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BONDED FOR $40,000.

Golden Fleece and Stanley Bonded to E. C. Egan. — The Property Will Be Thoroughly Developed.

The bonding of the Golden Fleece, Stanley, Gold Dollar and Little Johnny to E. C. Egan for $40,000 shows the confidence that gentleman has in East Kootenay properties. From what can be learned the property possesses more than ordinary merit. The claims show considerable development, one tunnel on the lead is now in 72 feet besides five open cuts varying from fifteen to 35 feet. A contract will immediately be let to run a 400 foot tunnel, which it is thought will pretty thoroughly develop the mine. The average assays made from the ore are about $30, although assays running as high as $169 have been made.

These properties are on the divide between Louis and Tracy creeks and adjoining the Minnie L. and Tiger. The character of the ore is similar to that in the Estella and other claims in the immediate vicinity.

On Alki Creek.

Thos. McVittie returned from Alki creek last Saturday, where he had been to survey the Polson group of claims. At present there are from twelve to fifteen men employed working two shifts each on the tunnel and shaft. The face of the tunnel shows ore of excellent quality, and in the shaft good ore has been encountered.

So far the work has been of a most satisfactory character, and the owners express themselves much pleased with the show.

Mines on Dutch Creek.

About thirty miles up Dutch creek some discoveries have been made recently which are attracting considerable attention. Copper ore of high grade has been brought out, and as a result a number of prospectors have gone in. It is said the country is easy of access, and a good wagon road can be built at a trifling expense. Dutch creek empties into the Columbia opposite Fairmont Springs.

Developing the Tontine.

Development work on the Tontine group of mines on Quartz creek is progressing rapidly. Seven men are at present employed working two shifts running a tunnel which is now in seventy feet. In speaking of the property C. M. Keep, the principal owner, said: "We are sinking on the lead at another point 200 feet from the tunnel, the shaft is now down ten feet. On the surface at this point, there is about seven feet of ledge matter and four feet of solid quartz which is a mixture of copper carbonates and the ore body is widening as we go down. The entire ledge is well mineralized. There are about 1000 tons of ore exposed which will concentrate from four or five into one and these concentrates will go 35 or 40 per cent copper or about $100 in all values. This has been ascertained from tests which we have made. I have great faith in the property."

The Tontine group is over the hill about four miles from the Big Chief and is owned by C. M. Keep, A. A. Keep and H. D. Stewart.

Getting Ready To Ship Ore.

The Chicamun Stone work is being prosecuted with great vigor, and is progressing rapidly. The air shaft connecting with the main tunnel is now completed. Another shaft will be started further up the hill; this shaft will give a depth of 105 feet. A winze is being sunk 100 feet in the lower tunnel, another tunnel is to be run 100 feet below and an upraise to connect the winze. The distance now run on the vein is 221 feet.

The Government road gang went down on Tuesday to construct a road from the main road to Elko to the mine. Soon as this is completed shipments of ore will commence.

The Chickamun Stone is undoubtedly a mine if all reports from there are true.

EAST KOOTENAY CONSOLS.

The Sum of $75,000 to be Expended on the Further Development of Their Property on Wild Horse Creek.

Late advices from London are to the effect that the sum of $75,000 has been subscribed by the East Kootenay Consols for the further development of their properties on Wild Horse.

The properties controlled by this corporation (better known as the Invicta Mining Company Limited) consists of placer ground about one and one quarter miles on the hillside on the north west side of the creek, also extensive holdings on the south side. The property has an abundance of water for their work, supplied by three ditches the principal one being five miles long carrying 1500 inches. At the intake of this ditch there is a dam sixty feet high. For the past three years these claims have been worked continuously, but during the present season but little work has been done.

The gravel consists of sixty feet of loose top gravel, thirty feet of red gravel and forty feet of blue cement, all of which contains gold. The gold is coarse, and nuggets valued at from eight to nine dollars are common, one nugget taken out in 1895 was valued at $150.

The property is well equipped with hydraulic machinery, electric lights, etc. It is understood that the company will put in a large hydraulic elevator to work the deep channels to the depth of 50 to 60 feet. Explorations made in the deep channel last year showed the gravel at that depth to contain about $7 in gold to the cubic yard.

J. W. R. Young, resident manager will continue in charge of the work.

Mining Notes.

A number of prospectors from Bonner's Ferry with large pack outfits passed through town on Saturday last on their way to the Windermere country.

Robert Mulford, mining agent for Fraser & Chalmers, who was in town last week, was acting for a Wall street syndicate in the deal on the Paying Teller group near Windermere.

The owners of the Coronado will start work on that property soon as the Government decides to put in a trail.

The manager of the Wakefield mine near Silverton is prepared to take on 120 miners if they will accept $3 per day of eight hours.

A deal involving the sale of the Galena Farm group of mines near Silverton has been concluded. A. W. McCune of Salt Lake City and W. L. Hoge of Anaconda are the purchasers. The consideration was not made known.

FROM TRACY CREEK.

Great Activity in This Camp. Many Mines Being Developed.

The Tracy creek country is fast coming to the front as a mineral section of more than ordinary importance, and the development which has been done during the summer is astonishing, and many of the prospects of a year ago bid fair to become producing mines before another year. The opening up of this district means much to Fort Steele. Inside of another year there will be several districts which will be classed as districts from which ore is being shipped.

The Estella shows a large amount of work. The shaft is now down 85 feet and the same character of ore is encountered as in the earlier working of the shaft. This shaft will be sunk seven feet further and then a cross-cut run to determine the width of the lead. When this is ascertained a tunnel on the lead will be started and driven to a point under the shaft and an upraise made to make connections. In the present workings shipping ore is being taken out every day, several hundred tons of concentrating and shipping ore being on the dump. Alexander Polson, one of the owners, has been on the ground for several days directing the work.

W. M. Sprague is working a number of claims in the district, and expresses himself as much pleased with what development is showing. The claims are the Ram's Horn, Oregon, Little Horn, Cleopatra and Crescent.

So far they are in the prospect state. On the Ram's Horn $500 has been expended on development. The character of the ore is the same as that on the Estella. The Oregon is only represented by assessment work. Five hundred dollars has been spent on the Oregon, the ore is copper and lead running well in gold.

