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STAMP MILL FOR BRETT GROUP.

In an interview at the coast Mr. R. T. Ward says he just secured a property in Lillooet district, which promises to be more valuable even than the Horsefly. He has personally purchased one-third of the ledge on what is known as the Brett property on McGillivray creek, and has bonded the other two-thirds for \$200,000. He has already taken steps to prove the worth of his new purchase and has left a gang of men there opening a road up the mountain side to allow him to take in a ten stamp mill this winter. He has received a tender from the Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing company for the plant which he has accepted. "Bridge River," said Mr. Ward, "will be a big camp. It is a great surprise to me to find that the ledges have been untouched for so long."

From the above Mr. Ward will have the mill on the property as soon as possible and be ready to start early in the spring. Considerable development has been done on the group of claims secured and the ledge shows an average of ten feet all through. Over one thousand tons of ore is on the dump at present, and the property is in condition that all the ore necessary to keep the mill running continuously can be taken out at any time.

The quartz, according to recent tests made by Mr. Ward were exceptionally good. No. 1 assay giving value, \$108.83, No. 2, \$45.99, and No. 3, \$170.54. The tailings showed \$2.10 per ton, and the system of testing showed that the property is free milling, and that the loss, without the use of other machinery than stamps, batteries and copper plates would be less than 2 per cent.

Mr. Deasy an experienced miner, who visited the property with Mr. Ward, was well pleased with the showings and says that it is as fine a ledge as he ever saw. He also states that the rock from the ledge can be mined and milled at an expense of \$2 per ton, or less.

The wagon road being built by Mr. Ward is being pushed forward rapidly and will be completed in a few weeks time, after which the excavation for the mill and bringing in the water, for power, will be started.

Lumber and material was taken up the lakes yesterday for buildings at the mine and will be in readiness for the machinery when it arrives.

Will Cross The Atlantic.

It can be stated on the best authority, the New York World avers, that the victorious cup defender Columbia, will participate in regular yacht races both in Mediterranean and British waters. The Columbia leaves for the other side in the early part of December and will be commanded by Charley Barr, who piloted her to victory in the contest against the Shamrock. The season in the Mediterranean begins in February and will be practically completed by April 1st. From there the flower of the fleet will voyage to Clyde and thence to Solent.

Endorsed At The Polls.

A London despatch says the parliamentary election for the Bow and Bromley division of Tower Hamlets, London,

held to replace the Hon. Lionel Healey, conservative, was fought on the governments Transvaal policy and resulted in a victory for the government, the conservative candidate being elected by 5,428 votes against 2,124 votes for the liberal and radical opponent. The conservative majority was nearly twice that secured in the election of Mr. Healey. Throughout the campaign Mr. Spencer the liberal, opposed the war in South Africa. His opposition was so persistent that he was dubbed by the conservatives throughout the canvass as "Boer Spencer." His election literature denounced Tory patriotism as "invoking the slaughter of British workman for the German millionaires of the Rand." The constituency, which is mainly of the working class, nevertheless plumped for "Chamberlain and war."

All Same Clinton.

The Ottawa Citizen states on the best authority that on Tuesday last, when the Ottawa contingent was leaving for South Africa, it was proposed that the British flag should be hoisted on the main tower of the parliament buildings in honor of the occasion. In fact, apart from the Imperial significance of event, it is usual to recognise departure of troops in war by the display of bunting. The control of the parliament buildings is vested in the department of public works of which Mr. Tarte is the head. Before assuming the responsibility of flying the flag, the minister was consulted by his subordinates, and it is asserted that he directed that the flags should not be put up on the parliament buildings.

Not At Present.

An authoritative statement was issued at Paris last Saturday denying the rumors of intended Franco-Russian intervention in the Transvaal war, declaring that France has no ground and no desire for any such intervention at the present and that Russia is likely to be placed in the same position adding that Germany is the only power directly concerned in the matter.

Notice to Travelers.

R. & W. Cumming of Pavilion, desires to thank the public for past patronage, but hereafter will discontinue keeping travelers at their place either over night or for meals.

Pavilion Mills, November 1st, 1899.

As a result of the investigation into the Scotsman disaster, at Quebec last week, Capt. Skrimshire is suspended for nine months on account of neglecting to take proper soundings and depending too much on observations he had taken the day before the disaster.

