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## FROM OTHER CAMPS

Late Mining News from the Boundary, Slocan, Similkameen, East Kootenay, Kaslo, Phoenix, Midway and Other Districts

In the northern part of this big mining district the upper valleys are beginning to be covered with snow and the prospector and the owner of the small claims is returning to the camps for the winter. With some of the properties there is a better chance for the export of ore during the winter than during the summer months, inasmuch as rawhide can be done from claims that are sufficiently far advanced as to permit of the profitable export of ore. In consequence there is now little to chronicle as to the doings in some of the outlying districts away in the north of the Kootenays.

In the Slocan comes news of a couple of strikes made this week and of considerable work being done on many properties. The revival in silver has its effect already. Preparations are being made in all directions to take in supplies for the winter months so as to permit of continuous work.

In the Boundary the air is still full of smelters and rumors of smelters. The Granby smelter has just commenced its second furnace and is talking of enlarging its plant. The pyritic smelter in Greenwood is in course of erection and there is talk of still more work being done in this direction. Smelter sites are numerous and as soon as the output of the mines is shown to justify the addition of more smelter capacity there is no doubt but that it will be furnished.

### THE LARDEAU.

The Calcutta—The Sale of the White Warrior—Other Notes.

Asa Hillman is doing work on his claim located on Gainger creek. L. O'Brien is doing work on a property he owns up the north fork. P. Culkean and Tom Evans have just completed the work on the Ottawa group on Brown's creek.

It is reported that Andy Daney has secured the contract of taking out the Silver Cup ore this winter. He is now engaged packing up supplies to the mine.

About a ton of supplies were taken up to the Metropolitan group last week. Very good progress is being made on the cabins and trail to this property.

Dave Morgan is taking up a winter's supply of provisions and will shortly commence work on a 500-foot tunnel to crosscut the vein on his property, located up Pass creek.

The Tribune No. 2 was purchased a few days ago from Frank Apocot by Alec Cummings for a couple of hundred dollars. The property was secured at the instance of eastern people and is one of the biggest snags in the camp.

The owners of the White Warrior group received their first payment on the bond on Monday week. This property may work during the winter, but it is doubtful as the season is so late and the difficulty of getting in supplies under present conditions is very considerable.

The Calcutta, located adjoining the Alice on the north and adjoining the Cromwell on the west, is one of the new strikes of this summer. The lead crossing the property varies from 8 to 14 inches in width and has been stripped for 200 feet, with the result that the indications are equally as good at any other point as where the discovery was made. The lead is silver-lead and is considered one of the most promising locations made this summer. Messrs. Graham, Piper and Sullivan are the owners.

### EAST KOOTENAY.

Notes of Interest on Many Properties—The St. Eugene.

The Paradise is now employing 22 men. Work on the Montana has been discontinued for the season. Work will shortly be resumed on the John L. A contract will probably be let to extend the tunnel 100 feet.

A rich strike of galena ore is reported on the Deane mineral claim. It is said that there is six feet of ore in the face of the drift.

Three assayers have been done on the O. K. and Roy, the lead is 40 feet wide and no walls have yet been encountered; the quartz is all gold bearing. Assessment work has been completed on the Ram's Horn, owned by Grundy Aukhus and Dad Sprague. This claim is located on Six-Mile.

The ore shipped last month from the Sullivan and North Star mines was: 1st week, 550 tons; 2nd week, 640 tons; 3rd week, 700 tons; 4th week, 730 tons; total, 2,620 tons.

The owners of the St. Lawrence, a claim located on Lewis creek, have just completed running 100 feet. There is a fine showing of copper on this property.

The Shakespear claim is improving as the depth is attained. The shaft is now down 15 feet. One tunnel is in 180 feet and the crosscut has been run 56 feet and no walls have been encountered. The quartz runs in blue from a trace to one ounce of gold per ton.

For the month of September the St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Company's shipment of concentrates amounts to 16,051, says the Movie Leader. This amount is considerably less than last month, the lack of water to run the

concentrator being the cause. The recent completion of the flume, however, now enables the company to run the concentrator at its full capacity.

