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OLD GRANITE CREEK

May Yet Retrieve Its Old-Time Fame By Its Harvest of Gold.

News from Granite Creek of the recent gold strike, though fragmentary, continues to bear out the encouraging report made last week in the STAR. Further prospecting has revealed a fine showing of quartz, which is, however, considerably broken up.

At a very conservative estimate a good quantity will run from \$400 to \$500 per ton, while a larger body would run from \$25 to \$30 per ton. The formation is schist with lime on one side.

From the way the lead can be traced it shows from 12 to 15 feet wide and can be traced about five miles on both sides of the creek. It has not been prospected much but it is reported gold has been found in the rock by a few of the locators.

Messrs. Van Mills, Baker, Wampole, Day, French, McCroskie and Macdonald have gone and altogether about fifty prospectors are now in this gold belt.

Last year it was creditably reported about \$2,000 in placer gold and about \$700 of platinum were taken from Granite Creek by the Chinese. In the early days fortunes were made placing, now, however, all eyes are fixed on gold in the rock and it is believed that Granite Creek will yet regain its former prestige as a gold producer.

Hedley News.

Mrs. Hardwick who has lately under gone an operation, is recovering.

Freighters are in demand owing to the large amount of material on the road for the stamp mill.

A social under the auspices of the ladies of Hedley has been held for the purpose of raising funds necessary to purchase an organ for the Methodist church which is in process of construction.

Laborers are in urgent demand at \$2.50 per day.

Dan Johnson, an employee on the stamp mill building, had the misfortune on Wednesday last to fall from the roof breaking bones in his shoulder and receiving contusions of head and body. As there is no telephone, a messenger was dispatched to Princeton, 25 miles, for Dr. Whillans, the time made on horseback, between the two places being 2 1/2 hours. The patient is doing well.

The Tillman saw mill is being set up at Similkameen City where it will cut a million feet of lumber for the Nickel Plate.

F. W. Groves, P.L.S., of Princeton, is here making surveys of several mining properties.

Rev. Hedley has left for the east, he having been appointed to a church at St. Catharines, Ontario.

Word from Spokane states that Frank Bailey, the promoter, broke his leg and is in hospital.

AN UNDOUBTED AUTHORITY ON RAILWAY

PASSES VIA HOPE MOUNTAINS

Frank Moberly, C.E., Clearly Describes the Routes
Available for Railway Through Hope Range

--Similkameen Choicest Part of B.C.

--Governments to Blame for
Delay in Construction.

EDITOR STAR.—Sir: The railway question is one the Similkameen people are entitled to kick about, and to kick vigorously, as it is a portion of the province that has been most shamefully neglected and has been used more as a shuttlecock by successive governments than as a valuable asset and revenue producer as it should have been.

The Similkameen has been more favored by nature than any other portion of British Columbia in that it is rich in agricultural and grazing land capable of producing grains, vegetables and fruits of all kinds. Lands so situated that they are enriched each year by the wash from the mountain sides the farmer need never be afraid of exhausting the land. Besides the land there are large and rich deposits of mineral, including coal and gold. There is abundance of timber. The land is easily cleared, and yet this magnificent country is lying practically fallow. And why? Because of want of transportation, and this again has been caused by an unfounded fear of the difficulties of railway construction through the Hope mountains.

To make connection with the Boundary country and the coast there now lacks the link between Midway and the mouth of the Fraser river and to make this connection there are at least four feasible routes through the Hope mountains, viz: via Allison Pass, Skiaist Pass, Coquihalla Pass and Railway Pass; the last of these, although the shortest, owing to difficulties of construction and maintenance, may be counted out. The other three vary in length from the mouth of the Fraser river to Midway as follows:

Allison Pass.....	299 miles.
Skiaist Pass.....	284 "
Coquihalla Pass.....	287 "

In passing, I might say the Allison Pass is at the headwaters of the Similkameen and Upper Skiaist; the Skiaist at the headwaters of the south branch of the Tulameen and Skiaist rivers, and the Coquihalla at the headwaters of the Coquihalla and Coldwater rivers.

In regard to cost of construction these different routes figure out within a few hundred dollars of each other and average about \$35,000 per mile fully equipped for traffic; but in other respects there is

a vast difference, the balance being largely in favor of the route via Coquihalla Pass both in regard to the country opened up and of grades. This route would follow the Tulameen river from Princeton to Tulameen city, thence up the Otter and West Otter creeks, crossing at the head of the latter to the Coldwater river, which it follows to its head, crossing to the Coquihalla river which it follows to its junction with the Fraser; thence by south bank of that river to the coast. The whole of this line, except about 30 miles, would pass through a good ranching country, and the 30 miles show every indication of being rich in mineral of economic value. It would, by means of short branch lines give easy access to the mining properties along the Similkameen and Tulameen rivers, and by way of the Coldwater valley to the Nicola coal fields. It also passes practically through the Similkameen and Collins creek coal beds so that no other route could so generally serve the country at large and at the same time afford the easiest line to construct and operate.

