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## ODDFELLOWS ORGANIZE.

### Lodge of this Benevolent Order to be Instituted in Princeton.

The Oddfellows of Princeton and district have for some time past had in process of organization a lodge of that well known and useful order. Application to the Grand Master of British Columbia has been made for a dispensation to institute a lodge about the middle of April in the hall above the Star office, Bridge street. The charter members are as follows: D. M. French, S. McCoskery, P. Y. Smith, J. Burrell, H. S. Godsoe, N. Huston, J. C. Campbell and D. Sketchley. The lodge will be officially known as No. 52 of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of North America.

Oddfellows were founded as a fraternal society first in 1812 in England at Manchester, from whence the designation Manchester Unity originated and which has a membership of 1,000,000. It is more than a half century ago since the separate organization of the Independent Order in the United States—its ramifications now extend over the two Americas and the isles of the sea, numbering 3,000,000 of members. Oddfellowship is now worldwide in benevolence and brotherhood having its lodges in farther India, in Turkey, Africa, Siberia and the remote portions of earth. In the Oddfellow's Magazine an Oddfellow is described as "like a fox for cunning, a dove for tameness, a lamb for innocence, a lion for boldness and a bee for industry.

The Oddfellows are the first fraternal organization to be established in Princeton their advent being especially welcome as tending to increase that brotherhood of man often wanting in the great race for wealth or supremacy in the last west of the continent. No. 52 begins with a roll of enthusiastic Oddfellows and a number will join in due time.

## GREAT LANDSLIDE.

The comet did not come it yesterday and with the exception of a big landslide near the east side of the Tulameen bridge this old world wags the same as ever. The slide has taken away about 300 feet of the Hedley road, the whole of which will need to be rebuilt before traffic can be resumed. While repair is being made a suitable ford over the river may be had at Mrs. Allison's. Road foreman Goldsborough is doing all in his power to get the road in condition but it will be a week, even with a good force of men, before travel can be established. There is a probability that further slides may occur before solid foundation is formed. Freight and other vehicles may now cross the bridge at Allison and come to Princeton via south side of Similkameen.

Bill Scruby, who has been studying high finance in the Boundary last winter, will shortly return to Princeton.

# DEVELOP COAL MINE

## Vermilion Forks Co. Prepare for Shipping Coal on the V., V. & E.

### Large Tonnage of Ore and Coal will be in Readiness for the Road to Handle.

The onward stride of the V., V. & E. railway, though not as fast as the impatient ones would like, is having the effect of stimulating mine owners to be prepared for shipping as soon as the ore and coal cars arrive. With the installation of machinery and some light preliminary work there are several mineral properties in this district which could produce ore as soon as the railroad is ready to handle it.

The Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Co. began working double shifts on their coal mine in town last Wednesday and will push on the work of opening up their splendid property. It is understood the Co'y intend to be in readiness to satisfy all demands for coal that are sure to be made when transportation is available. A powerful pump is about to be set up at the shaft to enable development to proceed without interruption. In the old tunnel two shifts are running toward the shaft for air connection The mine is now equipped with a boiler, hoist and pump and nearby are coal bins.

It is estimated that the railway will have about a thousand tons daily soon after tapping the Princeton district for transportation, made up of ore, coal and general freight. This country affords vast revenue producing tonnage which the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific railway companies are about to obtain. In any event there is both room and tonnage for two or more railways and Princeton is the objective point by reason of its coal and ore deposits. At no time in the history of the town has there been more hopeful outlook. An increased payroll at the coal mine, building of a large school house and other structures and promised street improvements, all combine to make this summer an exceptionally bright and hopeful one.

## BIG LUMBER OPERATIONS.

J. A. Mohr, of Enderby, arrived in Princeton about a fortnight ago for the purpose of reporting on the general resources of this section and particularly of timber. He represents Minneapolis principals who will erect two large saw mills, one each at Tulameen city and probably Princeton, if conditions are favorable on investigation. The mills are expected to start this fall and will afford a market for logs as well as employ a lot of men.