A large quantity of light freight is being brought in over the new road from Lytton. It is hoped that the government will see that an appropriation is made as soon as possible to improve the short bends and turns so as to permit four and six horse teams to work. By making this improvement heavy freight could be brought in by this route especially in the near future when the quartz mills will be brought in.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Pete Sherwood was in town from the North Fork for the past few days.

J. McPhail was in town from the Big Horne ranch for a few days this week.

Mike Malloy is down from Cadwallader where he has been working some time.

Indian Agent Lomas shot himself last Friday at Duncan's. It was a case of suicide.

John Bond of Pemberton Meadows has been appointed a justice of the peace for that section.

W. G. Duguid is busily engaged at the Seaton Lake Sawmill filling the orders now on hand.

R. & W. Cumming of Pavilion Mills in future will not accommodate travelers at their place.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors wood pile, nor roll it down the hill in his absence, even tho thy shack be unshingled.

A vestry meeting to elect a lay delegate to represent Lillooet at the Diocesan Synod, will be held in the school house tomorrow at four o'clock.

The Rev. Archdeacon Small will hold services in St. Mary's church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, not in the evening as mentioned on another page.

It is probable that the new organ for the Methodist church will arrive in time for Sundays services, and if so in the evening it will be in the nature of a song service.

A "Pickwick Club" has been formed in town to entertain its three members during the coming winter evenings. So far the gatherings have raised the Dickens with the neighboring wood piles.

E. Jones and son returned from the Bend'Or mines yesterday afternoon and will leave for their home in California tomorrow. Mr. Jones has been superintendent at the mines for the past few months.

H. Francis Twiss representing the Bridge River Prospecting Syndicate of Vancouver, returned Sunday evening from Cadwallader where he had been for a couple weeks looking over properties. He left for Vancouver Tuesday morning and will return again shortly to resume operations.

The Lorne arrastra will shut down in a few day, and Messrs. Young and Coughlin will come to town and confer with the other owners with a view of putting a stamp mill on the property. Mr. D. Hurley returned from the coast Wednesday evening where he had been looking into the matter of purchasing the necessary machinery. The chances are that a three-stamp mill will be put on this winter to be ready for work in the spring.

An insurance agent was in town for a few days this week doing business.

Gib. Ward arrived in town the first of the week from his ranch near Sucker creek.

L. McPherson returned from Bridge river Monday after an absence of a few weeks.

M. Dumond, the tinsmith is expected in todays stage from Ashcroft to look over his branch business here.

The Sharkey-Jeffries fight is to take place today, having been postponed from October 23, owing to Jeffries having injured his arm.

John Marshall and Robert B. Skinner are applying for a crown grant for the Elephant mineral claim situated on the South Fork of Bridge river.

Bishop Dontenville and Father Marchal arrived in town from the Mission yesterday afternoon and are visiting the Indians tribes in this vicinity.

Arrangements will have to be made shortly for the usual Christmas entertainments and the youngsters will once more get the benefit of the loose change.

A communication was handed into The Prospector office for publication on Thursday afternoon which will not appear owing to it being a personal matter between individuals.

Wm. Manson guide for the two Americans who are hunting big game in the Bridger River section are camped at Alexandria creek. From reports they have been successful in securing some goat.

There is some talk of one of our enterprising citizens putting in an aycetline plant to light the houses in town. The proposition will no doubt meet with success. We learn that enough lights have been guaranteed to induce the party to complete further arrangements in the matter and it will be known shortly what will be done.

F. M. Robertson, Arthur F. Noel, E. and J. Jones arrived in town from the Bend'Or mines on Cadwallader on Tuesday afternoon. The mill will be kept running as long as possible and another cleanup will be made this fall. The weather at present is very satisfactory and not cold enough to cause any trouble. Mr. Robertson left for the coast this morning.

Colonel Rives returned last evening from Ashcroft via Lytton, where he has been the past few days on business in connection with the hauling of the machinery for his company. At present two carloads is in Ashcroft and the rest will arrive shortly. Teams will be put on at once hauling lumber from the lake to the work on Cayoosh creek, and the building for the plant and living quarters will be erected at once.

