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TRANSVAAL GROUP

HIGHLAND VALLEY

Immense Ore Bodies of Undoubted Richness--Some Tempting Offers to Purchase.

The STAR is in receipt of some interesting information regarding the Transvaal group from Wm. Knight who, as mentioned in a previous issue, has returned from Highland Valley, where the claims are located. Though Highland valley is about 100 miles from the Similkameen the intervening country is rich in mineral and proves the immense area of the belt of which it is a portion.

The Transvaal group consists of six claims. viz: Transvaal, Pretoria, Chamberlain, Imperial, Mafeking and Ladysmith, and are owned by Wm. Knight, Jas. Hosking and Geo. J. Novak, of Rossland. The locations were made in 1899. As indicative of their value an offer of $50,000 was made to purchase and rejected by the owners on completion of one assessment.

The formation is granite, and the ledge matter consists of iron sulphide containing chiefly carbonates, and oxide of copper with some sulphides. The mineral zone extends a half mile wide by two in length.

The owners of the Transvaal have done considerable work each year in open cuts and a shaft twenty-five feet deep with an even grade of ore from top to bottom. Open cuts have definitely shown that the ledge is from the center of one claim to that of another or a total of 1500 feet. Experts and practical miners say it is the biggest showing in North America.

Samples range from $5 a ton to $65; smelter test, $28 a ton. The ground is easily worked although it is a sinking proposition. There is plenty of water for mining and domestic purposes and there is also sufficient timber for mining requirements.

Owing to a disagreement beswеen the owners a sale has not been effected although some tempting offers have been made.

The Transvaal is situated fifteen miles from Spatsum, a small station on the C.P.R. eight miles below Ashcroft. A right-of-way has been cleared for a wagon road. The claims are five miles north of Fish lake in Highland Valley. Excellent fishing in the vicinity, and as a combined pleasure and mining camp it has no superior. There are fine hay meadows owned by farmers on the Thompson river who put up hay to winter stock. Twelve men are working on the wagon road from Ashcroft to the valley, the intention being to build right through and connect with the Coutlee-Savonas road at a point about six miles above Mamit lake.

Two and a half miles east of the Transvaal lies the Albatross group which shows well with ore similar to that before mentioned. Chas. Day, of Princeton, owns a group south of the valley about four miles, which looks well.

A large extent of virgin country lying south and between the valley and Nicola river and north between the valley and the Thompson river, offers a field for prospecting easy of access and of good promise.

Railway Subsidies for B.C.

According to a recent despatch from Ottawa British Columbia will fare well in the matter of railway subsidies, at least from 350 to 400 miles of road being provided for. Although it cannot be stated definitely what roads will receive aid, the total sum involved for British Columbia railways will certainly be from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000, excluding the C.P.R. and the Crow's Nest, which are trunk lines, and therefore of exceptional character.

The aid this year will exceed in amount the mileage assisted, and be much larger than the aggregate of all aid given and all mileage assisted since Confederation.

Canada's Great Illustrated Weekly.

In keeping with the progress of the age, Canada's great national home home newspaper, the weekly Globe. will be very materially improved for 1904. Numerous important changes are in contemplation, but the leading feature will be the introduction of an eight-page illustrated supplement on calendered paper. This will undoubtedly make it the most popular weekly offered to the people of the Dominion. For the production of this great paper an immense new electrotyping, photo-engraving and printing plant has been added to the Globe's mechanical equipment. Address, Globe, Toronto. Canada.

A number of Indians belonging to the Spokane Indian reserve, Wash., came into town recently on their way to Nicola to fish. No one would deny a hungry redman all the fish he required no matter where he came from, but, when a whole tribe of them come across the 49th parallel it does seem as if our own Indians would be shy a few this winter. If Uncle Sam has no fish for his Indians it is no reason they should come here and denude our lakes and streams. While it is not a casus belli, it will require some fine international diplomacy to adjust. Possibly Judge Murphy would act as one of a high joint commission to inquire into the matter.

Miss Jean Moore of Victoria arrived on last Saturday's stage to take the position of teacher in the public school.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

NEAR A STAND-OFF

Vancouver Liberals Fell Side by Side--Joseph Is No More--Brown With the Slain.

The election returns are of such a meagre and uncertain character that little credence is given the many flying reports and as a consequence there is no enthusiasm manifested by the electors of Princeton. Final and authentic information will be received by today's mail, when all speculation and anxiety will be set at rest.

