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SUNNY SIMILKAMEEN

Fruit Growing a Successful Industry in the Prolific District Valleys.

Orchards in this Section give Great Promise—Horticulture Here In Infancy.

Successful fruit raising is no longer a matter of doubt in this particular section of the Similkameen. Some hesitation in planting extensive orchards was occasioned by the altitude, some 2,000 feet But it has been demonstrated by actual production that all of the commoner fruits will grow to perfection. With ordinary intelligence in selecting ground with sunny exposure, away from cold draughts, it is believed that Princeton district can be made to yield as abundantly as other parts of the Similkameen where experimental fruit cultivation has been going on for the past thirty years. The fame of the Similkameen as a fruit growing conntry is now world wide.

Some beautiful apples of the Duchess of Oldenburg variety were recently laid on the editor's table by E. Barr Hall. In his orchard of more than a score of trees, situated on the bank of the Similkameen about three minutes' walk from the post office, he has other varieties which have matured as well as the Duchess, being without spot or blemish. The trees are all young and were not permitted to yield all they could lest they should have overborne,

In Otter Valley, which is two or three hundred feet higher than Princeton, Jack Thynne has had a splendid fruit crop this year. His orchard is exceptionally thrifty and vigorous. The orchards belonging to Hugh Hunter and Charles Harris, near town, would well repay a visit before the fruit is plucked. The latter orchard is on a bench about 300 feet above town. Mr. Harris has had some of his trees photographed, which he will have published shortly.

CLIMATE IS MAGICAL.

O. Cote of Okanagan Falls brought up a load of very fine fruit which he grew on his place below Dog Lake. People laughed at Mr. Cote when he first attempted to raise fruit, but now their derision is turned into appreciative smiles when he asks them to have a great, big, sweet and juicy peach or apricot. He grows sweet potatoes and peanuts as a sort of pastime. Melons and tomatoes grow without any help, except to irrigate. The peaches went like 'hot cakes' at $1 50 per box of 20 lbs. Incongruous as it may seem there is every prospect of the Similkameen becoming one of the greatest mineral and fruit producing districts in the world and Mr. Cote is helping to demonstrate it by his luscious fruits. He is a typical western bachelor of a retiring disposition, which probably accounts for his unmarried state—however, this is leap year and plenty of time for proposals. He has 25 varieties of apples.

NEW OFFICE BUILDING

The Vermilion Forks Co. began work on Monday on a large office building, to be erected on the ground recently occupied by the old office which is being removed rearwards. The new building is 25x38, two storeys, and will be finished in latest and most appropriate style for office work. The architecture is so designed that a wing may be added at any time which will afford accommodation for official staff of the coal mine when in complete operation. This building will be an important addition to that part of the town and marks an onward step in its slow, but sure, development. E. Barr Hall is in charge of construction.

TOWN AND DISTRICT.

Buildings are Nearing Completion and Others Started.

Launching of Lusitania II, designed by Skipper Routledge, took place on Tullahard Lake, One Mile, last week. The event was marked by an anti-prohibitionist demonstration. Like a duckling the craft darted into the misty deep and Pilot Mackenzie with one hand on the tiller, the other holding a glass, rounded her to in the latest style of the art of steering.

Mrs. James Snowden and Miss Myrtle Schisler are passengers on the incoming Nicola stage. They are returning from a visit to Ontario.

G. Evert Baker, of Portland, Ore., is in town attending to his mineral interests on Copper Mountain.

A. J. Marlow, manager of the Bank of Commerce, takes holiday leave on Friday for about two weeks, going over the Hope trail on his way out. He will be relieved by G. S. Holt, who comes from Penticton here. Rumor says that Mr. Marlow goes on a very delicate mission, in which case an army of friends here will wish him and all concerned a happy home coming.

Mr. Phillips, of the A. E. Howse Co., Nicola, arrived last Wednesday, relieving Mr. Charleton, who returns to Nicola. Manager Lumsden is convalescing from typhoid in a Vernon hospital but it will be some weeks before he is strong enough to return.

The music of hammer and saw is now heard on every side and the busy carpenter wears a smile that won't come off. Long may the music and smile continue.

