

Great Nickel Plate Mine In the Similkameen

(Special to The Miner.)
HEDLEY CITY, Similkameen, Oct. 21.—The owners of the Nickel Plate mine and group of claims are proceeding with the construction of a tramway and water flume preparatory to installing a 60-stamp mill and concentrating plant. This mine and the several neighboring mineral claims forming the group are situated on Nickel Plate mountain, which lies toward the head and on the east watershed of Twenty-Mile creek, a tributary of the Similkameen river. The mountain reaches an altitude of about 7000, and is pretty well covered with mineral locations, but little important development work has been done outside of that on the Nickel Plate group, the owners of which are understood to be M. K. Rodgers of Seattle, who is manager of the mine; John R. Toole of Montana, and the estate of the late Marcus Daly. The principal mineralogy which is visited this property last year, this refers to it in the published annual report for 1901 of the minister of mines of British Columbia: "Nickel Plate camp may be put down as a gold camp, for although some copper is found, the chief value lies in the gold, which seems to be associated with arsenopyrites, and does not appear to be found to any extent with the iron pyrites in the absence of arsenic. The rock formation of the mountain, from a hasty examination, appears to be composed of very highly altered sedimentaries, interspersed with planes of igneous rocks—andesites, etc., which are so exposed as to produce the appearance of being bedded. It would appear as though on this property the ore body consisted of a highly silicified band or bed, now so much altered that its original character is obscured. The ore bearing body on which the discovery was originally made outcrops on the face of the hill at an altitude of 6500 feet, striking nearly horizontal along the hillside and dipping into it at an angle of about 17 degrees. It has a total width of about 40 feet, overlying a bed or sheet of apparently igneous rock, the mineralization being strongest near such contact. The mineralization, which, to a certain extent, is disseminated throughout the ore bearing body, is, in some places, more pronounced, the iron pyrites in the body, and naturally rare in amount along such lines, so much so as to render sampling of the mine very indefinite. The mineralization consists of iron pyrites with a considerable proportion of arsenopyrites, with which latter the high assay values obtained in this mine are associated. From selected samples assays of considerably over \$100 in gold have been obtained, but the ore as mined will not run nearly so high, probably not much over \$20 per ton. This property has been developed by tunnels entirely, the configuration of the hill rendering such the best method, since, approximately, two feet of tunnel gain one foot in depth. For the past three years active development work has been carried on continuously with a force of about 20 men. No ore has been shipped, nor has any been taken from the property, but such as has been broken in the process of development has been stored in the mine ready for shipment or treatment when the proper facilities are afforded. Consequently no official data are obtainable as to just what the ore as mined will run, but, as before stated, it is estimated in the neighborhood of \$20 per ton. A sample taken, representing roughly the assorted ore, gave an assay value of \$55.80 in gold, 1.96 ounces in silver per ton and 2 per cent copper, while another sample taken, of the lower grade ore, gave \$3.80 in gold." From another source the following information has been obtained: The Nickel Plate ore is arsenical iron, carrying gold, but, singularly enough, there is free gold disseminated through the very middle of the arsenical iron. It is an extraordinary formation. A number of mining men have examined the ore, and although a little puzzled, they are none the less pleased with the outlook. From 10 to 40 per cent of the total value can, it is estimated, be saved on the plates after the ore is milled. The remainder of the gold is held in the arsenical ore. It is easily concentrated, however, at a ratio of 10 to 1, and it will make a high grade product which can be shipped to the smelters. The property was bought about three years ago by the late Marcus Daly on the advice of Mr. Rodgers, who was then in his employ as a mining engineer. About \$90,000 was paid for it. Since then money spent in development and the purchase of neighboring mineral claims has brought the expenditure up to about \$400,000. The new mill and other improvements planned will, when completed, make the investment here show a value of \$600,000 to \$700,000.