# THE UNITED EMPIRE

## Tunnel Cuts Two Seams of Coal while Driving to Ore Body.

### Dominion Department of Mines Now Established—B.C. Mineral and Timber Resources.

The working tunnel now being driven at the United Empire on One-Mile is in a distance of 200 feet. This tunnel, for reasons peculiar to the property, is a diagonal crosscut, cutting the coal formation, which adjoins the igneous rocks (which latter enclose the ore body) diagonally. In the last 70 feet two seams of coal have been cut in this tunnel, each seam having about 4 feet of good, clean coal. The face of the tunnel is now approaching the contact with the big ore body, which it is expected will be cut into in about another 100 feet. Ore will then be extracted and stored in readiness for treatment or shipment when the railway reaches Princeton later in the season. The United Empire is about two miles from Princeton and is under the energetic management of W. C. McDougall, who takes a just pride in showing visitors over the property.

A federal department of mines with Mr. Templeman as its administrator has been recently established at Ottawa. The department will consist of two branches, geological and mines, over each of which there will be a director and a deputy minister.

Nearly 5,000 tons of ore daily are now being reduced in the smelters of the Boundary.

The Ruby Fraction, at Boundary Falls, continues with development now going on, to give promise of becoming a valuable high grade property.

Two small furnaces, aggregating about 700 tons daily, are in blast at Boundary Falls. The big furnace that will double the plant's capacity is nearing completion.

The Diamond Vale Coal company started sinking its shaft at the forks of the Nicola and Coldwater rivers recently, and is now working day and night shifts. It has installed an electric light plant.

## CANADIAN MINING INSTITUTE.

The following are the officers of the Canadian Mining Institute who were elected at the recent meeting in Toronto: President, Frederick Keffer, Greenwood, B. C.; vice presidents, Dr. J. Bonsall Porter, Montreal, W. G. Miller, Toronto, and W. Fleet Robertson, Victoria, B. C.; secretary, H. Mortimer Lamb, Montreal treasurer, J. Stevenson Brown, Montreal.

## CHILD TOOK SULPHURIC ACID.

### Liquid Burns Lips and Tongue—Hopes of no Permanent Disfigurement.

A very distressing accident happened on Wednesday to the charming little two-year old daughter of L. C. Wynne while she was in her father's laboratory. It appears the little one had, unnoticed, laid hold of a small cup of sulphuric acid, evidently intending to taste it. In doing so her lips and tongue were burnt to a blister and spilling it on her coat the powerful stuff ate its way through the cloth, burning the skin in several places. The child suffered intensely until Dr. Schon gave her relief and in a few hours she was pronounced out of danger. "Biddy" is a general favorite and all will be glad to hear of her complete recovery from the cruel burns. Sulphuric acid is the chemical name for 'oil of vitriol' and is very dangerous and destructive of organic matter.

Apropos of the above accident it may be stated that as a safeguard against like occurences resulting from poisons or dangerous liquids of any kind a lock and key bottle has been recently invented which is recommended by physicians, druggists and toxicologists. The stopper locks automatically and cannot be released except by the key, which may be carried in a pocket or attached to the bottle. They cost very little more than a well finished ordinary bottle.

## FISH ARE NOT PROTECTED.

The attention of residents of One-Mile has been drawn to the serious depletion of fish in that stream, which has led them to make searching inquiry as to the probable or real cause. Their efforts have not resulted in a thoroughly satisfactory solution of the question. It is now up to the proper authorities to make investigation and remedy the mischief complained of. The settlers on One-Mile are not alone in their grievance, for it seems that the residents along the Similkameen have a similar kick. The poisonous acids released from the reduction works at Hedley are having a deadly effect upon the fish of the Similkameen river and unless this nuisance is removed there will be very serious results to the piscatorial life of this section. With the proposed gun license, preserves and more stringent fish and game regulations there is abundance of law in sight—whose duty is it to enforce the law?

