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LOCAL ITEMS

Father Althoff was in town on Thursday last.

Mrs. George Orchard returned to town on Thursday last.

Altogether three marriages of local parties are reported for next month.

Mrs. Bonzie who is an inmate of the Ymir Hospital, was operated upon last week, and is now rapidly progressing towards convalescence.

Another band of berry pickers went out this week, to camp at the mouth of Clearwater creek. The huckleberries, about two miles up this creek, are said to be very thick.

Miss Whillians, the new school teacher, arrived last week, and the school opened up on Monday last with an attendance of thirty-two children. Arrangements are being made for a high school class.

Rumor has it, that one of the first ceremonies in the new Catholic church after its dedication, will be the marriage of a popular young Ymir lady, who has been energetic in her efforts to assist the building fund.

The Government work on the Second Relief road was finished this week, and the road is now in excellent shape. On the return of the men to Ymir, Mr. Cameron put them to work keying up and tightening the new bridge over the Salmon river. The next work will probably be done in the neighborhood of Creston.

On Tuesday last a man named Walden, employed at the Porto Rico logging camp, received a nasty injury. A large log several feet in diameter rolled over his leg, breaking the thigh bone and knee cap. The morning train was flagged and he was brought down to Ymir and taken up at once to the hospital. Dr. Doherty reports it a bad case, as the patient has now considerable fever.

The young gentleman named Silverton who was recently discharged from the Ymir Hospital and returned to his work at the Ymir mine, is a gentleman who cannot be accused of letting his opportunities slip by. Having another little accident at the mine he decided to lay off for a while, and drew his time amounting to \$6.50. He went into Joe Boyer's Halfway house on his way down, to cash his cheque, and by an oversight \$80.50 was handed him instead of \$6.50. Like Brer Rabbit he "kept on saying nothing" and walked down town doubtless chuckling to himself. Before very long however word of the error was brought down, and in the absence of Constable Fraser, Pat Daly was sworn in as a special Constable to arrest him. On the matter being brouched to him, however, he promptly ante-ed up the balance of \$59.00.

Diplomas will be offered in the mining department of the Spokane interstate fair this year. This will add much in the value of the exhibits of the mining resources of the country, for it will be of as much interest to mining men and those interested in mines to know of the relative merits of ore samples from different mines and camps as it will to know which are the prize winners in the stock department or the fruit department.

W. A. Coplen, superintendent of the mining department, is now having diplomas printed which will be presented to those having the best exhibits in the different competitions. Diplomas will be given for the best specimens of free milling gold, of free gold, of wire silver, of copper specimens, and so on through the list. The best judges will be secured to determine the merits of the exhibits and to award the diplomas.

A Crazy Chinaman.

Ymir has now one Chinaman the less, Sing Kee, an old resident here, having changed his location. On Monday last Constable Fraser arrested Sing Kee on a charge of stealing a shot gun from Captain Forrester. The gun was found on the Chinaman's premises, and he was taken to the lockup. There he bellowed like a veritable bull of Bashan, and looking out of the little window in the goal, called respectively on all the nearby residents to come and take him out. Later in the day he was brought up before Justices Ross and Hackett, who, in consideration of his eccentric demeanour in court, and his actions at large during the last few weeks ordered the charge changed to one of insanity, and remanded him for eight days. In the meantime Constable Fraser had telegraphed the facts of the case to acting Chief Constable Young, who wired for the prisoner to be sent to Nelson. Dr. Doherty, a health officer, made strong protest against this, alleging that the man should be examined by a medical expert here, before being taken away as a prisoner. In spite of the doctors energetic protest, the Chink was taken up to Nelson, but another hearing was fixed for the following day, so that he was brought back again next morning. As some pigs also came down on the same train, addressed to him, some of the other Chinamen are reported to have made up their minds to play crazy, next time they want to go to Nelson on business, and get the Government to pay their traveling expenses.

At the second hearing a number of witnesses testified to the crazy actions of the prisoner, and all but one considered him to be a dangerous menace to the public safety. Doc. Lee, a countryman of the prisoner, said that in his opinion, if Sing could get his laundry back he believed he would be all right again. Dr. Doherty, however, after a very brief examination of the prisoner pronounced him a "lunatic of the most dangerous type" and the magistrates accordingly committed him to the Nelson goal, whence he will doubtless be sent on to the asylum at New Westminster.

