

Town and District.

W. H. Armstrong was in town on Monday.

I. L. Deardorff, road supervisor left on Friday for the eastern portion of the riding.

L. H. Patten, secretary of the Golden Zone, went over to Princeton on Saturday last.

Miss Elliott went to Princeton by Saturday's stage to act as nurse at Mr. E. Barr Hall's.

Roy Jamieson sold out his barber shop to W. C. Baxter and left on Tuesday morning with his wife for California.

Dominion Day celebrations will be held at Princeton and Penticton where elaborate programmes of sports are to be carried out.

Oroville is sanguine that the line to the south will shortly be extended down the valley by the G. N. R. Last week Major A. M. Anderson, right-of-way man, was in that vicinity.

The last of the cattle drives to the upper grazing ranges have been going up the river during the past week and as a result the usual quantity of loose rock will be found in the roadway until it can be cleared out.

Mr. E. Hardwick's friends in Hedley will regret to learn that he was in the hospital, at Victoria, where he had to be operated on last week for appendicitis. Mrs. Hardwick had also been ill for a week or so previous.

Last week L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., and Mrs. Shatford left for Rochester, N. Y., where Mr. Shatford will undergo a series of difficult operations. All his friends in B. C. will wish him a successful outcome and speedy recovery.

Chief engineer J. H. Kennedy came up from Keremeos on Monday accompanied by Mrs. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy was conferring with resident engineer L. M. Hale, on work in this vicinity. They returned to Keremeos the same afternoon.

There seems to be some uncertainty yet as to the exact date of Supt. G. A. Wilson's visit. Service, at all events will be held in the church on Sunday ev'g at 8 p. m. when it is expected that he will preach. It is also reported that he may preach on Friday evening.

The Carbon Hill Coal and Coke Co. in which a number in the Similkameen are interested, have opened an office in Vancouver. The coal seams are reported to be opening up in fine shape and it is expected that they will market coal in Spokane during the coming winter.

Walter Beam, M. E. went out Friday last, but the development crew that are further proving up the ore bodies on various properties of the Nickel Plate group both by diamond drill and surface cuts are still pegging away. It is understood that Mr. Beam will be back again shortly.

Government agent, Hunter, at Princeton, has been supplied by the Provincial Health Department with diphtheria toxine to be ready for any emergency that may take place. Fortunately the Similkameen Valley has not been much troubled with that malady, but nevertheless it is well to be prepared for any emergency.

About 10,000 cubic yards of filling was taken out of the V. V. & E. grade opposite F. Bailey's tunnel and with it also went a part of the tunnel dump during the few hours that the Similkameen flood was at its height last week. A part of the construction trackage was also let into the river and one construction car. There were a few other points where the grade suffered, but this was the most serious damage done.

If the Similkameen keeps up much longer, the railway men whose camps are on the far side of the river will become famous navigators. The Bay of Fundy sailors or the Canadian voyagers on cataracts of the Nile won't be in it with them. Last week a party of five with a genuine old river batteau started from Hankinson's camp and with two dump cars for cargo ran every rapid between there and Madden's camp at the mouth of Sterling creek.

Track-laying begun at Keremeos on Monday last. They do not anticipate any difficulty now in crossing the Similkameen for the river has gone down about four feet or more and is not likely to rise again to anything like its height of a week ago, no matter how hot the weather may get. The sudden rise of last week and unusual height of the water has now made it almost certain that there can be no more trouble this year from driftwood, and that is the greatest danger to falsework in bridging a stream.

A baby tarantula was discovered by T. H. Rotherhan in a big cluster of bananas that he recently got in with a fruit shipment. It seems to have been hatched out on the stem of the cluster.

It is reported that the track-layers intend to have the piling for the second crossing of the Similkameen and for bridge over Ashnola creek teamed up from Keremeos and delivered where required instead of waiting to bring them up on the track. In this way the pile-driving may be done before the track reaches there and the false work for the track can be put in immediately without any unnecessary delay for the steel gang. Thus the new bridge at Ashnola will come in very handy.

It is no uncommon thing to have Toronto papers of even date, with those from Vancouver and Westminster arrive in Hedley by the same mail, and it is rarely that the Toronto World does not beat both the Victoria papers in reaching Hedley. It will certainly be a relief when the V. V. & E. is built through to the coast to give a direct route and save the delays from the present trip "around the horn", which mail matter must take. Even the Wenatchee cut-off would be heralded as a decided relief especially if the Oroville lay-over were cut out.

Fifteen Mile Creek went on the rampage last week and wrecked the culvert prepared for it to cross the grade of the V. V. & E. at Bradshaw's. A big root was carried into the culvert by the force of the stream and getting wedged in it the flow of water through the culvert was dammed. J. J. McDonald came along shortly afterwards and noting that considerable of the grade was in danger and that the culvert was practically wrecked, made a trench across the grade above it and directed the course of the water there, with the result that the water did the work of excavating down to the culvert.

Mayor F. R. E. DeHart returned Tuesday afternoon from Seattle and Vancouver. His visit to the coast was in connection with his appointment to the charge of the Dominion Government exhibit of British Columbia fruit at the Seattle Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exhibition, which was opened, by the way, on Tuesday. Mr. DeHart says that arrangements are now completed, and that the fruit will be collected from every part of the Province without fear or favour, and that the effort will be to have on show as fine a collection of fruit as the public has ever gazed upon. Mr. DeHart, in his endeavor to secure the cream of the best that the country produces, to uphold the fair name and honor of our province, should obtain the whole-hearted support of every district.—Kelowna Courier.