Three assessments have been done on the Clopatra, not enough work however to determine the chief values.

The Cresent shows up a seven foot vein which will run well in copper and galena.

Mr. Sprague is enthusiastic over the camp and predict for it a great future. It was never in such a prosperous condition as at present.

Lead On the Big Chief 28½ Ft. Wide

E. J. Walsh returned from Boulder creek on Thursday evening and reports that the cross cut on the Big Chief has reached the foot wall showing the vein to be 28½ feet wide. On the foot wall a rich pay streak similar to the one on the hanging wall was found. In running the cross cut numerous stringers were found in the vein all of which show free gold. As the work progresses, the ground became softer and therefore more easily worked.

Mr. Walsh believes that further development will place the Big Chief among the dividend payers before many months. The work will be continued and the force augmented from time to time as may be found necessary.

Mining Notes.

From the Moyie Leader:

J. C. Drewery let a contract on Monday last for the erection of a compressor building on the Lake Shore mine. The building will be 30x40 feet in size. One car of machinery is now on the ground and the boiler arrived on the 22nd. It is expected that the compressor will be in operation by the fifth of August.

The first carload of ore from Society Girl was sent to the Hall Mines Smelter at Nelson last week.

The St. Eugene concentrator building is fast approaching completion. The following is a description of the new mill furnished The Leader by J. L. Cole, who is superintending its construction.

"The building proper is 45x90 and is three stories high. The vanner room adjoining is 30x50. There is also a basement 43 feet wide, 70 feet long and 16 feet high, and a jig room 43x45. The mill will be fitted with 12 jigs, three Willfey tables, two six-foot Frue vanners, two sets of crushing rolls, one Huntington mill, and one large Blake crusher with a set of revolving screens for sizing. The machinery will be driven by water power of 420 foot head. There will also be two ore bins built, one 18x24 and 16 feet high, the other 16x24 and 14 feet high.

This mill when completed will be one of the most substantial of its kind in the province and will be the first concentrating plant in East Kootenay.

NORTH STAR BRANCH.

Work Will Commence on Monday.—During the Week Dirt Will Fly All Along the Line.

There were so many delays in starting the North Star branch that many people had almost arrived at the conclusion that it was not to be built. It is now definitely announced that work will commence on Monday and be pushed to completion. Ground will be broken on Monday at a point about one half mile east of Cranbrook just below where the Mission road crosses the track. McRae & Reed will build eight miles, Grant & Sheedy three miles, Lund & Breckinbridge four miles, M. M. McCarthy three and a half miles, making a total of eighteen and a half miles.

The building of the branch will be of immense advantage to the whole district, and stimulate development on the mines in the vicinity of Kimberley. Fort Steele will receive its share of the prosperity which the building of the road will bring.

Building Boom at Kimberley.

According to late reports there is a building boom on at Kimberley, and there is a brisk demand for town lots. Harry White has a residence nearly completed; it will be ready for occupancy in a few days, when he will move in with his family.

Gregg and McMillan are putting up a store.

Wellman and Hurel have purchased two lots from A. W. Bleasdell and will erect thereon a fine hotel large enough to rival the North Star hotel.

A. W. Bleasdell has secured enough lumber and will commence a building to be used as a drug store, soon as he can get the necessary carpenters.

Malcolm McInnes has let a contract for a butcher shop.

Aime Campbell has purchased a corner opposite McInnes' store.

Charles Estmere is putting up a two story building 34x80. The lower floor will be used for stores and upstairs offices.

There are several other buildings in contemplation.

N. A. Wallinger has taken the McInnes building on Riverside avenue and will fit it up for an office. The log building in the rear will be used as an assay office.

C. F. Hannington went up to the Dupont on Thursday.

JOE MARTIN OUT.

The Action of Semlin In Dismissing Martin Endorsed.—Martin Resigns.

(Special to The Prospector.)

Victoria, July 26.

The followers of the Semlin-Martin government are out in full numbers today, and it is said that fighting Joe has some high cards up his sleeve which are likely to prove fatal to Cotton.

Wednesday 6 p.m.

Caucus resulted in Semlin's action in dismissing Joe Martin being fully endorsed.

Victoria July 27.

Joe Martin resigned today. Nothing is yet known as to his possible successor, although W. B. McInnes and E. P. Davis are both proposed.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFLETS.

Joe Martin Has Resigned.—McKenzie and Mann Will Build a New Railroad In China.—Englishmen Believe the Shamrock Will Defeat the Columbia.

(Special to The Prospector.)

Winnipeg, Man., July 28.—Grand Trunk Railway main line trackmen will receive an advance in pay, branch line men will not be benefitted.

Telegraph messengers in Philadelphia have gone on strike, so have 2000 brickmakers of Chicago.

The loss by the fire which destroyed many historic buildings in Marienburg, Germany, is seven million marks.

American representatives at the Hague believe arbitration has been accomplished, but the Monroe doctrine is still in force.

Col. R. G. Ingersolls body was cremated.

The bricklayers of Vancouver have gone out on strike.

Mackenzie and Mann will construct a new railway in China.

The first Seawanhaka cup race was declared off owing to high winds.

Another party of Edmonton trail survivors have reached Vancouver.

Another rich strike is reported from Lake Manitou on the Sawyer property.

Luetgert the Chicago wife murderer was found dead at Joliet penitentiary.

The United States college athletes were entertained in the House of Commons, London.

E. H. Howell the American won the single scull championship on the Thames.

The yachting world of London believe the Shamrock will win the America Cup.

Mrs. Perot was arrested in Liverpool for the abduction of her daughter from Baltimore.

Federation was carried by very large majorities in the colonies of Victoria and Tasmania.

Manitoba defeated Omaha in the cricket tournament by a few runs. Chicago defeated Minnesota by eight wickets.

New York state legislative committee examined witnesses to find out why New York city's grain export trade was declining in Montreal's favor.

Earthquakes and tidal waves have visited the Hawaiian islands resulting in much damage.

The United States troops have captured the town of Colombo of the Philippine and rescued Spanish prisoners.

J. T. Wilkinson and O. R. C. Hoskings, Vancouver newspaper men, had thrilling escapes from drowning.

Captain Dreyfus is seriously ill with fever.