DOUKHOBORS ARE NOT WANTED ON THE FERN RICH STRIKE MINE AT HALL

(Special to The Miner.)
YMBIR, B. C., Oct. 25.—Yesterday the machinery shipped by the J. Henry Machine Works at San Francisco, Cal., for the Broken Hill Mining company's stamp mill arrived. This is a direct connected stamp mill, capable of treating 25 tons per day. The building is ready in which the mill will be installed, and it is expected that within six weeks the first run on the Wilcox mine ore will be made. A very rich strike of high grade ore was made Wednesday on the Fern mine property at Hall, B. C. While putting through a raise from No. 4 tunnel up to No. 3, 14 inches of ore was encountered, which is very liberally bespattered with the yellow metal. One pound of rock was crushed, panned and then retorted by the management, the result being 50 cents in gold. It is estimated that this ore will run in the neighborhood of \$1000 per ton. As a result of sinking a 30-foot shaft on the Morning mineral claim at Hall, John McIntyre has opened up three feet of quartz that will average in gold and silver \$14, the former value predominating. The Venus mineral claim, owned by R. E. Hutchinson of Spokane, and situated very close to the Fern, has shown up well this summer. The lead is three feet and carries copper values as high as 16 per cent. Considerable work will be done on this particular property in the spring. John McVicar, B. A., has taken charge of the Ymbir Gold Mines, limited, assaying plant.

FAIRVIEW HOTEL DESTROYED.
 One Person Is Dead and Two Fatally Injured.
 (Special to The Miner.)
GREENWOOD, B. C., Oct. 22.—Word was received here from Fairview, via Camp McKinney, today, stating that the Fairview Hotel was destroyed by fire early this morning. One person is dead, two fatally injured and several others more or less seriously hurt; also the local supply remedies were exhausted and appealing for surgical and nursing assistance. It is stated that a similar appeal had been sent, via Penticon, to Vernon. As Camp McKinney, which is the nearest telephone or telegraph station, is nearly 30 miles east from Fairview and Penticon a similar distance north, while Penticon is 80 or 90 miles further north, there must necessarily be a long delay, before help can be given. However, as soon as possible after the receipt of the message Dr. Schon and Nurse Fleisher left Greenwood to drive nearly 70 miles to Fairview, taking with them all the necessary appliances. The information received is meagre, and with nearly 30 miles between the end of the telephone line and the scene of the disaster no late news is yet obtainable. That received is to the effect that the lady teacher at the Fairview public school is missing, and is believed to have perished in the flames. Mr. Mathias, manager of the hotel, and a man, an engineer, whose name is not given, are both fatally injured. Mr. Mathias is seriously injured, and Dr. White and John Love, a druggist, are both injured, but not seriously. It is stated that one woman had her leg broken. It is supposed that this is Mrs. Mathias. The fire started in the basement of the building, which is a three-story frame structure, well built and furnished, having 28 bedrooms, dimension 60 feet by 60 feet. Those familiar with the building say that it had a wide main staircase leading from the ground floor to the third story; also a back staircase, and they think these stairways formed a channel for the flames, thus cutting off all escape except by jumping from the upstairs windows for those who at the early hour of 8 o'clock would be away up in their beds. Dr. Foster of Greenwood, who is a close personal friend of Dr. White, thinks the latter cannot be seriously hurt, as he sent a message to Camp McKinney, and said if he had been much injured he would have been let him (Dr. Foster) know. It is unlikely that Dr. Schon and Miss Fleisher will arrive in Fairview until tomorrow morning, and less likely that help will arrive from Vernon earlier, since the steamer from Penticon north only sails on alternate days, returning to Penticon the following day. The inquiries made since the foregoing were written, I have ascertained that the school teacher at Fairview was Miss Smith, who came from the Armstrong farming district, in the upper part of the Okanagan valley, north of Vernon. She is described as having been young and a pretty woman of very pleasing manners. The engineer mentioned is not likely to be Charles Osterberg, superintendent of the new Fairview company's Steam mine, since his home is near the mine, about a mile from the hotel. **ANOTHER ACCOUNT.** **VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 22.**—A special dispatch from Greenwood says that a telephone message from Camp McKinney states that the Hotel Fairview was completely destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. Several people were fatally injured. Miss Louise Smith, a school teacher, is missing and was probably burned to death. The fire broke out in the basement and spread very rapidly. The guests on the first floor escaped, and others had to jump from the burning building. Mr. Mathias, manager of the hotel, is one of those fatally hurt, and Mrs. Mathias was badly injured. Word was sent to this city for medical men and nurses. The school teacher at Fairview, who is reported missing, is Miss Louise Smith of Enderby. She passed the examination last summer and underwent a course at the Normal school, where she obtained a certificate. She is 20 years of age. The Hotel Fairview was a fine structure, erected by the Fairview Corporation (Messrs. Bier, Davidson and Russell), and was the best hotel in that part of the interior. It was a handsome frame building, was well furnished and contained over a hundred rooms. (Special to The Miner.) **GREENWOOD, B. C., Oct. 23.**—The only news obtainable from Camp McKinney this evening is the following: Miss Smith, the school teacher, and Mr. Mathias, manager of the hotel, are both dead. The freeman, named Allan or Allan Stuart, who jumped from the first story of the burning hotel, was injured in the spine and cannot recover. Lizzie Hunt, housekeeper of the hotel, is in a serious condition, but escaped. The nature of her injuries are not stated. John Love, druggist, is badly hurt internally. Mrs. Mathias and child also jumped from a bedroom window, but escaped with only slight injuries. Dr. White had his feet cut by the broken glass, but otherwise is uninjured. Two other men, names unknown, escaped almost unhurt. No other particulars yet received at McKinney from Fairview. **VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 24.**—A special dispatch from Greenwood gives further details of the fatal fire at Fairview. It says: Later details received from Fairview show that two persons are dead as the result of the fire which destroyed the big Hotel Fairview on Wednesday morning. The fate of Miss Louise Smith of Enderby, the young school teacher who was reported missing, is no longer in