In Vancouver five Conservatives were elected with appalling majorities. "Fighting Joe" Martin entered the ring once too often and received a belly blow which it is hoped may retire him for life. He was over a thousand votes behind R. G. Tatlow, while Mr. Monck, Liberal; and Socialists Stebbings and Griffiths lose their deposits.

Victoria sends four Liberals to the legislature; Nanaimo elects Hawthornthwaite, Socialist, and New Westminster makes choice of Gifford, Conservative.

Of the ministers, only Tatlow, McBride and Wilson survive; Goodeve, McPhillips, and probably Green, have fallen by the way.

"Winchester" Brown surrendered (with his rifle) to "King" Cotton on the field of Richmond and McLean fell with his face to the foe valiantly fighting for liberty and Liberalism against the outnumbering hosts of Shatford.

There remains plenty of eligible timber in the Liberal ranks to construct a cabinet if called upon to do so, among whom may be mentioned E. P. Davis, K.C., E. V. Bodwell, K.C., and Aulay Morrison, M.P., all exceptionally able and popular men, while the names of A. E. Howse and J. A. Schubert are talked of as possible candidates for this riding in the event of another general election.

Of a certainty two, if not three, cabinet ministers will have to be re-elected to make the McBride government complete. This will complicate matters very much and endangers the already critical position of the premier.

Following were elected: Conservatives —Young, Atlin; McBride, Dewdney; Pooley, Esquimalt; Fraser, Grand Forks; Fulton, Kamloops; McDonald, Lillooet; Houston, Nelson; Gifford, New Westminster; Ellison, Okanagan; Taylor, Revelstoke; Cotton, Richmond; Tatlow, Garden, Wilson, Bowser, Macgowan, Vancouver; Wright, Ymir; Green, Kaslo; Grant, Comox; Clifford, Skeena; Shatford Similkameen; and Ross, Fernie.

Liberals — McInnes, Alberni; King, Cranbrook; Murphy and Jones, Cariboo, Munro, Chilliwack; Wells, Columbia; Oliver, Delta; Brown, Greenwood; Paterson, Islands; Macdonald, Rossland; Tanner, Saanich; Drury, Cameron, McNiven, Hall, Victoria; Henderson, Yale; Evans, Cowichan.

Socialists — Hawthornthwaite, Nanaimo, and Williams, Newcastle.

Labor—Davidson, Slocan.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Driver Small Trampled on by Horses —Miss Moore's Thrilling Ride.

On arrival of the stage from Spence's Bridge last Saturday the familiar form of driver Wm. Small was missed from the box seat, D. Munro acting as relief for him. A peculiar accident occurred to Mr. Small, the full extent of which together with his dangerous injuries, are not as yet fully known. While en route from Nicola Lake to Princeton the nigh wheel horse fell broadside, the falling snow having made the footing so slippery that the horses were all tripping. Alighting to assist the fallen horse onto his feet, previously handing the reins to Miss Moore, a passenger and the only eye witness to the unfortunate affair, the leaders became restive. Seizing them by their heads he was unable to control them having gained such headway as to drag him some distance when his hold broke and poor Small fell beneath their trampling feet.

Five horses, including a led one, and the coach passed over him, leaving him bruised and unconscious on the road. All the horses were now at full gallop with the intrepid lady skilfully guiding them on their perilous flight over the mountainous narrow way. Dislocating her wrist with extreme exertion Miss Moore foresaw her only chance of escaping further injury, if not of life, was to wheel out on some inviting slope. This she did—the horses stopping from sheer exhaustion on a friendly knoll about a mile from where the unconscious driver lay. Securing the horses Miss Moore hastened to Mr. Small, then to a house two miles away for assistance, whither he was removed and medical aid procured.

Had it not been for Miss Moore's rare presence of mind and coolness nothing short of a disaster could have been averted. Mr. Small is very careful and trustworthy and esteemed by travellers and employers. It is hoped his injuries will not long detain him from his wonted position on the box.

Judge Walkem has resigned from the British Columbia judicial bench. His large knowledge of the mining industry made his services especially valuable in cases of this class.

Owing to the settlement of cases there will be no county court.

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THE BATTLE OVER.

