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IMPORTANT MINING DEAL

Closed On the Nicola Valley Coal Measures.

A most important mining deal was consummated lately when Mr. F. H. Lantz, acting for local and eastern capital, took up an option held by him, and made a substantial payment on the coal measures of the Nicola Valley Coal & Iron company, which is composed of Messrs. F. L. Carter-Cotton, C. F. Law, Evans, Coleman & Evans, William Armstrong and Steve Tingley. The property consists of 2600 acres and is situated about 45 miles up the branch of the C. P. R. now being built from Spence's Bridge to Nicola, and the railway runs within half-a-mile of the tunnel mouth at Coal Gulley.

These coal seams have been known for the past 35 years, and have been used locally till a tunnel about 200 feet deep has been driven into them. The coal is high-grade bituminous, and in cooking quality is said to be second to none in British Columbia. With the development of these mines it is quite likely that a smelter may be established at Hedley for the reduction of the low-grade ores of the district, of which there are immense deposits, but which to-day are lying practically useless.

It is said to be the intention of the new owners to proceed at once with development and to mine coal for shipment, and as the mines are situated only 225 miles from Vancouver by rail they may become a factor in the supply of the coast cities. It can also be used as a source of supply for the C. P. R. western division and for the Great Northern west of Midway, when the V. V. & E. is completed.

Chesaw May Get Railway Connection.

A short time ago the Great Northern had a survey gang running a line from the V. V. & E. at Myncaster Station to Chesaw, with a view of putting in a spur.

The Molson Independent, in referring to it, says:

"P. H. Burnham, district freight and passenger agent, with headquarters at Grand Forks, was in town yesterday in the interest of the railroad company. He was in conference with representatives of the Molson Gold Mining Company relative to furnishing cars for the shipment of Poland China ore to the Grand Forks smelter.

Mr. Burnham had just paid a visit to Chesaw, where he went to investigate a project of running a spur from Myncaster to the Myers Creek metropolis. While unwilling to say that he would recommend the Chesaw branch, the official commented favorably on the outlook for tonnage there and emphasized the community's great need of the proposed road. The route has been surveyed and is a comparatively easy one. The distance is only about four miles. The only serious obstacle is the international boundary line, the customs departments of both governments objecting to the road crossing the line so many times. However, it is thought that this matter can be adjusted and Chesaw given the much coveted railroad transportation."

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending Nov. 10th:

AT THE MINE.		
	Maximum	Minimum
Nov 4	40	20
5	31	20
6	28	22
7	31	16
8	32	9
9	42	16
10	37	27

Rainfall 1.55

Snowfall 14.5 inches.

AT THE MILL.		
	Maximum	Minimum
Nov 4	54	38
5	72	36
6	52	26
7	45	25
8	40	28
9	49	37
10	53	27

Rainfall for week .63 inches

A COMMUNICATION.

Hedley, B. C. Nov. 5, 1906.

To the Editor Hedley Gazette.

Sir:—I notice a misleading statement in your issue of November 1st. This time it was not only personal, but also a direct libel. What made you jump to such false conclusions I cannot understand, and if you will kindly publish this letter, those who are interested directly or indirectly in this flume problem will at least know the truth and the true way in which the citizens of Hedley were deprived of their light on the night of October 30th.