There can be no doubt but that the man is very much off his base, the prime cause of his trouble being caused by his financial extremities. He is the owner of the Chinese laundry opposite the depot, which he rented to another Chinaman, who claims that he has loaned Sing Kee \$80, and therefore refused to pay rent. Whether this is so, it is impossible to find out, as Sing Kee emphatically denied it, and there were no papers of any description, produced. The latter also became absolutely unintelligible when excited and although he has been at all the local J. P.'s several times, none of them cared to take any action in the matter, being entirely unable to get at the truth of the business. This undoubtedly gave the prisoner an idea that he was being persecuted and ousted out of his property, and so preyed upon his mind, as to drive him insane.

A. R. Galbraith of Spokane, the breeder of fine horses, has sent a man to Europe to buy 20 of the finest horses in the market to be sent to Spokane in time to enter the horse show, which will be held in connection with the Spokane interstate fair from October 3 to 9. Mr. Galbraith is determined to have the best there is in his line. The agent is purchasing Shires, Clydes, Percherons, Belgians, Suffolks and coach horses.

MINING NEWS

John Mitchell and partner are working on the Sophie and Buckeye claims on Clearwater creek.

The Shiloh mine situated half a mile from town on the Dundee road, will probably resume operations next month.

The Hunter V. mine has now increased its shipments to 100 tons a day, or 3000 tons per month, and there is every probability that this rate of output will be still further increased very shortly. During the month the scene of operation was changed from the glory hole on the Hunter V. claim to that on the Double Standard, whence the ore is now being taken. The mine can easily put out 400 tons per day, which is the maximum which can be handled by the tramway. If the affairs of the Northport smelter are eventually so adjusted that the plant is to be permanently in operation, the Hunter V. will probably have no difficulty in placing its maximum output at advantageous rates.

Catholic Church Dedication.

On Labour day, the 5th inst., the new Catholic church, recently erected in Ymir, is to be dedicated.

The Catholics of Ymir, we understand, have extended an invitation to their friends in Nelson to assist in the ceremony. The fare for the round trip on that day will be 90 cents return from mountain station and \$1.40 from the union depot at Nelson. We do not doubt therefore many Nelsonites will be with us on that day.

The dedication ceremony will begin at 10:30, an hour after arrival of the train, and will be followed by a high Mass. The members of the choir of Nelson's beautiful church, will therefore have the honour to sing the first high Mass celebrated at Ymir.

The exact cost of the church up to this date is \$1136.00. It is hoped that the collections on that day will substantially assist in reducing the debt still remaining on the church.

Hotel Arrivals.

McLEOD HOTEL.—K. P. Wollaston, Victoria; J. Maguire, Butte; F. W. Ferguson, Vancouver; Chas. R. Brown, Spokane; W. P. Stuev, Spokane; R. Anthony, Sayward; J. Hammond, Salmo; D. C. Banbrick, Salmo; H. H. Welch, Victoria; G. H. Flower, Vancouver; J. C. Carruthers, Nelson.

VANCOUVER HOTEL.—Gust Janquist, Joe Bellanger, A. Daigen, A. Ralph, G. Picairo, Nelson; Pete Cyr, A. St. Tamment, Porto Rico; Frank Scott, Northport.

COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL.—R. C. Pollett, F. C. Claduet, W. Hickling, Rossland; D. McVicar, Nelson.

ROSS HOUSE.—W. J. Hulgass, Nelson; C. H. Towne, St. Paul, Minn.; J. Jones, Spokane; A. McDonald, Father Althoff, Nelson.

WALDORF HOTEL.—James Gray, Northport; Alex. McDonald, Rossland; George Bainey, George Bailey, Nelson; Bert Hedley, Hall Siding; A. French, Salmo; N. J. Murphy, Calgary.

Base Ball.

The first match for the cup won by the Salmo-Ymir team on the 24th. May last, was played on Sunday, and is the first of three to decide which of the two teams shall hold the cup, won by the joint team. At first the match was all in favor of Salmo, at the end of the second innings, the score being 9 to 0 in favor of the Salmo boys. At the end of the third they had increased their lead to 14 to 2. Then however the Ymir team "gingered up" to good effect and rapidly began to pull up. By the sixth innings they had evened things up and the game was finally won by Ymir with a score of 25 to 23. Much of the credit of the victory was due to Charley Anderson, the captain of the Ymir team, who pitched a good game throughout and was even better at the finish than at the start. He could always be depended on to make a hit, and was a hard one to catch between bases. Another hard one to catch between bases was Lowe, who is something of a sprinter, and exhibited his ability to race the ball to first on several occasions. Sherraden, the Salmo pitcher, is also showing noticeable improvement, and in the first two or three innings seemed to be altogether too much for the Ymir boys.

