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Mining News Of the District

Activity in Aspen Grove and Boulder Creek Campss—Strike on Copper Mountain.

STRIKE ON TRANSVAAL.

Mr. R. Cramer in doing assessment work on the Transvaal Fraction on Copper Mountain, uncovered a new lead of fine looking ore in an open cut he was running. The ore is a massive copper sulphide very similar in character to that of the Ada B., and judging from its appearance should carry good gold values. Sufficient work has not been done to determine the extent of the lead. The Transvaal adjoins the Sunset and Vancouver, and is owned by A. E. Howse, J. H. Duncan, T. C. Revely and G. R. Philp.

BOULDER CREEK TO THE FRONT.

Mr. A. Gallinger of Oshkosh, Wis., and Mr. Miles Silverthorne of Lytton, B. C., drove in via Nicola Lake, reaching here Tuesday.

Mr. Gallinger is going to start work on the Cousin Jack group on Boulder Creek, belonging to the Boulder Mining Co., Ltd., in which he is a heavy shareholder.

Mr. Gallinger will put 5 men to work sinking a shaft.

He also intends doing considerable development work on the Mont Maria at Aspen Grove.

FROM THE SLOCAN.

Mr. Jno. A. Kinman of Slocan City, who is interested in Aspen Grove camp, was a visitor at the STAR office this week. Mr. Kinman reports that considerable excitement has been caused in the silvery Slocan over the strike of placer gold on Cooper creek, 20 miles from Kaslo.

A BOUNDARY CONTINGENT.

C. Willarson, P. Johnson, F. Aspray, A. Bryant and J. Crawley, from Cascade, came in via Anarchist Mountain, reaching Princeton on Saturday last.

They outfitted at A. E. Howse's this week and started for Copper Mountain, where they intend doing assessment work on some claims.

Messrs. Johnson and Willarson are old timers, having prospected for a number of seasons in the Similkameen. They are the fortunate owners of Ada B. on Copper Mountain and the Mogul on Kennedy.

TO COMMENCE WORK ON GEORGIA.

Mr. J. B. Silverthorne visited Princeton last Saturday. He states that his company are going to sink a shaft on the Georgia at Aspen Grove this season, and that they intend doing sufficient work on all their Similkameen properties to get them crown granted.

Mr. T. A. Rodgers of Mountain View, Cal. accompanied Mr. Silverthorne as far as Aspen Grove.

WELL PLEASED WITH THE PORTLAND.

Messrs. Kidder and Wright who have been examining the Portland at Aspen Grove, left for Vancouver last week. They expressed themselves as highly pleased with the way the Portland and the camp in general had improved since seeing it last year. Mr. Wright says they have a strong company and intend to thoroughly and systematically open up their property. It is also their intention to develop other properties in the camp.

DEVELOPMENT OF NICOLA COAL FIELDS

By Syndicate of Vancouver Capitalists Known as Nicola Valley Iron and Coal Company.

The coal land belonging to the abovenamed syndicate is situated on the Coldwater river about two miles above its junction with the Nicola, and consists of 2661 acres, estimated to contain one hundred million tons of commercial coal, varying in quality from a good steam coal in the upper seams to a dense coking coal in the lower ones.

Mr. Chas. F. Law of Vancouver, who has conducted the work on this property, has prospected the different seams with tunnels. Seam No. 1, which is developed by a 20 foot tunnel is 5 feet thick. Seam No. 2 is the same width. Seam No. 3, on which a 30 foot tunnel has been run, is 8 feet thick. Seam No. 4, opened by a 60 foot tunnel is 11 feet wide, and seam No. 5, also opened by a 60 foot tunnel has 6 feet of coal.

The coal is cretaceous, belonging to the second period of geological time measured from the tertiary.

The seams dip toward the Coldwater river, and are believed to extend a long distance beyond their present apparent boundaries.

The following gentlemen comprise the board of directors of the company with head quarters at Vancouver:—W. H. Armstrong, of Armstrong & Morrison, contractors, Vancouver: Percy W. Evans, of Evans, Coleman & Evans; Gordon T. Legg, chairman of Vancouver Steamship Co., Vancouver; F. Carter-Cotton, Vancouver; Geo. Cowan, barrister, and Chas. F. Law.

A number of the members of the syndicate examined the property recently, and it is said to be their intention to continue development with a view to shipping their product as soon as the projected road from Midway to Spence's Bridge is built.