ORE FROM THE QUILP MINE

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Oct. 22.—Five carloads of ore from the Quilp mine, Republic, were delivered at the Granby smelter today. J. A. Munson of this city has been awarded the contracts to build a three-mile tram and a three-mile flume in connection with the proposed 60-stamp mill at the Nickel Plate mine near Hedley City, Similkameen district. A third furnace will be blown in at the Granby smelter on Friday. Coke is now coming in freely.

THE ZINC ORES OF THE SLOCAN

(Special to The Miner.)
KASLO, B. C., Oct. 22.—Byron N. White of the Slocan Star passed through Kaslo this week, and in conversation with The Miner's reporter he said he had great hopes of the zinc in the Slocan ore being of an advantageous source for development for this district. He, however, had a kick coming against the transportation companies, the rate for zinc ore from the Kootenays to the zinc smelter at Ollaha, Kansas, was at the present time exorbitant. It is understood that the smelter people have also taken the matter up and are trying to have the rate adjusted. The Rambler-Cariboo in the McQuigan is having two new boilers installed. As soon as these are in working order, the force of men will again be increased. Report has it that the Great Britain group is about to be taken over by an influential company, and that Messrs. Greenough and Wren, the present owners, are about to sell all their interest in the property to the new company.

STRANGE SHOOTING AFFRAY

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 25.—A strange shooting affray took place two miles south of this city this morning on the Tennessee river, in which two men who were hunting for wild geese were shot, and one fatally injured. Robert Chatfield, 28 years old, is the most seriously hurt and his chances for recovery are slight. The other is Edward Lloyd, 21 years old, whose chest was filled with bird shot. Early this morning Lloyd and his father heard wild geese and started out in a boat to hunt for them. They drifted down to the river, and were fired upon by Chatfield, who was lying in the underbrush awaiting the approaching geese. It was dark and he mistook the boat drifting on the water for a flock of geese. Young Lloyd cried out, "I am shot," and then he fired in the direction of Chatfield, hitting him. Chatfield ran and the elder Lloyd chased him, firing continuously. Chatfield ran a third of a mile to his home and fell bleeding and senseless to the hospital. Both men declare the shooting was accidental. Lloyd was formerly foreman in the ice house near where the shooting took place and Chatfield displaced him recently.