TRIALS OF EDITORS

Newspapers Curtail Expenses for Want of Advertisers and Subscribers.

Lacking Patronage Papers Reduce Size, Averting for the Present Funeral Expenses.

The Trumpet appears this week as a six-page paper instead of an eight as formerly. We offer no apology. A certain proportion between advertising and news matter must be observed. Many of our citizens have caught on to the fact that a real live newspaper is a great factor in advertising a district and assisting in its development and have accorded the Trumpet a liberal support. Others appear to regard us as a philanthropic institution, devoting its best energies to advancing their interests and requiring nothing in return. As soon as this latter class change their mind, and are willing to do the fair thing, we shall be pleased to restore the paper to its former size. In the meantime we must reduce our staff and with less space at our disposal endeavor to do what we can to hasten the development of the district—a development which is bound to come—which the lethargic may retard but cannot stop. —Keremeos Trumpet.

[Our confrere, the Trumpet, has the sympathy of the Star. But sympathy is too often a very superficial thing. It is a poor substitute for bread. The Trumpet, though a wind instrument, cannot live on wind, suction or absorption any more than the Star or the Gazette can. It must have real, live, paying subscribers and advertisers. A newspaper is just what the people make it. Starve it and the poor, bedraggled thing will have to lop off pages just as a poor fed man will have to cinch up his belt a hole or two until the last hole is reached and there is nothing more to cinch—the 'dead line' has been crossed. The well fed man and the well patronized newspaper are capable of double work, and far more attractive in appearance. A decadent paper represents the true condition of the community. The Star heartily thanks advertisers for their patronage and public-spiritedness and also all subscribers who are not more than two years in arrears This week the Star takes in its belt a couple of holes—from six to four pages It saves a waste of labor and material. Meanwhile it will make strenuous efforts to procure "live" ads. in place of the "dead" ones, and respectfully solicits continued and increased patronage, hoping thereby to return to its wonted form in about two weeks looking brighter and more readable.—ED.]

COCHRANE-HARTIE.

The wedding took place on the 12th inst, at the residence of J. C. Hartie, Bon Accord, B. C., of his daughter, Miss H. May, to Donald Cochrane, B. A., of Princeton. The bridesmaid was Miss Havergal Atkins, and W. B. Hartie, brother of the bride, was best man. Rev. Mr. Farrar of Tynehead conducted the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane have become citizens of Princeton, residing on Fenchurch Avenue. The Star bids the happy couple welcome to their new found home on the frontier of civilization and wishes them all joy, health and prosperity.

SOMETHING QUITE NEW.

A mirror which is at once a looking glass and an ordinary window, will attract attention when it is more widely circulated. The glass is coated on the back with a mixture of amyl acetate, guncotton and fusel oil, which is translucent and also acts as a silvering. It is thus possible to have all window panes turned into mirrors without impairing their transparency. What throngs there will be now in front of the shop windows to see the goody goods!

KNIGHT AND DAY.

Prospectors Discover Lead of Very Fine Looking Bornite Ore.

Billy Knight and Charley Day arrived in town last week from a summer's prospecting trip. They were in Highland Valley and the country lying between the north branch of the Bonaparte and the North Thompson and Cariboo road. Mr. Knight is a partner in the celebrated Transvaal mining property.

Specimens of very high grade bornite were brought from Seven-Mile creek, where Messrs. Knight and Day located the Twenty-Four Hours mineral claim. The bornite is intermixed with carbonates also containing values. It is believed that at depth a strong lead will be developed, work on which will be commenced as soon as possible.

Adjoining the Twenty-Four Hours is the Top Notch group, owned by Geo. Chataway and partners. It has been bonded to Reynolds & McDowell of Butte, Mont., for the sum of $25,000. Other claims along the creek show up good ore indications, and the whole country may be said to be of remarkable mineralization.

Knight & Day left for the Hope summit intending to prospect the backbone of that range, after which they will begin development of the Twenty-Four Hours.

The exceedingly low stage of water in the rivers and creeks makes placer mining easy and profitable. Chinamen are said to be making 'good' money on the upper Tulameen.