THE WAR.

London, Nov. 1.—Special despatch states that Boers again closed around Ladysmith Monday night. At dawn Tuesday the big guns landed from the warship Powerful, opened fire on the Boers and silenced their guns. Boers loss very heavy.

An unconfirmed statement is published that General Buller has left Cape Town for Ladysmith.

Nov. 2.—Ladysmith despatch this morning says all is well and General White holding his position.

No truth in rumor originating in Berlin that a transport steamer had been lost on the way to South Africa.

It is hinted that Cape half breeds who were in charge of the ammunition mules at the time of the stampede Monday had been tampered with by the Boers.

General Buller arrived at the Cape on Monday and at once commenced operations.

Six companies of the Irish Fusiliers two and a half companies of the Gloucester regiment and the 10th Battery while reconnoitering drove the Boers back and also the main advance of the left driving them back with success. Owing to an accident the mules laden with all the artillery and small gun ammunition stampeded leaving the British without anything to fight with. They fixed boyanet and seizing a hill held it with heavy tors.

London, Nov. 3.—War office advised last night by governor of Natal that communication with Ladysmith interrupted since 2:30 yesterday afternoon.

Following is a list of the casualties at scene of battle where the mules stampeded. Six officers killed 9 wounded, among non-commissioned officers and men 54 killed and 231 wounded.

Later details of the bombardment on Tuesday has been received. The Boers reoccupied their old position remounting their big guns. The firing was accurate but almost harmless. The Naval men from the Warship Powerful did splendid work and quickly silenced the Boer guns. Boers acknowledge heavy losses in men and horses in the previous battle.

Belated despatches from Ladysmith estimate the Boer losses at 95 killed and 200 wounded. It is believed that the presence of the long range naval guns and splendid shooting of the blue jackets materially improved British position at Ladysmith.

The B. X. company from reports lately received will put on a stage between Lillooet and Lytton the first of the week. Arrangements have been made with the post office department for carrying the mails by this route. It quite likely that the mails will be brought in three times a week as soon as the change takes place. Nothing definite is to hand as yet what the arrangements will be for the Pavilion service.

Quite a large number of Indians who have been at the Mission during the past week attending the ceremonies held by the bishop came to town Thursday.

November 5th is Guy Fawkes day.

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RIC. A. FRASER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1899.

Vancouver is having a rather warm time with the police, council, gamblers and the sky-pilots. The chief of police according to resolutions passed at a special meeting of the council last week, will either have to stop all gambling in the city or quit his job. The chief had better quit.

The British Columbia members of the Canadian contingent to the Transvaal were royally entertained by their respective towns and given a neat sum of money on their departure. The contingent numbers one thousand men and will sail from Quebec sometime this week. Canada can easily furnish several thousand more men if necessary and can always be depended upon to assist in a just cause and her loyalty to the mother country.

A statement of the fighting strength the two Boer states in South Africa, "derived from the best authority," fixes the war strength of the Transvaal at 26,500 burghers, liable to service, of whom 14,200 are between eighteen and thirty-four years of age. The number liable to service in the Orange Free State, is stated as 20,000, and the only permanent troops maintained, a force of eighty field artillerymen. "Truth" says: "The gross total on paper comes to 46,500 for the two states, of whom probably about 25,000 are able-bodied men, in the prime of life. The latest estimate of the war strength of Great Britain is 683,770 troops, which can be swelled to 1,168,170 from India and Canada." In view of the possibilities, however, remote they may be judged, of the present war leading to trouble outside of Africa, it is to be borne in mind that, in addition to her military strength, Great Britain possesses a navy equal to that of any two other powers combined.

A wagon road into Bridge river from Seaton lake will have to be built before spring. The development and the progress of this district now demands the expenditure of a sum of money on such a wagon road. The length of the road will be in the neighborhood of fifty miles, and from good authority can be built for \$500 a mile. Considering the amount of money turned into the provincial treasury every year from this district, the amount necessary to build the proposed wagon road, would be nothing. Bridge river is entitled to a wagon road and must have it. The returns from the Bridge river section would be increased ten fold with a wagon road, and at present it is considerable nerve to tax the miner royalty on his output, when the government will not even have a decent trail into the district for the miner to take in his supplies or bring out his bullion. The road over Mission mountain up Bridge river is the route to follow for a wagon road and is the only feasible one. Lillooet does not want all the revenue produced in the province, but is undoubtedly entitled to a least a portion of the sum donated from this district to the provincial treasury.