EASTERN FOOTBALL GAMES

Philadelphia—University of Pennsylvania, 6; Bucknell, 5; Princeton—Columbia, 0; Princeton, 21; New Haven—Yale, 24; Syracuse, 0. Hartford—Wesleyan, 23; Trinity, 6. Hanover—Amherst, 12; Dartmouth, 6; Exeter, N. H.—Phillips-Exeter, 17; Worcester Academy, 0. Washington—La Fayette, 22; Georgetown, 0. Bethlehem—Lehigh, 46; New York University, 0. Lancaster—Franklin and Marshall, 57; Gallaudet, 6. Putney, Vt.—Williams College, 6; Troy Academy, 0. Philadelphia—Harvard, 43; Rutgers, 5. Clinton, N. Y.—Hamilton College, 31; Union College, 0. Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin, 38; Kansas, 0. Chicago—Chicago, 6; Illinois, 0. Buffalo—Massen Park, 13; Michigan Military Academy, 2. Worcester—Holy Cross, 11; University of Vermont, 5. Andover—Phillips-Andover, 5; Harvard freshman, 0. Metford—Agricultural, 5; Tufts, 0. Brunswick—Colby, 16; Bowdoin, 5. Cleveland—Western Reserve, 22; Buffalo University, 0.

DOG SALMON.

Revenue From Fish Which Have Been Looked Upon as of No Value.
VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 23.—The exportation of dog salmon from British Columbia to Japan has been carried on for the past three years, and the trade has now reached that point where its permanency is assured, and there is reason to expect in the future to come a remarkable growth in the business. The total amount of dog salmon packed on the British Columbia coast for exportation this season is well over the 250 ton mark, and the principal shipper is Mr. S. Tamura of this city. Mr. Tamura commenced the exportation of dog salmon in 1900, but owing to the wreck of the steamer Alpha in the fall of that year, he lost money, for on the Alpha was his entire pack. Last year the Japanese market was not strong, and but little profit was realized from shipments sent from here. Mr. Tamura stated this morning that the market is good this year, and he expects dog salmon to fetch remunerative prices in the fall. He will ship 150 tons, about two-thirds of that amount going from here on the steamers Tartar and Athenian, the former vessel sailing tomorrow with 500 tons. The remainder of the British Columbia pack is now being transported from New Westminster and Stevenson to the Sonnet, when it will be shipped to Japan on the steamship Tremont. The price paid fishermen for dog salmon this season has averaged five cents per fish. A large number of the men engaged in securing the fish were white men, but they operated principally on the Fraser river. Japanese boats, on a number of the upcast inlets. No fewer than five tugboats operated this season between New Westminster and the points where the fishermen were working. Prior to the opening of the dog salmon trade with Japan there was no market for the fish. Hundreds of thousands of them annually ascended the coast streams, and dying close an existence of no material benefit to mankind, but now under changed conditions they have become a source of revenue not only to the exporters and the transportation companies, but of fishermen, and this is a large amount of money kept in circulation.
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.
H. C. Egan of Harvard Wins From H. B. McFarland.
MORRISTOWN, N. J., Oct. 25.—H. C. Egan of Harvard won the individual championship of the Intercollegiate Golf Association today by three up and two down.

PANAMA CANAL TITLE IS VALID

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 25.—Attorney-General Knox has decided that if the United States should accept the offer of the new Panama canal company, submitted last spring, for the sale of the canal for \$40,000,000, it would receive through the parties in interest a valid, unincumbered title to the property. This decision was arrived at after a thorough and exhaustive investigation of the situation in Paris, first by special attorney Charles W. Russell and later by the attorney-general himself. The attorney-general formally submitted the option to President Roosevelt today.
GRAVE ROBBERS.
 Twenty-five Indictments Made, Including Five Doctors.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 25.—The grand jury this afternoon returned 25 indictments in the local grave robbery scandals. Five doctors have been indicted. Their names will be kept secret until Monday, when capias for their arrest will be issued. All the ghouls now under arrest, have been indicted.
SENTENCED FOR FORGERY.
CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The jury in the Masonic Temple tax hearing has returned a verdict of guilty against Wheeler and Captain Williams today. Captain Williams was sentenced to a fine of \$1500 and to six months' imprisonment, and Wheeler to a fine of \$3500 and two years' imprisonment. It was charged that Wheeler and Williams, assisted by others by means of forged checks, made by means of approximately \$27,000 in taxes due to Cook county on the Masonic Temple had been paid. "Why do you sign for more world's to conquer, your majesty?" his sycophants asked him. "Because," answered Alexander the Great, with another sigh. "I feel sure that if Pierpont Morgan is going to get this one some day."—Chicago Tribune.