The following shows how the coal section is composed, and also gives an analysis of the different qualities found:—

Sandstone	32	feet.
Coal	5	"
Sandstone	89	"
Coal	5	"
Sandstone	141	"
Coal	8	"
Sandstone	136	"
Coal	11	"
Sandstone	140	"
Coal	6	"
Total, coal	35	feet.

Analysis:—

Volatile combustible	34.13
Fixed carbon	57.16
Ash	8.71
(Non-coking coal.)	100.00
Volatile combustible	36.06
Fixed carbon	61.29
Ash	2.65
(Bituminous coking coal.)	100.00
Volatile combustible	21.51
Fixed carbon	74.58
Ash	3.91
(Firm dense coal.)	100.00

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Snowden Bros. are building a cabin on their lots behind the Hotel Tulameen.

A. E. Lewis came in from the Nicola Thursday, and is now busy looking up old acquaintances.

Mr. Robt. E. Allan, familiarly known as "Dad" Allan, passed through Princeton this week on his way to Aspen Grove.

Mr. Jas. McLennan of Greenwood, came in from that place on Wednesday last. He intends spending the season prospecting in this district.

Billy Knight has closed his Academy of Music for the summer and hit the trail for Kennedy Mountain, where he intends doing work on the Invincible. We fear his departure will break up that famous organization known as the Dirty Dozen.

Will Develop Large Coal Area

British Columbia Coal Company Organized to Acquire Similkameen Coal Lands.

The British Columbia Coal Co., Ltd., was organized yesterday, with a capital of $500,000, for the development of a large area of coal lands in the Similkameen valley, extending across the valley from the Similkameen to the Tulameen rivers, adjoining the property of the Similkameen Valley Coal Co. and Sharp Syndicate's coal lands. The holdings cover an area of six square miles. The following directors have been elected by the new company which will be incorporated without delay: Dr. T. Jones, J. E. Church, J. T. McDonald, W. H. R. Collister, W. McCarter and A. Brenchley. Mr. J. Sharp was appointed secretary, and Mr. H. Mackenzie Cleland solicitor.

The new company, which will be shortly incorporated, has a large holding in the Similkameen valley, and coal outcrops on the banks of both rivers to which the property extends on either side and across the Tulameen. The fact that the coal outcrops on the banks of the river will allow of working by tunneling, which will be much cheaper than by sinking shafts. The banks at both ends of the group rise to a height of 400 feet, and on the Tulameen elevation there are three seams exposed. The first is of shale upon sandstone of about 25 feet in width, and the second of about 40 feet in width, and the third with an exposure of about thirty feet of coal. This seam lies below sandstone with about one-fourth of fire clay intervening. The group is easy of access by wagon road from Princeton, and is on the direct line of the survey for the Coast-Kootenay railway, and within five miles of the location line of the Columbia & Western extension of the C. P. R. branch connecting with the main line at Spence's Bridge.

D. P. Terrill, M. E., who is superintending the work being done by the Ocean Wave Mining Co. at Granite Creek, was a visitor to town Wednesday.

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A. E. HOWSE.

BETTER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION NEEDED.

Princeton feels the need of better means of communication with the outside world. At present it takes three weeks to get an answer to a letter from the coast cities.

This delay is very annoying when business of importance has to be transacted, and some method should be devised to improve matters.

The most feasible plan would be to extend the Government telephone system from Nicola Lake to this place.

An important centre like Princeton could give the line sufficient business to more than double its earning capacity.

Aspen Grove and Boulder Creek, two important camps from which a great deal is likely to be heard in future, would also benefit greatly from being brought into closer touch with the outside.

A GOOD REPORT.

It is pleasing to receive such reports as that published in another column from A. W. Wright of the Portland Mining Co.

Before going to Aspen Grove, Messrs. Kidder and Wright visited the principal mines of the Boundary district and examined the immense bodies of copper-gold ores for which that section is famous. Under such circumstances they were well qualified to pass an opinion on what they saw in Aspen Grove, and the fact that they were so well pleased with the camp speaks very highly for it.

The company Mr. Wright represents have a very valuable property in the Portland unless all signs fail. It has the ear marks of a big mine.

SIMILKAMEEN TOBACCO.

Word comes from Kaslo to the effect that J. C. Ryan, who operates the Soho mine in the McGuigan Basin district has bonded water power in the Similkameen for San Francisco parties who intend to irrigate largely and go in for tobacco growing. They have probably been influenced to this end, in part at least, by the success of the Kelowna growers.

THE RECORDS.

Following are the locations, certificates of work, bills of sale, etc., for the Similkameen Mining Division, recorded at Princeton during the past week.