The result of the general elections so far as known at present cannot fail of being very unsatisfactory to either the Liberal or Conservative parties. The Socialists alone may find a crumb of comfort in the fact that they have become a factor, however insignificant comparatively, in the political arena of the province. The returns received at Princeton vary, coming as they do by courier or chance messenger. Enough is known, however to base a forecaste of probabilities resulting from the very close contest throughout the province.

The latest returns, probably the most authentic, place the Conservatives at twenty-one ; Liberals, nineteen ; Socialists, two. The News-Advertiser claims a straight majority of five on its telegraphic page while on its editorial page it concedes a possible minority for the McBride government. At the time of this writing all information here has been received through Conservative channels which makes it not unlikely that in their exuberance over the defeat of Mr. McLean and the victory of Mr. Cotton in Richmond together with the total obliteration of the Liberals in Vancouver, the returns have been seasoned to suit the tastes of the Tory roisterers. Without telephone or telegraphic communication at Princeton it is impossible to verify any of the returns until the mail arrives today, just a week from the date of the election, which will be too late for the STAR to publish.

In this riding it is beyond doubt that McLean is defeated. This will cause no surprise to those Liberals who had well weighed the untoward conditions under which the candidature of Mr. McLean was begun, continued and ended. Without unity or organization the result could not have been otherwise. The shuffling of the candidates at the first Keremeos convention rang out the death knell not only of the nominee but of the party during the campaign in the Similkameen. For, many Liberals reasoned that if the delegates would not select the most popular man it would be in vain to try and reconcile differences of opinion when once the campaign began, so it was that many bolted into the opposing camp where peace and unanimity prevailed. Having a man of commanding confidence victory is certain, for a great majority of the electors are Liberal by profession, sentiment or occupation in this riding.

The legislature is officially announced to meet on the 26th of November for the 'despatch of business,' but, as at present constituted, with two Socialists holding the "balance of power," there is faint hope of any business being transacted. Taking the speaker out of the Conservative members leaves them in minority as against Liberals and Socialists combined, but, as the Socialists are a very uncertain quantity it may be they will unite with the Conservatives and thus enable them to wiggle through a session on a majority of one. Morally, the Liberals are victors and no doubt the Lieut.-Governor will, at the first opportunity, dissolve the house and send for the Liberal leader to construct a cabinet followed by a general election in ratification of the ministry.

There is a sort of grim humor in the fact that men who considered themselves stalwarts and but for whom their respective parties would crumble away, have been hurled to the nethermost shores of forgetfulness—Martin, Eberts, Brown and McPhillips—all political pigmies the country is well rid of. These men had no respect for the electors who reciprocated that feeling at the polls with a vengeance.

That there will be another general election within six months of the coming session every precedent in political procedure would seem to warrant. With a weak and vacillating personality at the head of the present administration no hope of accumulating strength in the house can be held out. He will die in the ditch he never can bridge, for he is neither architect, engineer or statesman—only a political whiffet that must pass away with all the ephemeral things of time. The Liberals must now fortify themselves and clear away the guns for action—McBride may "throw up the sponge" at any moment.

A General Banking Business

A general banking business transacted by the Bank of Hamilton. Capital $2.000,000. Reserve Fund $1.700,000. Interest allowed on Savings Bank deposits of one dollar and upwards from date of deposit to date of withdrawal. A. H. SKEY, Agent, Kamloops, B. C.

NOTICE.

Summit No. 2 mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located : Summit Camp.

Take notice that Frank Lambert, free miner's certificate No. B77121, 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 26th day of September, A.D. 1903.

FRANK LAMBERT.

R. H. ROGERS
M.A., B.C.L.
SOLICITOR
CONVEYANCER
NOTARY PUBLIC, Etc.
Hedley, B.C.
Also at FAIRVIEW, B.C.

A sitting of the County Conrt of Yale will be held at Princeton on Monday, October 12th, 1903, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

By Order,
HUGH HUNTER,
Registrar County Court.
Princeton, July 28th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Queen Alexandria and Marquis of Lorne mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, Robert Stevenson, agent for Ernest Victor Bodwell, free miner's certificate No. B7960, 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 1st day of October, A.D. 1903.

ROBERT STEVENSON.

NOTICE.

"D.C" mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located : On Otter creek, west of and near McPhail's ranch.

Take notice that I, Sydney R. Almond, acting as agent for the other owners and myself: i. e., John A. Cairns, free miner's certificate No. B 58344, James Snowden, free miner's certificate No. B72028 and Sydney R. Almond, free miner's certificate No. B71477, 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 21st day of September, A.D. 1903.

