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MINES AND MINING

Development of this Country Depends Upon Railway Building.

Boundary Mining is Highly Prosperous and is Good Precedent for the Similkameen.

W. M. Brewer, mining expert and engineer, writing to the Victoria Colonist says: "A few years since, when there was considerable talk about building railroads into the Similkameen country, I visited that portion of the district situated between Nicola lake and Copper mountain in order to familiarize myself with the mineral resources of the district and get a general idea of what the prospects would be with railroad facilities. I returned with the impression strong on my mind that the building of a railroad from the coast would not only mean that one of the best portions of British Columbia would be settled up with a greater population than nearly any other section of the province, but that the coast cities would also be able to reap a bountiful harvest from the trade which should certainly be tributary to the coast rather than to the cities of eastern Canada or south of the international boundary. Without railroad communication I was thoroughly satisfied that no appreciable gain would be made in the population nor would it be possible to enlist capital in the development of the mineral resources for the reason that the ore generally is of too low grade to stand shipment by wagon and that in this age no one could be persuaded to establish smelters notwithstanding that coking coal had been discovered in the Nicola valley and there was a possibility of discovering the same in the Similkameen.

With the progress of the Boundary country as a precedent, what may we not expect from the Similkameen country after railroad communication is established, especially when the fact is taken into consideration that a local supply of fuel can be obtained without the long haul which is necessary to place such at the smelters at Grand Forks, Greenwood and Boundary Falls? No one can contradict the statement that the Similkameen country, with its extensive areas of tillable land, its vast acreage of grazing lands, its adaptability for fruit-raising, its wonderful mineral resources including coal and ores carrying gold, silver and copper, its water powers, which, when properly developed are more than sufficient to furnish motive power to drive all the machinery necessary in the development of its mineral resources to their fullest capacity. It gives promise of becoming the wealthiest and most populous portion of the entire Northwest.

It is seldom the case that in a mining district there is included its own granary, butcher shop, fruit orchards and vineyard; but where such does occur there is no question as to its rapid progress and unexcelled wealth-producing capacity. Why this portion of British Columbia should have remained until today without railroad communication is a problem that has always been difficult in my mind to solve. Possibly, though, the politicians and railway magnates could, if they chose, furnish the solution.

From Ten-mile creek, a tributary of the Nicola river, to Copper mountain, is about 100 miles. I was informed of a large number of copper-gold bearing ores in several camps, notably: Ten mile creek, Aspen Grove, Boulder creek, Bear creek, Granite creek, Copper and Kennedy mountains and Hedley. The latter can hardly be considered to be situated between the points mentioned. The most prominent of these camps is Copper mountain, where there occurs a mineralized zone, carrying copper ore, which is about two miles in length and of undetermined width, beyond the width proven in the workings of the Sunset mine, where it is over 100 feet, the copper ore occurring as bornite shot through the diabase country rock, the average value of which is about 5 per cent. in copper to the ton with gold and silver values. Since 1885 Granite creek has yielded not only large values in placer gold but also a considerable quantity of platinum, and for this latter reason the creek has gained a reputation beyond the boundaries of Canada."—[Lack of space forbids further quotation from this interesting letter. ED.]

Mining Paragraphs.

The annual meeting of the Sunset Copper Co. was held in Grand Forks on Thursday the 16th instant. The report of the directors was accepted and their action ratified. The following directors were elected for 1905: R. A. Brown, G. W. Averill, Mat Miller, W. B. Bower, R. Gaw, Alex. Miller and P. T. McCallum. The proceedings were private but it is reported that this famous Copper mountain property will be developed as a result of recent changes

The Granby smelter has been receiving some fine copper ore from the Iron Mask at Kamloops. It runs from 7 to 8 per cent. copper with gold and silver values and is the highest grade copper ore ever shipped to the Granby.

The First Thought mine at Orient owned by Pat Burns, who has large coal interests in the Similkameen and Nicola, is showing up splendidly. A. Sharp, M.E., is manager.

On Feb. 20th the Reco, in the Slocan, paid a dividend of $20,000, making a total of $300,000 so paid by this mine.

