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LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

PROSPECTORS OFF

Smelter Question Acute—Surveying Coal Claims—Another Newspaper for the Okanagan.

It is reported that M. K. Rodgers has sent an ultimatum to Ottawa informing the government that he is ready to build the smelter at Hedley on the original terms, failing in which he would remove to Uncle Sam's country and ship the ore there.

C. Willerson and P. Johnson pulled out with their pack train on Thursday morning for Kennedy mountain where they have a large amount of assessment work to do.

F. W. Groves, P.L.S., C. and J. Snowden and J. H. Jackson were running the lines for the latter's ranch at Otter Flat during the week. Water being too high the survey of Mr. Frembd's ranch was postponed.

The condition of "Smoky" Chisholm recently shot by Steve Brooks, has not taken a serious turn as yet, which is largely due to the skilful treatment of Dr. McPhail. The shattered bone of his leg is being removed in small particles while the wound itself is healthy and comparatively free of pus.

G. H. Dawson, P.L.S., of Vancouver, with a Mr. Fitzsimmons, arrived at Otter Flat last Saturday for the purpose of surveying some coal claims in that vicinity.

Joe Fitzharris left Thursday morning for Elliott creek, where he will do some assessment work on his mineral claims. His property is not far from the celebrated Cousin Jack and is similar in character and formation.

A newspaper will shortly be started at Kelowna by Walpole Murdoch, until recently editor of the Hartney Star, Manitoba. The paper will be strictly neutral in politics.

Fred Revely came up from Hedley on a business mission during the week.

WEDDING BELLS.

The marriage of a Princetonian at Tacoma on the 4th inst. has been the cause of a shower of congratulations from many friends. The happy pair, A. F. Gwin, and Miss Sadie White, of Wichita, Kansas, were made one at the home of W. C. Spicer, the treasurer of the Yreka copper company. Mr. Gwin is largely interested in mineral claims in the Similkameen and is favorably known throughout the province in mining circles. After the honeymoon Mr. Gwin is expected to make his permanent address at Princeton. The STAR wishes both bon voyage over the sea of marital life.

George Aldous leaves for Vancouver to-morrow morning having received intimation that the serious illness of his wife forbade even slight hope of recovery.

J. McFarlane has been acting as deputy government agent lately and "fills the bill" with perfect satisfaction to all.

Dr. Macdonald, dentist, was at Kelowna last week on his professional tour of the Okanagan and Similkameen valleys.

HEDLEY HAPPENINGS.

Respected Employee Departs—Trapper's Perilous Condition.

Hedley, April 19 —D. J. McNally, who superintended the construction of the stamp mill here for the Daly Reduction Co. of this place, left on last Friday's stage for his home at Nelson, B.C. He has been engaged by a company operating in the Ymir district to erect a 10-stamp mill there. Mr. McNally made hosts of warm friends while here, whose best wishes will follow him.

H. M. Herking arrived last week from California to take a position with the Daly Reduction Co. as amalgamator.

Wm. Dunn returned recently from a four months' trapping and hunting trip in the Ashnola mountains. He had the misfortune to injure his leg and was closely confined to camp for a period of six weeks. Had he not been well supplied with provisions his condition would have been precarious in the extreme.

C. Schilling has about finished his contract for burning lime for the large, new hotel.

L. W. Shatford, M.L.A., held a meeting Saturday night in the Methodist church for the purpose of accounting for his stewardship during the session. He stated in regard to the Coast Kootenay that negotiations were now being carried on for the purpose of having the road constructed at an early date. Speaking of the increased taxes being levied on the business portion of the community he was of opinion that this increase was temporary. He said the friends of labor should be gratified that the increased taxes were not being collected from the working men; but he evidently forgot to mention that the government discussed the advisability of raising the poll tax to $5 and was only prevented from doing so by Hawthornthwaite, the Socialist. SCRUTATOR.

Luke Gibson shot a male swan on his lake that measured ten feet from tip to tip. He presented it to "Grandad," who has sent it to the taxidermist at Vernon.