S. R. ALMOND.

TO THE PUBLIC

TAKE NOTICE from this date The Similkameen Co., L't'd, will not be responsible for any debts incurred without the authority of its President or authorized agent.

HILTON KEITH,
THE SIMILKAMEEN CO., L'T'D.
Secretary.

Vancouver, B.C., 16th Sept., 1903.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after 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 :

Situate on the Tulameen river, joining J. A Mohr's claim on the west. Commencing at a post at the N E corner thence running south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains, back to initial post in all about 640 acres.

G. S. MOHR.
J. A. Mohr, Agt.

Located Sept. 10th 1903.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after 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 J. A. Mohr's claim on the north. Commencing at a post on the S W corner thence running north 80 chains thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains back to initial post, in all about 640 acres.

C. G. MOHR, Locator,
J. A. Mohr, Agt.

Located Sept. 10th 1903.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after 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 :

Situate and Joining G. S. Mohr's claim on the north. Commencing at a post on the S E corner thence running west 80 chains ; thence north 80 chains ; thence east 80 chains ; thence south 80 chains, back to initial post, in all, 640 acres.

J. H. MOHR, Locator.
J. A. Mohr, Agt.

Located Sept. 10th 1903.

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NOTICE.

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

Commencing at a post marked Geo. R. Philp's S.W. corner, adjoining F. A. Howse's section on the north,

And running 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres.

GEO. R. PHILP, Locator,
H. W. ELLIOTT, Agent.

Dated Nicola Lake, August 12, 1903.

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 :

Commencing at a post marked E. P. Davis's N.E. corner section 26, township 91, in the district of Yale :

And running south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

E. P. DAVIS, Locator,
H. W. ELLIOTT, Agent.

Dated Nicola Lake, Aug. 11, 1903.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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 :

Commencing at a post marked L. R. Buscombe's S.E. corner adjoining D. G. Marshall's claim on the north,

And running north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

L. R. BUSCOMBE, Locator,
H. W. ELLIOTT, Agent.

Dated Nicola Lake, Aug. 12, 1903.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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 :

Commencing at a post marked G. Marshall's S.E. corner, adjoining Geo. Philp's section on the north,

And running north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

D. G. MARSHALL, Locator,
H. W. ELLIOTT, Agent.

Dated Nicola Lake, Aug. 12, 1903.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of mountain pasture land described as follows : commencing at a post marked F.A.H's S.W. corner, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to initial post.

A. E. HOWSE.

Nicola, Aug. 7, 1903.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows: commencing at a post marked F.A.H's S.W. corner, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to initial post.

FRED. A. HOWSE.

Nicola, Aug. 7, 1903.

F. W. GROVES,
A. R. COLL., SC. D.,
Civil and Mining Engineer
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Local matter crowded out of this issue.

W. C. McLean left for Nelson with a fine bunch of work horses on Friday.

"Jim" Hill went to the coast over the Hope trail on Tuesday. "Jim" thinks there will be no railway into the Similkameen until the financial stringency on Wall Street is relaxed. He will come back in the spring to supervise his varied interests here.

Last issue an error was made in stating that Mr. Johnson had removed to Mr. Barber's house. It should have read 'Mrs. Silverson's house.'

Luke Gibson has gone to Penticton for freight for the A. E. Howse Co.

M. K. Rogers of the Nickel Plate mine was in town Friday.

Driver Griffiths of the Welby stage line reports the roads from here to Penticton as very bad owing to the rains.

The "Dirty Dozen" met last night with barely a quorum. Members are scattered.

Geo. Wardle is in town enjoying a few days sightseeing.

J. Gladdin reports sleet and rain in the mountains where he is prospecting.

D. O. Day has got the gold fever and struck out for Poplar Creek, Lardeau, hoping to find that great remedy—gold.

Snow fell last Sunday to the depth of about 3 inches, the earliest for many years. It soon vanished.

Charlie Harris returned from Boulder creek Tuesday. He thinks the Cousin Jack a fine property.

It is reported that the Granby Smelter Co. have acquired the Sunset mine on Copper mountain and that they are urging immediate construction of the road recently surveyed by Mr. Killeen.

Gordon Murdoch left for the coast via Hope on Tuesday. He will be absent about ten days, during which time his blacksmith shop will be managed by Bert White of Penticton.

