

GRAND FORKS NEWS

The Town and District Getting Ready For a Boom.

BUSY SEASON IN PROSPECT

Volcanic Company to Meet in Spokane March 1-Rich Ore Encountered in the Minnie-Bonita Shaft Down 20 Feet and in Ore.

GRAND FORKS, Feb. 18.—[Special.]—This has been an eventful week thus far through the Kettle River and North Fork districts, and as spring approaches and the weather moderates, business and mining interests have great prospects of wonderful advancements. There is not a day but some transaction is made whereby outside parties become interested in the mines of this district, and almost invariably they are anxious to get to work developing the claims. The work of the past winter has been of such an encouraging nature that no one hesitates to furnish ample means to push development upon their properties. Already travel from outside points has started and the three stage lines are doing a good business, with a fair prospect of another line being put on the route between here and Marcus in a few days. New stage lines to the west are being established, and the old ones added to by new stock and other equipments. The mail route between here and Greenwood will either change hands this week, or the present owners will greatly improve their facilities to meet the requirements of the ever increasing travel.

Grand Forks Is Booming.
The favorable action taken by the government for the incorporation of the town of Grand Forks, along with Rossland and Nelson, has given the people of this place new spirit and in a measure greatly improved the value of real estate here. Where good inside town property could have been bought for \$250 per lot a month ago, it cannot be touched now for less than \$500, and will doubtless continue to increase in value. A tract of land on the south side of Kettle river, opposite the town, was purchased by Al. Manly, and this will be blocked out into an addition.

Sawmills Will Be Busy.
Both sawmills have everything in readiness to start up as soon as they are assured that the weather has finally broken up, and there are good indications of that now. E. S. Spraguet, whose mill is on the south side, has about 1,000,000 feet of logs on hand, while Simpson's mill up the north fork has an equal amount delivered. Already the demand for lumber is great, while future applications are sure to keep both mills busy, and it is feared they will not be able to fill all the orders when the building boom starts in for good.

Big Improvements Projected.
Charles Cummings, president and manager of the new town company, is expected here every day, when arrangements will be immediately made for numerous improvements, among which will be the erection of several new business houses, the building of several new bridges across the North Fork and Kettle rivers, and the grading of some of the principal streets. On the east side of the North Fork, where Messrs. John A. Manly and Dr. G. W. Averill have their fine residences, there are to be three more imposing residences built, which will add very much to the beauty of this part of town. John A. Manly is now adding to his residence on the east side and otherwise preparing his surroundings with costly and attractive improvements. He also contemplates the building of several business structures that will prove of value to the business enterprises now proposed to be started here. The building boom this spring promises to be something astonishing.

Lots of Buildings.
L. A. Manly has let a contract to Joe Ward for the building of a bonded warehouse on Riverside avenue, next to Knight's restaurant. The building is to be one-story high, 25x75, all of stone. T. H. Knight will soon begin the erection of a two-story building on Riverside avenue in front of his restaurant and bakery, using the present premises for his bakery and the new building for a restaurant and lodging house.

A. B. Jones, of Hood River, Ore., who lately arrived in town, contemplates the building of a 40-room lodging house on Second street. He is also largely interested in mines near here with his brother, C. A. Jones, the painter, one of the first business men in the place. The new town company will at once start work upon the erection of a fine two-story building, corner of Bridge street and Riverside avenue, to be used for offices. H. A. Sheads, the assayer, will build an assay office on Bridge street in front of his present residence quarters. He will put in a fully equipped assay office and it is rumored he will be associated with Frank Bennett, formerly assayer of the Volcanic mine. Colin, or "Sandy" Campbell, as he is better known, has opened a brokerage office in the Van Ness building, where a fine cabinet of the ore of this district is being accumulated.

