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THE VOTERS' LIST.

The effort that is now being made by some of the public-spirited citizens of Rossland to secure the revision of the Provincial voters' list should receive the hearty support of every elector in the Trail Creek division...

THE SILVER MARKET.

A COMPARISON of the price of silver in London and New York for the years 1865, 1896 and 1897 shows that the price went downward during that period...

THE COMING BOOM.

Men who have followed the different mining excitements on this continent for the past three decades say that they never saw such a series of propitious events as have occurred in this camp in the last three months...

It is well known to all who are interested in the fate of the white metal, that the United States silver commission, composed of Messrs. Wolcott, Paine and Stevenson, made a fiasco of their attempt to secure an international conference for the purpose of considering the question of its restoration...

THE DUNCAN COUNTRY.

THERE are good reasons for believing that the day is not distant when the Duncan river country will become the scene of considerable mining activity...

Duncan river, which connects Kootenay and Duncan lakes, and continues the length of the basin of the upper Duncan, a stream having its source at the south-eastern confines of the Illecillewaet mining division.

The Duncan river drains a wide territory, but at present it is only navigable for a short distance. Were it not for this fact the country tributary to it would now have become a large producer of silver, gold, lead and copper...

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greatest commercial activity that the world has ever witnessed. Situated as we are midway between Europe and the Far East, British Columbia will become one of the great battle fields for the commercial supremacy.

In order that we may attain to the fullest extent that prosperity to which our position and resources entitle us, it is necessary that we be alive to the factors that will promote our welfare. Commercial ascendancy has in all ages been based upon naval supremacy.

OUR FUTURE.

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the best part of the Northwest and British Columbia. Under such conditions competition and cheap rates would be out of the question. We trust that both the Provincial and Dominion governments will keep a careful eye on the situation.

The foregoing remarks are of no little importance, and should, therefore, receive serious consideration. Vernon is the metropolis of South Yale, and is vitally interested in the development of that district. While the proposed extension of the Columbia & Western railway would not reach Vernon, even after it was extended westward from Penticton to the Coast, it is not improbable that the railway company would eventually build a branch to that point.

THE MINING LAWS.

Their Defects to Be Brought to the Attention of the Legislature. Although the next session of the legislature is close at hand, nothing has been done towards a revision of the provincial mining laws. It will be remembered that the board of trade had a special meeting several weeks ago, when the present laws were considered, and vigorously condemned as cumbersome and unwieldy.

Extra-Provincial Company.

"Giant Mining Company." Registered the 8th day of December, 1897. I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Giant Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the company is situated in the City of Spokane, state of Washington, U.S.A. The amount of the capital of the company is two million five hundred thousand dollars, divided into two million five hundred thousand shares of one dollar each. The head office of the company in this Province is situated in the Town of Rossland, and Charles Hamilton, solicitor, whose address is Rossland, aforesaid, is the attorney for the company. The time of the existence of the company is 50 years.

Certificate of Improvements.

Ortental mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout, north and adjoining the Good Friday division and north east corner of the same. The amount of the mineral is 1,500 feet from the point of the claim.

Certificate of Improvements.

Good Hope mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: North and adjoining the Good Friday division and north east corner of the same. The amount of the mineral is 1,500 feet from the point of the claim.

ANOTHER NOTE OF WARNING.

The Vernon News, than which there is not a more independent and fearless journal in the Province, contains an editorial on the railway situation in South Yale. After mentioning the fact that D. D. Mann, of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway company, is in Victoria endeavoring to obtain concessions which will enable him to build a railway from Penticton to Trail, it has the following to say:

We do not know what he is asking for, but probably it is safe to guess that he will demand everything in sight. It is more than surmised that Mr. Mann's long connection with the C. P. R. means that that company will control the charter now that it has been traded off by the original holders. One thing is certain: that the C. P. R. will lose no opportunity to acquire privileges in the lower country which, if once secured, will stamp every hope hitherto entertained for a competing line; and without the feature of competition, the road will be of much less value to the country than was expected.

Not only in the far East is this drama being enacted. To the south we have the Australian colonies evolved in a few years from a penal settlement of one of the great wealth-producing countries of the world. Hawaii, the Sentinel of the Pacific, is about to be absorbed by our neighbor to the south. All the Central American States are vying with one another in formulating plans for inter-oceanic connection by rail or water. Finally, the news of the discoveries of marvelous auriferous deposits in Western Canada is reaching round the world, and has drawn widespread attention to our many matchless resources, and now, after 200 years of patient toil, Canada is to be rewarded with a crown of gold. Gold has always been a watchword of advancing civilization. The discoveries on the Spanish main lifted mankind from the feudalism of the Middle Ages to modern civilization. The opening up of the resources of California and Australia have advanced mankind further in 50 years than it would otherwise have reached in several centuries.

Certificate of Improvements. U. S. No. 2 mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: South and adjoining the U. S. No. 1 mineral claim.

Certificate of Improvements. Mormon Girl mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About two miles east of the head of Deer Park, and about two miles north of the head of Orellie river and 10 miles east of its mouth.

Certificate of Improvements. Bunker Hill mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay District. Where located: North and adjoining the Mormon Girl mineral claim.

Certificate of Improvements. Riplo mineral claim, situated in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About four and a half miles east of Deer Park.

Certificate of Improvements. Abe Lincoln mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: At the head of Bear Creek about six miles east of the Columbia river.

Certificate of Improvements. Copper Bell, Copper and Copper Glance mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout mountain, about two miles west of Columbia river and about two miles north of international boundary.

Certificate of Improvements. Almaden mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East and joins the Palo Alto mineral claim, 104 2/3 rods west of the head of Deer Park.

Certificate of Improvements. The Boundary No. 1 mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About one and one-half miles north of the townsite of Hayward, and about one-half mile east of the Columbia river.

Certificate of Improvements. Nako mineral claim, situated in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About four and a half miles east of Deer Park.

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