Military law has been proclaimed in Cleveland, Ohio.

Hayti is trying to compromise with her creditors.

President Henreaux of San Domingo was murdered.

A new ship canal from Lake Erie via Lake Ontario to the Hudsons Bay is proposed.

The Roman Catholic reformatory ship Clarence was destroyed by fire at Liverpool.

Honolulu has a flag incident, a party of Americans hauling down the German ensign.

The British battleship Vengence and the French battleship Saffrer have been launched.

A Government caucus was held in Victoria, B. C. to decide on the Semlin-Martin dispute.

Geo. Riddle, Manitoba's bicycle champion, has entered for the World's meet in Montreal.

General De Negrier a member of the supreme council of war of France has been disgraced.

Japan desires a measure of financial control in China in exchange for reorganizing the army.

Lemieux the accountant of the Villa Maria bank, Montreal, which suspended payment has surrendered himself and promises revelations.

W. M. Bethford manager of the Merchant's Bank of Halifax states the Atlin gold output will be $2,000,000.

Attorney-General Martin of British Columbia has resigned his portfolio, and his seat in Vancouver.

A Telephone to Windermere.

The time has arrived when Fort Steele should have telephone connections with Windermere. The necessity for a telephone is obvious, a great mineral district is opening up and many Fort Steele people are vitally interested in the mines of that section. A five minute talk some times would save the expense of hiring teams, besides taking one away from their business and consuming a week in making a trip which with a telephone could be avoided. A long distance metallic circuit is what is needed.

Reid—Elton.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Reid of Edinborough, Scotland, and E. Ashley Elton, son of the late W. R. Elton, Bengal L. I., of Grassmere, North Fork of Pincher creek, Alberta, was solemnized at the English church, Pincher creek, by the Rev. H. Havelock Smith, on Thursday last.

The Prospector joins with other Fort Steele friends in extending congratulations.

The happy couple will make their home in Fort Steele.

In the District.

The Fernie Free Press office will be lighted with electricity.

A new jail to cost $1000 will shortly be built at Cranbrook. The Herald calls it a government building.

The town of Cranbrook will consider incorporation.

A surplus of about $175 left over from the Dominion day celebration will probably be turned into the Cranbrook fire protection fund.

St. John's Church of England.

Divine service will be held in St. John's church at 7.30. Strangers welcome.

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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

The Copper King Mineral claim, situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Bull River, about one-half mile above the Pack Bridge.

The Copper Queen Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele, Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Bull River, about one-half mile above the Pack Bridge, and adjoining the Copper King mineral claim.

Take notice that I, Jacob P. Fink, Free Miner's Certificate No. "B 9760", 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 claims.

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

JACOB P. FINK.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1899. 27-35

MINERAL ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Big Chief Mineral Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On the north side of Boulder creek, East Kootenay, about two miles from the mouth.

Golden Coin Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Boulder Creek, East Kootenay, adjoining the Big Chief Mineral Claim.

Aimes Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Boulder Creek, East Kootenay, adjoining the Big Chief Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, William R. Ross, F. M. C., No. 13678 A, agent for K. J. Highby, F. M. C. No. 89428; Walter VanArsdalen, F. M. C. No. 9833 and H. L. Amme, F. M. C., No. 39599 A, owners of the above mineral claims (known as the Big Chief Group), intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1899.

25-33 W. R. ROSS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, with whom plans have been deposited, for permission to erect a bridge, with a suitable draw span, over the Upper Columbia River, at a point known as the Salmon Beds.

F. CARTER-COTTON.
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C. 19th June, 1899. 24-27

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NOTICE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY HOLDEN AT FORT STEELE.

(No. 98 of 1899.)

In the matter of John Lewis, deceased and in the matter of "The Official Administrators Act." Dated 27th day of June, A. D., 1899.

Upon reading the affidavits of Maude E. Crease and James F. Armstrong it is ordered that James Ferguson Armstrong, Official Administrator for the County of Kootenay, shall be Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of John Lewis, deceased and that this order be published in two consecutive weekly issues of the "Prospector" a newspaper published at Fort Steele in the County of Kootenay.

(Sgd.) J. A. Forin, J.

Creditors and other claimants should file their claims with J. F. Armstrong, Official Administrator, Fort Steele, B. C. 27

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NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that, thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C. for permission to purchase the following piece of, unoccupied and unreserved Crown lands situated on Wild Horse creek adjoining the Cummings' block 867, Group I, about two miles from Fort Steele. Beginning at the southwest corner, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence following bank of Wild Horse creek for the west line to point of commencement. Containing in all 320 acres more or less.

H. L. AMME.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C., this 27th day of May, 1899. 23-27

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Ottawa Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, July 25.—The Montreal Herald, a few days ago published a remarkable letter from Mr. John Hague, editor of the Journal of Commerce, purporting to give the inside history of the preparation of the gerrymander bill of 1882. Mr. Hague tells how, at the request of Sir John Macdonald, he prepared an electoral map showing the vote in the various constituencies at the two previous elections: "I was informed" he says, "that what the Government wished to effect was a rearrangement of the electoral districts, so far as possible recognizing a common unit of representation. This however was to be made sufficiently elastic to allow the grouping of different sections of the districts so as to detach Conservative voters from places where they were in excess of the needs for a majority, and the attachment of such voters to districts where the new accession would turn the scale at an election in favor of a Conservative candidate, where a Liberal had hitherto been returned. Electoral districts which were hopelessly Liberal, were if possible, to be abolished, or the constituencies so arranged as to put the Liberal voters altogether in one district, especially where they could be drawn away from a district where they menanced the Conservative candidate.

HIVING THE GRITS.

The process was afterwards called 'hiving' which is quite appropriate, though while the work was being done for the act of 1882 this word was never used. After making a colossal chart, I took each electoral district and its surroundings in hand, and wrote upon each, the number polled for each party at the two previous elections the total num of electors with the majorities in each case. I colored each district so as to show at a glance its political complexion. I then made a thorough study of the official returns of the two last elections and took out hundreds of statistics for comparison and readjustment. Some of the districts were most difficult to alter so as to secure the results desired. It was said the configuration of these represented nothing on earth, in the heavens, or in the waters under the heavens. Quite true,—they simply represented an effort to fix the boundaries of electoral districts according to two rules: first on the principal of equal representation to equal numbers of voters; second on the principal that electoral districts should be arranged to serve the interests of the party in power when they are rearranged. These rules do not work well together, hence the highly eccentric shapes of some of the districts on the chart I have constructed. The gerrymander act as it was called was simply the chart I have constructed expressed in legal language."