I noticed some indications of a change of climate in the Similkameen in that there are considerable patches of thick second growth of yellow or bull pine springing up in places. If considerable areas of this second growth were encouraged and in some way protected, in a very short time all need of irrigation would be done away with.

I am, yours &c.,

FRANK MOBERLY, C.E.

Liberals Organize.

A message received at the STAR office from Duncan Ross, secretary of the Interior District Liberal Council, states that he will be in Princeton about the 18th, for the purpose of organizing Liberals for the campaign. Every man who has any party affinity should not fail to identify himself with it. The nondescript in political or social life is but a shadow, shortened or elongated by the larger orbs round which he revolves. The orderly, systematic and successful conduct of a campaign rests on the work of organization and no Liberal should fail to share in that work.

For want of space local news has been left over. See third page for a few items.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS

Business Men Preferable to Lawyers as Legislators—Sound Doctrine.

Politics will soon be assuming a warm phase and each party will be putting forth claims for the right to rule the country for the next four years. But if Conservatism means adherence to the old established game of grab, and, if Liberalism means the giving away of the people's rights and property to political grafters and rapacious corporations, then the two terms are synonymous and do not even leave the country the doubtful chance of choosing between two evils. The country has been so long cursed with wrong that we would like to have a season of right if only for experiments sake. In order to get a government that will be in the interests of the country we believe the next parliament should be made up of hard-headed business men whose interests are identical with the interests of the country at large. Too many lawyers in the house are like too many cooks in the kitchen—they create trouble and spoil things, and even when they fall out the country does not get its own. The old rule does not work so well with the lawyer as with his brother professional.

The Nicola "Independent" incidentally remarks that newspapers police the country more effectively than the regular blue-coated article, who is forever moving people on until he gets the street clear, and then retires to the back door of some temple of Bacchus to receive the reward of his vigilance. Although the "Independent" has not drawn the salary for so doing, yet it has done more to maintain peace and quiet of this district than the brave officer who signs his name to the pay roll. We were going to say that we never failed to denounce crime, and hold it up to the execration of all good people. But we are not able to do quite so far as that, we have two horses on the range and have been compelled to draw the line at horse stealing.—(Com.)

Persistence Conquers.

The Orlala Copper Mining and Smelting Co., under the management of W. C. McDougall, has lately struck a body of ore in the Bullion that is 8 feet wide and averages 16 in gold and 12 per cent, in copper. Now, the wisecracks who formerly shook the head when the Bullion was mentioned, are saying: "I told you so." Several noted mining experts have condemned the Bullion, yet Mr. McDougall has persevered in its development in spite of great difficulties. He is an energetic promoter and mine manager and the credit for the recent gratifying discovery is due to him alone.

James Hislop, P.L.S., left on Monday for Orlala, where he is engaged in making surveys for a water power installation to operate a mine.

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"TO BE OR NOT TO BE?"

Though the above heading would seem to indicate a Shakespearean, or poetical mood, there is no intention to do otherwise than make some pointed references to that most prosaic of all life's affairs—business. There is a woful apathy throughout the Similkameen generally and some places in particular, regarding matters of political, social and business interest. This indifference is often the precursor of a gloomy stupor that means death to the town or district affected for a longer or shorter period—it usually lasts until there is an infusion of new blood or a radical shaking up of the old dry bones.

If the town of Princeton and the Similkameen district have not had fair treatment at the hands of the Dominion and Provincial governments it is partially because there has not been that cohesiveness and shoulder to shoulder movement which is so necessary for the full development of any town or community. Other towns and districts in the Province have had their wants supplied even beyond anticipation and that, too, where there was no municipal organization. Then why may not Princeton and district which contribute so largely to the revenues of the Province, have some of the appropriations and improvements to which they are rightfully entitled?

For instance: Golden, a town in the Rockies on the Kicking Horse river, has, from personal knowledge, received large sums of money from the Dominion government for mattrassing and riprapp work on the river to preserve the town from washouts. The Provincial government supports a hospital, grades the streets, lays sidewalks, polices the town and would light it no doubt, but for the modesty of the citizens in not asking for it. The secret of it all lies in the unity of purpose and practical loyalty with which they undertake things. There is a board of trade, also two political organizations there and when any of these three fail in getting the ear of the government, or what is much better, the ducats, they all combine, backed by all the

people with a huge petition, and that does the trick.