Patsey Clark has struck a 20 foot ledge of $175 free milling ore on the Kootenay Belle group, near Salmo, which he recently bonded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Record of Week's Doings Collated into Paragraphs for Perusal.

Coal Shipments to Hedley by Wagon Show Need for Better Transportation Facilities.

Fifteen tons of coal were shipped on wagons to the Daly Reduction Co. on Monday by the Vermilion Forks Co. No need of a railway to Princeton, oh, no!

The inviting prospect of a great business revival at Princeton before many months have flown suggests fine openings for a bank, mining broker, lawyer, dentist, assayer, loan office and all else that makes a hustling western mining town.

Rev. A. J. Fowlie phoned from Kamloops on Thursday that he would be unable to reach Princeton in time to conduct service on Sunday.

The Toronto Globe, with all its up-to-dateness and newspaper knowledge makes the serious mistake of locating Princeton on Vancouver Island. There could be no objection to A Princeton being on that lonely island but when it means THE Princeton then the ire of its spirited citizens is incurred. Be more careful, friend, in your geographical reference to this town of ambitious aspirations for it has all the elements to make it a great city within a decade. Princeton is on the mainland of B.C. in the Similkrmeen district and don't forget it!

Doc Bouchier has been appointed chef for the lumberjacks at Six-mile and of course every man of them will now get fat and strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Olding, who came here on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Hunter, are delighted with, and physically benefitted by the Princeton climate. Prior to coming here they visited a son at Honolulu, Hawaii, famed for the salubrity of its climate, but it remained for the Similkameen with its equable and invigorating air and absence of wind and storm to elicit their hearty, all-round commendation. Mr. Olding will soon be an octogenarian yet he is in possession of all his faculties in a marked degree and takes a constitutional walk into town with as sprightly step as many half his years. The rejuvenating properties of the climate will, no doubt, induce this esteemed and aged couple to locate here permanently.

Jim Hill arrived from Vancouver last Saturday, taking the overland stage route at Spence's Bridge for Princeton, his present terminal. He was not in the least reticent regarding railway matters and believed the Great Northern would be extended to Princeton shortly. As to the Similkameen his confidence remains unshaken in its vast natural resources and as an evidence of his faith he intends starting a circulating library with probably a few 'side fixins' later. Mr. Hill says the word "Similkameen" is on almost everyone's lips. The general impression on the outside seems to be that one or more railways will be constructed into the Similkameen this year and a consequent stampede of fortune hunters is not improbable. Mr. Hill is supplying a needed convenience for book readers and deserves patronage.

The thaw of the last few days has perceptibly reduced the snow to about ten inches, which is enough for pleasure and lumbering purposes. A few more days of this weather then farewell snow, beautiful snow! Skates and toboggans will get a rest now while the season for marbles, mud pies and strolling lovers draws on apace.

Trade follows the political party, i.e. the conservative newspaper at Hedley receives all government advertising now. Even a sitting of the license commissioners, advertised to be held at Princeton, was published in the aforesaid paper. But the sitting was held at Hedley nevertheless.

Phonetics—The Dominion government will take over the control of and garrison the forts at Halifax and Esquimalt. —The 8 hour smelter bill introduced by Hawthornthwaite, will, in all probability be withdrawn.—It is affirmed that the C.P.R. has gained control of the Nicola, Kamloops and Similkameen railway charter.—A. E. Howse, has gone to the coast for a couple of weeks in the hope of shaking off a bad attack of grippe.—The provincial mining association will hold its annual convention in Vancouver in July.

Railway Notes.

Superintendent Morgan of the Great Northern, who was in Princeton last fall looking over the route of the V.V. & E. for which his company holds the charter, says that from Molson to Oroville, west of Midway, the road would be difficult to construct, but on striking the international boundary north of Oroville to Princeton it would be an excellent river grade along the Similkameen. As to the time for beginning construction and also the length of time to complete to Princeton Mr. Morgan assumed a sphinx-like air of unfathomable ignorance.

"There is no doubt whatever that the Great Northern will build west from Midway, B.C.," said a gentleman so closely in touch with Great Northern affairs that he may speak with authority. "The immediate terminus of the road will probably be Hope, B.C. There is no doubt, however, that the Hill road will eventually be built down the Fraser to Vancouver."

