reputation for being most excellent authority on mining matters, due to the ability and excellent work of Mr. McNaught in that department. For some time a series of reminiscences of East Kootenay have been running in the paper that are attracting wide-spread attention. The field is a rich one, and Mr. McNaught is producing the best results, and is deserving of the success he is meeting with in the conduct of the paper.—International.

Wardner Post Office.

Work is progressing on the post office building in a favorable manner and Mr. McCabe, the postmaster, expects to have everything in readiness for opening the office by the middle of October. He thinks the post office supplies will have arrived by that time, and arrangements made for carrying mail from Fort Steele south via Wardner to Tobacco Plains at the bounday line, the way of the new route. A few more days of waiting and then letters may be stamped "Wardner, B.C.," a fact that will be fully appreciated by a long-suffering public that has borne with patience the burden that should have been lightened long ago. When the first letter can be mailed from Wardner, the past will be forgotten and forgiven in the exuberance of joy over the pleasures of the present.—The International.

The e is one woman i. Phila lelphia who will not be so anxious to display her manly accomplishment in the future. She walked into a street car the other day, crossed her legs like a man and proceeded to light a cigarette. The other women in the car promptly seized her and threw her off the car. The conductor never said a word, realizing for once the power of the new woman to deal with great affairs.

Arthur Drapeau, who twenty years ago was working for a dollar a day in Winnipeg, passed through yesterday en route to Quebec from Klondyke. He rode in a Pullman and carried a draft for $250,000 with him. This is the value of half his claim.—Winnipeg Free Press.

East Kootenay Mining Stock List.

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G. Goldie.....Windermere
C. M. Edwards.....Fort Steele
M. Phillips.....Tobacco Plains

Deputy Clerk of the Peace for North East Kootenay Josiah Stirrett.....Donald
Deputy Clerk of the Peace for South East Kootenay—Charles Massey Edwards....Fort Steele

FREE MINERS.

Extracts From British Columbia Statutes Explaining Fully the Value and Necessity of a "Free Miners" Certificate--No Person Should Attempt Mining Without One.

Any person over 18 years of age, may become a free miner by paying $5 to any gold commissioner or mineral recorder and obtaining a certificate good for one year.

A free miner may obtain a new certificate for one lost on paying $1.

A free miner's certificate is not transferable.

Any person or company working a mineral claim, held as real estate without license, may be fined $25. Mines become real estate after crown grant has been issued.

Should co-owner fail to pay up his free miner's certificate his interest goes to his co-owners pro rata according to their former interests.

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A free miner may claim 1500x1500 feet. But all angles must be right angles and all measurment must be horizontally.

A free miner may cut timber on crown lands.

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A free miner may obtain five acre millsite upon crown lands in the form of a square.

A claim may be held from year to year by work being done to the value of one hundred dollars.

Lodes discovered in tunnel may be held if recorded in 15 days.

A free miner may on payment of $500, in lieu of expenditure on claim, obtain a crown grant.

Any miner may, at the discretion of the gold commissioner, obtain necessary water rights.

No transfer of any mineral claim or interest shall be enforceable unless in writing, signed and recorded.

No miner shall suffer from any act of omission or commission, or delays on the part of the government officials.

No claim shall be open to location during last illnesss of holder, nor within 12 months after his death, unless by permission of gold commissioner.

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REMINISCENCES AND SPECULATIONS

OF A KOOTENAY BELLAMY

On the Great Possibilities of South East Kootenay.

It is interesting to look back and study the geography as laid down on the maps thirty or forty years ago, especially that relating to the great Pacific northwest, and note the great changes that have been made. It was in the spring of 1864 that the Wild Horse excitement first started, which brought thousands of people into what is now the Fort Steele district of East Kootenay in search of the metal for which man gives up home, family, friends and all the comforts of an old settled and happy conditioned community. Gold! Gold! Gold! What will man and woman not give up to become its possessor?

The author has not started out to write an essay on the use and abuse of that metal, the sordid love of which is the root of all evil, but to call attention to how the greatest of all civilizers—the railroad—follows in the paths of the pioneer, or with what intuitive correctness the gold hunter outlined the way for his scientifically educated brother—the civil engineer—to follow his footsteps with the iron horse.

