

OUR REPUBLIC CORRESPONDENT

A SECOND LEDGE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED ON THE O. K.

The Colossal Has Been Bonded—An Important Discovery Made in the Sheridan Camp, and Other News.

Republic, May 29.—[Special.]—Although work has been somewhat retarded the past week, owing to the fickle weather, many new properties are being worked successfully.

Table with 3 columns: Mine, Pounds, Tons. Includes Republic, Payne, Last Chance, Sloan Star, Rambler, Whitewater.

SANDON LETTER

Sale of the Madison Group For \$20,000—Sloan Mines Working Again.

Sandon, May 28.—[Special.]—The Madison group consisting of four claims has been sold to the Montreal syndicate for \$20,000.

The Colossal, which adjoins the O. K. on the south, has been bonded, and the work already begun shows fine ore.

Messrs. McNaught, Warren and Cleary visited the Monarch group, 16 miles west of Republic, and reported immense surface showings.

A discovery of a four-foot ledge has been made two miles south of Sheridan camp. The discoverer is in town and says he traced the ledge all the way from the Zala M. two miles away, and that it is the same ledge.

The Bull Dog and George Reed group of claims have been bonded to Graham & Co., of Spokane. The intention is to stock them in the near future.

The mail from Rosland and north of Northport, arrives here occasionally. There is something out of gear somewhere, and we would like to see it mended.

THE REPUBLIC LETTER

The Bodie Machinery Is Working Well—Work on the O. K.

Republic, May 24.—[Special.]—Last night and for a few hours today the rain came down in sheets.

The machinery of the Bodie is working to perfection, and is one of the most compact and satisfactory small plants in the camp.

The three-compartment shaft of the Ben Hur is making good progress. On the O. K. considerable surface work is being done, and they are now at work on a fine ledge, which evidently carries good values.

The 618 has a crosscut tunnel in 275 feet. F. E. McNamara, the well known mining man, who is here in the interest of the Manhattan company, reports uncovering a new ledge on the O. K. He has started developing, and is well pleased with the property and the camp.

Lamp & Co. have sold a group of seven claims located on O'Brien creek, seven miles southeast of Republic, to Portland parties, the consideration being \$4,000 cash. There is some development work and a short tunnel. The claims are gold. It is understood the new owners will at once begin work.

NEWS OF KASLO.

Crowds of Visitors—Building Operations Are Brisk.

Kaslo, May 25.—[Special.]—We were favored with weather to the Queen's taste on the 24th. The Alberts brought a contingent of visitors from Bonner's Ferry and the train another from Sandon. The Moyle came in loaded to the guards with visitors from Nelson—many of them new people, who had yesterday their first look at Kaslo. The town was clean and gay decorated, and everything passed off smoothly.

Building operations are brisk at Lardo, Argenta, and Duncan City. Shipments of lumber and material go forward daily. The steamer Marion is to attempt the ascent of the lower river today, but it is generally believed that the rise has not yet been sufficient to admit of a successful trip.

The owners of the townsite of Argenta have come to terms with the Kaslo & Lardo-Duncan Railway company, and have assigned to them such property as the company needs for railway purposes, with probably a few blocks additional. Mr. McLaughlin of McLaughlin & Clinton, is in town. He reports their

ROMANCE IN THE MOUNTAINS

STORY OF THE REDISCOVERY OF A RICH PROPERTY.

A Letter in a Bottle Left by Members of The International Commission, Found By Swede Prospectors.

Grand Forks, May 26.—[Special.]—A romantic story of the rediscovery of a rich free milling gold property, after a lapse of nearly 30 years, is related by R. A. Brown of this city, who has just returned from a trip to Princeton. During his stay in Princeton, he learned from Edward Alton that two Swedes, while prospecting in the region between Staggett and the larger size than the usual mountains located at intervals to designate the international boundary line.

"Did it contain a bottle?" eagerly inquired Brown of his informant. "Yes, it did," but who told you so," excitedly replied Alton.

The rest of the story is best told in Mr. Brown's own language. "About 12 years ago, when this region was a howling wilderness," began Brown, "I was engaged in the fur trapping business, and one day I was out on the mountains with my prospectors. One of them told me that in the early seventies he had been engaged on the international commission entrusted with the task of marking the frontier between the United States and Canada. At one point the surveyors, while erecting a monument, were startled to discover that the ground was rich in gold.

Realizing that the discovery, owing to the inaccessibility of the district, could not be utilized for many years, the plan was made to return at some future time. Years passed away, and ultimately one of the members of the outfit, a subordinate, enlisted the services of a local hunter, the golden cairn. They had been unsuccessful, and on account of my knowledge of the country, asked me to return to the mountains to give me an interest if successful. I dropped my traps, and with my new companions, vainly searched along the boundary line as far as the mountain peaks permitted.