Driver Chenall of the Nicola royal mail line was over a day late with the mail due on Saturday owing to the frightful condition of the roads. He had to detach the horses and pack the mail as the water was too deep on the road, making necessary a long detour. Otter creek is higher than has been known for years resulting from the excessively warm weather of last week.

TELEPHONE WANTED

RESOLUTION SENT

The Line to be Extended to Princeton if Government will Grant the Reasonable Request.

The branches of the Niclola provincial mining association held a union meeting at Coutlee recently when a resolution was unanimously adopted urging upon the Dominion government to extend the Nicola telephone service to Princeton and Penticton including all intermediate towns along the route of some 150 miles. The need of the telephone line is one of the crying necessities of the day, for it is doubtful if there is a district in the whole world where there are so many mining camps and other centres as are found in the Similkameen, without a railroad or telephone communication. There can be no doubt that the Liberal government at Ottawa will grant the plea of the resolution since no argument can be offered in denial of it. The tenor of the resolution indicates a cordial disposition on the part of the Nicola mining association to lend a 'helping hand' to the Similkameen in its extremities and shows also the good purposes to which any association or board of trade may be put. The Kamloops Sentinel, which always takes a kindly interest in the Similkameen, says: "Similar resolutions have already been passed by the Princeton board of trade, and it is hoped the efforts thus put forth will be crowned with the success that should undoubtedly attend them:"

Moved by A. E. Howse, seconded by G. B. Armstrong, and resolved: "That whereas, the Nicola and Similkameen sections of southern British Columbia are among the earliest settled portions of the province and contain large areas of agricultural and mineral lands, the development of which is greatly retarded by lack of adequate mail and telephone facilities;

And, whereas, for the past thirty-four years the settlers of these valleys have contributed to the revenue of the Dominion nearly one million dollars, and received less than fifty thousand dollars in return, chiefly in mail service and a telephone line from Kamloops to Lower Nicola,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Nicola-Aspen Grove and the Lower Nicola-Coutlee branches of the provincial mining association, jointly in session assembled at Coutlee, do urge upon the department of public works at Ottawa the necessity of constructing immediately a telephone line to connect Spence's Bridge station on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway with Lower Nicola and thence via Aspen Grove, Otter Valley, Granite creek, Princeton, Hedley and Keremeos to Penticton.

And, be it further resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting the construction of this much needed work would be an important factor in developing these great valleys, producing a satisfactory revenue, and will be greatly appreciated by the people."

LIKES THE SIMILKAMEEN.

Spying Out the Land with a View to Future Investment.

J. McQuarrie, of Methow, Wash., was in town during the week having come over the trail via Midway. He has been mining at Slate creek, Wash., and reports large mining and milling operations in that country. There is no railroad in there but he understood a party of railway engineers were at work near there heading for B.C. Twisp, the name of the camp, is over 50 miles from a railway but it has telephone connection. Mr. McQuarrie had heard considerable about Princeton so he came to investigate and see if it was as represented. "It exceeds my expectations. Why, you've got a coal mine right in the town" said Mr. McQuarrie. "Yes, and there is gold in that river," said the reporter as they stepped onto the bridge crossing the Similkameen. In answer to a question he was told that the Chinese were the only ones working the river placers, with what results no one knew, for "John's" answer to inquiry about earnings was always "no savee." Mr. McQuarrie is so well pleased with the layout here that he will come again and probably make it his home. In parting he said he would not hesitate to recommend the Similkameen to friend or stranger, for, "undoubtedly it is a rich country as the ore indicates; the only drawback being the lack of a railway." Mr. McQuarrie goes to Port Simpson, the terminus of the G.T.P., thence overland along the proposed route to Edmonton, back to his former home in London, Ontario. In railway circles he states that it is believed the two rival railway companies, the Great Northern and the Canadian Pacific, will make a simultaneous dash for the Similkameen by different routes as soon as the provincial government breaks the deadlock.