Wipe Out the Title.

One way and the only way to abolish the absurdities incidental to the creation of queen's counsel in Ontario would be to wipe out the title. Why should the

state create artificial distinctions between lawyers any more than between doctors or ministers or merchant? True, the state has an official relationship to lawyers, but the state has also an artificial relationship to doctors. Lawyers should be left free to distinguish themselves by learning, ability and length of service, and the crown should cease trying to distinguish a lot of party favorites with titles which are no longer either useful or ornamental.—Toronto Telegram.

Vancouver to Stop Gambling.

The Vancouver city council met in special session, last Wednesday, to investigate and receive evidence regarding the alleged prevalence of gambling in that city, the meeting being for the purpose of seeing whether it might not be necessary to have a judge of the supreme court hold a commission of enquiry. There were present besides the mayor and alderman, and several prominent citizens. Rev. E. D. McLaren, one of men who recently visited the gambling dens, addressed the meeting first, reading a carefully prepared paper, in which he set forth his views on the subject, together with such evidence as he had personally gathered.

Considerable discussion followed, in the course of which several strong speeches were delivered. Alderman Skinner's remarks we print below.

Alderman Skinner said: "As a man who has gambled more or less continuously for over 30 years I think I am in a position to speak authoritatively on this subject. Gambling in my opinion is the worst vice that the human race is heir to as it is almost sure to lead to other vices. Gambling dwarfs all the good and develops all the bad trait that may be lying latent in a man's character. Feeling as I do I wish to say here that I am just as much in favor of the suppression of this vice as the reverend gentleman who has just addressed, but how are you going to do it? There are two vices that you might as well try to stop as to make a river run up hill. I refer to prostitution and gambling. Not long since the World had an editorial on the former in which it urged upon this council to take the necessary steps to dispense with the denizens of Dupont street. Now, sir, I claim that if this were done we would find ere long that recognized houses of prostitution existed in all parts of the city.

The same applies to gambling, close such places as the Savoy and Balmoral today and tomorrow they will rise phoenix-like in some other quarter. As sensible men we know that gambling in this city can not be entirely stopped, then the best course to pursue is to devise some plan whereby the evil effects may be lessened. Of course in my opinion the proper plan would be to license it and keep it under the strict supervision of the police, but unfortunately this cannot be done without having the Dominion statutes changed. But we can do this; we could so arrange that if any saloon which permitted gambling to exist behind closed doors its license would be cancelled, and while we would not issue any permit to allow gambling still it could go on in the open bar and the police could round up each place once a month and fine them so much in proportion to the number of games played. As an employer I beg to state that if I knew of any of my clerks playing black jack or any other games in such places as the Savoy I would quietly get rid of them, not because of a necessity that every young man who gambles may prove himself to be a thief, but because the temptations are so strong and the chances so great. This, sir, is my theory, what gambling goes on here should be done openly, not behind closed doors, and your clerks and mine will refrain from being seen in such places for fear of losing their positions, and thus the evil ef-

fects of gambling will be greatly mitigated."

The following is the resolution passed: "That the chief of police be notified that he is hereby given notice that the gambling must be stopped and if he cannot stop it, we will be compelled to ask him to hand in his resignation."

The question was raised by Ald. Skinner as to whether the resolution was intended to apply to the games of chance played at church bazaars and to raffles and nickel-in-the-slot machines. He was told that it applied to all forms of gambling whatsoever."

Mineral Act, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Elephant Mineral Claim. Situate in the Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet district. Where located: South Fork of Bridge River.

Take notice that we, John Marshall free miner's certificate No. 95860, and Robert B. Skinner free miner's certificate No. 17874, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this twenty-third day of October, 1899. JOHN MARSHALL, ROBERT B. SKINNER.