To make a long story short, I was one of the first to blaze a trail up Twenty Mile creek in 1899, when I located the "Wellington," "Cracker Jack" and "Cannon Bull" mineral claims (before the Daly Reduction Co. or the Hedley Gazette were thought of). I discovered ore in the property and for some years we did the required work above where the flume is now. When Mr. M. K. Rodgers started to survey and construct this flume we thought it would be an advantage to the properties in being able to get water at a higher altitude, instead of a detriment, and Mr. M. K. Rodgers or the Daly Reduction Co. received no right of way from the claim owners; my partners and myself thought it would be useless to raise any objections as we understood that they could secure the right of way by law, and we were assured that we could use the water and that suitable crossings would be made to enable us to get around our claims. When this flume was built and became in use it was not more than two feet high, and of late years we have been exploring the lower levels of our ground on account of the Daly Reduction Co. raising their flume and covering it with inch lumber, however, I find that our ore deposits dip into the hill from the croppings and not having the financial means to drive long tunnels from the creek bed to tap these deposits at depth, I have decided to work on my ore. Early last spring whilst working and prospecting on the "Wellington" claim I made a new discovery of good looking ore and decided to try and open it up, and asked the company to protect their flume from possible damage from falling rocks. Last September I again asked the company to place lagging etc. where my rocks would come down, as I had already stripped the surface and was ready for blasting, but they paid no attention to me or my claims. On October 1st I wrote to Mr. Lamb stating that I was working on these claims and asked him to protect the flume from possible damage caused by blasting or rocks coming down the steep side hill, that it was impossible to stop them. I received a reply from Mr. Lamb about three weeks afterwards stating that he had received my letter of Oct. 1st, and that any damage I did the flume the company would hold me responsible. I again waited a reasonable time, expecting that on my return from Princeton the required lagging would be placed across the flume so that my rocks would go over onto the ground I was interested in below without damage.

I called at the company's office on October 28th and met Mr. Ross and Mr. Lalor. Mr. Ross kindly undertook to have some of the ore I brought in tested, I had no idea of change of management but thought that some of the company's officials were in on business and I wanted them to examine these ores.

I went back to work on the claims, and on October 30th just after the whistle blew I fired my holes in my new discovery which is situated about 1000 feet above the flume, and out of sight of same. I got down to the flume before dark and noticed that about two or three feet of the bottom of the flume had gone out. I met the watchman and told him where the flume had burst. I also met Mr. Duffy at his cabin and asked him how and when the flume broke he said he heard the water rush down the side hill just after I fired. It was only after Mr. Duffy told me that I knew that one of my rocks had done the damage, and when the town lights were turned off about two hours afterwards and peo-

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TRAIN SERVICE TO MOLSON.

And Progress of Work on the V. V. & E.

(Molson Independent Nov. 2nd)

"Some day during the coming week a train service will be inaugurated between Molson and Spokane. The road has been completed to this point and last week the Canadian portion was inspected by the proper official and his report and recommendation wired to the Ottawa government. As soon as a reply can be had the road will be turned over from the contractors to the operating department of the railroad and a freight and passenger service will at once be installed. The railroad people are expecting a favorable reply from Ottawa by wire any hour.

Superintendent Morgan was in Molson yesterday for a short time and in conversation with a reporter stated that while no definite schedule had yet been prepared, it was possible that a passenger train would arrive here every evening about 8.30 o'clock and leave the next morning about seven. He said that the company would not be in shape to give the best of accommodations for the first few weeks owing to the incomplete condition of the local depot, but that a temporary office would be furnished and the business handled to the best possible advantage.

Work on the road has been seriously handicapped during the past week owing to a shortage of coal for the locomotives. The ballasting crew has managed to keep busy most of the time and has succeeded in finishing up the station grounds. The steel is laid several miles the other side of Circle City, but work was temporarily discontinued last Monday and the crew went back to Myncaster and is now engaged in putting guard rails on the bridges between that point and Molson. The crew will arrive back here in a few days and will commence laying rails down the hill toward Oroville as soon as a sufficient supply of coal is on hand to keep things moving."

Since the above, it is learned that on November 7th the train service had been established; that the end of the track was nearing Oroville and that the ballasting train was eight miles west of Molson.

ANOTHER OLD-TIMER GONE

Universal regret was felt in Fairview, at the death of Theodore Powers, butcher, of that town, who died on Thursday the 8th and was buried on Saturday. Mr. Powers was a resident of Fairview from its early days. In Fairview he was a general favorite, being cheerful in disposition and honorable in his dealings. Before coming to Fairview he had seen much frontier life in the west, but was never voluble or garrulous in relating his experience. Fairview will be lonely without the old man.

