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THE SWEDE GROUP SOLD

Excitement Still Continues at Poplar Creek--The Latest Strike on the Swede Property Is a Stunner.

Messrs. Pool and Young returned from Poplar creek on Saturday with the news that another of the three great properties there had been acquired by capitalists at a big figure.

As to whom the capitalists were and the amount of the purchase price paid they were somewhat reticent, but subsequent events lent color to the rumor that they and their syndicate knew just a little more about the deal than anybody else.

Since the start of the Poplar creek boom the Swede group, so called locally because it was discovered and located by three Swedes, Henry Magnuson, Eric Strand and Ben Lawson, has run the Lucky Jack a close second. Last week, however, a sensational discovery was made which places the Swede group away and beyond any other property in the new gold fields, and shows it to be bigger, and richer than even the famous Lucky Jack.

The specimens which Messrs. Pool and Young brought in with them created the greatest sensation ever seen in Trout Lake and Ferguson. One piece, shaped somewhat like the Egyptian Sphinx, and weighing about five pounds, is so heavy for its size that it is estimated to contain from two to two and a half pounds of gold. At \$20 an ounce this would mean that the specimen contains nearly \$600 worth of the precious metal. Other pieces, though smaller, were almost as heavily laden with gold. Old gold miners

pronounced the specimen the richest they had seen in thirty years experience.

It is said that the people of Poplar creek find it difficult to believe that local men had secured the Swedes' property, as some of the biggest operators from Rossland, Spokane and the West had tried in vain to make a deal with the Swedes, and had been turned down. The news of the sale was, however, hailed with great satisfaction.

It is looked on as insuring the future of the camp and has created an increased confidence among hotel men, storekeepers and property owners.

The Swede group is a continuation of the Lucky Jack ledges, lying about a mile higher up the mountain and having excellent tunnel sites. The two groups can be worked in conjunction, with a tramway to carry the ore down to the stamp mill which will likely be located in the valley immediately below the big showing on the Lucky Jack.

Hearing a report that the Swede property will be consolidated with the Lucky Jack and several other free milling claims, the EAGLE asked Mr. Pool if he was prepared to confirm or deny the report or give particulars. He admitted that there might be something in it but said their plans were not sufficiently matured to make public at this stage. He added, however: "Look out for something big in a few days. This is only the beginning."

NOTES.

It is reported that wheat in Ontario is expected to reach the \$1 a bushel mark.

The sheep returns from New Zealand reveal the serious shortage of 1,300,000 owing to over-exportation. A further loss of half a million is probable through a snowstorm in the South island, the severest for many years. In the circumstances, the government meat shop scheme is apparently premature.

What miners in the so-called desert regions of Kern, Inyo, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties in California have to contend with in the matter of heat in the summer months is not generally understood. A correspondent, a mining superintendent from Inyo county, reports that it has been a mild and pleasant spring on the desert, because the thermometer had not been above 100 degrees. He confessed that he had seen it in the afternoon at 114 degrees in the shade, and 106 degrees at 6 o'clock in the morning. Extremes of temperature in this region ran from 29 degrees at the lowest to 120 degrees at the highest; moreover, this heat occurs in a region where water and shade are scarce. Nevertheless, men will stand a great deal in the search for gold, and this desert region has of late become very attractive to prospectors, since some finds of good ore have been made. It is well known that some profitable mines have been developed there also.—Mining Journal.

Why Mining Is Attractive.

The main attraction about mining is that it gives quick action. For instance the prospectors who discovered the Lucky Jack on Poplar creek about a month ago, are now making a deal for \$75,000 cash. The men who are selling out at this fancy figure have probably been packing their blankets around the hills for two or three decades searching for the open seams to nature's treasure vault, but when luck finally came, it came all in a heap and so quickly do they become wealthy that they have no time for that transition through which a business man passes in accumulating wealth.

There is no other business on earth in which the four men who own the Lucky Jack could have made \$75,000 honestly in 60 days. That is why prospecting is popular.—Cranbrook Herald.

Farewell Party.

A farewell party was given J. A. Wetmore in the Alexander hall Thursday on the eve of his departure from Ferguson. Among those present were notified Mrs. Cummins, Misses Home, A. Thomas, Edwards, Fowler, Thomson, Batho, C. Thomas, Campbell and Messrs. Smith, Edwards, Jameson, Boyd, LeRue, Bary, McRae. With dancing, music, etc., all present enjoyed themselves until the early morning hours. Mrs. Alex. Cummins, with the help of a few other ladies, provided an excellent midnight supper.

Right Rev. Francis Bourne, bishop of Southwark, Eng., has been appointed archbishop of Westminster in succession to the late Bishop Vaughn.

ARROWHEAD NOTES.

A representative of the EAGLE was in Arrowhead Saturday last and found the place transformed into a place of considerable activity. On the peninsula opposite J. J. Foley's hotel, Mr. Theo. Ludgate of Deadman's Island fame, is building one of the best lumber mills in the interior of B. C., which will have a capacity of about 150,000 feet per 24 hours. This mill will be fitted with the most modern machinery including band saws, etc. The company, which is styled The Big Bend Lumber Co., have extensive limits and have built many big camps to get out logs during the fall and winter. The company have considerable timber on hand and hope to commence cutting inside of two months, though the mill will not be run to its full capacity until next spring. Mr. Theo. Ludgate stays at Arrowhead, as well as two of his brothers, Mr. W. G. Ludgate is superintending the installation of the mill.