There is nothing particularly new in this confession of Mr. Hague's, for it has been practically admitted often times that the principals actuating the framers of the last two redistribution bills were exactly those suggested in the above statements: it is however interesting to have confirmation from such a well informed source.

ANOTHER BUBBLE BURST.

It will be within the memory of many of your readers that during the last session of Parliament considerable fuss was made by Sir Hibbert Tupper in the Public Accounts Committee over the expenditure of certain Federal monies for the purpose of investigating frauds in Manitoba in connection with the Federal General Election. The energetic and imaginative ex-Minister of Justice charged all sorts of things in connection with this matter. Cabinet ministers had paid their private debts out of the fund. Liberal candidates had drawn on it for their election expenses, party workers had made a good thing for themselves on the side and in fact the public monies had been squandered right and left. Every facility was given Sir Hibbert Tupper to prove his charges and any and all witnesses whom he desired were called before the Committee. The result was complete failure to prove one solitary allegation, but nothing daunted Sir Hibbert declared that if the matter was laid over till this session he would prove everything. The matter was laid over at his request. All manner of returns were prepared at considerable cost, and now after the Government had put every possible facility at his disposal, Sir Hibbert abandons his investigation and practically admits that he had no evidence whatever upon which to base his reckless charges, but that he was only fishing, in the vague hope of discovering something to make a fuss about.

NOT AFRAID OF THE LIGHT.

The alacrity with which the Government acceded to the Opposition request for an investigation by the Committee on privileges and elections into alleged crookedness in the West Huron and Brockville elections rather astonished the gentlemen on Mr. Speaker's left, though by this time they ought to know that the Government is prepared to offer every facility for legitimate investigation whenever even a semblance of a cause for such an investigation can be found. The Opposition has worked hard at investigations almost from the moment they retired from office, but while their gropings after something sensational have thus far produced absolutely nothing they have cost the country a good many thousand dollars in witness fees, travelling expenses stenographic reports and other court expenses. After all perhaps it is money well spent, for it gives the country absolutely unimpeachable evidence that the Administration is clean and honest.

DEATH OF SENATOR SANFORD

The tragic death of Senator Sanford by drowning in Muskoka has called forth wide-spread expressions of sympathy and regret. The deceased gentleman was particularly well liked in the halls of legislature, irrespective of politics, he was a favorite with all with whom she came in contact. Appointed to the Senate by Sir John Macdonald though he was prepared at all times to give an intelligent consideration to current events he was not an ardent politician. Blessed with abundance of this world's goods amassed through his own industry and integrity he gave liberally to such religious and philantrophic projects as commended themselves to his judgment. Though an American by birth he was thoroughly British in all his sympathies and within the four corners of the Dominion there could not be found a more loyal and whole hearted Canadian than William Eli Sanford.

IRISH SETTLERS IN THE WEST.

The Globe's Ottawa correspondent states, "On Saturday next Mr. Charles R. Devlin, the Government immigration agent in Ireland will sail for Londonderry. Mr. Devlin has spent the last two months in the Northwest. In course of his journeyings Mr. Devlin met a number of Irish settlers whom he had been instrumental in sending to Canada. They expressed themselves as satisfied and contented, and were enthusiastic over their prospects. 'A feeling prevails among Irish-Canadian settlers in Manitoba and the Northwest,' adds Mr Devlin 'that a strong effort should be made in Ireland to set forth the advantageous enjoyed by their countrymen already reaping the benefits of the change'. The crop outlook so far as Mr. Devlin had been able to ascertain was decidedly favorably. He will return to Ireland more than ever favorably impressed with Manitoba and the Northwest. His recent experience will further qualify him for speaking from personal knowledge of the great advantages Canada offers as a field for settlement".

PROROGATION IN SIGHT.

Business is rushing on Parliament Hill these days and each twenty-four hours sees more solid work accomplished than was recorded in a whole month at the beginning of the session. The Redistribution Bill has passed through the House and is now before the Senate. All other important Government measures are well advanced. Private business is being rapidly cleared off the order paper.—and most important of all perhaps,—members on both sides of the House are getting sick and tired of the session and will rejoice to hear the guns of prorogation booming. Another ten days should suffice to wind up the business and in fact the end of next week will find very few legislators in their seats.

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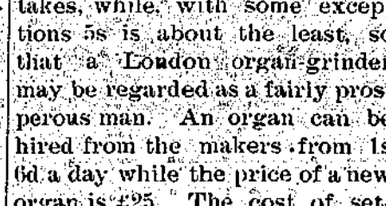

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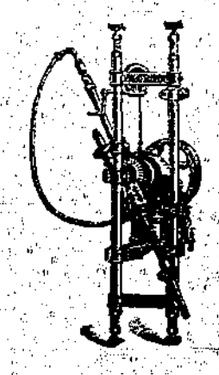

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SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1899.

GROSS IGNORANCE.

F. C. Potts of the Manitoba Free Press who visited Fort Steele recently, has but little to say in his paper regarding our town. While here he evidently failed to make enquiries regarding the mineral resources of the district, contenting himself with visiting one mine. He says: "Fort Steele has been before the public as a mining center for a number of years, and yet one can safely say that the district surrounding Fort Steele has never been thoroughly prospected." A visit to the Government office would have convinced him that the prospectors had pretty thoroughly explored the mountains, as the record of mineral locations would show. He says further: "It is only within the past two years that any attempt has been made to develop or prove the quality or quantity of its mineral deposits." Up to three years ago the Fort Steele district was as remote as Alaska so far as transportation was concerned. There was no incentive for the prospector to develop his claims. For nine months in the year it took seven days to get to Fort Steele from Spokane had the mines been developed there was no way of getting the ore out, but the country was thoroughly prospected and immense ledges of the valuable and useful minerals were uncovered. Mr. Potts neglects entirely the fact that there are mines in the district producing large quantities of ore. The North Star, St. Eugene, Lake Shore and a number of others. In reading his article one would think that the Big Chief was the only mine being systematically developed. Had he made inquiries he would have ascertained that the Chickamun Stone, Estella, Dupont and fifty others were being developed in a systematic manner, and that large sums were being expended in exploiting the various properties and that a number of them were in a position to ship ore.