"The discovery of last year was undoubtedly the mark we missed, because we did not go far enough west." Alton Brown, after locating the claim, have sold it to parties in Seattle for \$90,000 cash. It is located on the summit of a mountain. Steps are being taken to work this property.

C. E. Lindley of Spokane, has just returned from a trip up the west fork. He reports that the mine is rich in gold, and that it surpasses his expectations, and gives promise of equaling, if not surpassing, any portion of Southern British Columbia. Making his headquarters in the vicinity, he was greatly impressed with the showings on the Butte and Helena, and the Lucky Boy on Clark's creek, five miles west of Beaverton. The values are principally in copper and gold. He also spoke highly of the Silver Dollar and the O. K., on Canyon creek, five or six miles west of Beaverton. Thus far very little development work has been done.

The King Solomon, near Beaverton has three six-foot ledges that he valued in the same way. Another ledge, known as the Mountain Bell, owned by Alexander Wallace. It carries values of native silver and gold, the assay of which is being made by the Comrie, into the hands of the Comrie, was recently bonded for \$30,000. It is estimated that between two and three hundred prospectors are out in the hills west of Princeton. C. P. R. surveyors are busy locating a line through to Penticon.

AN INTERESTING VISITOR.

Ex-Governor George E. Cole Inspects the Properties of the Boundary.

Grand Forks, B. C., May 23.—[Special.]—Ex-Governor George E. Cole of Spokane is here for a few days, on a visit to the various adjacent mining camps on the side of the line. The distinguished politician, who crossed the Rockies in 1890, is in remarkable physical health, and would pass for a man of 55. He confidentially admits that he is 73, and says he is still in business. Mr. Cole is one of the most versatile types of the old frontiersman, untroubled by the present. The amount of business he is transacting in visiting his various interests is convincing proof of his real as energy.

Honorable Mr. Cole, after taking in Camp Republic, proceeded to the Monarch group, 10 or 12 miles west of Republic, before spending two days at Greenway creek, Okanagan country. He says that the stretch he lingered at is at Greenwood, Knob Hill, Stenwinder and Last Chance mines.

"Republic," he said, "is a camp of unlimited possibilities. The Republic mine is a wonder, but development work on the Mountain Lion and the Sassa Parol will make them as valuable properties. I cannot be too enthusiastic about the Boundary country, which will yet possess as big a camp as Butte. What amazed me most was the enormous size as well as the rich values of the copper-gold ledges. Grand Forks has a great future. It has one of the prettiest locations I have ever seen."

Mr. Cole first settled in California and afterwards came to the Walls Walls in 1869 before locating in the Boundary. His early life has been devoted to cattle pursuits and later on to railway construction. In 1863 he was the congressional delegate from the territory of Washington, in whose detachment from Oregon a few years previously he had taken so prominent a part. This remarkable pathfinder was governor of the territory of the Anglo-American understanding, he said it had afforded him great pleasure to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday on British soil. He recollects the Queen's coronation year. Before Her Majesty's marriage, John Van Buren, a son of President Van Buren, visited England and was hospitably entertained at Windsor Castle. A section of the whig party, taking advantage of the incident, attempted to bring political discredit upon President Van Buren by hinting that his son had crossed the Atlantic with a view of seeking the hand of the youthful Queen. Whether the story had any reality or not never transpired, but John Van Buren, a brilliant lawyer, never won political success, only earning the title of Prince John, sobriquet that clung to him until his premature death.

Tattoo Artist Killed. Chicago, May 31.—Ernest Devere of Grand Rapids, Mich., who claimed to be the champion tattoo artist of the world, was killed instantly at Blue Island yesterday by a Chicago and Grand Trunk train. He fell between the cars and was crushed under the wheels.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been formed at Vernon.

Major W. H. Cooper, formerly of Rossland, has opened an office in Columbia.

Charles Hay has been elected first mayor of Columbia by acclamation. Joshua Anderson, E. L. Beer, Charles Casper, P. C. McArthur, Angus L. McDonald, C. W. R. Westall and W. L. Wells are the aldermanic candidates for Columbia.

His Honor Lieut.-Governor McInnes anticipates that he and his family will possess the Green residence on Moss street, Victoria, as a temporary residence, on or about the 1st of June.

James Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, arrived home from a month's vacation. Mr. Wilson has entirely recovered from his recent severe illness.

Manager Kincaid of the Kootenay Rifles Creamery, who broke the record for the new plant by turning out 393 pounds of butter in one day. It requires more than this, however, to keep up with the demand.

