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AS OTHER PEOPLE SEE US.

FORT STEELE COUNTRY.

A MINING SECTION OF GREAT PROMISE.

Helena Independent.

Col O.P.Chisholm,of Bozeman,was in Helena yesterday on business connected with the International Placer Co of which he is president. Their property is located within four miles of Fort Steele,B.C. Col Chisholm has great faith in the future of that section."It is a great mining country"he said yesterday at the Helena,and is sure to become one of the richest wealth producing districts in the whole Rocky Mountain region. The district is new,but is gaining rapidly in population. I believe Fort Steele itself will have a population of 1.000. by the first of next January. Mines are being developed on every hand and there are a number of producers already opened up.The most important of these is the North Star,which,in my opinion is destined to become one of the greatest silver producers the world has ever seen. They have exposed in that property an immense body of galena,that runs high in silver.The vein is 36 feet wide and is known to exist for 600 feet.It yields in silver from 55 to 1.100 ounces per ton.A recent strike, I am informed uncovered a vein three feet wide that will run on an average of not less than 400 ounces,Of course, the main body of ore is not near so high grade,but much of it will yield very satisfactory returns. A contract has just been let by the North Star company to ship 3.000 tons of ore down the Kootenay river to Jennings and from there by rail to the Great Falls smelter. That ore was taken out of an insignificant depth and is but a trifling amount compared to what remains. "Am I interested in the property"? No, but I wish I was,I understood some time ago that its owners offered to bond the mine for $200.000 and I telegraphed them at once what they would sell for. They replied," 1.000.000." and it is possible that they have raised the price since then. The Fort Steele district includes some good placer ground as well as silver and lead properties. Our company is preparing to work ground from which we have reason to expect good returns.We have been tunneling under a dry river and will reach the pay streak by "uprising". Our tunnel is in 375 feet and,I think,in about six weeks we will know what we have there. We also have a bond on the Last Chance or Dibble group 12 miles from Fort Steele.We have run a tunnel in 240 feet and cut three or veins in the property.We shall reach the fourth vein in about 35 feet.Five tons of picked ore from the mine sent to the smelter some time since yielded 136 ounces of silver,19 dollars in gold and three per cent copper per ton.When the Fort Steele country gets a railroad,"as it will some time" concluded Col Chisholm,"there will be no lack of capital for the development of its mines. It is handicapped now by expensive and inadequate means of transportation,but for all that it is a good district in which to have interests".

THE FIRST BOAT.

On Monday last,the whistle of the steamer Annerly was heard as she rounded the Wild Horse bar, and almost everybody in town went to the river to see,and welcome the first boat of the season. As the boat steamed up to the landing she was welcomed by a noisy demonstration,a salute was fired from a 12 bore by Tom Rae,and many others emptied their revolvers,in honor of the first arrival. The Annerly is commanded by Capt' I.B.Sanborn, who ranks as one of the best river captains in the North West; the steamer was heavily loaded with a cargo of general merchandise,hay and oats, the latter was consigned to the North Star Co; the steamer unloaded a car load or flour at Tobacco Plains, taking on hay and oats to complete her cargo to Fort Steele. The passenger list numbered eleven people,among whom was a Mr Wakerly,an expert,who has came here in the interest of a syndicate to expert and report on the Coal Fields of the Crow's Nest Pass, Bruce Chisholm,one of the owners of the International Placer Co,who will examine the placer ground at Palmers Bar in the interest of the company. Early Tuesday morning the steamer went to the North Star landing and took on 91 tons of ore, and cleared for Jennings at 1 p.m. She is expected to return by Saturday the 30th. The ore is consigned to the Great Falls smelting Co,at Great Falls Montana.

THE SECOND BOAT.

The International Navigation Co's new steamer "The Ruth" arrived on Wednesday,and is a fine large steamer of 275 tons register,Our old friend Cap Miller is in command ,and is well known at Fort Steele, The clearance papers of the Ruth shows that she left Jennings on Monday and she arrived at Steele on Wednesday making a remarkably quick trip ,coming up in two days.THERE was several passengers on the boat,at one p.m. she went to the landing and took on board 70 tons of ore,and cleared for Jennings at 7 a.m. Thursday.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Business is picking up,and the prospects are improving,and we can expect a prosperous season; The mining industry will be pushed forward as much as possible, and the indications are that many of the prospects will become producing mines at an early day. Several prospects have been sold and others bonded,and were it not that the season is so backward,many representatives of capital would have been here by this time,as it is they will come later on.and then, why, just keep your eyes on the Fort Steele mining district.

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The next regular meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday May 30th.
All posible information will be furnished by the Association,upon application to
Thomas McVittie,Sec,Fort Steele B.C.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

In the County Court of Kootenay holden at Donald
No 16 of 1896.