HITTING THE HILLS.

The number of pack outfits on the trails indicates the annual revival of mining and the consequent migration of the happy prospector to the hills. The country is indebted to the prospectors for many favors, among which are the indomitable energy and perseverance with which they pursue their nomadic calling, thus bringing to light the hidden treasures of earth for the comfort of man and the enrichment of the nation. Long live the prospector!

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A sidewalk extending the whole length of Bridge street, from bridge to bridge, would add much to the convenience, as well as the appearance of the town. A spur to the government offices and as far as the school house would also be appreciated, especially during the spring.

Ontario is turning to good account the opportunities afforded by the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. That the Pacific road is assured is borne out by the fact that the Ontario legislature has provided land and cash subsidies for two branch lines to connect the old Grand Trunk with the new transcontinental line. By these branches a large virgin territory will be opened up to settlers and business activity, and the general welfare of the province and of the whole Dominion be thus accelerated. What a contrast there is between the governments of Ontario and British Columbia in their methods of developing the resources of the country! Under Liberal government for the past thirty-five years, during the greater part of which Sir Oliver Mowat was premier, Ontario has been an object lesson for B.C., aye, for the whole world, of what judicious economy and wise statesmanship may accomplish. The life and character of the late Sir Oliver are commended to the premier of this province for careful study and practice, believing that both he and the country would immeasurably profit thereby. In any case the railway policy of the Ontario government should be engrafted onto the decadent stem of this province thus transfusing new life into railway legislation and giving the Similkameen an outlet for the buried treasures within its borders.

In these piping days, when time and distance are being annihilated by the inventive genius of man, when even words are abbreviated or 'cut out' altogether where there is the least redundancy, would it not be in consonance with the spirit of the age and good taste to 'cut out' the word "British" in the name of this province? For the sake of brevity and to prevent repetition many drop the conventional "Mr." in speech and writing but no one has been found brave enough to attempt to lop off "Mrs." or "Miss." For these suggestions the STAR expects to be accused of disloyalty in the first instance and of discourtesy in the second—it was ever thus with all reforms, great or small.

The Montreal Star, with which is incorporated the Family Herald and Weekly Star, all under one management and ownership, is "up to snuff" and particularly resourceful "in ways that are dark." The Daily Star is ultra-Conservative while the Family Herald and Weekly Star poses as Independent in politics. In their day the managers of those papers have trimmed sail to almost every whiff of political wind. In one political campaign they issued an imitation of the Toronto Globe, one of the grossest deceptions ever known to the journalistic profession, the intent being to make readers believe that the Globe had recanted its opinions on the eve of a general election. Who would have the hardihood to say that was respectable journalism? The Weekly Star has had many Liberal readers in the past by reason of its supposed Independence but the fallacy having been exposed they will now include it in their index expurgatorious. The advertising scheme which the Montreal paper has been advocating for this province and which has the sanction of no less a personage than the Conservative premier of it, is believed to be in party interests and not for the general good. Why should the people of this province bonus an outside newspaper for a doubtful advertising 'dodge' while there is unlimited scope for legitimate advertising among the starveling newspapers of B.C. If the premier has any charity to give out let him dispense it among the mendicant journalists here rather than bestow it upon the millionaire owners of the Montreal Star. The Similkameen STAR as one of the press of the province would consider a little government patronage at this very moment as not at all ill-timed.

The Opposition press throughout the Dominion are shouting "victory;" seeing "visions;" reading the old "handwriting on the wall," and prophesying utter and dire defeat for the Liberals in the pending Dominion general elections. That same Conservative press had visions and dreams of victory in 1896, when Laurier was overwhelmingly returned; again in 1900 this same Tory press had the same old nightmare, but the Liberals won "hands down;" now, on the verge of another election the same newspapers under the influence of political 'dope' are indulging in the wildest phantasms and dreams. Yale-Cariboo, with the most of the ridings will remain Liberal for it has no reason to change.