The uniforms for the Kootenay Rifles are very neat. The serge and trousers are of very dark grey, relieved by a little scarlet braid. The serge coat is of the regular light grey, with very satiny buttons. The regulation packing company's new works at Westminster will be in order very soon. The electric plant was started recently by E. M. Chammette, chief engineer, and everything is going very smoothly. The plant was supplied by the Canadian General Electric company of Vancouver and is one of the finest on the coast.

In 1822 there were four 20-dollar gold pieces in the hands of the B. C. treasury, Mr. Helmeke of Victoria, holds another, and a third is now in the possession of J. C. Edmond of Vernon; the whereabouts of the fourth coin is unknown. To numismatists these coins are of much interest, and are naturally increasing in value as time passes.

The Canadian Pacific Navigation company steamer Danube, a pioneer vessel to northern waters, is ashore five miles south of Cape Mudge. Walter Campbell, the lightweight pugilist, who left Vancouver a couple of weeks ago after failing to arrange a match with Kid Welsh, is now in Kamloops conducting a boxing school.

William Godfrey, manager of the Bank of North America at Vancouver, referring to the Dawson fire said: "Our building was completely gutted, but all the more important books were saved. The vault collapsed during the fire and it was melted. The building and furniture were valued at \$20,000, on which there was \$15,000 in the Union Assurance company, so that our loss is not more than \$5,000."

The Orangemen of Kamloops and Salmon Arm will celebrate the glorious twelfth at Kamloops. Calgary is having a big celebration of her own, and Sandon, Edmonton, Alberta, is to have another newspaper, to be called The Post. It is to be edited by E. A. Gregg, who is now in the city as editor of the Mirror at Nelson. The paper will be devoted to the interests of Northern Alberta, and its circulation they will be a newspaper in every part of the north.

The track of the Canadian Pacific's branch west from Robson is laid two miles beyond the switchboard on the main line. It was expected that it would be laid over the big bridge on Thursday, and there would be no long delays. Cascade there has been a deep snow in the valley. In Ten Mile valley, though the last few days has reduced it greatly. A red heavy slide of snow and mammoth avalanche has opened up a new track down the west slope of Westmount north towards Brindle creek, and a clean sweep of the forest is its path and badly blocked the stream.

A mud slide on the Crow's Nest Pass line near Hosmer, on Tuesday. The mud ran 35 feet down the side of a steeply covered 2,000 feet of track to a depth of eight feet. It is reported that three or four laborers were killed, but their names could not be learned.

Sergeant Governor McInnes will like to visit the switchboard on the Garsche Green house on June 1st. The government has leased the house from the insurance adjuster, Mr. Hurst, has had a great deal of trouble with his inventory of the furniture, but the furniture is being removed from the house. He has obtained the position of blacksmith at the Pacific mill on Saturday. Mr. Stewart, being a clean shaven Nova Scotian, who are seeking new homes in the west.

Walter Smith, who has been for some time private secretary to Robert Kerr, traffic manager of the western lines, has been the Canadian Pacific railway, and has been appointed general passenger agent between headquarters at Seattle. Mr. Smith has made many friends in the Prairie Capital.

The provincial government has appointed the educationalists who are to point the questions for the examinations of some of the candidates for teachers' certificates. The appointees are E. B. Paul, M. A. W. principal of the Victoria High school; J. W. Laing, M. A. principal of the Collegiate school; and J. H. Kerr, of the Vancouver High school.

Rev. E. E. Scott, Methodist church, the Homer will arrive there on June 1st, Vancouver, on the next evening, Friday, and on the next evening, Friday, a large congregational welcome will be given him. A Nanaimo dispatch states that the tug Pilot arrived at the Nanaimo wharf on Saturday night, and reported the C. P. N. steamer Danube, Captain Meyers, was en route to Cape Mudge, about 25 miles from Comox.

Joseph Hatchford has sent in his resignation as superintendent of the Provincial Home at Kamloops. One of the best known old time settlers at Ducks has passed away in the person of Joseph P. Null. The deceased was about 76 years of age. Lytton people are much pleased with the prospect of the road through to Lil-loet being soon completed.

George Ford, a pioneer settler of Hornby Island, Comox district, died at the Nanaimo hospital on Tuesday evening after a long illness. He leaves a wife and large family. At the association football tournament in Vancouver on Wednesday, Vancouver beat Nanaimo and Wellington beat Kamloops. The two winning teams then played till dark, the result being a tie, with two points each.

By one of the latest acts of the Provincial government has been passed an Island carrier attain to the dignity of a scarlet bag, and the prestige which the honor brings. Alexander Henderson, M. P. P. of New Westminster, and A. L. Belyea of Victoria attain to the coveted dignity. An order-in-council has been passed allowing the law to take its course in the case of the Indian Casimir, who shot and killed Walter Phillips at Kamloops. Casimir will be executed on June 2nd at Kamloops.

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