Caught Killing Beaver, And Fined.

Two trappers named O'Lynn and Paul Johnson were trapping on the Roche River and it was reported to constable Hewatt, of Princeton, that they had been killing or trapping beaver. The constable found two beaver skins in their pack of furs, and brought them up before Ernest Waterman J. P. who fined them \$100 and costs. The costs ran up to \$53.

Mr. Rolls bowled over a little yearling buck.

M. McAuley was among the lucky hunters last week. He brought down an eight point buck.

It is the Fernie coal strike that is keeping back the track-layers. They can get no coal for the engines.

T. D. Pickard returned on Sunday night from a trip over the roads in the eastern portion of the Similkameen riding. With so large a mileage of roads to look after in this riding, the task of giving personal attention to all of them requires strenuous work on the part of the superintendent.

It seems that after all, there was some foundation for the report that Rev. A. H. Cameron of Keremeos had joined the Anarchists. He went to Anarchist Mountain and joined in matrimony Emma Penneman and Roy Smith, late of Washington state.

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A. MEGRAW,
Managing Editor.

Full Moon 30th	New Moon 16th					
Last quarter 9th	First quarter 22nd					
1906 NOVEMBER 1906						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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A GOOD RECORD

It is doubtful whether any other riding in the province can render as good an account of the expenditure on roads during any parliamentary term for the amount expended, as that shown in the Similkameen riding in the term that is nearing its close. Many important sections that were absolutely without communication by wagon or other vehicle, during lengthened periods in each year, are now provided with transportation facilities, and the general condition of existing roads very much improved. The road mileage of the riding is very large, and the wonder is that the appropriations, large as they may seem to other ridings that were not given nearly so much, have been able to accomplish what they have done.

Take the Kettle River road for instance, that had been so grossly bungled by previous governments and large sums of money squandered without affording relief to the mine-owners and ranchers who were there immured and whose properties, no matter how valuable they might be, were temporarily useless to them. Within a year after the present government assumed control, the road was completed all the way to Carmi, and as soon as completed, the mine-owners of the West Fork took hold in a manner that must call forth the commendation of everybody who admires pluck and progress. Although a fifty mile haul lay between them and the nearest railway point at Midway, they began taking out ore and shipping it to the smelters, giving employment to miners and teamsters and making money for themselves and the province in return for the road that had been built for them.

Over on Rock Creek an unsatisfactory situation with regard to roads had existed for years, but has now been adjusted in a manner well calculated to suit the wants of that locality, and at a moderate cost. The former government had started in to build a piece of road from McKinney to the Rock Creek Plateau near the forks. This would not only afford facilities for the shipment of ore from the Dayton and other properties along the

ridge lying between the north and south forks of Rock Creek, but would cut several miles off the distance intervening between McKinney and Midway. The road was almost built but lacked the necessary work to complete, and it lay there year after year without being of benefit to anyone. There was also on the main road, between Rock Mountain and Midway, an almost impossible grade, which from top to bottom was something over 14 per cent, and in places over 25 per cent grade. But its worst feature was the narrowness of the grade and the very steep embankment. Every winter witnessed mishaps on this hill when farmers' sleighs were sliding off the grade and going over the steep bank, endangering life and property. It was to avoid this grade that the new McKinney road was being taken by way of White Bar. But the building of the V. V. & E. altered conditions in that vicinity very materially, making McBride's the nearest railway station for all residing on Rock Mountain, at Camp McKinney and on the western end of the Rock Creek plateau. The new McKinney road has now been taken over the south fork of Rock Creek to join on to the Rock Mountain road and the bad grade at the crossing is being changed.

The divide between Keremeos Creek and the Okanagan has received attention and various pieces of new road constructed that have provided outlet for important settlements, such as Shingle Creek and Maroon Valley, while extensive repairs on existing roads were executed.