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WHICH WILL BE FIRST?

Through all the dark and ominous forebodings which the session of the local legislature up to the present time has cast upon railway construction in the Similkameen there come welcome indications of activity from other sources which help to put grim despair to flight. Recently all the British Columbia members of the federal parliament waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier to present their claims for assistance to the Coast-Kootenay railway, the charter for which is held by the McLean Bros. The deputation pointed out to the premier and the minister of railways the urgent necessity for immediate construction of the road and Duncan Ross, M.P., made plain its importance in developing a rich mineral district. Sir Wilfrid's reply leaves no doubt of his willingness to favor any legitimate proposition when the question of railway bonuses is brought up later on in the session. In fact neither he nor the minister of railways, nor even the house, can well refuse the plea of so strong deputation—a "solid seven" which the people in their wisdom so recently made emphatic choice of at the polls.

It is a matter of little concern to the residents of this district or to the numerous non-resident investors who builds the railway. If there were an atom of choice it would probably lie with President Hill who has given tangible proof of his desire to build by surveys in the Similkameen and actual construction to Midway. His line is an independent competitive one, whereas the proposed Coast-Kootenay is liable to domination or absorption by a larger corporation and thus it would lack that spirit of emulation or rivalry so desirable in securing best results for the people. But no one will complain if the bonus hunters are made to furnish guaranty that their line will be built to Princeton within eighteen months from the date of the bonus being granted.

However, the first railway in the Similkameen is sure to win the moral and business support of its citizens. Years of agonizing suspense have well nigh eliminated any spirit of preference for any particular railway company; in their extremity and dire need the people here will hail with joy any enterprising railway president, Canadian or American, who will first drive his grade stakes in the district. To him will come that reward which discovery, adventure and enterprise invariably bring—wealth and honor are his and may length of years be not withheld from him.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Vancouver Province, usually of an indifferent attitude in respect of the resources or requirements of the Similkameen and which is generally credited with being a C.P.R. organ has the following: "The reports regarding the richness of the Similkameen country, through which the Coast-Kootenay will be built, have always been so extremely optimistic that for some time they were hardly accepted by the general public as being entirely credible. The last year or two, however, has furnished so much absolutely reliable information regarding the district that it is no longer a matter for question whether the country is rich or not. That it is rich is beyond all dispute. In copper and gold, the general testimony of experts is that its ore is of higher grade and its ledges much larger than in other parts of the province. All that is needed to make this district a most valuable and important one to the province is to give it the facilities necessary for the development of its latent wealth. These facilities consist at the present time in railway transportation." The Province continues its eloquent editorial with a strong objection to the Great Northern and eulogizing McLean Bros. for their zeal and perseverance in promoting the Coast-Kootenay.

A proclamation in the British Columbia Gazette establishes a close season for beaver for a period of five years. This law is effective from the first of the present month and applies to the whole province. Increasing scarcity of this valnable fur-bearing animal has led to the adoption of stringent protective measures, otherwise their total extinction is foregone. Only a few remain in the Similkameen where once they were plentiful and profitable for trappers.

It is encouraging to know that the local government, through the efforts of L. W. Shatford, M.P.P., has restored the medical subsidy of $300 per year which had lapsed ie the absence of a resident doctor. The subsidy will begin with the 1st of January last. Since the government claims a surplus for the last financial year no valid objection can be offered to raising the subsidy to $500.

NOTICE.

Numbers 1, 4, 5, 18, 19, 23, and Yellow Jacket mineral claims situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain, Voigt's camp.

Take notice that I, C. Æ. Shaw, agent for M. A. Voigt, free miner's certificate No. B72128, 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 15th day of February, A.D. 1905.

C. Æ. SHAW, P.L.S.

NOTICE.

R. S. mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Copper mountain, Voigt's camp.

Take notice that I, C. Æ. Shaw, agent for M. A. Voigt, free miner's certificate No. B72128, and J. W. Cook, free miner's certificate No. B72127, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants 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 15th day of February, A.D. 1905.

C. Æ. SHAW, P.L.S.

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 land situate on Verde mountain in the Osoyoos division of Yale district and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post about two miles north of Voigt's camp and running 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, back to point of commencement.