Only seventeen days more before the South East Kootenay mineral exhibit for the Paris Exposition must be shipped to Ottawa for transhipment to Paris. But little interest has been manifested so far in the exhibit. Mine owners and prospectors have not brought in their samples. Unfortunately the funds at the disposal of the committee to make the collection is limited. The Provincial Government will give one hundred dollars, but this amount is inadequate to secure a representative collection, and from present indications this district will not make much of a show. It is to be regretted that a liberal appropriation for this purpose could not have been made as the exhibit is to show up the mineral resources as a province not by districts. There is still time, if an effort be made at once, to secure a creditable collection.

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Col. Robert G. Ingersoll the famous agnostic died at his home in Dobbs Ferry, New York on the 21st inst of apoplexy.

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Seattle is to have a smelter Mr. Selover of Portland is largely interested in the scheme. It was Mr. Selover who tried to get a bonus from the city of Vancouver to build a smelter at that place.

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The Board of Trade has sent a telegram to Mr. Bostock urging upon him the necessity of a daily mail for Fort Steele. All points on the railway have a daily service and there is no reason why this town should be left out. There was a time when there was great rejoicing when the service was made weekly instead of twice a month, and again when a service three times a week was granted. But under existing conditions a daily mail is no more than our people have a right to expect.

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The Editor of the Cranbrook Herald assumes that Cranbrook is the mining and commercial center of South East Kootenay. Upon what the assumption is based is not made quite clear, unless it be the building of the North Star branch. The statements are qualified and the editor concludes his article "Cranbrook *seems* to be all right and very much in the swim." We certainly have no objection to our neighboring town growing in importance but while it is yet in its swaddling clothes its newspaper should not imbibe iconoclastic theories, and assume for the town that which is not.

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The same arguments were made by the editor when the paper was published in Wardner. There seemed to be no other town in the district nor any likelihood of ever being. Fort Steele was ignored and the prophetic words of Jim Wardner and John Todd were sent broadcast over the country. Fort Steele survived and will continue to occupy a place on the map.

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An effort is being made in Nelson to secure Dan Godfrey's famous band for one concert. Perhaps a guarantee sufficient to induce the band to come to Fort Steele might be raised.

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After a brief period, during which time he has been making it warm for the Boston & Montana and Butte and Boston companies at Butte, F. A. Heinze returns to British Columbia to be a thorn, it is said, in the flesh of the Canadian Pacific. Now he proposes to build a railroad eight miles long from Trail to Sayward on the S. F. and N. railway. This line when completed will divert much traffic from the C. P. R., viz such as might originate at Ymir and other points on the S. F. and N. railway as it will give direct communication with the Trail Smelter. Mr. Heinze is a far seeing and energetic young man but when he comes to buck the C. P. R. he will have a large contract on his hands.

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There is more work being done on mining claims in this district than ever before in its history, and the work is of such a character as to fully demonstrate their value.

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About Windermere.

Mr. Wells, M. P. P., for North East Kootenay is examining roads and arranging with Gold Commissioner Griffith to build a wagon road to the mines on Toby and Horse Thief creeks.

It is said that the mining town for the mines on Toby, Horse Thief and other creeks will be in the McDonald basin.

The exact figures for which the Red Line group of mines were sold was $110,000. Had the deal with the B. A. C. failed to go through parties stood ready to pay $150,000 for the property.

Work on the new draw bridge across the Columbia at the Salmon Beds will shortly be commenced, and pushed to completion under the direction of gold commissioner Griffiths. The bridge with its approaches will be about 600 feet long.

The gross returns from the smelter of the ore from the Delphine mine, near Windermere was $105.03 per ton.

The new hotel built by James A. Stoddart has been completed and is the best appointed house in East Kootenay.

A representative of the Canadian Pacific railway will visit Windermere in August for the purpose of sizing up the mining situation. He will make full report to the directors of the company, who have in view the building of a railroad into that country at an early date.

Railroad Rumbles.

H. M. Killally, C. E. in charge of construction on the Bedlington & Nelson railway this side of the international boundary was in town on Sunday last.

It is expected that the C. P. R. will build from Nelson to Balfour this year and to Kootenay Landing or Kuskanook next year.

The average cost of the Robson & Penticton line is said to be $30,000 per mile, the most expensive work the C. P. R. have undertaken.

The grading of the line from Bonner's Ferry to Kusknook is now practically finished and track laying will commence in a short time. The dispute with the C. P. R. has been settled, the new line having secured running privileges for six miles on the Crow's Nest Pass line.

The C. P. R. and Nelson & Fort Sheppard railways have come to an agreement for an exchange of traffic at Nelson. For years the C. P. R. declined to make such an arrangement. At present there is only about 1000 feet of track necessary to make the connection. It will be a great convenience to shippers and to the traveling public.

F. Aug. Heinze, it is said, will build a railroad from Trail to Sayward, on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railways The distance is about eight miles. The building of this road will divert considerable ore from Ymir, Galena and Erie to the Trail smelter, which now goes to the Northport or other smelters across the line.

The announcement is now made authoritively that James J. Hill has purchased land in the city of Spokane and that work upon his depots, freight sheds will commence at once, says the North West Trade. The total improvements contemplated will amount to over a million dollars, and mean much to the city as well as the Great Northern. The expenditure of such a magnificient sum is proof that Mr. Hill does not cherish the animosity towards Spokane that certain individuals have charged him with.

Widespread Activity.

The New York Financial News says: "Never before in the world has there been such general and wide-spread activity in mining in all parts of the world and for all the important minerals. This activity is more concentrated and intense in the United States than elsewhere, but it is spreading in every region. Australia, Africa, China, the islands of the Pacific, Europe, South America, British Columbia, British North America and Mexico are all in the rush as well as are we of the United States. It is an age of mining."