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BE AN OPTIMIST.

What is required in the Similkameen today is a healthy spirit of optimism—an optimism that creates business and laughs at obstacles, sees brilliant prospects and labors while the waiting period lasts. It is not the men who picture blue ruin and whine and grumble, and decry the efforts of the "go-aheads" that accomplish anything. Search the world over and it will be found that no pessimist ever became a captain of finance or was identified with any progressive movement or institution. Get the optimistic spirit! Be a captain!

Every man in this district can do something, by word or deed, toward upbuilding it. Princeton, as the commercial centre of the Similkameen, has every natural advantage over any of its present or prospective rivals. Its chief asset is, of course, mineral — coal, ore and placer. But the extent of cultivable land, scope of pasturage and timbered sections must ever be a great inducement to the small investor and homesecker. Chicken, dairy and hog ranches must prove profitable investments. Acreage in select localities will be found very productive of fruit. Now, with all these resources, a splendid climate and beautiful location, there is no reason why every man and woman too, should not be proud of their heritage and develop a healthy spirit of optimism.

Princeton should have two thousand people here and in its immediate vicinity by the close of next year, 1909. It can be done if each person will constitute him or herself into a booster club of one active member. Enthusiasm and optimism are one and a booster is the product of both. Induce friends to invest and make homes here. Be an optimist, a booster, anything but a knocker, a sponge, a growler, a pessimist.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Like the Star, the Vancouver World cannot "stomach" the Liberal candidate in its riding. The World has sufficient independence to say what it believes and to act in the best interests of the people as a whole as opposed to a "boss" and the machine he operates. When newspapers of either party will throw allegiance to the winds rather than bend the knee to some Baal or support some grafter candidate then there is hope of purer politics. It is men like Ross, of Yale–Cariboo, and McInnes, of Vancouver, who say "politics is only a game." Where the moral and material welfare of millions of people are concerned legislators who make of politics a "game" should not be encouraged or supported. Newspapers having the interests of the people at heart as opposed to the "boss" or machine will not fear to incur the disfavor of candidates who tolerate or practise the "game." Long may the World continue in its present course.

If clean legislation and good laws are desired, good and clean men alone can be entrusted with the work. If water in the fountain is pure, the source of its supply must be pure—a natural law that any schoolboy is familiar with. Put clean men in parliament: result, clean legislation and fair treatment for any constituent even in so slight a thing as a public telephone.

The general elections for the Dominion of Canada will be held on Monday, October 26. A week and a day later, November 3, will be the Presidential election in the United States. Thanksgiving Day in Canada will be held on November 9. So the bill of fare is not lacking in interest for the next forty days or thereabout.

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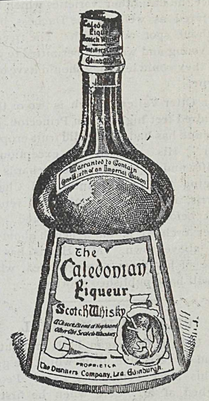

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Peter Johnson left last Thursday for the coast going direct to Seattle where he has a business engagement with a surgeon of dentistry.

Ladies interested in sacred song and hymnal service, as well as gentlemen, are invited to meet at the court house next Sunday at 7:30.

Kit Summers, the V.F.M. Co., J. O. Coulthard and the Howse Co., are all employing carpenters.

Suter & Wells are painting the annex of the Great Northern hotel.

Wm. Briton was down from Champion creek last Friday and reports considerable mining in the gold platinum belt.

W. E. Fish, brother of the late G. W. Fish, went to Nicola last week and expects to return here shortly.

Two constables from the Boundary were recently in Princeton on the trail of the Midway murderers.

NOTICE.

Certificate of Improvements.

Frieda, Cabin, Colorado Fr., Edward 7th, Fr., No's 6, Fr.; 7 Fr.; 25, Fr. and 27 Fr., mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale. Where located: On Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, G. Evert Baker, Free Miner's Certificate No. B20055, acting for self and as agent for T. T. Burkhart, F.M.C. No. B20053 and Frida E. Baker, F.M.C. No. B20064, intend, 60 days from 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.

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