Princeton has streets to grade, sidewalks to lay, river banks to conserve and thus prevent a beautiful townsite from being defaced, it requires a railway, and it needs now a telephone service such as the Dominion government built from Kelowna to Windermere (80 miles). To get all this Princeton should have first of all, a board of trade, composed of farmers, miners, business men and all who choose to be identified in this forward movement; one, if not two, political organizations, and all these backed by a united people, cannot fail in having many grievances redressed. Let us then as good citizens and neighbors fling away prejudices, personalities and jealousies and put on courage, generosity and an optimistic faith in the future of the Similkameen, and having all these, as a gerdon, the railway will come and come quickly.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

95,000,000 miles distant from the sun and only 140 miles from Vancouver via the Hope passes, yet we get light and heat from old Sol four days quicker than we can get a match from Vancouver to make our own light and heat with. The discrepancy is too great; we must either have a railway or move to Vancouver.

What a God-blessed valley this is with its beautiful climate, its wealth of lovely wild flowers and wild fruit, the grand old hills and mountains on which roam thousands of cattle, sheep and deer, the playful and wild toothsome trout in the sparkling streams and the precious metals awaiting the deft touch of the miner. Yet the Similkameen district is today stagnant, depressed and almost damned by reason of the stupid, criminal neglect of the country by the politico-bunco men in the legislative halls at Victoria.

Crucified on the cross of public opinion—may that be the epitaph of all political grafters and corruptionists after the next provincial elections.

CHURCH NOTICE.

July 19, Princeton, service 3 p.m.
" 26, " " " 7 " "

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A. R. COLL., SC. D.,

Civil and Mining Engineer
PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYOR.

UNDERGROUND SURVEYS.

PRINCETON, - - B. C.

NOTICE.

TO HOTEL AND SALOON KEEPERS AND OTHERS: TAKE NOTICE, that by order of giving W. E. WELBY, of Penticton, intoxicating liquor will be prosecuted to the extent of the law. BY ORDER.

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 initial post on the north fork of Granite Creek and running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres.
Located June 23, 1903.

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

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

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C. O. FRENCH, Locator.
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of George M. Stump, late of Hedley City, in the County of Yale, P. Minter, now deceased, who died in the Month of July, 1902, and of whose estate and effects Letters of Administration were, on the 29th day of May, 1903, granted by the Supreme Court of British Columbia to William Francis Cameron of Vernon in said county, Merchant, are required to send in particulars of the same to the undersigned, duly verified by statutory declaration on or before the 1st day of July, 1903.

And Notice is hereby further given that after the date last mentioned the Administrator will proceed to distribute the proceeds of the said Estate amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which he then shall have had notice and he shall not be liable for any claims of which he shall not have received notice.

FRED BILLINGS,
Solicitor for Administrator.

Dated at Vernon, June 6th, 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:—
Situated on Nine Mile Creek, west of Lang's location:—
And running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, and 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.
R. O. CRAMER,
S. SPENCER, Agent.

Located 25th May, 1903.
And, west of French's location, running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, and 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.
J. McFARLANE,
S. SPENCER, Agent.

Located 25th May, 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 south bank of the Similkameen River about one mile from Princeton
Commencing at north east corner of W. C. McPherson's coal claim and running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres.
E. N. OUMETTE.

Located June 11, 1903.

NOTICE.

Humbolt Mineral Claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located—On Copper Mountain, about 600 feet south of the Helen Gardner Mineral Claim.

Take Notice that we, William Alfred Cooper and Alfred Joseph Cooper, Free Miners' Certificates B3474 and B3743, respectively, intend, 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 Thirtieth day of May, A. D. 1903.
WILLIAM ALFRED COOPER,
ALFRED JOSEPH COOPER.

NOTICE.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Intoxicators in the town of Hedley City in the District of Yale and Province of British Columbia, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.
Dated at Hedley City this 15th day of May, A. D. 1903.
Witness: CARL NELSON,
SERVE MCKAY, ANDREW MCHERMOTT.

NOTICE.

Copper Cliff and Copper Bluff Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located—Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, Peter Edmond Wilson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B3746, 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 29th day of April, A. D. 1903. j 20

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 250 acres of mountain pasture land in the Nicola Division of Yale District, described as follows:—Commencing at a stake at the north-east corner of Lot 205, running thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement Aspen Grove, April 21, 1903. W. A. DONNA. j 20

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Estimate of Values in Granby Consolidated Ores.

The following taken from the Phoenix Pioneer will be found of interest to miners and mine owners in the Similkameen. If ore of such low grade can be worked at a profit at the Granby how much more could be realized from the Similkameen ores where conditions and values are believed to be more favorable. All that is required here is a smelter to verify this statement:

"Granby Consolidated is described by those who have recently inspected it as a mining proposition of tremendous possibilities. Its ore body is fully proved for 2,500 feet in length by 400 feet in width and 300 feet deep, making a total of fully 20,000,000 tons in sight. This ore is not broken by dikes or other rock intrusions and carries enough iron, sulphur, silica, etc., to make it a good smelting proposition. It is figured out that it can be mined at a cost of \$1 per ton; and it is believed that it can be ultimately smelted for another dollar per ton, though this is yet to be demonstrated.