Walla Walla, now one of the wealthiest, if not so large, as the other cities of Washington, was then the starting point for all the Pacific northwest embraced in British Columbia, and to reach what is now Fort Steele a trail was established, which went from Walla to Colfax; Colfax to the falls of the Spokane, where no town had then any existence. From Spokane to a crossing on the Kootenay the trail ran where a man named Bonner established a ferry, from which the town of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, gets its name. The trail there passed due north, followed the Kootenay river some twenty miles and then on through the hills some twenty miles farther north to the international boundary line, thence up the Moyie river to the Moyie lakes, where is now a flourishing young town called Moyie city. The trail then went north thirty miles to Fort Steele. On this part of the trail still existing you now pass the towns of Swansea, Palmer's Bar and Cranbrook. Then they did not even exist. What a change since then! not forty years ago. Look at the map now; what a marvellous change! from an unknown wilderness—the abode of the wild animals and still wilder men. The most interesting part is that Walla Walla now is one of the principal towns on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.'s lines between Portland and Spokane with two other lines of railroad running to it, while what was the trail is dotted with towns every six or eight miles from Walla Walla to Spokane, which city is built at the falls of the Spokane and now contains 35,000 people. It has, besides the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. Ry., five other railroads branching out into the surrounding territory. Bonner's Ferry is on the Great Northern and Moyie City, Swansea, Palmer's Bar, Cranbrook and Fort Steele on the line of the Crow's Nest Pass railway now building.

A survey for a railroad from Bonner's Ferry to the international line following the Kootenay river has been made this year and will be built the coming year to connect with the Crow's Nest Pass railway some eight miles above or north of the boundary line. This Crow's Nest Pass railway at a point twenty-five miles south of Moyie lakes turns west follows what is known as the Dewdney trail (constructed by the present lieutenant governor of British Columbia from the Wild Horse trail through Canadian territory to Victoria some time after the Wild Horse trail was constructed from Walla Walla to Fort Steele) to Nelson, from which point a railroad now runs through to Rossland and the contemplated Penticton road from there on to Vancouver will complete the railroad and thus practically replace the pack trail of thirty years ago of nearly a thousand miles. This extended railroad will run through a country teeming with possibilities quite beyond the writer's capacity to outline. Who can say what mighty population will be in all this vast territory in the next twenty years or what the mineral, agricultural and manufacturing development will be? The country, though old, is new. What a field for young men to engage in! All the various pursuits opens up to those who have health and brains to build up a country. Here is a mighty heritage to develop. All that is required is honest and intelligent effort. The Anglo-Saxon has built up mighty commonwealths in all parts of the world. The race has not grown weary or become decrepit. It is still vigorous. Its members have here every incentive to reward those toiling what makes life a happy existence—viz.: prosperity and happy homes.

In summarizing the advantages to be derived by those who are seeking their fortunes, one must not forget those who have been so placed in this world as to have Dame Fortune at their command, but who perforce are put to as hard a lot to know how to get solid enjoyment out of life as others are to induce Dame Fortune to smile on them, so as to make the burden of life easier. From time immemorial the chase has been among the best of and most healthy sports. In the early days of the establishment of these trails game of all sorts was plentiful—buffalo, elk, deer, bear, grouse, ducks, geese, not to say that every stream was well stocked with the finest of mountain trout. This gradually changed so that now the localities where game is found are not so plentiful. There are still favored spots, and one of them seems to be from twenty-five miles south of Moyie lakes north to the head of the lakes—some forty miles in length by twenty in width—the many small meadows along the river and lakes furnishing a good field for deer and fowl. In this territory are to be found bear, deer, duck, geese and grouse in their season and the best of fishing the year round. This whole country is best reached from Moyie City, it being located midway in this territory.

Another interesting item about this country (South East Kootenay) is that thirty years after the excitement of placer mining is the discovery of such mines as the St. Eugene at Moyie City, the North Star at Kimberly, and recently the Coronado on Wild Horse, not to mention others of lesser note, but all of immense value, which are on one or the other of these early pioneer pack trails, and who can say how many others are yet to be discovered? I should like to reminisce and speculate further, but one must not use up too much space of a newspaper with reminiscences and future speculations. Enough for the present time; I may come again. J. I. B.

FORT STEELE NEWS.