Mining Notes.
It is now authoritatively stated that a meeting of the trustees of the Volcanic company has been called to meet in Spokane on the first of March, when all difficulties are to be straightened out and arrangements made for starting work on this property not later than April first. Sufficient capital has been raised to go ahead with mining on a business basis. The owners of the Minnie mine up the North Fork are highly pleased with recent development work on this property. The ore is the finest and richest now being found in this district. High grade sulphides were found at a depth of 15 feet where the ore body is fully 12 feet wide. The ore is very silicious and often pockets of granite are found along the foot wall. L. E. Rogers and his partners expect to cut the Riverview vein about the first of the month. This will be done at a vertical depth of about 150 feet, by a

crosscut tunnel 180 feet. Mr. Rogers is of the opinion that they will be able to show one of the richest prospects in the country, and they deserve the reward. Ore is now being mined at the Bonita. On Observation mountain, the ore body having been encountered at a depth of 20 feet. At this point the surface showing is large, and by the time they have finished their 100-foot contract they will have just about crossed the deposit.

THE ALBERTA TUNNEL.

It May Also be Used by the Iron Colt and the Columbia.

W. A. Campbell, president of the Iron Colt, Thursday paid a visit to the Alberta and found that its tunnel was going in at the rate of five feet a day. It is now in 215 feet, and it is hoped to strike the lead in another 100 feet.

When the tunnel is completed it will be within 75 feet of the end line of the Iron Colt, and if extended a short distance further will cut the big lead of the Columbia and Kootenay some 500 feet deep. Negotiations are at present going on which may result in the three properties, the Columbia and Kootenay, the Iron Colt and the Alberta using this tunnel.

New Tunnel on the Golden Drip.
The Golden Drip company has started a tunnel from the water level to run in a westerly direction about 500 feet, for the purpose of cutting the ledge at a depth of 350 feet. The work is being carried on as usual on the drifts above, where the vein is holding its own, and considerable ore is being taken out.

SOONERS MAY RESIST.
Some Prospectors Think the Colville Reservation Already Open to Entry.

WILBUR, Wash., Feb. 18.—[Special.]—Hundreds of miners and prospectors are gathering here and along the edge of the reservation waiting for word that the reservation has been opened to mineral locations. Many are here from Spokane.

Indian Agent Newman, with a force of Indian police, started into the reservation today to drive off all who have already gone in in advance of the opening. He will meet with considerable difficulty in doing this, as many of the "sooners" are prepared to resist eviction, some even contending that they have a right to make mining locations without any act of congress.

"THE CAT CAME BACK."
A Stock-Jobbing Enterprise That Created Much Fun Friday.

There has been very little stock-jobbing in the camp, in fact the only notable instance of it occurred Friday, and that was very much in the nature of a joke. At least the sequel of it was treated as a joke, and the whole camp was laughing over it before dinner Friday.

A gentleman largely interested in a certain property quoted on the market thought he was shrewd enough to buy his stock considerably and he set out to put his bright early morning thought into brilliant execution. He went to one firm of brokers and said to them that of course the stock was worth so and so and he would buy as much as was offered at that price. But he would let his friends in on the ground floor and he would put on the market a block of stock at a very low figure.

His bright early morning thought proved a more brilliant success than he anticipated. Half a dozen brokers were by noon running about with the stock, at this price and that, and disposing of it, always with the understanding that the gentleman first named would take

all the stock offered at a considerable advance on the price he offered it for. Of course he expected that such a sudden he felt bound to buy back the stock he was so desirous of selling in order to maintain his bluff.

The operation cost him \$287 in cold cash. It cost more, for all his friends jollied him over the transaction and he was called upon again and again to reply to the salutation "That's none of your business." The demand for the stock would boom it up. It did. There was an active inquiry for it. But shortly after noon the stock the boomer had placed upon the market began to come back to him. In order to hold up his end he bought this stock back at the advance, and thought that after a few such demonstrations of confidence the stock would go to his figure and would stay there. That the something in the wind that would pay them to hold it for another rise.

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