At the Estella ten men are at present employed. In the 400-foot tunnel there is an excellent showing of galena. In there is a better chance for the export of ore during the winter than during the summer months, inasmuch as rawhide can be done from claims that are sufficiently far advanced as to permit of the profitable export of ore. In consequence there is now little to chronicle as to the doings in some of the outlying districts away in the north of the Kootenays.

### THE SLOCAN.

Strikes Made Recently on the Green Star and Copie Star.

The Two Friends will ship another car of ore this week. Mark Manley has finished his contract on the Antoine.

The Arlington shipped 60 tons last week and the Enterprise 20.

The bond on the Tamarac calls for \$18,000, all payable by next September. The Duplex made a shipment of three tons last week. The ore runs well in gold.

T. G. Proctor has secured the Silver Bay and will develop it without delay.

A. H. Falsburn has secured a working bond on the Bachelor, a Twelve-Mile property.

The shipments of ore from the Slocan lake towns promises to nearly double those of last year.

A car of ore is being shipped from the Bachelor. It is expected that two more cars will go forward before the end of December.

At the Silverton Bay, which adjoins the Emily Edith group, seven miners are employed, and the property is showing up well under development.

George Gurd has bonded the Kaslo group for a Toronto company. This group is situated close to Co'y and work will be pushed on it all winter. H. B. Parks is superintendent. The same company may acquire a property on the north fork of Carpenter creek.

The Philadelphia group at the head of Fennel creek is to be fully developed at once. A bond to eastern as it has been given on the property by the Copie Star of Spokane, the owners, and it will be developed under the supervision of A. C. Ryan. A force of men are now employed in building trails and erecting winter quarters for the miners who will work there this winter.

The Emily Edith property is now employing a force of over 40 men and development work on that property is being pushed ahead as fast as possible. The No. 4 tunnel, the lowest down the hill, and which is being driven to cut the ore body exposed in the workings above, has now reached a depth of 375 feet and the No. 3 tunnel a depth of 300 feet. It largely depends upon these tunnels striking the ore body whether this company will erect a concentrating plant or not.

A very rich strike was made by the owners of the Copper Star group this week. Ralph O. Kenvon, one of the owners, who has been working on the property, came down with some fine samples from which an assay of 4.22 ounces of gold and 4.40 ounces of silver with some copper was got, amounting in all to \$90. This group consists of five claims, is located on alibury creek 14 miles up the lake from Kaslo and about four miles from the lake shore. They have a 60-foot ledge, which can be traced for more than 3,000 feet. The samples from which the assays were obtained were practically on the surface, being only a few feet in the ledge and an average across the face of the tunnel.

### THE BOUNDARY.

Smelter Power in the District—Cascade Water Rights.

A force of men will shortly be put at work on the White Cloud, on Bruce mountain, close to Midway.

The final payment of \$12,250 has been made to John Rogers and H. L. Jones on the Hartford group in Wellington camp. Another payment of \$5,000 has been made on account of the bond on the Mountain View in Summit camp.

Forty men are now employed at the Standard Pyritic smelter. The mason work has been commenced and an order for 300,000 feet of lumber has been placed with McPherson Bros.

Crosscutting is being continued both ways from the 100-foot level on the Marquisite. The north drift from the No. 1 shaft is also being continued. There is 25 feet of solid ore in the drift. A trial shipment of 4 cars will shortly be made to the Granby smelter.

Four cars of ore have been shipped from the Mother Lode and four more are ready for shipment. This ore was shipped to make room for a large building that will be used for sorting ore. It will also contain a 1/2 crusher with a capacity of 40 tons per hour. At the mine preparations are being made to receive a 38-drill company, which is now en route from the factory.