BILLS OF SALE.

Aspen Grove—Portand, Covington, Quebec, Vicksburg; from J. E. Bates et al, to A. W. Wright.

Same group from A. W. Wright to Wm. Godfrey, trustee for Portland Mining Co.

Aspen Grove—Aggie, Westminster, Homestake; ¼ interest in each from Cornelius Murphy to W. T. Shatford.

Aspen Grove—Pearl; ¼ interest from Robt. E. Allan to W. T. Shatford.

Aspen Grove—Black Prince; ¼ interest from W. E. Boie to W. T. Shatford.

Aspen Grove—Nelson; ¼ interest from Henry B. Boie to W. T. Shatford.

LOCATIONS.

Copper Mtn.—Melbourne, Chas. H. McDiarmid.

Aspen Grove—Pittsburg, Wm. A. Angsteadt.

CERTIFICATES OF WORK.

Kennedy Mtn.—Princeton, V. F. M. & D. Co.

Copper Mtn.—Buller, F. Wampole.

Near 20-Mile Creek—Cambridge, Jas. Campbell.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Driard, Nicola Lake:—Chas. F. Law, H. B. Warren, F. W. McCready, R. D. Rorison, F. Carter-Cotton, W. H. Armstrong, Percy W. Evans, M. Silverthorne, Vancouver; M. B. Stewart, S. Tingley, Ashcroft; C. O. Rourke, Dunc. McLean, Kamloops; A. Gallinger, Oshkosh, Wis.; T. A. Rodgers, Mountain View, Cal.; D. Wilson, John Mills, Nelson; Mike Burke, Rossland.

Hotel Jackson, Princeton:—M. P. Stewart, Ashcroft; J. Clark, Nicola Lake; A. Gallinger, Oshkosh, Wis.; M. Silverthorne, Lytton; D. Black, Olalla.

An official of the Granby smelter recently stated that the Boundary had now become such a factor in the copper market that members of the copper trust were anxiously inquiring where all the copper sent out from there came from. A few years ago there was not one property in the country developed to a depth of 100 feet.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Situated on the left bank of the Similkameen River, about six miles from Princeton, commencing where a post has been planted marked south east corner J. E. Church coal claim, then 80 chains west, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, to point of commencement, in all 640 acres.

WILLIAM McCARTER, Locator.
J. CHARLES McINTOSH, Agent.
Dated March 24, 1902.

Commencing where post has been planted marked north east corner W. McCarter coal claim, thence 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, to point of commencement, in all 640 acres.

WILLIAM McCARTER, Locator.
J. CHARLES McINTOSH, Agent.
Dated March 24, 1902.

Commencing where post has been planted marked north west corner J. E. Smart coal claim, thence 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

J. E. SMART, Locator.
J. CHARLES McINTOSH, Agent.
Dated March 24, 1902.

Commencing where a post has been planted marked south west corner J. T. McInoyl coal claim, thence 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

J. T. McINOYL, Locator.
J. CHARLES McINTOSH, Agent.
Dated March 24, 1902.

Commencing where a post has been planted marked north west corner William Mable coal claim, thence 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, to point of commencement, containing in all 640 acres.

WILLIAM MABLE, Locator.
J. CHARLES McINTOSH, Agent.
Dated March 24, 1902.

Commencing where a post has been planted marked south west corner Fred Carne, Junior, thence 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chainswest, to point of commencement, containing in all 640 acres.

FRED CARNE, Jr., Locator.
J. CHARLES McINTOSH, Agent.
Dated March 24, 1902.

Commencing where a post has been planted marked south east corner A. K. McCarter coal claim, situated on the north bank of Similkameen River, about three and a half miles from Princeton, thence 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, back to point of commencement, in all 640 acres.

A. K. McCARTER, Locator.
J. CHARLES McINTOSH, Agent.
Dated March 24, 1902.

Commencing where a post has been planted on the north bank of the Similkameen River, about 1½ miles from Princeton, marked south east corner George McCoskery, thence 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, to point of commencement, in all 640 acres.

GEORGE McCOSKERY, Locator.
Dated March 24, 1902.

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Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby Co., left Saturday for Spokane after a week's stay in the Boundary, during which he inspected the Granby mines and the company's smelter at Grand Forks.

"We are getting estimates" said Mr. Graves, "of the cost of installing a large compressor plant to be operated either by electricity or by steam. The character of the motor power will be determined as soon as various estimates are figured out. If electricity should be utilized we will buy power from the Cascade Power Co., whose plant at Cascade is nearing completion. After the order is given six months will elapse before the plant is delivered. We will then be able to increase our output to 2,000 tons daily. The new equipment will have sufficient capacity to operate not only the drills but also the hoist, pumps, and subsidary machines.