## OUR GREAT RESOURCES.

At the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade, held in Greenwood last week, President G. O. Buchanan added an appendix to his annual address, in which he estimated the value of the mineral and lumber produced in southern Kootenay and Yale, including the Similkameen, during the year 1906 as follows: Total value of minerals, $16,954,975; Lumber, 147,000,000 ft, $2,044,000; or a grand total of $18,998,975.

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## "RAILWAY IS COMING!"

Crossing divides, scaling mountain ranges, tunnelling the hills and bridging the rivers and canyons a path has been found for the 'iron horse' through the Similkameen to the Pacific coast. It has been a long time since the first survey of this district was made for a railway. To those who have been waiting for construction of the road the time seems to have been unnecessarily drawn out. Delays and disappointments due to political crises and shuffling marked the early career of the projected line. Finally, after many rumors and mere guessing, railway construction began from Midway west about a year ago and the V, V. & E. became a living, moving actuality—its decade of sleep was ended. The people of Princeton and other parts of the Similkameen had every reason to think that the days of disappointment and procrastination were at an end. They were told through the usually veracious medium of the press that construction would be rushed to Princeton, where there was abundance of fodder (coal) for 'Uncle Jim's horses.' No less authorities than the vice-president and chief engineer of the Great Northern stated that steel would be laid to Oroville in September last and to Princeton by February. How far these anticipations were wide of realization is too well known to repeat.

So far as can be predicted within the limits of accuracy, even with less progress than was made last year, the rails should be at Princeton by September. The scarcity of labor, war or financial stringency are contingencies always to be reckoned with in building railways, but any or all of these are so remote in consideration with the V., V. & E. that no anxiety is caused. Nearly one hundred miles of grading was done last year, which leaves a wide margin for hope that the distance of some forty miles from Keremeos to Princeton will be built this season. While official announcements are subject to errors of judgment as with all humanity there is eminent reason for believing that the latest statement from the engineer-in-chief will be verified. He says that steel will be in Princeton in August and has also given a standing order to the Vermilion Forks Co. for the delivery of fifty tons, daily, of coal to the Great Northern for its own use on arrival at Princeton.

Everything considered the prospects could not be much brighter than at present. A more favorable time for investment could not be desired—when there is no excitement and sensational prices unheard of. Real estate, agricultural lands, coal and copper claims, timber areas, townsites, and mill and smelter sites are all in the market now at first cost. With vast possibilities and immense known mineral resources every inducement that a new and rich country could offer to the investor is here. Two railways are tapping at the door of the Similkameen and these with the quickened pulsations of commerce which follow must induce capital and population to flow this way. The end of doubt and despondency is at hand. The business of the man with the 'hammer' is gone and the dyspeptic pessimist will soon have to retreat to the hills or the backwoods. Forward, Princeton!

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Among a number of resolutions passed by the Associated Boards of Trade at the convention held at Greenwood recently was one urging the Provincial government to make an appropriation for the purpose of exhibiting ore samples at the Alaska-Yukon exposition to be held in Seattle this year. Regarding the Sunday Observance Act the Boards wish to restrict labor as much as possible to six days a week but submit that the government should not enforce the measure till all interests were consulted on the more difficult points involved. The Dominion Labor Bill for the prevention of strikes and lockouts was also considered and its early enforcement recommended. Resolutions regarding the export of coal and coke; the Kootenay Central railway; the lead bounty; public ownership of telephones and a "better Imperial news service from London" were adopted. The aid of the Princeton board of trade could well be extended to the furtherance of some of these important resolutions.

With the Education bill, Home Rule, the remodelling of the House of Lords, the conference of the colonial premiers and the New Theology there is plenty of food for thought and talk in the 'tight little isle' beyond the big pond.

These muddy days it is very consoling and helpful to have even the promise of a sidewalk! What about Bridge Street? Oh, it will keep till next election campaign.