EMIL F. VOIGT.

Voigt's Camp, Jan. 2nd, 1905.

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 placed ten chains south of the south-west corner of lot 1042,

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

W. C. MCDOUGALL.

Dated Jan. 12th, 1905.

NOTICE.

St. Elmo mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, Jessie R. Hunter, free miner's certificate No. B72126, 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 February, 1905.

NOTICE.

Shamrock and Billy Goat mineral claims, situate in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Riordan mountain.

Take notice that I, R. H. Rogers, as agent for Robert Gaede, free miner's certificate No. B78828, and James Riordan, free miner's certificate No. B78824, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 1st day of December, 1904.

REGINALD H. ROGERS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of mountain pasture land. The described land is as follows: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of W. H. Thomas' pre-emption and about three miles from Princeton, and running south 80 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 20 chains, to place of commencement and containing 160 acres more or less.

AMY A. WORGAN.

Dated December 23rd, 1904.

NOTICE.

Flagstaff, Copper Kettle No. 1, Searchlight and Nevada mineral claims, situate in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Flagstaff mountain, about one mile south east of the townsite of Olalla.

Take notice that I, Reginald Heber Rogers, as agent for Robert Gaede free miner's certificate No. B78828 and James Riordan, free miner's certificate No. B78824, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants 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 18th day of January, A.D. 1905.

R. H. ROGERS.

NOTICE.

Freddy Burn, S. and N. Fraction and Commet mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Boulder creek mountain.

Take notice that I, Philip Y Smith, agent for Charles J. Wilson, F.M.C. No. B81570 and W. J. Wilson, F.M.C. No. B81691, 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 first day of December, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vancouver and Coast-Kootenay Railway Company will apply to the parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an Act to increase its capital stock, build branch lines, and to extend the time in which it may construct its works.

D. G. MACDONELL,
Solicitor for Applicants.

Dated at Vancouver, B.C., this 19th day of November, 1904.

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 point south of B. White's claim,

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

W. J. WILSON, Locator.
P. Y. SMITH, Agent.

Princeton, 28th Nov., 1904.

Commencing at a post near W. J. Wilson's claim,

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

P. BURNS, Locator.
P. Y. SMITH, Agent.

Princeton, 28th Nov., 1904.

Commencing at a point near west end of Wilson's claim,

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

GEORGE URQUHART, Locator.
P. Y. SMITH, Agent.

Princeton, 28th Nov., 1904.

Commencing at a point near George Urquhart's claim,

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

ALEX. SHARP, Locator,
P. Y. SMITH, Agent.

Princeton, 28th Nov., 1904.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council for permission to locate and appropriate the Similkameen Falls, situate about twenty miles south-west of Princeton, for purposes of manufacturing, electric lighting and the development and transmission of power for railway or other industrial purposes.

J. M. WRIGHT.
For self and associates.

Princeton, Feb. 13, 1905.

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 S.W. corner of lot 300, thence east 40 chains, south 80 chains, west 20 chains north 40 chains, west 110 chains along the north line lot 230, north 52 chains along the east line lot 1, west 20 chains to the S.E. corner of lot 75, north 125 chains along the east line of lots 75 and 74, east 19 chains along south line of lot 246, south 160 chains along the west line of F. W. Groves' and T. H. Parr's coal claims, east 80 chains along the south line of T. H. Parr's coal claim, north 20 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres, in Yale division of Yale district.

C. H. TYZ, Locator.
per F. W. GROVES.

7th November, 1904.

NOTICE.

Honeysuckle 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. B72155, acting for self and as agent for Thomas Day, free miner's certificate No. B72123, 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 Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 15th day of November, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Take notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, viz: Commencing at a post placed at the north-west corner of lot 1825, thence west 40 chains, south 80 chains, east 40 chains, north 80 chains along the western boundary of lot 1825 to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

JOHN M. MURRAY.
per W. C. MCDOUGALL.

Jan. 7, 1905.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The STAR is in receipt of a letter from a gentleman interested in mining in this vicinity in which he says: "Will Princeton and Copper mountain be represented at the exposition at Portland this year? This is your greatest chance to make a showing you will ever have. Will you let it pass by and do nothing? Tell the boys to get in and let the world know what they have in minerals."