MONTANA TRAIN ROBBER CAPTURED

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 25.—A special train from Missoula says that a special train has just arrived with a prisoner whom the posse captured in the wild country near Bonita, and who is believed to be the robber who held up the Northern Pacific fast limited near Beartooth yesterday morning.
BIG LAND SALES.
 Canadian Pacific, at Present Rate, Will Have No Grant in 5 Years.
WINNIPEG, Oct. 24.—It is not long since the general opinion was that the C. P. R. would not be able to dispose of its land grant within the next hundred years. A year ago the road had about 13,000,000 acres of land on its hands; today it has not much more than 15,000,000, and the sales of 1902 will probably total 3,000,000 acres. The time when it will not have an acre of land on its hands for sale, therefore, appears to be within measurable distance. The land office is crowded daily with land seekers and speculators, and the purchasers are not now confined to the Western States, but the fever for securing lands in Western Canada has spread until there are purchasers from nearly every state in the union here.

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THE AMERICAN INVASION CONTINUES

WINNIPEG, Oct. 23.—The immigration and land offices were all crowded today with land seekers and delegates from the United States. The number to arrive by the regular Great Northern train, was 80, and almost as many came over the Canadian Northern. The majority of them were from the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Illinois, although many of the surrounding states were also represented. Their number included farmers, lawyers, real estate men, merchants and traders. Over 50 per cent of the number claimed American nationality, and the balance were originally from other lands, although they had all been settled in the United States.
IMPORTANT GATHERING.
 American Institute of Mining Engineers Will Meet in Victoria.
VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 23.—W. M. Brewer, M. E., is already making arrangements for the holding of the annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, which will convene in this city during the month of August, 1903. The institute includes in its membership nearly all the important mining men of the United States and Canada, and a prominent member of its executive council is Edward Wheeler Parker, editor of the Engineering and Mining Journal of New York, who has just been appointed by President Roosevelt as a member of the arbitration committee in the eastern miners' strike. This will be the first occasion on which the institute will meet in Western Canada, and it is expected that prominent mining men from all parts of the United States and Canada, to the number of about 300, will attend the convention. The provincial government has granted the use of the legislative chamber to the convention, and the city council, board of trade and Tourist Association will probably unite in entertaining the visitors. Trips will be made to the mines and smelters of Vancouver Island, and if possible as far north as Dawson. On the return journey the delegates will visit the Kootenay and Boundary districts and the Crow's Nest coal mines.
THE WINTER SERVICE.
 Stage Line of the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company.
VANCOUVER, Oct. 22.—Fourteen new stations have been designated by the White Pass & Yukon railway as points to be touched by the new winter stage service between White Horse and Dawson. At each of these stations relay teams will be waiting for the stages, and provision will be made for feeding passengers who desire meals. Accommodation for the night can also be had if desired. The new stage route is 50 miles shorter than the one followed last winter, and the time between White Horse and Dawson is expected to be cut even more than this statement indicates. The route is along the benches, where practically no trouble will be experienced on account of turbulent streams and other causes consequent upon a close of navigation.
STRANDED STEAMER VULFUR.
 Has Been Repeatedly Ready for the Voyage Down With Salmon.
VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 23.—A dispatch received tonight from Port Simpson from the master of the stranded steamer Venture, states that the vessel has been repaired and is dry and seaworthy, ready for the voyage down. She will bring her cargo of 12,000 cases of salmon. The tug Caesar, which went north yesterday, will convey the steamer down.
METAL MARKETS.
NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Bar silver 50 3/8.

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