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NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To WILLIAM McGRU, of Loomis, Washington, U.S.

Take notice that after the publication hereof once each week for ninety days, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of the expenditure required by section 24 of the Mineral Act, being chapter 135, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897, in respect of the St. Paul and Union Jack mineral claims, situate on Similkameen river, Osoyoos mining division of Yale district, British Columbia, together with all costs of advertising your interest in said claim shall become vested in your co-owners, L. J. Griffin of Hedley and Jas. Bruce, free miner, who have made the required expenditure. The amount due by you, not including costs is $33.33 on each claim.

Dated, 20th day of December, 1903.
JAS. BRUCE.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Hannibal L. Jones, free miner's certificate No. B63374, Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate No. B75545, Edward Brown, free miner's certificate No. B75518, and Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate No. B75318, 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 12th day of February, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Hannibal L. Jones, free miner's certificate No. B63374, and Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate No. B75545, 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 12th day of February, 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, free miner's certificate No. B72044, acting for self and Sydney M. Johnson, free miner's certificate No. B41751, and Claud M. Snowden, free miner's certificate No. B63363, 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 11th day of February, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Sydney M. Johnson free miner's certificate No. B41751 and Herbert R. Davidson, free miner's certificate No. B55232, 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 11th day of February, 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Thomas Henderson, free miner's certificate No. B71943, Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate, No. B75545, Edward Brown, free miner's certificate, No. B75518, and Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate No. B75317, intend 60 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 12th day of February, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate No. B75545, Edward Brown, free miner's certificate, B75518, and Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate, No. B75317, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificaie of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

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

Dated this 12th day of February, A.D. 1904.

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:—

Commeneing at a post marked A. Hickling's N.W. corner, placed on left bank of Similkameen river, about 4½ miles south of Princeton,

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

A. HICKLING, Locator,
E. WATERMAN, Agent.

Dated March 9, 1904.

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase forty acres of Crown lands for pasturing purposes: Commencing at a post marked F. Frembd's S.W. corner on the east and west line on the north end of my pre-emption in Otter Valley, thence running 20 chains north, thence 20 chains east, thence 20 chains south, thence 20 chains west to place of commencement.

F. FREMBD.

Dated March 12th, 1904.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

The preliminary hearing of Steve Brooks for shooting Chisholm takes place at Nicola Lake, next week.

The townsite people have men at work mattrassing the river bank to prevent further erosion.

L. P. Eckstein, barrister, of Grand Forks, and who had charge of the settlement of the Johnson estate here, may be addressed at Fernie, whither he has removed.

'Canon' Paddon of Penticton is spending a well-earned vacation at Hedley, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Jamieson Bros. came in with freight from Penticton on Thursday and report the roads as very bad. Near Hiram Inglee's ranch they had to unload and it took eight horses all their time to pull out the empty wagon. This spot ought to be repaired before a whole caravan sinks out of sight.

Max Akers came down from Otter Flat on a shopping expedition and reports the roads as improving.

The hills are carpeted with nature's brightest of green and the flowers and the leaves prove the return of spring with all its beauty.

Young Brother—Do you know, Millie, I believe if I weren't here Jim Spooner would kiss you. Sister—Leave the room this minute, you impertinent little boy!

Mother (in a loud voice from upstairs) —Gretchen, Gretchen! Daughter—Yes, mother. Mother—It is very cold here. Will you ask that young man to shut the front door from the outside?

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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 160 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows: Commencing at a post situated on the south side of Similkameen river, about 8 miles from Princeton and opposite the mouth of Whipsaw creek marked T.C.R's S.W. corner, thence north 80 chains following the meander of Similkameen river, thence 20 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 20 chains west to initial post.

T. C. REVELY,
W. F. REVELY, Agent.

Princeton, B.C., April 21st, 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining Company, free miner's certificate No. B72038, 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 13th day of April, A.D. 1904.

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 160 acres of crown lands for agricultural purposes, commencing at a post marked C. A. Joyner's N.W. corner, thence running 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north to place of commencement.