## NOTICE.

Homestead Fractional Mineral Claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale. Where located: 1 ¼ miles from Hedley on Similkameen River.

Take notice that I, Amsley Megraw, agent for George B. Lyon, Free Miner's Certificate No intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 1st day of March, A. D. 1907. 9-17

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of pasture land situate in the Kamloops division of Yale district and described as follows: Commencing at a stake at the S.E. cor. of the land 20 chains W. from the N.E. cor. of sec. 5 township 91, thence North 80 chains; thence West 40 chains; thence South 80 chains; thence East 40 chains to point of commencement.

A. E. HOWSE.

Located Jan. 31, 1907.

## NOTICE.

SIXTY DAYS after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of mountain pasture land, situate in the Similkameen division of Yale district, and described as follows: Commencing at a post about 100 feet west of the N.W. corner post of Lot 281; thence ½ 80 chains along the N. line of Lot 281; thence N 40 chains; thence W 80 chains; thence S. 40 chains, to place of commencement.

E. E. TUCKER, locator.

T. H. Murphy, agt.

March 6, 1607. 11-19

### Synopsis of Canadian Homestead Regulations.

Any available Dominion Lands within the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situate.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

1. At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

2 If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased), of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

3. If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2 000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior

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## NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agt. for B. Baker, free miners certificate No. 3908B, A. E. Howse, free miners certificate No. 93444B and T. J. McAlpine free miners certificate No. 3842B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 21st day of February, 1907.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Peter Merckley that if he does not pay for the keep of his horse Joe, and take him away, I will sell him by public auction one month from date of this notice.

C. B. HARRIS.

Princeton, Feb. 16. 1907. 7-11


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## NOTICE.

Chicago mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located: On Bear Creek.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for William Henry Armstrong, Free Miner's Certificate No. B2805, 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.

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Dated this 29th day of December, 1906. 2-10


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# LOCAL AND GENERAL

Board of Trade meets next Thursday.

A largely signed petition for the extension of the Five Mile wagon road to Osprey lake, which is much needed. Ask and receive—money or promises, which.

Al Johnson came over from Summerland on Monday. He was accompanied by J. Patterson who is looking over the country with a view to investment.

Lower Nicola has been re-named "Woodward" after one of the oldest and most respectable residents in that section.

Two of the 600 ton furnaces of the B. C. Copper Co.'s plant are in commission doing very satisfactory work.

P. V. Smith was in town Tuesday and reports tardy vegetation this spring at Granite Creek and Welldo.

W. G. Bangs of Spokane is in this section looking for a suitable place to engage in the hen fruit industry.

Good Friday was observed as a holiday by government institutions, school and bank, tomorrow being Easter the lillies, hot cross buns and eggs will serve as pleasant reminders of the day.

Weather is typical of the season and lots of snow on the hills.

B. S Kennedy, editor of the Star, has gone to the coast on busines matters and will be absent two or three weeks. A former 'devil' will try to keep the editorial chair warm until B. Stone's return. Meantime coin, good collateral or government bonds will be taken at par in payment of subscription arrears for this great moral weekly and popular magazine of information.

In new Ontario a judge recently fined a storekeeper $100 for giving light weight and short changing his customers. If the statute would permit the judge said he would gladly give 3 years in prison.

The very latest railway news locates the steel gang at the international line.

F. W. Groves, P.L.S., has been at Otter Valley this week.

R. A. Lambert, of Vancouver, arrived last Saturday and will begin placering for gold and platinum on Granite creek as soon as the flume is constructed.

C. DeBarro has sold the Granite Creek hotel to Mr. McIntyre of Hedley for the sum of $2,000.

Donald McKay, of Olalla, has gone to Bear Creek to work for the Similkameen Smelting & Mining Co.

Geo. W. Cox, contractor, has recently finished his house on Fenchurch Avenue the architecture of which is certainly the finest in the town and an ornament to that fine residential quarter.