The western portion of the riding has witnessed the construction of various new roads, including the Copper Mountain road between Princeton and Copper Mountain, and the Bear Creek road to open up the camps on Bear Creek, this being one of the principal works of road construction in the riding. There has also been considerable work on One Mile and Five Mile creeks, and much more planned out to be executed in that locality.

The Princeton Star blames Mr. Shatford for the expenditure of some money in Hedley this year. It is true that a lock-up is being built in Hedley, but then Princeton has had a lock-up all along. Why, then, should the Star object to Hedley, with six hotels, getting a lock-up at this late hour, when Princeton with two hotels has had a lock-up for years. It is true that Hedley is drawing some money from the provincial legislature towards a hospital, but in order to get this the people of this town had to put up a much larger sum to comply with the requirements of the Benevolent Societies Act before this legislative aid could be secured. Should Princeton or any other place in the riding put up a like amount for a hospital, there is no doubt that they will get the same legislative assistance. Why then do they blame Mr. Shatford? Hedley, too, is getting a new school, but this was coming to Hedley all the time. The government never provided any other school building in Hedley, and now that the school accommodation in Princeton has become inadequate, the people of Princeton have seen that Mr. Shatford moved immediately to get them the necessary accommodation whenever the matter was brought to his attention. Hedley, too, is getting a wagon road to the mining camps that are tributary hereto. One of the very first new roads which Mr. Shatford had built in this riding was the portion of the road giving Princeton connection with Copper Mountain. Princeton gets this in the Government's first year; Hedley waits until the end of the third year. Wherein then has Hedley wronged any other portion? But the people of Hedley have too much sense to blame the people of Princeton for anything the Star may say, for it is well-known that Princeton people are too fair-minded to share the Star's views in this matter.

Copper and Its Outlook.

By Horace F. Evans.

The inflation of certain phases of the copper industry might have been expected in these days of short-cut methods to wealth and the high pressure which governs the man that believes wealth is the chief end of creation. Inflation is a device of the schemer and it is not a genuine substitute for discovery and production. It is a device of the middle man and not of the producer. It is an unhealthy stimulus that well informed people often dislike than appreciate, and since it is a mere make-shift, ephemeral in character and vicious in principle, it does not add to production and is therefore a fiat of the monopolist and its derivation is therefore uncertain because it at once antagonizes the producer and the genuine consumer.

The price of a commercial product is generally based on supply and demand, and when an article is known to be plentiful its production depends on the question of demand, but when it is known that a natural product is becoming scarce by reason of a steady increase in consumption without a corresponding increase in production, the inflationist and the monopolist at once seek the opportunity of circling the market and they more or less succeed until the producer and genuine consumer are able by discovery to increase the supply.

The industrial press of late is filled with articles on the outlook of copper and the present supply on hand.

Statisticians of repute admit that the United States is not keeping up to its average shipments. Up to the year ended Sept. 30, 1906, that country sent to Europe 195,772 tons of copper out of a total of 328,555 tons, compared with a total production of 214,057 tons in 1903-4 and 217,068 in 1904-5.

The production of copper in other countries than the United States, which country is responsible for more than 50% of the European demand, is known to be increasing very slowly, much more slowly than consumption, while copper consumption in the United States has increased much more rapidly during the past five years than production.

These are some of the chief conditions to be met with in connection with the copper industry of the world at the present time, and it naturally suggests a number of questions, of which two or three are of more than supreme interest to the people of British Columbia. These are: Are the present prices of copper permanent? Are these figures—and the plural term is used because there are various grades and kinds—stable, or will they not take a sudden leap and go down to the figures measured by one-half the present rates? Again: Will not the stimulus which high prices give to further discovery result in increased production, for is it not a fact that there are now known to be rich deposits of unworked copper in the Similkameen country and in other parts of the continent, which are not even located, let alone worked, and is it not a fact that certain copper corporations that might be named have adopted the policy of belittling these deposits because they do not wish to encounter competition and are not in a position to secure these deposits unless, in the case of those actually discovered and located, the owners are willing to sell them for a beggarly price?