"Our policy is to plan a long way ahead. We now have sufficient ore blocked out to occupy our smelter continuously for a period of between fifteen and twenty years. Withal development work will be prosecuted as vigorously in the future as in the past."—Phoenix Pioneer.

VINDICATOR STRIKE.

One of the Richest Ore Chutes Ever Opened in the Camp's History.

The Vindicator has made one of the richest strikes in the history of Cripple Creek.

A four-inch streak of fabulous ore has been opened in an upraise from the ninth level that is yielding ore running from 50 to 600 ounces to the ton. This means the ore is worth $1,000 to $12,000 on every 2,000 pounds of rock shipped. Such bonanza values, however, are always confined to narrow seams, but it does not take much to run into values. In four days $20,000 worth of the precious sand has been taken out and sacked, and is being watched by a strong guard in the mine. The ore has been followed up for 20 feet, but is still showing as rich as ever in the top of the raise. The ore rivals the Isabella strike of three years ago. The vein carrying this fabulous streak is the old Lillie ore shoot which is showing from three to four feet of ore in this upraise. The same shoot has been opened in the north drift of the ninth level, but the breast of the workings has not advanced far enough yet at that point to reach the core of the vein.

In connection with this strike, the Lillie mine in this same shoot within its lines contained a rich seam as wide as a knife blade that for months paid the expenses of the mine alone. Such is the import of such a find.—Colorado Springs Mining Record.

SECRETS OF THE PROFESSION.

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A VALUABLE FIND.

Strontium Phosphates Unearthed in Montana.

The latest thing in the mineral line from Fergus county is strontium phosphates, and the find was made at the east end of the Litt'e Rocky mountains on the south side, says the Great Falls Leader.

The principal discoverer and locator is Ed Massing, a well-known stockman of that section. Several samples of the rock have been sent to the laboratory at Helena and the owners are informed that the rock runs very high in strontium phosphates, a mineral which is described in the Standard dictionary to be "a yellowish metallic element, known chiefly through its salts, which burn with a red flame and are used largely in pyrotechny." Addisons' Encyclopædia gives the value of the mineral, refined, at $128 an ounce, while the World Almanac quotes the mineral in a crude state at $555 a ton.

DISCOVERY AN ACCIDENT.

The discovery was made by the merest accident. For years many people had passed by this point, giving no thought to the value of a ledge of white rock, like limestone, which cropped out from the hillside. As Mr. Massing was riding that way some weeks ago, accompanied by Mr. Talbot of Helena, who had been examining some silver prospects of the former's, Mr. Talbot noticed the ledge and, remarking that it was "queer-looking stuff," said he would take a piece and test it. He first thought it was gypsum, but the test disproved that theory and, securing a larger sample, he took it to Helena, and the news of its value, as before related, was the result. The entire ledge was at once located and later careful selections were made and these samples sent to mineralogists in Philadelphia. The discovery is a blanket formation from 30 to 40 feet thick and extending through the hill, where it was first found, and it is estimated the amount in sight is millions of tons.—Butte Inter-Mountain.

NATIVE COPPER.

Last week the miners in the sixth raise into the drift of the glory hole, or Pit No. 1 of the Knob Hill, as it is officially known on the mine maps, struck some native copper in the course of their daily duties in getting out their share of the thousand tons of ore that are daily sent down to the smelter. There is quite a considerable body of this pure copper, and this week more of the same kind of metal was found near the same place.

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Starting one mile from mouth of China Creek, one mile from Princeton, running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres.

ROBERT KELLY,
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Joining Kelly claim on China Creek, and running 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres.

Z. GORDON GOLDBERG,
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Joining on north line of Goldberg's claim and running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

JOSEPH MERRYFIELD,
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Joining on north line of R. Kelly's claim, and running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

JOSEPH FOSTER,
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Joining on north line of Merryfield's claim, and running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

DUNCAN GARVIN.
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Joining on north line of Foster's claim, and running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

JAMES STOTT.
S. J. SPENCER Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after date I intend to apply to Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the following described land, viz:—Commencing at a point 20 chains south of the northwest corner of my pre-emption Lot No. 908; thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

To [illegible] 160 chains to the south of Lot 721 in Nicola Division of North Yale District.

D. L. MUNRO.

Dated Aspen Grove, March 14, 1902.

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