The second match for the cup will be played at Salmo next Sunday.

Shooting Commences.

The open season for most kinds of game found in this locality commences next Thursday. The following are the most important varieties with the conditions of hunting:

The bull caribou may be killed from the beginning of September to the end of the year, but must not be sold nor exposed for sale during the first month, and five is the limit for each hunter in one season. Deer may be hunted from the first of September to the 15th of December, but the doe must never be exposed for sale, ten is the limit for one season, they must not be hunted with dogs, nor ever killed for hides alone. The season for ducks extends from the 1st of September to the end of February, and the limit for the season is 250. Grouse may be killed during the same period, but only the blue grouse may be exposed for sale. Hare may be taken until the end of December but must not be exposed for sale before the first of October. Trout and marten may not be killed until the 1st of November. The open season for bull moose opens next Thursday and lasts until the end of the year, but they may not be sold until October, and two is the limit for the season. Mountain goats and rams of mountain sheep may be killed from September to December but not sold until October, and five and three are the respective limits. The season for plover extends from September until the beginning of March. This list should afford scope and variety. Bears and panther (or mountain lion) may be killed at any time.

We have got next to quite a little "knocking" of property, which has been going on here lately, and were it not for the fact that the less publicity given to such business the better for the camp, we feel that we could spread ourselves on the subject for the benefit of the "knockers."

Broken Hill Company.

New Strike of Ore in No. 3 Tunnel.

A discovery made this week in the No. 3 tunnel of the Wilcox mine, practically means the addition of a large body of ore to the available resources of the property. At a point 300 feet from the mouth of this tunnel, a short crosscut was made several years ago, in which good ore was found although in the tunnel itself no ore was visible. In fact no ore had shown up in the tunnel at all, except for the first 50 feet and in the crosscut referred to. Systematic development however, resulted this week, in the discovery that the vein had "blanketed" or temporarily flattened out, so that the tunnel missed it, while the crosscut into the side, caught it. The ground back from the crosscut to where the ore stopped at 50 feet in, has now been picked down, with the result that the ore is found continuous for over 150 feet. The Nos. 6 and 7 tunnels are on this same vein, and in the latter, extremely rich ore has been found. The vein itself has been uncovered on the surface for 800 feet, and at the crosscut in No. 3, the estimated depth below the surface is 200 feet, so that a very large quantity of "backs" is demonstrated. Raises are now being made through this ore body, which varies in width from two to three and a half feet. Of a number of samples taken across the vein, in the newly discovered portions, the lowest assayed \$18 in gold and the highest \$97 per ton.

The Erie Placers.

A. W. Boyd, of Spokane, has arrived at Erie, B. C., to take charge of the placer property owned by the Erie Placer Mining Company, and will start active mining operations immediately.

The property, which was secured about a year ago by prominent Spokane men, is three miles north of Erie, on the north fork of the Salmon river. The company will mine big bars on either side of the creek as well as the creek bottom.

For the past year, work preparatory to active mining, such as making permanent improvements, securing valuable water rights and the like, has been going on. For the present the mining will be done by sluice boxes, but it is understood to be the intention of the company to put in a hydraulic plant later on.

Bed rock has never been reached on this property. There are two strata of gravel, separated by a layer of clay. The lower stratum, or old channel gravel, as it is known, goes from \$5 to \$10 a yard, although there are places where exceptional values are found. The gold is coarse round gold and readily saved. The company is a close corporation—B. C. Mining Exchange.

Fire chief Coffey has prepared the following signals for handling the fire alarm: Steady ringing means fire. One stroke (pause) two strokes (pause) three strokes, means a call for help to handle the hose when drying and reeling it up after use.

CHURCH NOTICE.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Morning Services, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 12. Evening service, 7:30. Young Peoples' Society meets on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome. Rev. H. Young, M. A., Pastor.

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For Yale-Caribou District,
MARTIN BURRILL,
Of Grand Forks.
New Westminster District,
J. D. TAYLOR,
Of New Westminster.

Port Arthur has been falling for such a long time, that it must now have reached an extremely low level.

Mr. J. W. Ross has a powerful argument in this week's issue, in favor of incorporation. We shall be pleased to publish any further arguments from other citizens, either for or against the proposition.