Dan McGillivray teamster for W. C. McLean, took a header from his bike in Hedley the other day. He looks now as if he had been run through a pulp mill.

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:—

Commencing at the N.W. corner post of Princeton townsite, situated about a half mile from Princeton on the south side of the Tulameen river.

And running 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, to point of starting, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

W. MARTIN, Locator.

Dated Princeton, October 8, 1903.

NOTICE.

Similkameen mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Kennedy mountain.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, free miner's certificate No. B72020, acting for myself and John McLean, free miner's certificate No. B51810, 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 3rd day of October, 1903.

F. W. GROVES.

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:—

Commencing at a post on the south bank of Nine-mile creek, one mile from the mouth of Whipsaw creek.

And running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres. To be known as the J. A. Gilker coal claim.

W. C. MCLEAN, Locator.

Dated Princeton, Sept. 29, 1903.

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:—

Commencing at a post on the west bank of Nine-mile creek, one mile from the mouth of Whipsaw creek.

And running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less. To be known as the J. A. Gilson coal claim. W. C. MCLEAN, Locator,

Dated Princeton, Sept. 29, 1903.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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:—

Commencing at a post marked J. A. Mohr's N.W. corner.

And running 80 chains south, 80 chains east 80 chains north, 80 chains west, back to initial post, in all 640 acres.

J. A. MOHR.

Located 8th September, 1903.

Administrator's Notice.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF YALE:

In the matter of John D. McEachern, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by an order made in this Honorable Court, dated the 19th day of September, A.D. 1903, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate of the above named John D. McEachern, late of Otter Valley, in the District of Yale, in the Province of British Columbia, farmer, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased are requested to send the same, duly verified, to the undersigned, on or before the 1st day of November, A.D. 1903, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to remit the amount of such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated the 16th day of September, A.D. 1903.

ALEC. B. MACINTYRE,
Official Administrator, County of Yale.

Kamloops, B.C.

NOTICE.

Triangle Fraction mineral claim. Situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, Herbert H. Thomas, free miner's certificate No. B72023, for myself and as agent for Arthur E. Thomas, free miner's certificate No. B72022, and William H. Thomas, free miner's certificate No. B72024, 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 8th day of August, 1903.

HERBERT H. THOMAS.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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 about two miles south of D. D. McInnes's ranch,

Commencing at a post, thence running west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains, north 80 chains, back to post, in all 640 acres.

L. L. WHITWELL,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Located Sept. 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post situated at the north-east corner of J. M. Hitching's coal location and running 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, back to post, in all 640 acres.

D. M. FRENCH,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Located Sept. 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post situated at the north-east corner of D. M. French's coal location, and running 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, back to post, in all 640 acres.

L. L. FRENCH,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Located Sept. 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post situated at the north-east corner, of D. M. French's coal claim and running east eighty chains, south eighty chains, west eighty chains, north eighty chains, back to post, in all 640 acres.

F. R. WHITWELL,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Located Sept. 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post about 3 miles north of L. L. French's coal claim, and running south eighty chains, east eighty chains, north eighty chains, west eighty chains, back to post, in all 640 acres.

H. MCCALLISTER,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Located Aug. 20, 1903.

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Humorous.

A swell who conversed the other evening with two ladies to whom nature had denied the gift of speech, called it "a little exercise with the dumb belles."

Many a man can see where his wife would have made a good railway section boss but for the accident of sex.

Farmer's wife—"Please, sir, I want one o' them things as reggylates the 'eat of a room." Chemist—"Thermometer you mean, ma'am, I suppose." Farmer's wife (eagerly)—"Yes, sir; that's it, sir. And if you'll be so kind, sir, to set it to sixty-five I shall be much obliged; 'cause that's what the doctor says I'm to keep the room at."

"Johnny," said the teacher of the juvenile grammar class, "what is the past tense of migrate?" "My gracious," promptly answered Johnny.

"How did that love affair of Jones and the Sniffkins girl come out?" "It's all over now." "That's too bad; how'd it happen?" "Same old way; they're married."

Some men who believe in the division of labor let their wives do all the work and they do the rest.

An old Scotch woman, when advised by her minister to take snuff to keep herself awake during the sermon, replied: "Why dinna ye put the snuff in the sermon, mon?"