The ore has a value of \$5.50 to \$5 per ton, yielding from 25 to 27 pounds of fine copper and \$1.75 in gold and silver. It costs from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents per pound for refining and freight on the bullion from the time it leaves the smelter till it is

ready for sale in the market at New York. If the ore can be handled and all costs met with a total expenditure of \$3.50 for each ton, therefore, it will represent only 7 cents per pound cost for the copper.

The company now has four furnaces and is installing two more. The six will be capable of treating 2,000 to 2,500 tons of ore per day. With copper selling at 14 1/2 cents per pound there should be a net profit of \$1.80 per ton on the ore treated, or at the rate of \$1,296,000 to \$1,620,000 annually, equivalent to better than a dollar per share on the company's outstanding stock.

At present smelting operations are curtailed by inability to get an adequate supply of coke. This trouble will be remedied shortly. Coke costs \$5.50 per ton at the smelter. Miners are paid \$3.50 per day and surface men \$3. It is the plan of the management to continue smelting operations as at present until the matter of coke has been fully demonstrated, after which the question of doubling the number of furnaces will receive attention. In the meantime additional exploratory work is being done.

It is declared that the estimate of 20,000,000 tons of ore in sight is very conservative. It is based on a measurement of 2,500 feet in length and a depth of 300 feet, while a shaft is already down 100 feet deeper, and in ore all the way. John Stanton believes the Granby will make its copper at a cost of 7 cents per pound.

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LIBERAL PLATFORM

12 Sound Planks Upon Which Liberals Will Rally for Victory.

The Liberal platform, as adopted at the Provincial Liberal Convention held at Vancouver, is as follows:

1. The immediate redistribution of the constituencies of the province on the basis of population, but allowing a smaller unit of population per seat for the outlying districts.

2. Government ownership, Dominion, provincial and municipal, of public services of utilities is sound and should be carried out in British Columbia.

3. Should it be advisable at any time to grant aid to a railway company such shall be in cash and not in land and no bonus of any kind shall be given without definite and effective means being taken to safeguard the interests of the province in the management of the road, control of the freight and passenger rates and provision made against such railway having any liability against it except for actual cost.

4. Immediate construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway, the Cariboo railway, the extension of the Island railway, a railway from Alberni to a point on the east coast of the island, a road in the northern part of the province from the coast to the eastern boundary with an extension to the northern boundary, the railway from Vernon to Midway by north fork of Kettle river, with necessary branch lines, ferries and connections.

5. The enforcement of the act now in force compelling the scaling of logs by government scalers.

6. That such legislation should be enacted as will result in making the lands included in the various dyking areas available for cultivation as quickly as possible and secure prompt payments of assessments when due.

7. That the government should keep in touch with the conditions in connection with mining, protecting said industry against combines and trusts and if necessary for the purpose build and operate smelters and refineries. No reasonable change should be made in the mining laws without full notice to all parties interested, giving full opportunity for discussion and criticism.

8. As the province can only advance by the settlement within its borders of thrifty and prosperous citizens, and as Orientals never become citizens in any proper sense of the word, we declare it to be the duty of the government to discourage Oriental immigration and employment by every means within its power, and we appeal to our fellow Liberals throughout the Dominion to aid us in our efforts to protect ourselves against the ruinous competition of men having a standard of decency and comfort immensely below that of civilized people, and who shirk every duty and obligation of citizenship which the law will allow them to escape.

9. The government ought to prevent the waste and suffering caused by strikes and lockouts, and an earnest effort ought to be made to provide some means of preventing such strikes and lockouts, and we approve the adoption of compulsory arbitration.

10. The fiscal system of the province is in need of revision. Taxation should bear upon privilege rather than upon industry, and no addition should be made to the debt of the province except for public works properly chargeable to capital.

11. The retaining of the resources of the province as an asset for the benefit of the people and taking effective measures to prevent the alienation of the public domain except to actual, bona fide business or other purpose, putting an end to the practice of speculation in connection with the same.

12. The construction and maintenance of roads throughout the province to aid in the development of the mining and agricultural districts.

Nickel Plate Stamp Mill.

Construction is proceeding steadily on the flume and stamp mill at Hedley, twenty miles down river from Princeton. It is stated that upon the completion of the mill the erection of a smelter on the Indian reserve land will be commenced. The smelter and stamp mill will be the property of the Yale Reduction Works, and it will treat custom ores, especially yellow copper ores when the plant is in operation, which is expected to be in about eighteen months. Copper ores will be needed in smelting the arsenical iron of the Nickel Plate mine. Up to the present time it is estimated there has been expended on the whole works a million and a half dollars.

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