C. A. JOYNER.

Dated April 8, 1904.

NOTICE.

Kenley mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale district. Where located: Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, free miner's certificate No. B72039 for myself and for Edwin Barr Hall, free miner's certificate No. B72040, 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 9th day of April, 1904.

F. W. GROVES
A. R. COLL., SC. D.,
Civil and Mining Engineer
PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYOR.
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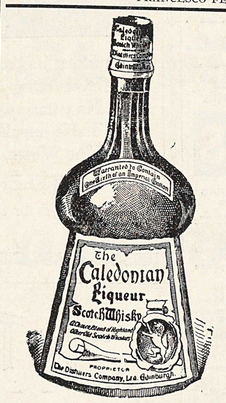
You are hereby required to take notice that I have expended for recording certificates of work done on the above claims for the years ending June 10, 1901 and June 10, 1902, the sum of Ten Dollars, being an expenditure necessary to enable me to hold said claims and you are hereby required to contribute your share or proportion of such expenditure, namely, Three Dollars and thirty-three and one-third cents, together with all cost of advertising. If you fail or refuse to contribute such amount, including advertising, within ninety days from date of first publication of this notice in the Similkameen Star, your interest will become vested in me, your co-owner, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1903.
FRANCESCO FERA.



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THE TRIP OF THE TRAPPER AND THE TENDERFOOT

200 MILES TO SEE THE SUNSET

Jogging Along the Road Certain and Sundry Characteristics Come Out in Bold Relief Illustrating How Frail is Man When Subject to Various Influences and Enticements.

BY STANLEY MAYALL.

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[Continued from Last Week.]

Going through the pass we called at Richter's ranch. Outside of the smart, up-to-date management of the ranch and the wonderful crop of apples, what struck me most was the collection of mountain sheep and goat heads, cougar and lynx hides, deer horns and mountain curios of all descriptions. The Richter boys can write their names with their rifles and my thoughts reverted to South Africa and what happened to certain British troops who ran into the native Boers, also to the pioneer days of the west when the Indians played the same game with the United States cavalry. The four Richter boys could probably hold that pass against a troop of the best gilt-edged and pipe-clayed regulars that ever answered a bugle call. They asked us to have some apples. I secured seven. Brown got seventy-nine, it was his overcoat that helped. It had five pockets, all two feet deep.

Then we met a man with red hair who was looking for some lost horses and Brown asked him if he would have an apple and said that his name was Jones and mine was Mewdale (in both of which statements he was horribly in error) and afterwards told me in confidence that the reason his hair was so red was because of the iron in it and I thanked him for the information with all due reverence and by way of reward told him about another relative of mine who had made an omnipotent fortune by successfully cornering the indigo market two years in succession and he carefully wrote his name down for prospective use.

By that time we had wound our way down to the celebrated Similkameen valley. Once again words fail me to describe the beauty of the riparian way, the sweetness of the sylvan scenery, the loveliness of the plains and the grandeur of the mountain slopes. Brown said that he heard that the Vale of Cashmir alone could equal it but what he actually knew was that it could grow three tons to the acre of hay and blamed near anything else, that game was plentiful on plain and hillside and that the river was full of fish. He told me several game and fish stories but only one did credit to his baronial ancestry. It happened while he was duck hunting on the coast of Nova Scotia. A flock of geese passed low down. He was armed only with a single muzzle-loading gun and hurriedly fired. Several birds fell into the water. When he went to gather them he found no less than nine of them all strung together. He forgot to remove his ramrod and it had pinned the lot together by the eyes.

We stayed that night at the ranch of Mr. Cawston and were accorded such kindly hospitality as adds an ounce to that portion of the brain whose duty it is to cherish kindly feelings and high opinions of one's fellow human beings. Of Mrs. Cawston and her boys I should like to say more than I am at liberty to do. My brief stay in their hospitable home was like a dream of home after a spell of solitary prisondom. The four lads were radiantly happy that night. In the first

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NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To GEORGE H. SPROULE or whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in Mount Temple mineral claim, situate on Rabbit Mountain on the Tulameen river and about one and one-half miles from Otter Flat in the Yale mining district in the province of British Columbia.