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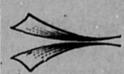
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The prospecting for copper propositions is meeting success in every portion of the great mineral west and northwest. Copper prospects are being developed into producing mines, and the mines are being capitalized in healthy, rotund figures. The investing capital in the east is hungry for copper stocks, and very many who have been content with their little holdings in small dividend paying pursuits, are parting with them and putting their money in copper securities yielding larger interest on their capital. It has taken many years to abuse the eastern mind that mining is a gamble, but the people have come to realize that mining is just as legitimate as railroading, ship-building, stock-raising or farming, and they are clamoring for mining stocks.

It is said there is no trouble to sell a copper mine in New York or in Boston. All that the would-be purchaser wishes to know is that there is merit in the mine, and that a reasonable price is wanted for it. The capitalist who can be satisfied upon these points becomes a ready purchaser. Many do not wait for sellers to come to them but, providing themselves with grips and checkbooks, go west to find the mine and the owner. Colorado, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and even inhospitable Alaska are the objective points of our eastern fortune hunters. Anywhere is their field, provided copper mines may be found. Indeed, copper is king and he wears the crown which outshines the most highly burnished gold, or the alluring sheen of silver.—Western Mining World.

Canadians Good Enough.

There cannot be much force in this cry that no officer in Canada has seen the active service necessary to qualify a soldier for the command of the handful of men in any Canadian detachment which may go to the Transvaal. Every Canadian officer who was through the rebellion of 1885 has a greater experience of active service than an overwhelming majority of the officers on whom Germany would have to lean in case of war. There is no pretence that Canada's officers are technically as well trained as German soldiers, but, if experience in active service be a disqualification for a subordinate command, then there are few qualified officers in the armies of France or Germany.—Toronto Telegram.

Miners' Dispute Settled.

The case of Madden vs. Connell was argued in the supreme court last week at Ottawa. The appellant in this case located a mining claim in British Columbia and worked it sufficiently to entitle him to a certificate of improvements on which he could obtain a crown grant. On taking the necessary steps for this certificate, respondent brought this action claiming that the appellant's claim overlapped one subsequently staked by him, the main ground of his contention being that the position of appellant's claim extended over the boundary into the United States which made void his title to the whole. The court below gave effect to this contention and gave judgment against appellant accordingly.

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WM. HAMILTON, PROP.

LOCAL ITEMS.

D. Hurley and W. E. Brett returned from the coast Wednesday evening.

Mr. O. O'Halloran the well known farmer at Pavilion was in town the first of the week.

E. Bell, Indian agent, is in town on one of his annual tours among the Indians of this section.

Judge Cornwall returned to his home at Ashcroft Tuesday morning after holding county court here Monday.

Cameron & Hurley are making regular trips from Lytton to Lilloet every Monday and Friday, returning to Lytton next day.

J. D. Ferguson after an absence of several months returned to town the first of the week and will be employed up Cayoosh creek.

Alderman R. B. Skinner of Vancouver will visit Lilloet shortly, and will probably go into the Bridge river section where he is interested.

Mr. A. Kaye assayer, who spent some time in Lilloet last year, returned to town this week from the coast and will probably go to Bridge river for the winter.

T. A. Brett, George Doherty and H. Downs returned to McGillivray creek Tuesday morning after a few days in town. They report work as going on satisfactorily on the wagon road.

J. Benson of the firm of Mackinnon & Benson, assayers and mining engineers, came up from Vancouver last Saturday and returned again next day. He expects shortly to go England on a visit.

A violin player entertained a few of our inhabitants in Santini's hall, Monday evening. What there was of the entertainment was good and the program rendered showed that the musician knew how to handle the violin.

John Mitchell and W. Bishop drove over from Clinton Tuesday returning next day. Mr. Mitchell was in town with the purpose of making a deal for Delong's blacksmith shop. Definite arrangements will be made later.

During the baseball craze part of a fence was removed at the practise ground and was not replaced. The owner of the fence, who is a good natured man, has been occupied for a couple of days getting things in shape again.

F. M. Robertson, secretary of the Bend'Or company, arrived in town last Monday accompanied by W. E. Lundie the new superintendent for the mine, and A. Naught an amalgamator. They left for Bridge river next morning and Mr. Robertson will return today with Arthur Noel.