It is understood that the London and B.C. Goldfields, Limited, which holds the controlling interest in the Cascade water-power, may defer until next spring or early summer completing its arrangements for supplying electric power to mines and other industries in the Boundary

country. The probabilities are that few will be ready this side of the middle of next year to use the power, so that there is no advantage to be gained by installing the big power plant before next spring. Much of the preliminary work, including putting in a dam across Kettle river, cutting through rock a water way from the dam to the power house and other extensive operations, has been done, and now before proceeding further it is desirable in the interests of the company that exhaustive enquiries be made to the minimum of cost. It is stated that the total outlay will be nearly \$500,000, so that the company naturally is exercising the greatest care in making so heavy an expenditure. The managing director, Mr. J. Roderick Robertson, returned to Nelson last Monday but will probably again visit the Boundary next week.

### GRAND FORKS-REPUBLIC RAILWAY.

The Promoter Outlines the Route to the Miner Correspondent.

Grand Forks, B.C., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—The actual work of construction of the Grand Forks-Republic railway is to start before the end of October. The preliminary survey between the two points to be connected by the railway is about completed. After years of hard fighting the citizens of Grand Forks are now in a fair position to see the object of their ambition—an independent railway—realized. From the summit of the mountain at the head of the railway, T. W. Holland, the traveling correspondent of the Miner recently obtained the following information: Two charters were necessary to build such a line, crossing as it does the International boundary. The British Columbia charter was secured after one of the most prolonged and exhausting sessions of the legislature at Victoria. It was fought from start to finish by the representatives of the Canadian Pacific railway, but was successfully carried through after an all-night session terminating at 5 o'clock in the morning, when the bill came up and was carried by a majority of six. It was a slim majority, but the people had conquered the sceptres and most powerful corporation in Canada, and the citizens of Grand Forks had good cause for rejoicing. The Grand Forks & Kettle River Railway Company is incorporated with a capital of \$200,000. The incorporation of a company in the state of Washington, known as the Republic & Kettle River Railway Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, was obtained without the slightest degree of opposition. T. W. Holland is the secretary-treasurer of the two companies.

Long before the actual work of incorporating the two companies was taken into consideration a project of a railway from Grand Forks to the Republic attracted the attention of a group of capitalists in Esquerra, Canada. Statistics and reports of the actual ore tonnage available from the Republic mines had been obtained. At a most conservative basis it was found that Republic could ship daily to the Grand Forks smelter fully 1,000 tons. That amount could be received by the Republic if connected with branch spurs and would also add their quota to the ore tonnage. This was sufficient to induce the following gentlemen to become associated with the undertaking, and from whom the necessary capital for the building of the railway was obtained: Honorable J. H. Stratton, Secretary of the Province of Ontario; Thomas P. Coffey, Toronto, vice-president and manager of the Trusts & Guarantee Company, and E. M. Holland, Toronto, manager of the Dominion Permanent Loan Company. Independent of these gentlemen have the confidence of the investing public of Eastern Canada.

Speaking of the previous endeavors of the citizens to obtain railway communication with outside points, T. W. Holland said: "From time to time during the past three years D. C. Corbin and others had tried at Ottawa to obtain a charter to build into the Boundary district by way of Cascade City, but owing to the strong opposition of the C.P.R. they were defeated. Of course you understand that our road does not cover so much territory, on this side of the line, as the early charters asked for. In our application we cut out the Cascade City, but retaining the rest of the old Kettle River charter as it was presented at Ottawa was a competitive road to the C.P.R. in the Boundary district. Our road is purely an ore-carrying one, bringing the ores from American territory to be treated in a Canadian smelter, and it will, we hope, make this point one of the largest smelting centers of the Pacific Northwest. Branch spurs will be built on both sides to those camps where ore is available. Take, for instance, the Belcher, Sheridan and Curlew camps on the Reservation. These can easily be reached by spurs, and they will be tapped just as soon as conditions warrant it. The preliminary survey of the route has been completed. Grand Forks to Republic is about 40 miles. According to the route follows the San Poil to its head on both sides. Less than half a mile from this point the head of Curlew Creek is struck. Curlew Creek is followed to where it empties into the west side of the road to the north, to a point where the waters empty into Curlew Creek again, and the creek is followed on the west bank for about three miles, when it crosses to the east side and continues north to within a short distance of Curlew townsite, where the creek empties into the Kettle river. At this point Kettle river is bridged, and the route continues along its west bank for about two miles north of the townsite, when it recrosses the river to the east side, following the same route round the railway, to be used up to within the limit of Grand Forks. At the junction of the main Kettle river with the north fork, here the route is crossed by the proposed depot and freight yards a spur will be run up to the smelter on a one per cent grade, a half mile distant.