The more the outlook of the copper market of the world is investigated, the more convincing are the facts that the high price of copper is due to the causes of demand and supply, which causes are legitimate and substantial. Old mines are petering faster than new ones can replace them, and consumption is increasing more rapidly than producers have anticipated. Copper has always been a coming metal and its supremacy is not ephemeral, but permanent. Its increased uses are an evidence of a highly advancing industrial condition. As a metal its uses can never lessen and while the art of copper smelting is one of the best known to industrial man, the perfection of that art has not yet been reached—the art itself, like the metal, is advancing along the Appian Way of industrial greatness.

The demand for copper being then greatly in excess of the supply, and there being known deposits of copper having great values in the newer portion of the international mineral zone known as the Similkameen country, it belongs to the people of British Columbia to see that the copper deposits of the Similkameen are developed, and exploited in such a way as will conduce best to the welfare and happiness of the people.

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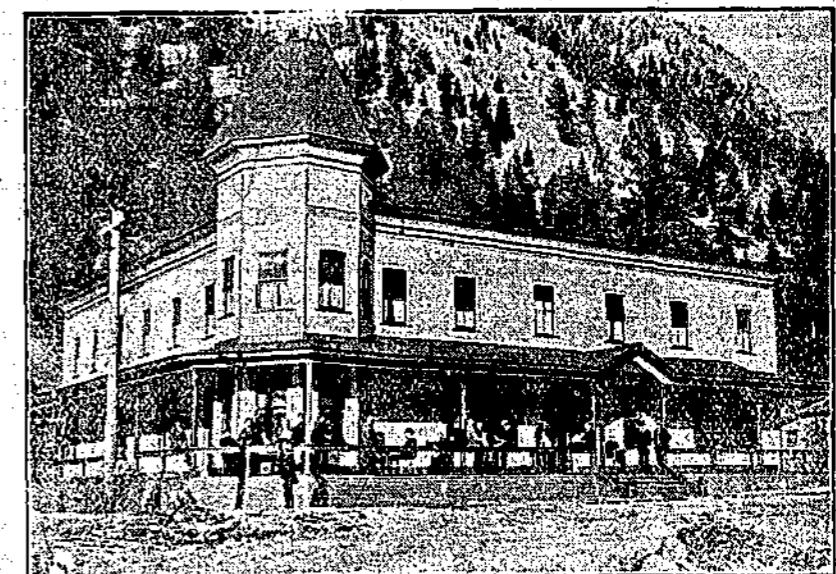
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described agricultural and pasture land containing ten acres, more or less, that portion of section 19, township 36, bounded on the East by Dog Lake on the South by W. Gillespie's pre-emption claim, on the West by pre-emption claim No. 3884, on the North by Ritchie's purchase, in the Similkameen Division of Yale District.

HENRY F. SOUTLEY,
37-45 by his agent, M. C. KENDALL,
Penticton, Sept. 27th, 1906

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 that portion of Section 15, Township 31, Similkameen District, bounded on the north by L. 2033 G. 1, on the south-east by the A. D. A. and Columbia mineral claims, and on the west by F. B. Boone's pre-emption, containing 40 acres more or less. Required for range.

Dated at Fairview this 5th day of Oct., 1906.

EVAN MORRIS
Per R. H. PARKINSON, Agt.

NOTICE.

CAME to my ranch on Kruger Mountain, about two months ago, one bay stallion, weighing about 250 pounds, branded "C" (connected) on left shoulder. If not claimed within thirty days, will be sold by public auction to cover expenses.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1906.

THOMAS LAUCEY, Fairview, B. C.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of pasture land described as follows: Commencing at the N. E. corner of Lot 262, thence 40 chains east, 10 chains south, 40 chains west, 40 chains north to point of commencement.