Believes in the Windermere Country.

O. S. Frizzell returned from Windermere on Monday last. He together with his partner William Thompson located a couple of claims on the North Fork of Toby creek over the divide from Boulder creek. The did considerable work but were not through the iron cap and therefore were unable to determine the value of their locations. This iron cap is similar to that which covered the Red Line and Dividend groups.

From careful examination made by Mr. Frizzell he is of the opinion that the rich mineral belt is not an extensive one and is confined to the North Fork of Toby, Law and McDonald creeks. The mineral belt however is extensive, but the ores appear to be of lower grade; the extent of the belt was not ascertained, however rich ores may yet be found in the seemingly low grade belt.

"I regard the Windermere country with great favor" said Mr. Frizzell, "It is a hard country to prospect in, the mountains are precipitous, and below the timber line the country is almost impassable the down timber making it difficult to prospect, but prospectors will get in and the country will be opened up, and a wonderful mining district will be made known to the world.

Injured by Broken Glass.

During the temporary absence of Charles Armstrong, the popular dispenser of liquid refreshments at the Hotel International, George Shier, essayed the difficult role of mixologist. While getting a temperance drink for a thirsty customer a soda water bottle exploded with a loud report and pieces of glass were thrown all over the place. Mr. Shier was the only sufferer, one piece striking him just over the right eye, inflicting a painful wound, another cutting his hand badly. While not severely injured he is illustrated with cuts. The only thing that worries him is that while the right hand is injured he is unable to sign cheques.

In Getting a Crown Grant.

The British Columbia Gazette has the following information: Notice is hereby given that when the holder of a mineral claim is prepared to make the application for a Crown grant he shall send all the documents in support thereof, together with the fee of $10, to the gold commissioner for the district within which the claim is situated, who will examine and transmit them, when in order, to the head office at Victoria.

Opening Up New Coal Veins.

The Coal Company have commenced to open up a new seam at Mitchel creek, about two miles west of their present workings, and will at once build a number of miner's cottages at that point. The coal cokes well and is in every respect equal to that being worked at Fernie says the Free Press. The Company may possibly build coke ovens at this point, but in any case it will form an independent source of supply in the event of any mishaps occurring in Coal Creek.

A Warm Time In Fernie.

There was a hot time in the old town of Fernie last week. Bush fires had been raging along Crow's Nest Pass Railway these fires crept perilously near the Old Town and several buildings caught fire but with plenty of water the danger was lessened. About 100 men were in watch all of Wednesday, as it was several cabins on the hillside were destroyed the occupants losing bedding etc.

Dewey Sues for Prize Money.

A Washington despatch says Admiral Dewey has begun suit to recover the prize money due him and the officers and crew of his fleet for the vessels sunk in the battle of Manila and the property subsequently recovered by the naval force. He asks for $750,000.

Changes in the International Dining Room.

C. Klingensmith who for the past eighteen months has been running the Hotel International dining room gave it up on Wednesday last. He will for a period devote his time to his mining interests. Mrs. Klingensmith will leave for Seattle on a visit of two or three months. On her return in the fall Mr. Klingensmith will again engage in business at Fort Steele. George Shier will run the dining room until such times as a competent chef can be secured.

A Record Breaker.

Since the inauguration of a daily mail service on the Crow's Nest, postal matters are improving. The Fort Steele Prospector of the 15th reached this office on the 20th. Five days for 200 miles is not bad. It used to be six.—*Nelson Miner.*

WHERE SITUATED.	DIRECTION.	MILES.	NO. LOCATIONS
Wasa Creek	north	14	12
Lewis Creek	north	12	60
Tracy Creek	north	9	35
Six-Mile Creek	north	6	19
Four-Mile Creek	north	4	29
Mans Creek	northeast	3	18
Lost Creek	"	8	16
Horseshoe Canyon	east	6	6
Bull River	southeast	12	16
Bull River	northeast	10	30
Skookum Chuck	north	23	38
St. Mary's Lake	west	30	149
Moyie Lake	S.S.W.	25	140
Mark Creek	N.N.W.	20	80
Wild Horse Creek		1 to 10	185

These distances are in a direct line from Fort Steele.

NAME	DIRECTION	DISTANCE.
St. Eugene	S.S.W.	20 miles
North Star and Sullivan	N.N.W.	18 "
Bull River Mines	S.E.	12 "
*Bull River Mines	N.E.	10 "
Pyramid Kootenay Group	W.	30 "
Dibble Mine	E.	8 "
Estella Mine	N.N.E.	9 "
Coronado Mine	N.	9 "
Dodo Group	N.	9 "
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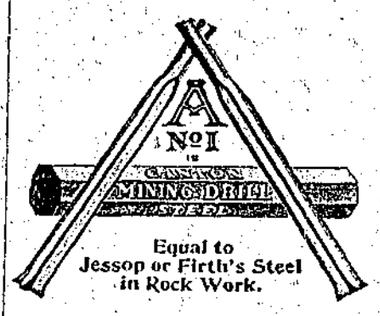

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Power has been transmitted a mile by steel rope for the purpose of pumping from a well nearly 1000 feet deep to supply water to a mill near Calico, Cal.

There is a distinction between forfeiture and abandonment of a location. Abandonment is intentional, and operates immediately; forfeiture is unintentional and results from non-compliance with the requirements of the law.

Within two years California will have mines over 3000 feet in depth. There are several shafts now down to the 2000-foot mark, or near it, and some below it. When the new Kennedy shaft in Amador county, Cal., reaches the proposed depth of 3500 feet, it will be about 2000 feet below the level of the ocean.

The Selby Smelting & Lead Company of San Francisco has made a reduction in refining charges on gold bullion corresponding to the recent reduction in mint charges, making their rates the same as those of the Government. The main reduction is from 6 cents to 4 cents per ounce on bullion 700 fine and over.

An alien cannot locate a mining claim in the United States unless he declares his intention to become citizen thereof, when he has the same rights as a citizen. An alien, however, may purchase a mining claim from a citizen locator, and hold the same until the fact of alienage is authoritively established by a public officer, upon an inquest held at the instance of the Government.