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### PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

British Columbia Urged to Make a Mineral Display.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Among the interested visitors at the fair is Samuel S. Wolfsohn, the special commissioner for the western states for the Pan-American exposition. Commissioned by the United States government, Mr. Wolfsohn is out "in advance" for the big show, a mining mission work, so that when America's next fair opens in Buffalo on May 1, 1901, there will be a large sprinkling of western people from the hills and plains in attendance. But this is not all; it is his duty to visit the heads of municipalities, boards of trade, county and state officials, with a view to getting them interested in the exposition, so that their own state may have proper representation. Mr. Wolfsohn also takes care to look after the "newspaper gang" in each town he drops into, and before he leaves he has distributed sufficient literature to give plenty of copy during dull times, so that the people are commencing to hear something about the first great exposition that will mark the dawn of the twentieth century.

The Miner's representative met the commissioner at the fruit fair grounds, as he was examining the ore display from the camps of British Columbia. "Your people are all right," he said, by way of an introduction, as he handed the writer a cute souvenir lapel pin in the shape of a tiny black irying pan. "I notice that British Columbia is not going to be beaten in any ore display, and it struck me that you should have a big ore exhibit from your camp at our exposition. We shall have a mining building, and every effort is being put forth to make it one of the features of interest. What is wanted to get the eastern capital out here is for the province to be properly represented by a display of its mineral products, and values. Such an exhibit, but I am given to understand that this is small compared with an exhibit that could be sent east if properly collected and taken charge of."

A considerable amount of ore has been shipped from the Black Cock mine at various times, as is shown by this item from the report:

"In March and April last two carloads of ore were shipped to the Northport smelter. These shipments aggregated 42 tons, 782 pounds of ore, and returned to the company net the sum of \$1,400.44, or an average of over \$33 per ton. This is an extremely satisfactory return. It may be stated that there are also considerable quantities of milling ore on the various dumps at the mine, and that prior to the incorporation of the company between 200 and 300 tons of high grade ore were shipped from the mine.

"All work has been carried on in an economical manner, and it is hoped that before long the finance of the company may permit of further active development. The expenditure of a comparatively small amount of money will, it is believed, develop the Black Cock mine in such a manner as to enable it to be a steady producer, and as the property is admirably situated on a wagon road, only about five miles from the Ymir railroad station, and with an abundant water and timber supply available, the directors have every confidence in the future of the company and in recommending its shares to the favorable consideration of the investing public."

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### THE GREAT HOIST.

The Aerial Tramway Has Been Let to Contract and Will Be Finished Soon.

A contract on the aerial tramway connecting the hoist of the Le Roi with the bins on Black Bear Flat, has been let, and work was started yesterday. It is thought that the tramway should be in running order by the 1st proximo. The foundations have been already dug for the standards, and the plant is already on the ground.

The hoisting engines, which are to be direct acting, are already en route to this city, and will be installed as soon as they arrive. While the tramway will be complete within the next fifteen days, the machinery for the sampling mill will not be started until the month of November, some time during the month of November, as far as the building of the engine concerned, they are almost completely completed, and should be in readiness, completely painted, early in the coming week.

### BLACK COCK GOLD MINES.

The Reports Show the Good Condition of the Property.

The annual meeting of the Black Cock (Ymir, B. C.) Gold Mines, Limited, was held on Tuesday last at the registered offices of the company in Rossland. This company owns the well known Black Cock mine, near Ymir, and is one of the numerous companies in British Columbia whose head office is in Rossland, which city is now generally recognized as the principle mining centre of Southern British Columbia.