M. DALY
Keremeos B. C., Sept. 13, 1906 37-9

The Gazette and the Mining World for \$3.00 per year.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To Thomas Farquhar and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interests in the Maple Leaf and Long Shot mineral claims, situated on Dividend Mountain, in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

YOU are hereby required to take notice that I have expended for assessments and for recording certificates of work done on the above claims, the sum of one hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$172.75), 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, together with all costs of advertising. If you fail or refuse to contribute such amount, including advertising, within sixty days from date of first publication of this notice in the Hedley Gazette, your interest will become vested in me, your co-owner, under the provisions of the "Mineral Act and Amending Acts."

Dated this 9th day of November, 1906.
31-1 W. J. GARBUTT.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To William Edlin Welby of Penticton, and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interests in the Florence and Zecrest fractional mineral claims, situated on Twenty-Mile Creek, in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

YOU are hereby required to take notice that I have expended for assessments and for recording certificates of work done on the above claims for the years 1901-1905 and 1905-1906, the sum of two hundred and five dollars (\$205.00), 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, together with all costs of advertising. If you fail or refuse to contribute such amount, including advertising, within sixty days from date of first publication of this notice in the Hedley Gazette, your interest will become vested in me, your co-owner, under the provisions of the "Mineral Act and Amending Acts."

Dated this 13th day of November, 1906.
31-1 THOS. BRADSHA W.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 80 acres, more or less, of pasture land situated as follows: Commencing at the N. E. corner of Lot No. 262 running 20 chains east, 20 chains north, 40 chains west, 20 chains south, 20 chains east along boundary of Lot 262 to point of commencement.

G. M. ALLISON
Keremeos B. C. Sept. 15th, 1906 37-9

Town and District.

The saw-mill is in operation these days getting a stock of lumber ahead. Better quit fishing for awhile. November 15th is the last day for catching trout.

A dance will be held in Fraternity hall on Friday evening to which all are invited.

Gilbert Mohr, of Enderby, came in on Tuesday to take a position in J. A. Schubert's store.

Mr. J. H. Kennedy, of the V. V. & E is in town accompanied by Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Milliken.

Hedley has had two nights of Egyptian darkness this week because of three lengths of the flume going out.

Geo Sproule has been appointed provincial constable and chief licence inspector for S. E. Yale, with headquarters at Osoyoos.

Mr. Bailey's thesis which possibly should have been run as a serial, is responsible for crowding out considerable more interesting matter.

Miss Anna Brown of New Westminster, arrived on Tuesday's stage, and will remain in town some time, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Marks.

Thomas. Winters, cook at No. 1 construction camp of the V. V. & E. at Keremeos, aged 65 years, died on Friday 9th inst. of pneumonia, and was buried on the 10th.

Miss Campbell, of Vancouver, arrived in Hedley on Thursday last to take the position of house-keeper at the Hotel Similkameen vacated by Miss Machin.

L. W. Shatford M. P. P. came in on Friday from Fairview and spent a few days in town. He went out again yesterday, en route to Fairview and Penticton and may go to the coast before returning.

The warm rains of the past week took off the greater part of the snow that had fallen at the Nickel Plate, and it is hoped also contributed a generous amount of moisture to Twenty Mile Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes have returned to Hedley. Mr. Forbes came on Friday to get things in readiness and Mrs. Forbes came on Sunday. While Mrs. Forbes has made a fair recovery from her recent illness, she is yet far from well, and although her many friends in Hedley are pleased to have her back they cannot expect her to take the prominent part in public functions which she did, at least for a few months until her strength has fully returned.

Last week Mr. Cox came in from Loomis, accompanied by Mr. Beidler, the superintendent of the Palmer Mountain Tunnel Company to examine the group of claims on Five Mile Creek owned by Messrs. Cox Uhler and Gillespie. When they went up there they found about ten inches of snow on the ground, but nevertheless Mr. Beidler saw what he wanted to see and was favorably impressed with the property.