Those who contemplate engaging in mining who have no practical experince would do well to employ some competent and reputable mining engineer to assist in the enterprise, to outline the development of the mine and determine the character of machinery and the process to be employed at least. Inexperience and self-reliance have proven very expensive to some investors in mines in California and elsewhere.

The throw of faults is not always at right angles to their strike. Very frequently there is a lateral as well as a vertical displacement, and this fact may result in deceiving the miner searching for the continuance of a faulted vein, for where the vein is found of the opposite side of the fracture it may not have, on the same level, the same width and other characteristics in which case it might be mistaken for another vein.

The subject of county mining bureaus for the various mining states has been referred to herein before. Each county should take steps to make a typical collection of its valuable ores, rocks and minerals and place them on exhibition in some suitable place at the county seat. When exposition are held such as that to be opened at Paris next year, the best of the collection could be boxed, shipped to the exposition and returned when they were no longer required. Once established miners and mine owners would soon take pride in it, and the natural result would be in time that each county would possess the best possible exhibit of its mineral resources, collected at the least possible cost and it could not fail to become a source of both pleasure and profit.

He Overdid It.

One day while standing on the street in D—— I noticed the general manager of a wealthy mining corporation approaching. At the same moment I observed a man whom I knew to be a prospector emerge from a saloon, and a moment later intercept the mining man, Mr. M——. He was not always an easy man to approach, but in this case he stopped and listened attentively to what the man had to say. His remarks were too low to be heard from my standpoint, but it was soon quite evident that he was talking about a mine, for he produced from his pocket a small piece of ore and proceeded to describe the claim. From his gestures I concluded he must have a very large mine and the small sample was evidently very rich ore. As I have already said, I could not hear what he said, but the remark of Mr. M——I heard readily. He suddenly interrupted the prospector with the remark: "Don't you know you are lying? If you had a mine like that I would give you $2,000,000." Having heard his remark and seen M—walk away, leaving the prospector staring after him, I could easily imagine what he had been saying. That is the trouble with most prospectors. They are expected to present a roseate description of their property, but it is often so completely overdone that the man whom they propose to interest in the proposition not only disbelieves the story, but becomes angry to think that anyone should take him for such a fool as to believe it.—Working Miner in *Mining & Scientific Press.*

The terms strike and dip, as referred to veins, have been judicially defined as follows by Judge W. H. Beatty, says the Mining & Scientific Press. "The strike or course of a vein is determined by a horizontal line drawn between its extremities at that depth at which it attains its greatest longtitudinal extent. The dip of a vein, its course downward, at right angles to its strike; or, in other words, if a vein is cut by a vertical plane at right angles to its course, the line of section will be the line of dip. The strike or course of a vein can never be exactly determined until it has been explored to its greatest extent; but a comparatively slight development near the surface will generally show its course with sufficient accuracy for the purpose of a location. The dip having an exact mathematical relation to the course of vein, is, of course, undetermined; but practically the line of dip is closely approximated by taking the steepest (nearest the vertical) line by which the vein can be followed downward.

A Village Poo Bah.

The Council of an Ontario village recently appointed a man to serve as chief constable, truant officer, caretaker of cemetery, overseer of highways, janitor, sanitary inspector, tree inspector, cleaning streets and crossings, cutting weeds, collector of poll tax and dog tax, ringing curfew bell, and cleaning snow opposite fire hall, at a salary of $10 per week. It is not stated in the resolution whether or not he will be allowed to supplement his salary by engaging in other occupations.

A Wonderful Lake.

A singular lake on Kildin island, near the coast of Russian Lapland, not far from Kola, is composed of both fresh and salt water. The island is a paleozoic rock separated from the granite continent by an arm of the sea, and upon it is a lake which seems to be entirely shut off from the sea by a strip of land, but there must be some subterranean communication; for the tides of the sea are noticed in the lake, though in much diminished effect. The lake contains three kinds of water. On the surface it is fresh water, coming from a few brooks and the rainfall; lower down it is salt water, and at the bottom sea water is mixed with sulphurous hydrogen gas. The lake harbors fresh water animals on and near the surface and salt water animals beneath.

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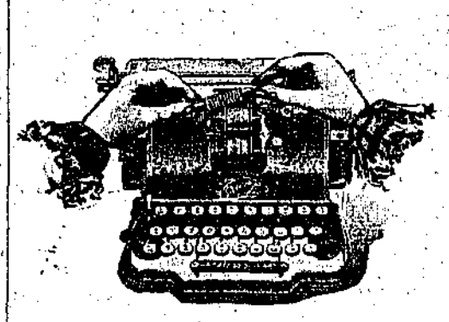