A resident of Otter Flat returned from the coast recently suffering from mental aberration which made him a source of danger and inconvenience to those near him. Friends of the unfortunate man secured medical aid for him but his hallucinations seem to linger, which suggests proper temporary confinement in a lockup until recovered.

A logging camp has been started up the Tulameen about six miles by the Hedley Sawmill Co.

The remarkable history of a Gerhard Heintzman piano which came to Princeton last fall is published in the Toronto Globe of recent date. It is a splendid testimonial to the workmanship of these famous instruments. How a delicate instrument, such as a piano is, could be tumbled about as it was and yet retain its fine musical qualities is a marvel of skill and material employed in construction.

Easter Sunday, 23rd April.

Socialist Hawthornthwaite who represents Nanaimo in the legislative assembly at Victoria has introduced a bill making eight hours a legal day for workingmen in smelters. The bill is opposed by the government and a crisis is imminent should the socialist stand to his guns The present hours of labor by smeltermen are about 11 hours per day and are too long.

A wonderful subterranean excavation, belilved to rival the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, has been discovered near Revelstoke. It is believed to be the largest cave yet found in the world. It has four entrances, and its length is two miles, its width nearly a half mile. It is studded with millions of brilliant crystal and colored stalactite. Far down in the depths of the abyss can be heard the rushing water of a river. Old stone weapons and bones are lying around and the mummified bodies of two human beings, now resembling dried leather, were observed. The discovery of this cave was made by prospectors.

Messrs. Wollaston and McIntyre, travellers for Turner, Beaton & Co, and J. W. Peck Co'y were in town Tuesday. Mr. Wollaston states that in business circles there is firm conviction that a railway will be built towards Princeton this year.

Now for the meadow larks and robins and the green hills. Come, gentle spring!

Some twenty jolly Princetonians went to the bachelors' ball at Hedley Friday night.

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NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands, situated in Yale division of Yale district:

Commencing at a point on the west line of lot 300, 20 chains south of the north-west corner of lot 300,

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

F. W. GROVES, Locator.

Princeton, 7th Nov. 1904.

Commencing at a point on the west line of lot 300 20 chains south of the north-west corner of lot 300,

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

T. H. PARR, Locator.
per F. W. GROVES.

Princeton, 7th Nov. 1904.

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NOTICE.

Hardscrabble No. 1 Fractional, Bullion Fractional, Copper Head Fractional and Elkhorn Fractional, situate in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. Where located: At Camp Olalla, Keremeos Valley.

Take notice that I, Reginald Heber Rogers, as agent for Robert Gaede, free miner's certificate No. B78828 intend sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 18th day of January, 1905.
R. H. ROGERS.

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 80 acres of mountain pasture land, situated and commencing at the southwest corner of lot number 1937 and running south 40 chains, east 20 chains to lot No. 1937, thence north 40 chains, west 20 chains to point of commencement.
THOS. J. MCALPIN.

December 6, 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 the following described land, viz: Commencing at a post placed 40 chains south-east of the north-east corner of lot 1825, thence 40 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thencq 40 chains south to point of commencement, containing 480 acres more or less.
JOHN M. SMITH,
per W. C. McDOUGALL.

Jan. 7, 1905.

NOTICE.

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

Commencing at a post marked "James Hay's north-west corner," and running 80 chains south along east side of H. Rockett's location, thence 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west to place of commencement, containing 640 acres
JAMES HAY, Locator.
W. A. DAVIS, Agent.

Located June 22nd, 1904.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described land:—

Commencing at a post marked "M. Rockett's north-west corner," running 80 chains west, 80 chains south along east side of J. V. MacAdams' location, thence east 80 chains, north 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres in all.
M. ROCKETT, Locator.
W. A. DAVIS, Agent.

Located June 22nd, 1904.

NOTICE.

Peerless, fractional, 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 A. E. Irvine, free miner's certificate No. B76870, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for 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 15th day of November, A.D. 1904.