The gang at work repairing the trail up the mountain are putting it in better shape than it has ever been. In places the earth had all worn off the steep mountain side, leaving the bare slanting rock that was extremely dangerous to take a horse over in the summer time, much less the winter, and as the trail will be used more this winter in connection with development work on the properties of the Kingston Gold and Copper Mining Company than it has been heretofore, the work that is now being done to put it in shape is work that was much needed. The location of the trail also is being changed where it crosses the flume of the Daly Reduction Co. The crossing has always been in a deep draw underneath the flume, and owing to the leakage from the flume forming an ice cone on the steep trail, it was exceedingly dangerous to pass at this point. The new crossing will be over the flume instead of underneath.

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Messrs Messenger and Jamieson each got a fine deer on Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Cody left on Monday last for Helena, Montana to visit his people there.

The shooting talent of the Hedley Rifle Association has been increased by the return of Mr. Forbes.

The committee in connection with the St. Andrew's banquet are busy perfecting arrangements and expect to have a successful time.

The special meeting of the Licence Commissioners for the Nicola licensing district which was to take place on Thursday last has been postponed until Thursday the 22nd.

Charlie Reveley has taken charge of the Nickel Plate store and entered on his duties at the beginning of the week. His predecessor, Mr. Penwell took his departure on Monday last.

Miss Lamont will hold a school concert on December 21st. A programme is being prepared to which the school children will contribute, and will be assisted by local adult talent.

The contractors finished the roof on the new jail last week and began work on the school-house which they are anxious to get covered in so as to be ready for any bad weather which may be experienced.

Mrs. Wynne and baby came down from Princeton on Sunday and are stopping at the hotel Similkameen. Mr. Wynne took charge of the Daly Reduction Company's assy office on his arrival from Princeton on Thursday last.

Dr. McEwen, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Kirby, drove up from Keremeos on Friday last. They started on their return journey the same evening going as far as Bradshaw's where they remained over night, and left for home the following day.

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A COMMUNICATION.

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ple were wondering why, I told them the flume was broken, and how it broke. Now, Sir, kindly explain why you said: "It is also stated that the object sought is to compel the company to buy him out."

You evidently have a very poor conception of how mining properties are bought and sold, besides you do an injustice to honest mine managers. In the first place these ore showings have never been examined by the numerous managing engineers of the Daly Reduction Co or the Yale Gold Mining Company.

In the second place they are not opened up enough to report on intelligently, owing to the disturbed conditions of the metamorphosed sedimentaries in connection with the intrusive rocks which characterize this camp. No, Sir, I have never mentioned deal to any of the Company's managers at any time, I presume they have all the ore they can possibly handle for some years to come. Nevertheless, this is not a poor man's camp. It requires a lot of development work, and outside capital has to come in and develop it, but it would be most fatal for anyone who has mining property for sale to think they could compel a rich company to buy them out by maliciously destroying their property. They would rather expend the entire net proceeds of their mine in the law courts than pay one cent to the incendiary who would so try to take advantage of previous mismanagement by trying to force a rich company to buy property they haven't even examined. Then again you must remember I came to you sometime in September and asked you to print some notices so that I could post them up where I thought my rocks might possibly come down and damage the flume. You said I didn't require them if I had already notified the company.

On the day following the break I went up to continue working on my ore. I saw a lot of men fixing the flume. I asked for the foreman and asked him if he would place a few poles over the flume and pointed out where my rocks would come down. I was told I couldn't work there, so I worked in a different place and that night I went up to see Mr. Ross to ask him to protect the flume, that I wanted to continue working on my ore and that a few poles placed across the flume at the required places would protect it from damage. Mr. Ross evidently thought I had done the damage on purpose, and naturally was very hostile. I told him I would not go up 1000 feet to blow down rocks for spite, when I could blow them down every hour if I had any spite against the company without going up so high. He told me he had fixed the flume and that was all he was going to do to it, and if I damaged it again he would make it interesting for me, and that he came in for work and not for trouble, and his mill foreman forbade in words not fit for publication my going on the flume again. It seems to me I was strictly up against it, what with the awful threats of both the company officials and some of the townspeople who had to do without electric light all Tuesday night and suffer other inconveniences too numerous to mention, I was beginning to think I had committed some frightful crime in discovering and working on ore on properties I was interested in. However, as I have an interest in only three claims staked prior to the construction of the flume, out of about fifteen or twenty claims similarly located and dangerous to the flume, I can only speak for myself, and understand the company's past selfish policy and dog-in-the-manger action. I think something is wrong somewhere if I have to protect the rich company's flume at my own expense, so I have written for instructions, but in the meantime I am prohibited from working on my ore, and I quite agree with you Mr. Editor, that it seems high time in the interests of the public for something to be done to see where we stand for this kind of thing cannot be allowed to go on.