Of the laying out of townsites in South East Kootenay there appears to be no end. South East Kootenay will require to flourish most vigorously if all the sites which are contemplated are to be occupied by prosperous towns. The line of railway will pass by many of them, and some of them will some day be bustling towns filled with big populations. The latest townsites are Swansea at the east end of Moyie Lake, which was formerly known as Sifton City, and Tracy on Tracy creek. This latter townsite has now been surveyed and the lots placed on the market. Swansea is in the course of being surveyed and the lots will this winter be on the market. A townsite is to be surveyed near the Pack bridge on the Elk river. This townsite is being laid out by the Kootenay Valleys Land Company and the Crow's Nest Pass railway company. It is contemplated to make this townsite a big smelting centre. It will be near the finest water power in British Columbia, and there are some fine timber limits in its immediate vicinity. It is close to the coal fields where there will be abundance of coke.

It is rumored that sixty young men from Englnd have left Montreal en route for South East Kootenay by the Crow's Nest Pass for the purpose of taking up land and becoming farmers there. There is abundance of land in south east Kootenay for farming purposes, notwithstanding the prodigal grants that have been recklessly given away by the Provincial Governments to corporations and individuals without any adequate compensation therefor. The land grows splendid crops which give magnificent yields, and irrigation is not indispensable for the cultivation of these crops.

One of the finest crops that have been produced this year is at Cranbrook belonging to the Hon. Colonel Baker. It is a field of oats 120 acres in extent. The yield was over 50 bushels per acre. The stalks of the grain in ear were over five feet high. The new oats weighed 45lbs. per bushel. The crop was grown without any irrigation. Splendid crops are reported from all parts of the district.

The wagon road from the Crow's Nest Pass down to Wardner has now been completed. By this road the main supplies will be brought in. Merchandise will also be freighted along this road, the same being delivered by railway at the Pass, for the people in south east Kootenay. This will make Wardner a busy town during the winter, as she will become the chief distributing centre for south east Kootenay.

Work will be pushed on vigorously along the entire length of the surveyed line during the whole of the winter months, wherever it can be done. The completed survey is now nearly finished The line will be one of the marvels of the age, not only from the rapidity of its construction but its easy grades through a mountainous country, not exceeding anywhere one per cent. There will be no snow sheds, as there will be no danger of any liability from snow storms blocking the communications. The only considerable rock work will be near Moyie lake, where there will be one tunnel if not two. Grading is now going on on the west side of the Pass. The line will in all probability become the favorite means of travel to British Columbia.

Board of Trade Meeting at Steele.

A meeting of Fort Steele Board of Trade was held in the school house, Fort Steele, last week to consider several matters of importance. There was a fair attendance. The president, Mr. J. A. Harvey, occupied the chair.

Reports were given in by various committees on a variety of subjects—such as fire protection, sidewalks, town incorporation and customs. The fire committee made several important suggestions as to the protection of the town against fire by providing ladders, buckets, water tanks, portable engines, fire guards, volunteer brigade, etc., and the committee was continued and directed to meet the fire wardens in order to carry out some of the suggestions. The sidewalks reported that sufficient funds had been subscribed to construct a sidewalk along the entire length of the east side of Riverside avenue. The committee was continued to get the sidewalk constructed and to obtain estimates for the lumber and work.

A communication was read from Mr. Pope, one of the secretaries of state at Ottawa, requesting certain information as to whether all the requisites for the incorporation of the board had been complied with before the certificate of incorporation could be granted, and particularly whether there was a population of 2500 within the district in which the board was to operate. A committee was appointed to obtain the necessary information and prepare a reply to the communication.

The effect of the enforcement of the public works act during the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway was next considered. Under this act, which is a Dominion statute, the minister of public works for the Dominion has power to suspend all liquor licenses within an area of twenty miles on either side of the proposed line of construction until the line of railway is completed. Not only can all licensed houses be shut up, but all liquor found therein is liable to seizure. Should the act be enforced all the licensed houses in Fort Steele division will be closed. The act does not apply to any licenses existing in an incorporated town, but as there are no incorporated towns in the Fort Steele division there can be no exceptions. Some considerable discussion took place among the members as to this interference by the Dominion government with provincial rights and finally a committee consisting of Messrs Harvey, Herchmer and Bailey was appointed to communicate with the minister of public works to have the area of Fort Steele, so far as existing licenses were concerned, exempt from the provisions of the act.