Ore milled in local mills, and shipped from Ymir properties to the smelters, now amounts to over 10,000 tons per month. This is a better rate than at any time heretofore, but it is only a small proportion of the figure which will shortly be attained. With the exception of the Ymir mine, which now furnishes less than half the total product, the mines are all in their merest infancy.

On this page will be found a letter from Mr. Widdowson, in reference to the mineral exhibit at the approaching fair at Nelson. We heartily endorse Mr. Widdowson's letter and hope that all who have good specimens on hand will send them in to Mr. Buckworth at the earliest possible moment, in order that an exhibit worthy of the mineral resources of this district may be gathered together. There is perhaps no better way of advertising the resources of the camp, than a good collection of rich and varied specimens from local properties. The Spokane fair follows shortly after the Nelson fair, and arrangements should be made that the Nelson collection should be taken on to Spokane in time for this fair, also as there will undoubtedly be a gathering of mining men there. In consequence of the rich harvests this year, there should be considerable capital ready for investment, and at this fair there will be a large attendance of those who have reaped the benefit of these harvests.

The administration of the law in this Province, does not seem to be attended with as much expedition, even as in other countries. The layman, when he goes to law, knows full well that its mills grind slowly and that it may be some weeks or months before he can get a hearing. But that he is already habituated to, and

whether or not it is a necessary evil, he is prepared to stand for it. There are however limits to the drawing out process, when the patience of the unfortunate litigant becomes exhausted, especially when no apparent reason is discoverable for the delay. A case in point is that of DesBrisay Jobbing Co. vs. Active Gold Mining Co. This case was first heard in May, when the evidence was all taken. After the judge and lawyers had pondered and investigated the matter for over two months, the case was "argued." One would naturally suppose that after hearing the evidence and the arguments that the case was ready for decision. This is however a quite erroneous impression. The parties to the trial are merely praying that old age and decrepitude may not overtake them, before the decision is handed down.

The delay in this particular instance, is the more vexations, in consequence of the contingent interest attaching to the decision. The case is, in a measure, a test action, and several other actions are delayed until a judgment has been made in this particular case. Debts have been contracted, and the liability for these debts, will be decided by the case referred to above. But in the meantime, merchants and workmen are being kept out of money legitimately earned, and have no redress of any kind whatsoever, until the present case, which has already been in the hands of the lawyers over six months, is decided. In a big case such as the Crow's Nest Coal Co., damage suit a decision was handed out in a few weeks after the suit came up for hearing, and it is difficult to see why if the legal luminaries would spare the time to apply their forensic lore to the point, this case can not be settled out of hand.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE EDITOR, YMIR HERALD.

Dear Sir:

Some little time ago I was elected a member of the Mining Committee of the Nelson Fair, and shortly afterwards offered them a cup as a prize. This it has been decided to allot to the best mineral display sent in by any district in British Columbia.

I was asked to look after the interest of this camp, but owing to pressure of business I shall be unable to attend to it this year like I did last. Mr. A. B. Buckworth has kindly consented to look after the collection in Ymir and anyone wishing to assist in any way will oblige by forwarding their specimens to him as early as possible.

Yours very truly,

E. W. Widdowson.

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Six Good Fire Rules.

In view of the enormous damage which has been caused this season to mining and other property in British Columbia by forest fires, the following excellent rules, which we quote from the Phoenix Pioneer, may be observed with advantage by all prospectors, campers, and men of the woods generally.

1. Do not build a fire larger than you need.
2. Do not build your fires in dense masses of pine leaves, duff and other combustible material, where the fire is sure to spread.
3. Do not build your fire against large logs, especially rotten logs, where it requires much more work and time to put the fire out than you are willing to expend, and where you are rarely quite certain that the fire is really and completely extinguished.
4. In windy weather and in dangerous places dig a hole and clear off a place to secure your fire. You will save wood and trouble.
5. Every camp fire should be completely put out before leaving the camp.
6. Do not build fires to clear off land and for other similar purposes, without informing the nearest official, so that he may assist you.

Lead Pipe at Trail.

The Canadian Smelting Works at Trail have already commenced operations in the manufacture of lead pipe. Some samples of the new Canadian product were brought down to Vancouver a few days ago, and are on exhibition in the rooms of the Tourist Association, where they have attracted no little attention. The Trail Creek News gives the following brief but graphic description of the process of manufacture:

Lead pipe spouts like a jet of water from the machine now in operation at the smelter here. The operation of the machine is described as simple yet striking in the ease with which the finished product is turned out. Additional interest is added to the lead pipe branch of the smelter by reason of the fact that the product is the first pipe ever made in Canada from Canadian lead.