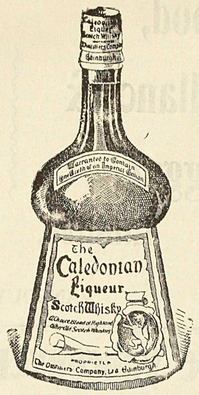
NOTICE.

Dividend No 1 A, Dividend Fraction, Mammoth, Iron Mask, Dividend A, Dividend No. 2 A and Dividend No. 3 A Fractional mineral claims, situate in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Dividend mountain.

Take notice that I, Reginald H. Rogers, as agent for Robert Gaede, free miner's certificate No. B78828 and James Riordan free miner's certificate No. B78824, intend, sixty days from date hereof to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants 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 7th day of December, A.D. 1904.
R H. ROGERS.



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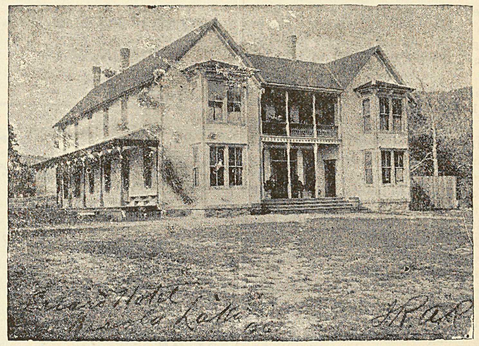

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Diogenes, lantern in hand, entered the village drug store. "Say, have you anything that will cure a cold?" he asked. "No, sir, I have not," answered the pill compiler. "Give me your hand," exclaimed Diogenes, dropping his lantern. "I have at last found an honest man."

"Hullo, Brown. How's the cold?" "Very obstinate." "How's the wife?" "About the same."

Short—I am going to economize this year. Long—How are you going to do it? Short—By paying fewer bills.

It is asserted by the London Globe that a methodical and business-like bank clerk in a country branch forwarded a letter to the following effect to the head office: "Greatly regret to inform you I died this morning of pneumonia. John Smith, per James Brown."

A schoolmaster, after giving one of his pupils a caning for speaking ungrammatically, sent him to the other end of the room to inform another boy that he wished to speak to him, at the same time promising to repeat the punishment if he spoke ungrammatically. The youngster being quite satisfied with what he had got, determined to be exact, and thus addressed his fellow pupil: "A common substantive, of masculine gender, singular number, nominative case and in an angry mood, who sits perched upon the eminence at the other end of the room, wishes to articulate a few sentences to you in the present tense."

Alvira (in the dimly-lighted parlor)—Jack, take your arm away from the back of my chair. Aunt Emily is looking this way Jack—What's the difference? You've told me she is as blind as a bat. Alvira—She is—same kind of blindness. She can see in the dark.

Lloyd Osbourne says that Robert Louis Stevenson once invited a friend to visit him in Samoa. His friend said that nothing would give him greater pleasure, if he could secure the leisure to do so. "By the way, Louis," said he, "how do you get to Samoa, anyway?" "Oh, easily," responded Stevenson, "you simply go to America, cross the continent to San Francisco, and it's the second turning to the left."

Modern Mother—Why, child alive, what are you taking off that dolly's clothes for? Modern Child—I'm going to 'zamine her to see if she's been vaccinated. I can't have 'er spreadin' 'tagion among my other dollies.

A lady in San Francisco engaged a Chinese cook. When he came, among other things she asked him his name "My name," said the Chinaman, smiling, "is Wang Hang Ho." "Oh, I can't remember all that," she said. "I will call you John." John smiled all over and asked: "What's your name?" The lady obliged him. "Me no memble all that." remarked the cook. "Me call you Tommy."

Mrs. Mark Etting—What are your chickens worth today? New Boy—I don't dare tell ye, ma'am. The boss sez I must only tell what we're sellin' 'em for.

His wife caught him kissing the cook,
An action few women would brook,
But she did not care,
Did not e'en turn a hair—
You see, she herself was the cook.

He—Do you really think it hurts a man to be hit with one of Cupid's arrows? She—No. As a rule he merely becomes senseless for a time.

Mrs. Maguire—'Tis Mary Ann O'Reilly thot's th' foine pianny player intoirely! Mrs. Clancy—Shure, an' no wondher! Isn't her Uncle Barney a pianny mover.

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