In the matter of Margaret Bell deceased,And in the matter of the Official Administrators Act, Dated Fourth day of May A.D.1896. Upon reading the affidavits of James Armstrong and Charles M.Edwards, it is ordered, that James Armstrong, Official Administrator for the County Court District of Kootenay,shall be Administrator of all and singular the goods,chattels and credits of Margeret Bell deceased,and that this order be published in two issues of the Fort Steele Prospector. (signed) Clement J Cornwall.
C.C.J.

The creditors of Margeret Bell late of Fort Steele in the district of East Kootenay,spinster, are required within thirty days of this date to forward by registered letter addressed to the undersigned,full particulars of their claims and of the securities(if any)held by them. After the expiration of the said thirty days the Administrator will proceed with the distribution of the estate,having regard to those claims only of which he shall have had notice.
Dated at Donald B.C. this 7th day of May 1896.
J.F.Armstrong.
Official Administrator,Donald B.C.

TABLE, showing the dates and places of Courts of Assize. Nisa Prius,Oyer and Terminer,and General Gaol Delivery for the year 1896.

SPRING ASSIZES.

Nanaimo, ...Tuesday,.....5th May.
New Westminster,.....Tuesday.....12th May.
Vancouver, ...Tuesday .....19th May.
Clinton, ...Monday.....25th May.
Victoria,.....Tuesday,.....26th May.
Kamloops, ...Monday ..... 1st June.
Vernon, ...Monday ..... 8th June.
+Nelson, ...Monday .....15th June.
+Donald, ...Monday .....22nd June.
+Special Assize.

E D U C A T I O N.

Education Office,
Victoria May 4th 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the Public Schools of the Province,will be held as follows,commencing on Friday July 3rd 1896 at 9 a.m:-
Victoria,....,In South Park School Building.
Vancouver,....In High School Building.
Kamloops,....,In Public School Building.

Each applicant must forward a notice,thirty days before the examination,stating the class and grade of certificate for which he will be a candidate,the optional subjects selected,and at which of the above named places he will attend.

Every notice of intention to be an applicant must be accompanied with satisfactory testimonial of moral character.

Candidates are notified that all of the above requirments must be fulfilled before their applications can be filed.

All candidates for First Class,Grade A,Certificates, including Graduates,must attend in Victoria to take the subjects prescribed for July 14th and 15th instants,and to undergo required oral examinations.
S.D.Pope,
Superintendent of Education.

KOOTENAY INDIAN AGENCY.

A list of water privileges submitted for record, being the quantities required for irragating purposes by the under-named bands of Indians.

THE St,MARY'S BAND.

(400)Four hundred inches from the St.Marys river.
(100) One hundred inches from Cherry creek.

TOBACCO PLAINS BAND.

(200)Two hundred inches from a creek running through Williams Phillipps pre-emption.
(200)Two hundred inches from a creek known as Reserve creek.

COLUMBIA LAKE BAND.

(100) One hundred inches from Marijeau creek

SHUSWAP BAND.

(100) ONE hundred inches from Shuswap creek.
(100)One hundred inches from Lilac creek.

THE AGENCY, R.L.T.Galbraith,
Fort Steele B.C. Indian Agent.
April 15th 1896.

The School children had a picnic on Saturday last, and had lots of fun.

The river is rising at the rate of three inches daily,it will soon be Hi yu Skookum Chuck.

There was a cigar famine in town for nearly a week.The arrival of the teams from Kalispel opened up the market,and now the boys puff the weed as usual.

The arrival of the steamer Annerly on the 25th, enabled us to receive copies of the Spokesman Review of the 22nd instant.

The International Navigation Co has commenced the building of a large warehouse .

The Annerly brought in 19 tons of freight on her first trip,and carried out 21 tons of ore from the North Star Mine;the ore is consigned to the Great Falls Smelting Co,at Great Falls Montana.

It is the intention of the Government to establish a Custom House at Tobacco Plains.

R.L.T.Galbraith,went to the Mission on Wednesday.

MINING NEWS.

It is more than likely that a deal will be made on the Sullivan property.The party who has the sale in hand,is waiting an answer from the owners,as to the time allowed for the expert to examine the mine.

The McInnes Bro's, of the London Stock Exchange, has purchased the Moyea Placer ground, the consideration is $1.200 cash.

P.Watelette,an expert on coal,arrived on the Steamer Annerly, He will examine the Crow's Nest Coal fields in the interest of a private syndicate,

The owners of the Gold Hill property will run a tunnel in, on the ledge and prospect the claim as soon as the snow will permit.