The big lead pipe machine has been in operation for several days. It makes pipe of any dimensions required up to four inches in diameter. Molten lead is fed into a receptacle at one end, the refined product of the lead refinery being utilised. The core of the size desired in the pipe is placed at the other end of the machine, and the operation starts. As the lead approaches the core it is cooled slightly and pressure applied to force the fluid through the core mould.

The outlet of the machine points upward, and from this opening the pipe emerges twisting and wreathing like a giant silver snake. Coils are placed to receive the product, which, in its heated condition, is readily wound about the apparatus provided. The pipe is continuous so long as the lead feed box contains raw material.

It will be readily understood that a short time suffices to turn out a large quantity of lead pipe, so that the machine is not run continuously. The plant was in operation several days this week and a considerable reserve of pipe ready for the consumer is now in stock at the smelter.

The vitrified brick so much used in towns and cities for paving purposes are made of fusible clays, the clays at times having a mixture of ground shale.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Gold was discovered in California in 1848 and up to 1904 the state has produced \$1,114,000,000 in the precious metal. Gold was first mined in New South Wales in 1851, and up to 1904 she has produced \$1,347,775,000 worth of gold. The area of California is 158,360 square miles, while that of New South Wales is considerably larger, being 308,560 square miles.

The name fuller's earth is given to some claylike minerals of a greenish white, gray, green or brown color. They are soft and are greasy to the touch. When placed in water they fall into powder. It consists of clay mixed with just a sufficient fine silicious matter to take away its plasticity, and consequently its falling apart when placed in water. It is used in treatment of oils, fats and greases and is valued at \$7 per ton.

Babbitt metal is an alloy of copper, tin and antimony. It is soft and nearly white, and is used as an anti-friction metal. Isaac Babbitt, of Boston, patented the alloy in 1839 and the original alloy contained 24 parts tin, 4 parts copper and 8 antimony. The following gives a tougher metal: Tin 96 parts, copper 4 and antimony 8 parts. Lead is also added in some cases on account of its cheapness. In small amounts it is not objectional, but the Babbitt metal that is sold in the market ready mixed usually contains a considerably larger proportion of lead than its price would indicate. The alloy is usually melted and run, while fluid, directly into the bearings, a space from a eighth to a half inch thick being left for it between the box and the shaft that is to be supported.

The Mining World, of Chicago, gives the following figures as the production of ore in British Columbia during the first six months of 1904. The figures are misleading however, in that, while those attributed to the mines of the Nelson (Ymir) section represent the production per month, the other figures apply to the production for the whole six months.

The Rossland district: Le Roi mine, 88,260; Center Star mine, 35,369; War Eagle mine, 27,676; Le Roi No. 2 mine, 35,370; Kootenay mine, 3,784; Jumbo mine, 4,715; I. X. L. mine, 482; White Bear mine, 995; Spitzee mine, 729; Iron Mask mine, 70.

The Boundary district: Granby company, 276,910; Mother Lode, 87,386; Emma, 16,954; Senator, 1,750; Oro Denoro, 13,313; Athelstan, 2985; Providence, 436; Elkhorn, 285; others 400.

The Nelson district: Ymir, 4,500; Hunter V., 1,500; Wilcox, 500; Queen, 500; Second Relief, 500; Arlington, 100.

The Slovan district: Payne mine, 1,573; Ivanhoe mine, 1,305; Reco mine, 577; Slovan Star mine, 746; Rambler mine, 480; Hewitt mine, 390; Enterprise mine, 340; Alamo mine, 260; Sunset mine, 288.

The greatest single discovery of quartz crystals ever made was in a mine near Zinken, Germany, where 100,000 pounds of fine crystals were extracted from a cavity, the largest specimen weighing nearly 800 pounds and which is on exhibition in Berlin. The museum of the University of Naples exhibits a group of quartz crystals weighing half a ton. At Adam is a single crystal three and one-quarter feet long, five and one-half inches in circumference, and weighs 870 pounds. A crystal in the Paris Museum is three feet in diameter and weighs 800 pounds. At Little Falls, Herkimer county, New York, are found the purest forms of the small rounded crystal, millions of them having been extracted from cavities of the calciferous sand stones of that region. Hot Springs, Arkansas, has been the source of some of the largest and best quartz crystals of the United States.