You are hereby notified that I have expended $214.00 in labour and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportions of the above mentioned sum, being $107.00, which is now due and payable, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900.

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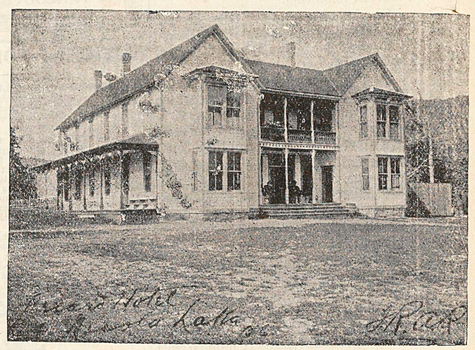

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place they had achieved the very difficult diplomatic feat of "entering" their school master for a race home in the dark, having previously arranged with an advance agent to stretch a rope across the path and the accommodating schoolmaster had of course fallen and barked his shins and pretty nearly broken his neck besides. In the second they had their old friend Mr. Brown to tell them fish stories, so that they lay on the floor and sofas and ate apples and listened until they fell asleep one by one and a kindly mother gathered them up and led them lovingly away to bed. Even the ubiquitous, early-rising, horse-feeding Brown could appreciate a Cawston bed and omitted to arouse me, as was his wont, at daybreak. However, he had bribed someone else to feed the "geegees," or no doubt would have done; they didn't like leaving the Cawston homestead any more than we did.

Going up the valley we met a gentleman named McNeery taking his wife and a buggy full of family out for a drive. Mr. Brown introduced me as Mr. McNall and told him about my people and the probable rise in Sunset stock and explained why and how some people up Revelstoke way had originated his nickname "Crazy" Brown and Mr. McNeery waited patiently and then produced from his pockets some fine specimens of quartz fairly peppered with free gold.

Whilst Brown and his friend had been talking mines I had seen something very interesting and a few minutes after bidding the McNeery family 'good day' I secretly dropped my tooth brush on the ground.

"Awfully sorry," I said, "but I have left my tooth brush behind me."

"Well, of all the * * —— pity you weren't born an oyster and didn't use a tooth brush!" he exclaimed, and then he remembered my financial friends. "Oh, all right, go and get it."

The something I had seen was an Indian maiden who had secretly flourished a handkerchief as we talked and rode by. I always had an ambition to acquire fresh knowledge and I had never been in an Indian wigwam. Here was a chance not to be missed. Her words of greeting were: "Man go hunt, kill deer, goat, bear, 'praps break um neck, no come more—you stay here." I was beginning to sabby all right, but just the same I had not come out as understudy to a Siwash hunter and was meditating on some plausible excuse for my early departure and was just telling her that I had to go and "see a man about a dog" when a shadow darkened the doorway and I fully expected to get my scalp lifted a trifle. I don't know whether I was most disgusted or relieved to find it was my friend Brown. "Well!" he exclaimed, "of all the tooth brushes I ever saw this is the easiest on the gums. COME OUT! you'll be catching whooping cough soon." But I think that it was only jealousy that brought Brown back. We met another forest maiden. Brown asked her what her name was and she answered "Go-Wan-Now." He remarked it was a fine day and she said "go-on-now," so he enquired if she was going far and she replied, "go-on-now." "I am going, you blooming parrot," he retorted, but I don't seem to be getting much farther." "You all plum clazy," she responded, and the two cayuses looked at each other and deliberately coughed. "Brown you are discovered," I remarked, and he fetched his cayuse such a thwack with his hazel plant that he loosened a shoe. Then he rode on in sodden silence for at least ten minutes. But you can't scotch Brown's youthful nature for long together. "I don't think much of Indians, no how."

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