Mr. John Bond came in from Pemberton Meadows Saturday evening and remained in town until Tuesday morning, having come to meet his daughter, Miss Phoebe Bond, who has been up the Cariboo road for some time teaching. They left Tuesday morning for home. Mr. Bond settled in the Pemberton section last spring and is very enthusiastic as to the future of that section, all that is necessary is decent transportation, and as a farming section it cannot be surpassed. In a short time if a wagon road was built quite a number of settlers would move in, as it is now the few who are improving their land, are patiently waiting for some recognition from the government.

Rev. Archdeacon Small will hold services in the Church of England on Sunday evening, November 5th.

Emma Jane Marshall who has been very ill during the past week is reported as being considerably better today.

Rev. J. E. Gardner is expected to arrive on today's stage from Lytton after an absence of several weeks in the east for medical attendance.

Tuesday night was Halloween, and as nothing was disturbed during the night, it was evident that the "kids" have tumbled to themselves.

Joseph McDonald, for some time in the registry office at Kamloops, committed suicide last Thursday by shooting himself through the head.

Robert Stoddart arrived in town Monday from Ashcroft and will go up Cayoosh creek shortly to work on the new buildings for the Gold Reefs company.

Colonel Rives went to Lytton Tuesday and will probably go to Ashcroft to complete arrangements for bringing in the machinery for the Toronto & Lilloet Gold Reefs.

County court was held here on Monday and four cases against the Dominion Gold Dredging & Placer Mining Company were heard before Judge Cornwall. The plaintiffs were employed by the company on the dredger, and work being shut down the manager left town without settling with the men or discharging them. The plaintiffs sued for wages from the time of going to work until entering suit. The judge allowed plaintiffs wages for the time worked, the defendants to pay all costs.

The Labor Question.

Editor Prospector, Sir: At the last sitting of the county court in Lilloet, October 30th, a case was decided upon which has been the subject of considerable comment since. The case referred to being the suit brought by the employees of the Dominion Gold Dredging and Placer Mining Co., to recover wages due them for the time worked and loss of time while waiting for their wages after the work was shut down, they not receiving their discharge.

While I do not question the decision of our honored judge, yet I hold it is a shame that no better protection exists for the workingman than there appears to be at the present time. What right has any company or individual to engage men to work unless they have the wherewith to pay them when the work is done, for I contend that when a man's work is done or when he receives notice that his services are no longer required, his money is due and to delay payment is nothing more or less than defrauding him of his rights. Why should he be obliged to await the convenience of the company or employer as in this instance for his hard earned money, often causing him severe loss as he waits day after day and cannot go away to some other field of labor until he gets his money. Now, sir, as such occurrences happen quite frequently in our fair province, and has become what might call an every day occurrence with the company referred to, it is time that the attention of our law makers was called to the fact and it is hoped that they shall enact such measures as will cause such companies or individuals to cease to employ men, for such concerns are only a detriment to any community and should be countenanced as common thieves.

LABOURER.

Lilloet, November 1st, 1899.

Three Big Nuggets.

The Province says what are probably the three biggest nuggets ever brought in to Vancouver were brought in by Messrs. Gibson, Brackett and Haseltine, who with Thomas Dunn and Ald. R. B. Skinner own the Caledonian and Willow creek group of claims in the Atlin country together with some claims on Wright creek. The three nuggets together are worth a thousand dollars, one of them from Wright creek being a lump of solid gold that the value of which is four hundred dollars.

The five gentlemen comprising the syndicate purchased the groups of claims last spring and have been working them all summer, their season's cleanup being in the neighborhood of \$50,000. Next year the claims will be worked by ground sluicing and hydraulicing and much better results are expected.

A Sample Claim.

The following is a sample of the "claims" that are being filed against Canada on account of the Alien Exclusion legislation passed by this province last winter. It was filed by G. Swanson who became a naturalized citizen of the United States in Wright county, Missouri, in 1886:

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES.

For being denied the privileges granted me by my free miner's certificate, of prospecting, locating, recording, buying, and selling placer claims in the district of Cassiar, British Columbia, I claim damages in the sum of	\$20,000
Cost of outfit, duty, freight, etc.....	250
Lost time, six months, at \$100 per month.....	600
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Take notice that we, John Marshall free miner's certificate No. 95860, and Robert B Skinner free miner's certificate No. 17874, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

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