The board next considered the condition of land rights in South East Kootenay and the difficulty of obtaining information as to what land was open for settlement. Intending settlers coming in for the purpose of taking up land had the greatest difficulty in procuring suitable information. The officials had no means of imparting information, as they were entirely without it. There was no regular survey and no maps or plans showing properly what land was free for occupation. Another great difficulty in the way of settlement was that large tracts of land had been given away and the boundaries of these tracts were not sufficiently defined; the land marks had gone, the corner posts had decayed and the lines marked out had disappeared. Cases had occurred where settlers had settled on these lands and then had to give them up.

It was resolved to draw the attention of the provincial government to these facts, so that the land companies should properly define their metes and bounds; that suitable information be prepared and the same supplied to the officials, so that they would be thoroughly posted to give full and complete information to intending settlers, as there was a large emigration coming on and it was desirable that this emigration should be encouraged.

A committee was appointed to carry this resolution into effect.

NOTICE!

I, Thomas McNaught, Financial Agent, Fort Steele, hereby give notice that sixty days after date it is my intention to apply to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase six hundred and forty acres of unsurveyed, unoccupied and unreserved Crown lands in this neighborhood where this notice is posted, being on the west side of Moyie Lake and about four miles from its upper end. The boundaries are as marked out from my north-west corner which is in close proximity to this notice namely, running south 80 chains, and to the east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west to the starting point 80 chains, containing 640 acres unoccupied land. The starting point running due west from Moyie Lake taking in a little of both the Little Lamb and the Big Lamb creeks. Located 1st day of September, 1897.

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Mr. F. C. Lang, assessor, has returned from his visit south where he has been engaged in valuation work.

Mr. Tom Todd came in on Tuesday from Prairie Mountain where he has been at work all summer on some promising claims.

Presbyterian services as usual on Sunday next—morning and evening. The subject for the evening will be "Carnal Christians."

Our energetic tonsorial artist is making some improvements in his parlor. Plasterers are now busy making it more comfortable.

Dr. M. F. Binkley, dentist, Calgary, is at the Kootenay house this week, and has been kept busy extracting and repairing decayed teeth.

The Golden Lumber Co. have imported a number of men this week from Alberta to assist them in their operations at the mill and in the camps.

The "beautiful" made its first appearance this season on Tuesday morning, but disappeared as quickly as it had come. It seemed as if it was only a warning that winter was approaching.

President Sir W. C. Van Horne of the C.P.R., passed through Golden on a special Wednesday morning from the east. He was accompanied by General Manager Whyte and Asst. Supt. Nibblock.

Mr. J. C. Greene, who was representing the Golden Liberal Committee at the New Westminster convention, a report of which appears in another column, returned from the coast on Tuesday.

Do not miss the inspection of the fine stock of dry goods and gents' furnishings now opened up at H. G. Parson's store The complete range, quality and prices of the goods, undoubtedly surpass anything hitherto seen in Golden.

The Bishop of New Westminster conducted divine service in St. Paul's Church on Sunday last, morning and evening. Holy communion was administered at the close of the morning service.

Hon. Col. Baker returned on Monday's stage from Fort Steele. A few of the electors had an informal meeting with him when several important matters were discussed. Col. Baker left on Tuesday's delayed train for Victoria.

Mr. J. B. McArthur, a prominent Rossland solicitor, passed through Golden from the east the other day en route for his home in West Kootenay. Mr McArthur is the owner of some promising properties in the Findlay Creek district.

Mr. W. Alexander, C.P.R. watch inspector at Canmore, Field and Donald was in town to-day. During his stay he made arrangements to spend two days a week here in future, so that he may be better enabled to attend to the requirements of his customers here.

Mr. W. L. Houston has a scheme on hand for supplying the town with electric light. It is hoped Mr. Houston will carry his scheme into effect as it will be of great benefit to the town. There is little doubt but that the business men of Golden will give Mr. Houston every encouragement in his enterprise.

The Anthracite mines have been pumped out and a large force of men are engaged in clearing out the debris left at the bottom. As soon as things have been put in shape three shifts of men will be put on and the work of raising coal will be pushed to the utmost capacity, as a large amount of coal is required for immediate delivery.