The following extracts from the reports are of an encouraging nature: "During the year much important work has been carried on in connection with the Black Cock mine. The principal work on the property, some of which was carried out prior to the acquisition of the mine by the company, consists of two shafts, respectively 85 feet and 130 feet deep, with drifts and crosscuts therein amounting to about a further 100 feet. There is also in addition about 600 feet of tunneling and a number of open cuts, crosscuts, small shafts, stopes, etc. These various workings indicate the existence of a large and valuable body of gold-bearing ore."

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### THE CONTINENTAL GROUP.

A Valuable Silver-Lead Property Located in Idaho.

The following were elected officers and directors for the coming year: Messrs. Anthony J. McMillan, chairman; A. Julien, vice-chairman; Alex. Audit, C. O. Landon and J. L. G. Abbott. W. Tomlinson was appointed secretary and Richard Plewman auditor.

The property is one of the best known in the Ymir district, and it is believed to develop into a first class mine. Just as soon as sufficient working capital can be obtained it is proposed to erect a mill and to develop the property on an extensive scale.

### A MINERAL EXPOSITION.

It Will Be Held Next Year in the City of Spokane.

Spokane, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Initial steps were taken today for the purpose of holding some time next year an exclusive mineral exposition in Spokane that will embrace all the Pacific Northwest camps. Hon. J. T. Cornforth of Denver, Colorado, addressed a representative meeting of mining men, in which he urged upon Spokane to hold such an exposition, following on the lines of those held in Colorado, and which did much good to attract capital to that state. In the course of his address he eulogized the ore exhibit from British Columbia at the fruit fair, saying it was one of the most representative ever brought together. A committee was appointed, with G. B. Dennis, president of the Northwest Mining association, at its head, to arrange with the manager of the fruit fair for holding a public meeting, at which Mr. Cornforth will be present, and plans laid for an international mineral exposition.

### A New Quarter.

The town is spreading in every direction of late, though one of the latest quarters to be occupied is that lying to the north of the city on the Butte fraction, just above the railway cut. Here some half-dozen houses have been erected by Mr. Prest and others. The locality is near to the principal mines of the camp, and it is likely that it will become a favorite neighborhood for the employees on the adjacent mining properties.

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### WORK ON THE WATERLOO.

Arrangements Completed for the Resumption of Operations.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Arrangements were completed today whereby work on the Waterloo, in Camp McKinney is to be resumed immediately. A local syndicate, composed of James Monaghan, former president of the Cariboo company; M. M. Crowley, president of the Traders' National bank; Edward O. Shea, J. F. Reddy and A. C. Jamieson have bought 200,000 shares of the treasury stock at a figure that will insure money enough to demonstrate the value of the mine to the additional depth of 200 feet. Machinery will be removed to the new shaft recently sunk to connect with the 65-foot level and the shaft continued 200 feet.

### Peoria Mines Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peoria Mines, Limited, was held last evening at the office of W. J. Whitesides. The report of the directors showed that the company was in a most satisfactory condition. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. D. E. Kerr; vice-president, John Dean; secretary-treasurer, F. W. Bauer; solicitor, W. J. Whitesides; other directors, Thomas Armstrong, W. Wood, M. J. O'Hearn, Frank A. Newton and J. M. Martin.

### THE COURT HOUSE.

Minor Alterations in the Building—It is Approaching Completion.

The sheathing of the roof of the new court house is about completed, and the topmost covering will probably be in place before the snow flies. The finishing of the interior will consume some considerable period, and it is not likely that the building will be ready for occupation before February next. A slight alteration has been made in the planning of the interior of the building. The judges' room was formerly designed to occupy the northwest corner being taken up by the jury room. This has been reversed, so that the judge of the supreme, or even that of the county, court will be enabled to reach his chambers without passing through either the court or the barristers' rooms.

### INTERNATIONAL THEATRE.

It Will Be Reopened on or About November 1st.

Mr. A. Klockman, who has just returned from an extended visit to Idaho, said yesterday that he expected to open the International theatre on or about the 1st of November. Mr. Cassidy, who had charge of the production of the performances of the International last winter, returns from Nome in time he will be given the same position this year. It is thought that Mr. Cassidy is now on his way from Nome, and should arrive at the coast in a few days. If, however, he does not arrive in time, Mr. Klockman will make other arrangements.

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