I have no malice against the big company. My claims are as rich to me as their properties are to them. I don't want any trouble, but want free right of way over the flume where it crosses the property I am interested in and I want the company to do their share of protecting their property and I'll do mine. I have no inclination to stop the company's workings, and I don't want them to stop mine. Prospects have to be developed before they can become mines. All I want or expect is fair play. No attempt has yet been made to protect the flume where my rocks will come down the steep side hill. It is a question of only a few

hours work for the company to cover their flume at these points and the question is who is going to protect it, the rich company or the poor property owners? I am willing to do anything just and reasonable, but will not be stopped from working on my ore.

Yours Faithfully,
FRANK BAILEY.

Now that Mr. Bailey has had his say and, Belial-like, has endeavored to "make the worse appear the better reason," it is encouraging to find that at all events he is prepared to accept the fact that the town as a whole disapproved pretty strongly his course in smashing the flume in the manner that he did. To make him come to that conclusion it is quite apparent that some plain things were said to him by various townspeople, and that the Gazette was not alone in condemning his vandalism. If, as he admits, it was as far back as September that it occurred to him to warn the Company that the flume should be protected, why was it that after he had notified Mr. Lamb, he waited until Mr. Lamb had just turned over the management, and Mr. Ross who had no notice given him had just assumed control, before doing the act. While the townspeople had sufficient reason to feel annoyed at him on their own account for the inconvenience experienced in being deprived of water and light without a moment's warning, it is well known that this feature weighed far less with them than the fact that they felt humiliated that such mean treatment should be meted out to the new manager at the very outset. It was neither courteous nor fair and it is not to be wondered at that townspeople were indignant.

It is quite true that the editor tried to dissuade Mr. Bailey from having notices printed to be put up on his claim. One reason for this we gave him at the time, viz. that placards posted up in the manner which he proposed doing, was not sufficient notice, and that if he wished to give proper notice it should be given direct, either personally or by letter. The other reason, we refrained from giving him in consideration of his feelings (if he has any on that point) and we still refrain from giving it here.

When Mr. Bailey refers to the protection of the flume as being a light, easy matter that a few poles would fix he appears to be talking nonsense. Men in whose judgment the Gazette has much more confidence represent it as being a very much more expensive affair. The rock which did the damage went through the flume both top and bottom like a rifle bullet, and in places nothing but very heavy timbers would be of any use, for the

work necessary to afford effective protection from such rocks as would come down would represent a cost perhaps equal to the original construction. The Gazette is not arguing the question of a claim-owner's right to work in any part of his claim or upon whom the responsibility should rest of protecting such work as a flume. That is a matter of law appertaining to the civil courts. When the public know for certain that there is any particular need for him working where he was they may regard the question differently from what they do at present.

Mr. Bailey's new-born solicitude for the welfare of the camp and the town is encouraging. He had not heretofore impressed the citizens very strongly in that direction. On the contrary, complaint has often been heard that he made himself a nuisance by importuning and boring mining men who came to the camp, until he had become a sort of mineral scarecrow that mining men were almost justified in staying away in order to avoid. In butting-in, he is cheek personified, and the visitor who hopes to rid himself of him must throw courtesy to the winds, for Mr. Bailey is impervious to hints; and any means used, whether vocal or pedal, to terminate the conference, must be vigorous.

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