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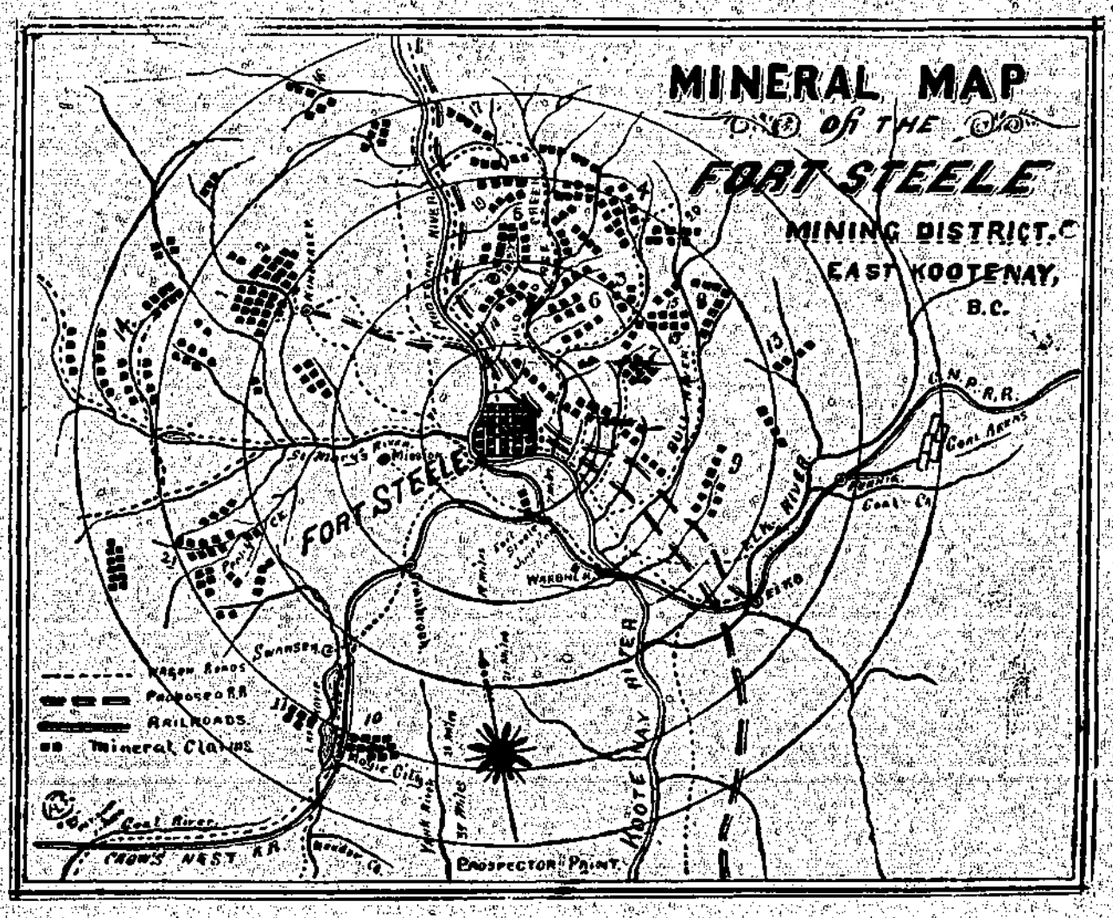

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

E. Mallandaine, Jr., townsite agent of the C. P. R. at Creston, was in town on Sunday last.

New wall paper at Cann's.

George Hoggarth has awarded the contract for his new hotel at Elko to Cobb & Sherift of this city. Work will be commenced soon as possible.

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R. O. Jennings and Prof. Smith returned from Windermere on Tuesday last.

Kershaw's new combination billiard and pool table has now arrived and gives great satisfaction. Call and test its qualities.

A gang of men are now working across the river putting in the approaches to the new bridges.

If your watches or clock are afflicted with any chronic ailment take them to the Watch Hospital opposite the Post Office. A cure is guaranteed in almost every instance, and during convalescence the best of care will be given.

Charles Thies and J. A. Fink went down to the Chickamun Stone on Wednesday.

General Arthur cigars and Will's navy cut at Keeps.

A. L. McDermot returned on Tuesday from a two weeks visit to Winnipeg. He was accompanied on his return by his younger brother Leo, who will spend his school vacation in the vicinity imbibing ozone and otherwise preparing himself for the next school year.

Hon. Geo. A. Foster will visit Fort Steele in a short time to look after his mining interests in this section.

The Government started work on roads and trails this week. The first work to be done will be to construct a road up Bull river to the Chickamun Stone and other mines in that vicinity.

It is reported that David Griffith of Wild Horse has purchased the Kershaw residence on Rocky Mountain Avenue. Whether or not Mr. Griffith was coming to live in town was not learned.

F. A. McHugh the railway contractor returned to Fort Steele on Tuesday and in company with E. C. Egan went over to Cranbrook on Wednesday.

V. Hyde Baker was seen recently in London wearing a plug hat, frock coat, etc., which leads some ill natured people to ask if he has forgotten his early training in Kootenay.

Do not forget the sports at Windermere next Saturday. The Stage Company will send out a special excursion stage and will give the low rate of $10 for the round trip.

Frank P. Hogan president of the Sullivan Mining Company accompanied by James D. Swords the Kootenay representative of James Cooper Manufacturing Company of Montreal, arrived in the city on Thursday and left for the Sullivan Mines on the same day.

Jack Hannington will return to his home in Victoria in a couple of weeks.

R. L. T. Galbraith returned from Windermere early in the week.

M. M. McCarthy the well known railway contractor was in town yesterday.

Mrs. S. Coombs who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks is convalescing rapidly and will be about in a few days.

Word has been received that the mail from both the east and the west will arrive here daily. Postmaster Cann has received no word of the change and the mail will be sent out as usual until he is officially notified.

R. O. Jennings has gone to Perry creek.

E. C. Egan went to Cranbrook yesterday.

W. R. Ross took a trip to Tracy creek on Monday.

J. W. Arthur has been spending a few days in the mountains in the vicinity of Wild Horse.

Building Improvements.

It may interest people who have the welfare of Fort Steele at heart to know that there is considerable building going on in town at present. Messrs. Galbraith and Elton are erecting a building 30x36 feet, two stories high, on Riverside Avenue. The lower part will be arranged for offices and for living rooms on the second story.

Henry Kershaw will put up a building the same size on the lot adjoining.

Mr. Jones has put a large addition to his house on Rocky Mountain Avenue.

Hotel Arrivals.

INTERNATIONAL:—John W. Irwin, E. C. Egan and wife, Winnipeg; F. C. Elliott, Robert Robertson, Nelson; J. Haniington, Victoria; Charles Estmere, Kimberley; J. H. W. Smythe, Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Keay, Geo. Joyce, P. Foisy, Cranbrook; Miss Keay, Vancouver; Frank Sliger, Wallinger creek; F. A. McHugh, Macleod.

WINDSOR:—P. C. Bishop, Wardner; S. D. Pompelly, Lake creek; J. G. Patterson, W. C. Keay, M. Durick, Cranbrook; J. W. R. Young, Wild Horse; J. H. Conklin and wife, Tracy; E. S. Wilkinson, Galtsburg, Ills; John Tyler, Geo. Lundberg, C. F. Smith, J. Nelson, Rossland; H. D. Henderson, Moyie; F. Macleod, R. L. Cochrane, Nelson; George Hoggarth, Elko; H. P. O'Farrell, St. Mary's; S. Hausen, Montana.

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The Fort Steele & Windermere Stage Company will make a $10 rate to Windermere and return on the occasion of the races and sports at that place on August 5th. Parties who contemplate going should lose no time in securing their ticket at the stage office. M. A. Beale will furnish all of the particulars.

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