Sunday School Teacher—Now, Tommy what do we learn from the parable of the prodigal son? Tommy—That it is better to be a prodigal son than a fatted calf.

A Thought.

Yon sail on the horizon's verge
Doth like a wandering spirit seem—
A shadow in a sea of light,—
The passing of a dream.

A moment more and it is gone!
We know not how—we know not where;
It came—an instant stay'd—and then
It vanish'd into air.

Such are we all—we sail awhile
In joy on life's fair summer sea;
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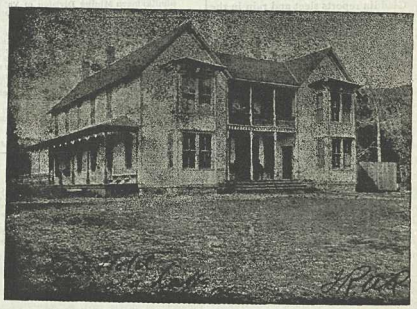

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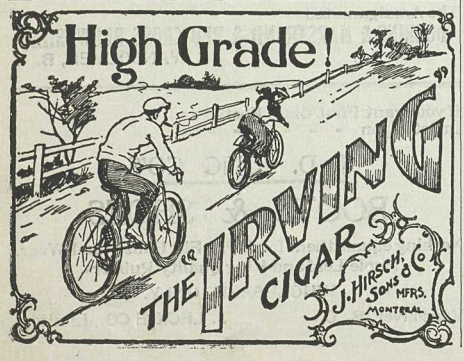

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DRY-PLACER GOLD.

Edison's New Invention for Saving the Precious Metal.

Thomas A. Edison has announced an invention for winning gold from placer sands without washing. Gold-bearing sands have hitherto been cradled, or swished through flumes with riffles to catch the gold, or dredged—especially in Australia—by a machine which takes the gravel up from river bottoms or swamps and separates the gold in riffled flumes on the dredger. But in the United States alone there are nearly 100,000 acres of gold-bearing sands in desert regions where the absence of water makes the ordinary methods impracticable. Thus the need of the invention, although, to be sure, there is the century-old Mexican riffle-board. Grooves or ridges are constructed transversely on a long board which is shaken and joggled. A current of air from a bellows blows the sand the length of the board and out, while the heavier gold settles in the grooves and is swept out at intervals.

During the past year there has been a revival of interest in dry-placer machines due in part to the practical stoppage of wet-placer operations in California because of the debris discharged on top of the fertile farm lands lower down the streams, and partly to the announcements of new placers of great richness discovered in California.

In the new invention for working such placers as these a large volume of air is blown through a horizontal pipe against and through a transversely placed wire screen, to split up the air, so to speak, and equalize the pressure, thus avoiding eddies and back currents. The regulated air current next meets a falling sheet of placer sand, and catching up the particles which are lighter (usually the sand) carries them over to the further set of open shutters placed transversely to the pipe across its bottom, whence it is diverted into a separate discharge hopper. Other shutters and hoppers placed nearest the ore sand entrance catch the heavier gold particles and carry them into the locked gold-drawers, the intermediate shutters catching the gold-bearing black sands.

Most inventors of dry-placer machines would appear to have reasoned—"Sand and gold, the latter eight times heavier than the former—any kind of specific gravity separator will do!" But it will not do. Most geologists agree that placer gold has been deposited from gold-bearing solutions. Something in the sand caused the gold to stop or precipitate there. These precipitations grew with the passing ages and replenished the solutions, until sometimes the original gold attractor was completely replaced, wherefore to-day we have flat or ovoid nuggets. Other gold particles fell off the gold collector either by later abrasion of sand on sand or by unequal precipitation and these flat shimmering gold scales provide the "flour gold." Thus any good dry-placer machine will save the majority of the coarse gold nuggets, a very few will save a part or all of the black sand and gold, but none of them has yet succeeded in recovering the flour gold. But for that matter, flour gold saving is the gold worker's great problem in any process. In dry-placers flour gold seldom represents less than 30 per cent. of the total gold content, the coarse gold ranging from 40 to 70 per cent. in weight, while the black sands, if present, contain from nothing to 30 per cent. of the gold and sometimes an overwhelming proportion.

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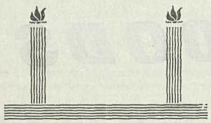

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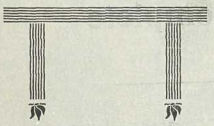

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