A Chinaman appeared in Silverton the other day. He came from New Denver to peddle vegetables, but we are glad to state that he did not sell one cent's worth in this camp. That is the way it should be. Persons who patronize Chinese should be given to understand that if they continue to do so that they will not receive the patronage of the people of Silverton.—Silvertonian.

Mr. H. J. Starforth has taken Mr. G. Bligh into partnership with him and the business will now be conducted by Messrs. Starforth and Bligh. Mr. Bligh has recently come among us from the east and evidently has faith in the future of our town. THE MINER wishes the new firm, whose advertisement appears in another column, every success in their enterprise.

A social will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Friday, Oct. 29th. A musical and literary programme is being arranged for the occasion and refreshments will be served during the evening. The price of admission has been fixed at 50 cents, children 8 years of age and under will be admitted free of charge, and children over that age 25 cents. No effort will be spared to make the entertainment a success.

Preparations for this winter's curling are going ahead rapidly. The managing committee have been very energetic this week and have completed arrangements for the caretaking of the rink, and also for repairing and improving the same. Among the principal improvements will be the fitting up of the waiting room so that spectators may view the games with comfort. The skips who were appointed at the meeting last week have also been at work and a number of new members have been enrolled. There is still room for more and those who wish to join should at once notify the secretary or any other officer of the club.

The University of Toronto has conferred the degree of LL.D. on Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The Calgary Herald spells Klondyke with a C, while the rest of us spell it with a K. The only way we see to get even is to spell Calgary with a K.—The Dundas Banner.

Our issue this week is, we regret to say, a little late owing to a rush of job work which has kept the staff working early and late. We are pleased to note this appreciation of our efforts to provide high-class job work at prices no higher than are charged at other places for inferior work.

Mr. J. W. Snodgrass, mail contractor in the Okanagan country paid a business visit to Edmonton last week. While there he purchased a large quantity of oats for delivery this fall. He is much interested in the Yukon route and says the Edmonton route finds much favor even in British Columbia.

A special meeting of the Edmonton Board of Trade was held last week for the purpose of considering prompt methods of advertising the Edmonton route to the Yukon. A draft of a letter to be forwarded to eastern business houses was read and endorsed by the board, and a resolution was passed requesting the town council to appropriate an amount sufficient to defray the cost of a lithographed map to be issued by the government geological survey; the map to be in colors and to show the land and water routes to the Yukon.

The prospectus of the Northwest Mining, Development & Trading Company, of Chicago, has just been issued. It is accompanied by a map showing the Mackenzie route to the Yukon as far as Fort Norman, where it leaves that river and goes across country to the Peel. The prospectus says that the company will send out a prospecting party of twelve men in a day or two from Chicago via St. Paul, Calgary, Edmonton and the H. B. Co. route to Peel river, which it is intended to prospect. The prospectus says truly: "The opportunities for discovering rich fields of gold in the unexplored regions of the Northwest are just as good now, if not better, than they were a year ago. There are thousands of square miles of mineral-bearing territory where the prospector has never set his foot."

Mr. F. J. McNally, of Cedar City Utah, who started for the Pelly branch of the Yukon by way of Edmonton in company with Messrs Macdonald and Hunter two weeks ago, returned to Edmonton from Lac Ste. Anne on Saturday last. Mr. McNally disagreed with the other two members of the party as to the advisability of securing the services of a guide and packer in order to make better time. They had nineteen loaded horses. Macdonald and Hunter thought they could do as well without a guide, but they were met by Mr. C. G. Cowan on the Jasper trail instead of the Peace river trail and it would probably have paid them better in the long run to have accepted Mr. McNally's suggestion.

The Case Was Dismissed.

A story is told of a Glasgow baillie whose knowledge of natural history was limited. One day when on the bench the following case came before him:

A man who had a squirrel on going to the country for a short time left the squirrel in charge of a neigbor. The neighbor when attending to the animal accidentally left the door of its cage open and, without being seen, it made its escape.

On his return the owner of the squirrel was angry at the man for his carelessness and brought an action against him demanding compensation for the loss of his pet.

The baillie heard both parties and then gave the following as his decision. He said to the neighbor:

"Nae doot ye did wrang tae open the cage door, but"—turning to the pursuer—"ye was wrang, tae, for ye should hae clippit the beast's wings."

"It's a quadruped, your honor," said the man.

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