A. J. Bible was superintending the removal of ore from the dump on the Le Roi at Rossland on Saturday morning last with four men under his charge when he met with a fatal accident. A small rock on the surface was frozen so that it overhung for a cousiderable distance the place where the men were shovelling. Bible, after telling the men to stand out of danger, took a pick and tried to pry the frozen mass loose. More was loosened than he thought, and struck him, carrying him down the declivity. His neck was broken and a leg fractured.

The attention of citizens is directed to the sanitary regulations which will be enforced the 1st of May.

The Princeton Sunday School has received a fine gift of books and magazines from kind friends in Toronto, which will form the nucleus of a library.

J. Amberty was in town Monday, his first visit in two years. He expressed surprise at the growth in that time.

## GEOLOGICAL REPORT ON THE SIMILKAMEEN.

[Continued from last issue.]

The second class contains larger ore bodies, lying parallel to the strike of the schists These may be either quartz veins or mineralized bands in the schists. These carry some gold, and the copper and iron sulphides; the highest values are in copper.

Only two claims have been Crown-granted and surveyed, and the amount of development work done on all of them is not sufficient to prove the ore bodies, or test their permanence. The surveyed claims are the Pasayton and the Sailor Jack. On both these are small fissures; on the Pasayton a fissure four inches wide, from which the samples were taken to test for tellurides; and on the Sailor Jack a fissure two feet wide cutting across a hornblende schist.

The greatest amount of work has been done on the Red Star and Anaconda clims On these there is a belt of soft talc and chloritic schist about 400 feet wide, striking 125 deg. dipping vertically, and lying between mica schists. It appears to be traversed by a fault plane, along which bunches and lenses of white feldspar and quartz have been found, and which were first worked for their gold content. On development the vein ran into the talc schist, which proved to be highly mineralized with copper carbonates and cuprite, and which was farther on replaced by bornite and chalcopyrite. Along with these were pyrite and arsenopyrite, siderite and some blende. A shaft has been sunk in the tunnel to a depth of sixty feet, but this had to be abandoned on account of the gases. Some native copper occurs as sheets in little slips and fault planes in the schist.

Several other claims have been staked in this district, and though there are some indications of high grade ore occurring, the only work done on them has just sufficient to enable the Copper Mountain owners to hold their claim.

[Continued in next issue.]


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THOMAS RABBITT, Locater.

W. J. Henderson, Agent.

Located March 26, 1907.

## NOTICE.

STRAYED to my place in November, one sorrel two-year-old mare, branded on neck F. Owner can recover same by paying expenses. If not claimed within thirty days will be sold by public auction. LUKE GIBSON,

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**REMARKABLE STUNTS.**

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**WELCOME INNOVATION.**

There is coming over the water this way from Paris a new fashion that will be greeted with loud cries of joy by some twenty millions of husband. Gowns, shirt waists, lace waists, silk waists, and tight-fitting jackets are going to button up in front. The princess gown with its two yards of studding bone is now going out. We are to return to the sane method of hooking up, which is certainly fine for all the great army of benedicts who have been playing the role of lady's maid. This was announced at the spring exhibition of the Dressmakers' Association the other day in New York. "Yes" the speaker declared, "the heartily reviled, cussed and cussedly back buttoner and spine hooker is no longer smart." Able statisticians tell us that only one woman out of 5,000 is blessed with a lady's mail. Therefore there is only one husband in every 4,990 who may recline at ease while the wife of his bosom is being hooked up.

Dr. Alfred Stockton, M. P., St. John, N. B., died at Ottawa last week. For a quarter of a century Dr. Stockon had been identified with the political life of his native province and ranked high as a man and a politician.


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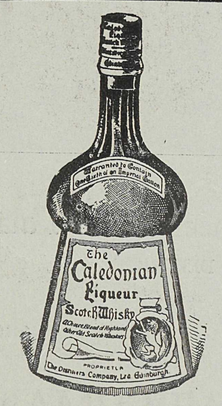


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