Meerschaum is a mineral of white or grayish color and is a hydrous silicate of magnesia. It is of soft earthy texture, has the appearance of chalk, has a hardness of 2.5 and a variable specific gravity, very light, however, as when dry it will float on water. An impression can be made in it by the finger nail and has a smooth feel. The principal source of the mineral is Asia Minor, where it occurs in vein form and mined at places from pits and horizontal galleries in a much similar way to coal. When first brought to the surface it is white, with a yellowish tint, and is covered with red clayey soil. It is sold as brought from the mine. Its only treatment is in cleaning and drying, which takes place in the open air in the summer time, requiring five or six days of heat to perfectly dry. Meerschaum has been found at a few places in the United States, but sparingly in each instance. It has been found in serpentine quarries in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, and at Richmond, Massachusetts, and in Utah and New Mexico. Its main use is in the manufacture of pipes and holders for tobacco smokers. The heavier mineral is the most valuable. Meerschaum of very light weight is too porous for producing the best pipes. Meerschaum is a most valuable commodity and a deposit located anywhere would be of much value.

No Wonder.

On Saturday morning a cable was received in London stating that Edgar Wallace's search for a wife for Cochrane, a British Columbia rancher has had a tragic sequel. Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Salmon Arm, British Columbia, gave Cochrane a certificate of character, and six hundred girls applied in answer of an advertisement. The cable stated that Mr. Cochrane had died suddenly.

The big fight between Jeffries and Monroe comes off this week in San Francisco, and is the biggest event of interest in pugilistic centers for many years. The Butte miner has achieved a great reputation in a very short time, and the ability of Jeffries to knock him out is greatly questioned by the experts.

CORRESPONDENCE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE YMIR HERALD.
Dear Sir:

It is high time that Ymir, our prosperous little town, was making another move for incorporation, for two reasons. First, because it has become the centre of an electoral district, and the business of this electoral district should be done in the town. But instead of being done here, it is all done in Nelson. No doubt it will remain so, as long as Ymir is not incorporated. There is no doubt but that Ymir people are willing and able to attend to their own business. We have very poor railway connection with Nelson, and if we have any little business to attend to, we have to spend part of three days there, which is very inconvenient, to say nothing about the expense. Nelson is very willing to do all Ymir's business and as it is very profitable to them, they would doubtless be very unwilling to see Ymir incorporate, but Sir, the time has come when we must stop and consider where we are, and where we are going to get off at. If we let this kind of business go on from year to year, we will surely go behind. Ymir should now take a firm stand and manipulate her own business, if it wants to be prosperous and built up. We have got the mining industry here that no doubt will back up a good sized town.

In the second place, Ymir is assessed for approximately \$150,000, and the tax on this amount together with saloon and retail licences amounts to between \$3000 and \$4000. This money would all be spent in the town of Ymir, every dollar of it. It would make quite a pay roll for several months during the summer. There would be work for all the idle men round our town, at good wages, for a few months in the summer. The men, have their living and would spend their money with the business men of the town. The money would all come back to the men that paid the taxes in the first place. The money would only change hands several times, and would be used up in the town. But if our taxes are all sent to the government it will all go out of the town, every dollar of it. We will not only have the spending of the money, and keep it in town, but we will have the improvements. Three thousand dollars for improvements, if judiciously expended, will do all the street grading that is necessary at the present time, and build all the necessary sidewalks. Ymir is so situated, naturally, that it does not need any great expenditure. Not like Nelson, Rossland and Sandon, where it costs thousands of dollars to put several hundred feet of road in shape. Ymir townsite is fairly level, and there are no costly rock bluffs to be removed, consequently requires very little work, and I have no doubt in my mind, that if every thing is managed right that we can lower our taxes one half by next year.

Incorporation will improve our property and enhance its value. It will be an inducement for outside people to come in and buy property, to build and become citizens. There should be more fire protection, and this should be paid for out of taxes, and not by private subscriptions as here before.

Some towns which had natural barriers to overcome, entailing large expenditure, have had to borrow money. Ymir has no such barriers and all improvements can be paid for out of the present taxes.

I would suggest that, if the town be incorporated, a stipulation be included in the articles of incorporation, that the present taxes may not be raised for at least three years, and also that the elected officers be not remunerated during the same period.

Hoping to hear the views of other citizens. I remain,

Your obedient servant,
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