For two days and three nights last week Hedleyites had to get their light from the stars, the moon and the coal oil can, and their hydric oxide from twenty-mile by the water bucket route. On Thursday night about 75 feet of flume went out, and between what was swept down the steep mountain side into Twenty-mile and the amount damaged at either end, about 100 feet had to be replaced. The portion of the flume that gave way was on a trestle. Evidently a rock from the mountain side above the flume had come down and bowled out one of the posts supporting the trestle. Every available man about the mill worked day and night until it was repaired and to these were joined superintendent G. P. Jones' force from the mine. The repairs were completed about midnight on Saturday night.

GENERAL NEWS.

Crow's Nest coal output does not seem sufficient to warrant the G. N. R. increasing railway facilities in that direction.

More than 3,000 people were lynched in the United States during the past 25 years.

Vancouver Masons are to erect a \$40,000 Masonic Temple on a \$40,000 site this summer.

J. J. Hill is reported at Seattle as saying that Seattle will always be the home port of the S. S. Minnesota.

The rumor is again afloat that construction on the Midway and Vernon is to begin at Midway.

They are finding ore on the Rambler claim at Beaverdell that goes 980 ozs. silver to the ton.

The way that the West Fork properties are turning out should mean early railway construction.

WANTS ELBOW ROOM.
How the Similkameen River Behaved Last Week.

The current in the Okanogan river was running up stream into Osoyoos lake, and as muddy as the Missouri, Thursday, evidence that the Similkameen is far above the normal and crowding into the Okanogan.—Oroville Gazette.

The Similkameen river was merely illustrating what the district is going to do a little later on. When the river strikes its clip it shows that some space is required to accommodate it, and that is what will happen when the mineral and fruit growing resources of the district are fully developed.

A PIONEER JUDGE

(Greenwood Lodge.)

His Honor Judge Spinks will preside at the sittings of the county court in Grand Forks and Greenwood this month. He is making a farewell trip through his old circuit—previous to his retirement from the bench, owing to ill health. The judge's old circuit comprised all the territory in Yale and Kootenay. Most of this territory was covered by cayuse special. That is, the Judge furnished his own riding equipment. Any rancher, prospector or cowboy along the route would furnish a fresh mount, usually very fresh. The rest was left to the Lord, the judge and the cayuse. Sometimes the judge arrived a few hours early, and a little informally, and at others a few hours late, but the judge and the cayuse always arrived at the same time. Fifteen years ago county court sessions were less formal in the Boundary than they are today. There were no lawyers, no gowns and very few boiled shirts. The first court at Eholt's ranch, now Midway, was one that will never be forgotten by the old-timers. The judge was coming through from Vernon to hold court at Osoyoos and then on to Midway. A number of cases had been entered, many of them by common consent, to make the court a success and to test the judge's legal knowledge. All the prospectors and other residents of the district were present on court day, and there was every prospect of a very successful session, but, unfortunately, the judge was late. There was a saloon in town, time wore on and no judge. Some one had an inspiration, and suggested. Others suggested. Some one had a grudge, and hit. Others hit. When the judge and the late Chas. Lambly arrived, two days late, they found the litigants and their friends full—and the docket empty.

ROD AND GUN FOR JUNE

The winter campaign against the wolves in Northern Ontario, suggestions for thinning out these pests in the Algonquin National Park and the need for some further action in that portion of the Province bordering on Manitoba, are prominent features of the June number of Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Woodstock, Ont. Sportsmen everywhere are deeply interested in this wolf campaign because it is felt that the future of our big game depends to a considerable extent upon keeping down the numbers of their relentless and ever vigorous foes. What has been done and what is proposed applies to a much wider field than Ontario and the lessons learned will no doubt be put to use in several of the other provinces. Even where the wolf is not a pest and a trouble sportsmen will read with sympathetic interest of the good work done and of the proposals for renewing it with increased zest next winter. Fishing, including a fine illustrated paper showing how anglers may, with much pleasure and profit to themselves, mount the best of their specimens, occupies the next place, seven stories being given up to topics of which the fisherman is never weary. As a change, one paper descriptive of fishing in the West Indies, will show Canadians that they have no need to envy their fellows elsewhere. A fine dog article by Mr. R. Clapham, "Dogs as Companions at Home and Afield," a paper on "Grouse in Alberta," a description of a new British Columbia canoe trip, a couple of big game hunting stories, fish and game protective topics, a summary of the report on the Canadian National Park and a paper on Physical Culture, are representative of the wealth of other good things appearing in the number. Indeed, sportsmen, whatever may be the special line they favor, will find something in this issue appealing to them with particular force, while the whole of the contents will be found of general interest to all concerned in the sporting advantages of the Dominion.

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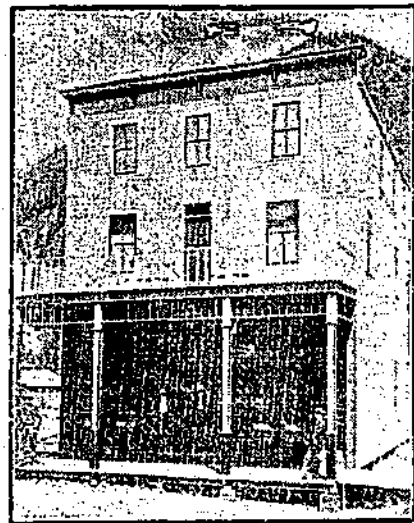
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