The North Star Co, are shipping their ore to Great Falls,

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INSPECTOR CLUTE.

Mr Clute, the Inspector of the Canadian Customs Department,with his assistant Mr Kaye of the New Westminster office arrived in Fort Steele on last Saturday's stage,and has remained with us since,attending to matters in his official capacity,for the past few days he has been busy at the Custom officearranging matters for the coming season. We learn that Mr Clute found the local office in first class order,and the work well up,and so expressed himself. Mr Kaye will be placed at the boundary at Tobacco Plains. Mr Clute is one of the very oldest officials in the Province,and is a just and pains taking official. We understand that the designation of the port will be changed from Kootenay to Fort Steele.

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IS COMING.

Our Stipendiary Magistrate,Armstrong will arrive on to days stage,to arrange the work for the season;His last visit was productive of much good as our roads are now in fair condition, owing to his having put a force of men at work on the needed repairs.

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A VISIT TO THE MISSION.

Indian Agent Galbraith, accompanied by Inspector Clute visited the Industrial School on Wednesday, they found the children contented and happy , Mr Clute expressed his surprise at the great change since his last visit,when with the late Premier Sir Mackenzie Bowell, he was at the opening of the school. The pupils were examined by Mr Galbraith in reading,composition and arithmetic and showed from their answers,that they had been carefully instructed.Mr Clute,at the close of the exercises expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present.

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The Public School will close on the 26th of June for the summer holidays;it is said that the teacher Miss Bailey will spend the holidays in Victoria,and will leave for the coast Via Jennings

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Tom Fenwick is expected by to-days stage;he is returning from a visit to England. And the genial Arthur leaves shortly for the old home.

Opposition is the life of trade;we have three butcher shops in full blast,and beef has dropped to eight cents.

R O U N D T O W N.

Rev.D.C.Best, will hold service at the School House next Sunday evening at 7 1/2 O'clock p.m. an invitation is extended to all.

Messers,Dempsey & Grassick,have gone to the Industrial School, to carry out some much needed improvements,and will be there for some time.

Inspector Clute,left this morning on the Steamer Annerly ; he will proceed to Rock Creek,where he will make a tour of inspection.

Indian Agent Galbraith,returned from Windermere last week,he was looking after the wards of the Government;he reports satisfactory progress being made amongst them in farming,and their conduct very good.

Bruce Chisholm, came up the river on the Ruth, and not on the Annerly as reported.

Mr Mitchell,book-keeker at the Invicta mine,met with a slight accident during the early part of the week,a bucking horse was the cause of it.

The Invicta Co,has commenced work on their placer ground on Monday;two giants are at work,and as soon as the pipe arrives,two more will be set at work.

Capt'Jones;new boat the "Rustler"will be here in about ten days. This will make four steamboats engaged in transporting ore from Fort Steele.

The Phonograph man has gone to Jennings.

A rock slide occured up Wild Horse;and has covered a large portion of the trail.

The Picnic at Fish Lakes was a success,and everybody came home much pleased with their days outting;there was quite a large number of the residents of Fort Steele that took advantage of the occasion,to send the day free from all cares of business. The tug of war,"Canada vs America, was won by the American team after a hard struggle. In the Ladies race,Miss Bailey captured first place,and Mr Murphy won in the Gentlemens race, Croquet,and other games furnished amusement for many,and the lunch was ample and heartily enjoyed by all.A vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs Huckle and the other Ladies who arranged the picnic;and the hope of a repitition at an early was expressed by all.

It is expected that Miss, Maggie Maclean will spend her holidays at Fort Steele.

John Hoskins,returned from Montana last week, and reports that deep interest is taken in Fort Steele as a mining centre in Montana

There is some talk of a dance at the Dalgardno House on next Monday evening.

The Steamer Annerly arrived here on Friday,this is her second trip. she cleared from Steele on Tuesday at 3 p.m. and arrived at Steele on the return trip at 12 a.m. on Friday.She takes out 25 tons of ore.

116 tons of ore has been shipped from Fort Steele during the past week,and it is evident that the steamboats will make the best of the high water,and make all the trips possible.

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TIME TABLE.
Season of 1896.
To take effect 1st May.

GOING SOUTH.

Leave Golden, 4 a.m. Tuesdays.
Arrive Fort Steele,6 p.m. Wednesdays.
Leave Fort Steele,4 a.m.Thursdays,and Sundays.
Arrive Jennings,3p.m. Thursdays and Sundays.

GOING NORTH.

Leave Jennings, Tuesdays and Fridays,at 4a.m.
Arrive Fort Steele, 6p.m.Wednesdays and Saturday
Leave Fort Steele,4a.m.Tuesdays.
Arrive Golden,9a.m.Thursdays.

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