

Mines and Mining.

GRAND FORKS.

As an argument that Grand Forks is a most suitable point for a smelter...

Within a radius of 25 miles of Grand Forks it is no exaggeration to say that there is to be found almost every...

Up North Fork of Kettle River. The first property to be reached from town is that of the Boneta Gold Mining Company.

On the east side and three miles up is the Riverside group, owned by A. J. Rogers, John Ashland and Joe King.

On the west side of the river is the Evening Star claim, on which is a 20-foot shaft on one lead and an eight-foot shaft on another.

Two miles further up on the Riverside group and on the same side are the Dewey and Golden Eagle claims.

On the same side and about eight miles from town is the Seattle group of four claims owned by the Seattle Gold Mining and Milling Company.

Near by is the Silver Knot, which has been undergoing development on a 22-foot shaft and two surface cuts all on the lead disclose a good body of gold-copper ore that will run over 19 per cent. copper.

Charles Matheson is working the Standard and No. 1 west of the Seattle. It is reported that he has seven feet of ore on the former property.

The Humming Bird and O. K. groups are on the same lead as the Seattle to the north. The former group is owned principally by the Connor Brothers of Grand Forks.

The Mother Lode is owned by the British Columbia Copper Company, of New York, and in charge of Frederick Kefer, M.E.

Nanaimo, Sept. 9.—The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Labor Day committee last night.

Resolved, That the committee desire to express their great delight with the manner that the several industries co-operated to close the day such as...

Resolved, That the committee desire to express their appreciation of the assistance rendered, and especially of the Free Press for going to the expense of supplying a verbatim report of the mass meeting, which makes our meeting a great benefit to those who could not be present with us.

Resolved, That the exception of one or two of our business men, our finance committee met with abundant success, and we certainly regard the stand taken by these men as called for.

Resolved, That we have awarded a few points regarding the prizes to the firms that we will take advantage of another year, and then encourage our business men to do what we could do this time.

Resolved, That we are delighted with our Labor Day work, and the good feeling created will continue to bring us together for the common good, and thus anticipate another Labor Day.

WEST COAST MINES.

What Paul Gaston Has to Say of His Trip to the Mining Camps.

Paul Gaston, a well known mining man, who makes his headquarters at Victoria and Rosland, has just returned from a visit to the West Coast mining camps.

Mr. Gaston says that the West Coast certainly has a great future before it as a mining district, but its development is greatly retarded by the existing conditions.

The chief obstacle which stands in the way of the mining progress on the coast is the manner in which the property is owned.

Coroner's Jury in Trent River Disaster Can Give No Cause.

The following is the verdict of the jury in the matter of the Trent river bridge accident:

The Trent river bridge, 6th September, 1898, at 3.30 a.m. After two hours and five minutes deliberation the coroner's jury brought in the following verdict:

While evidence was given proving the stability of the structure of the bridge, yet, on the other hand, evidence was given that the portion of the bridge known as the "rotten chords" was not sufficient to carry the weight put on the bridge, and that, in his opinion, the bridge was not soundly constructed.

Mr. Gaston, notwithstanding the condition he found, has great faith in the coast mining and says that with money and experienced men the mining industry has a great future.

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A special dispatch to the San Francisco Call from Honolulu by the steamer Milwaukee says that the visiting commissioners, who are to frame the laws for the government of Hawaii Islands to the Klanao Volcano House on the island of Hawaii, United States Minister Sewall and Attorney-General W. O. Smith, of the Hawaiian republic, and a distinguished correspondent of a San Francisco paper were grossly insulted by the drunken proprietor of the hotel.

A Miner Tells of the Barren Copper River Country—One Going for Almost Nothing.

A letter just received from G. B. Klopf, a miner in the Copper River district, talks of the country from which so many unlucky miners are now returning, as follows:

Sam located at the head of Klutena rapids, about twenty-three miles from Copper River. Regarding gold, we do not even know the color of it so do not take any stock in reports of gold having been discovered on Copper or its tributaries in paying quantity.

"I tried a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Insected and Turpentine for a trouble, some affection of the throat," writes Mr. Chase, "and it has been my habit to consult a physician in troubles of this nature. Hereafter, however, I intend to be my own family doctor."

Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The working staff of the British Columbia fruit exchange is putting in 16 hours a day to keep pace with the demand for the eastern markets, principally those of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories for the fruits of British Columbia.

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CAMP MCKINNEY.

Recent Strikes Justify the Belief in the Richness of the District.

Some slight references have been made to the recent strike in the Waterloo camp in Camp McKinney, says the Midway Advance, and so little has been said that it may be conjectured that the recent find of much visible gold in the ore was of small moment, and hardly worthy of consideration.

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