Another mill of about the same capacity as Ludgate's, is being built just below the C. P. R. depot by McMillan & Co., who already operate a small mill across the lake. This new mill will also be equipped with the latest make of machinery, but it will not be in operation till next spring. This company have extensive timber limits quite near at hand. With their new mill they will be able to keep up with their ever increasing trade in the Territories and Manitoba. The McMillans have also purchased the Lakeview Hotel from J. J. Foley. The hotel will be enlarged to meet the increasing volume of business. Mr. J. Gilbert, late of Winnipeg, is the manager of the Lakeview. His house is full of guests most of the time and we may say this well known hostelry has lost none of its long appreciated merits.

Another big saw mill at Arrowhead, making three, is among the probabilities of the near future. An American company have been looking over the ground and it is thought they have selected a site below the McMillan mill site and will build next year. This company own 36,000 acres of fine timber in the Big Bend country, which timber can be easily floated down to Arrowhead, which is a very good point for booming logs and for the shipment of lumber.

These large mills going in are making a great change in Arrowhead. Lots that could have been purchased for \$50 a year ago, now are held at \$200. Messrs. Reid & Young of Revelstoke, are going to build a large general store right away, and Mr. E. J. Kerr is going to enlarge his hotel and beautify the premises to meet the increased business. Mr. Kerr has a fine site for a big hotel where his present building stands. Business has not been good at Arrowhead for years, but those who have stayed will be rewarded soon.

I. W. Graham has been awarded the contract for building an extension of the railway track down to the McMillan mill site. He has commenced grading.

A carload of splendid heavy draft horses were unloaded Saturday for Mr. Theo. Ludgate. They were brought from Peterborough and were 15 days on the road.

Mr. J. J. Foley is still at Arrowhead. He will make a trip to Ferguson and vicinity and then go to Eastern Canada to spend the winter.

Tram for the Cup Mines.

A new tram is being built by B. C. Riblet for the Silver Cup mines, connecting the newly acquired mine adjoining the Silver Cup with the main tram. This will make five trams on the South Fork road. Seventy-five men are now employed on the main tram work and 15 or 20 on the new venture.

ANOTHER BIG DEAL

Judge Miller to Be Congratulated on Making One of the Most Important Deals Ever Made in the Lardeau.

The well known mining man of this camp, Judge J. M. Miller, has been instrumental in forming a new company to be known as the Kootenay Consolidated Mining company, with head office in Minneapolis. The big deal, which is the amalgamation of a dozen or more well known Lardeau gold, silver-lead mines, is one of the biggest mining deals ever put through in the province. It is also the most important deal ever put through the Lardeau-Duncan country.

The Kootenay consolidated includes the following well known properties about Ferguson: Mountain Lion, Old Gold, Primrose, Treadwell, Black Warrior, Lardeau-Duncan, Guinea Gold extensions, Spring Group, Silvery Moon, Comstock, Rio Grande, Baltimore and Amazon.

The Old Gold and Primrose have already shipped ore giving returns of over \$100 per ton, and a large tonnage is stored at the mine awaiting shipment. The Black Warrior, Mountain Lion and Treadwell have considerable ore bodies blocked out, and ore in transit to the smelter. The remaining properties have strong surface showings.

Minneapolis capitalists are behind the merger, among them being Dr. C. S. Dudley, Colonel H. L. Archer, H. S. Dudley and M. C. Miller. All are experienced mining investors, having interests in Colorado, Nevada and California, and after a thorough examination of the Lardeau-Duncan properties just merged, the Minneapolis people pronounced them equal to any of their holdings in the States.

The new company has mapped out a comprehensive program for the properties merged. Development of the mines is to be pushed ahead, and the erection of a smelter and construction of tramways is contemplated, together with the development of water power. Ample capital has been subscribed to put the plans into effect. The smelter probably will be established at or near the head of Kootenay lake, with tram lines radiating to the mines.

The consolidation is a fitting outcome to the unceasing labors of Judge Miller, who has operated the Old Gold and Primrose continuously for five years. Work was never suspended, although Judge Miller frequently liquidated operating expenses out of his private purse.

JAMES WARDNER DYING.

A Well Known Character of the Kootenays.

Rossland, Sept. 1.—James Wardner, famous throughout Kootenay as a mining promoter and raconteur, is dying from blood poisoning in a Milwaukee hospital.

Several months ago Wardner accompanied a party through the mining districts of Nevada, and in the course of the trip drank from a stream by the roadside, a cyanide mill discharged into the stream close above and he inadvertently swallowed the chemical solution used in the cyanide process. Poison entered his system and he was ill for several weeks, finally recovering somewhat. A relapse ensued and he was sent back to the hospital at Milwaukee where his daughter resides. The latest telegraphic reports are that the attendant physicians have given up hope and broke this intelligence to the sufferer.

Jim Wardner was a familiar figure in the Kootenays, where he won and lost several fortunes in mining. His record as a promoter is clean, and his reputation as a "hustler" proverbial. As a raconteur Wardner ranked among the cleverest in the country and a host of extremely entertaining and amusing yarns have been retailed with "Jim" as the centre.

His last successful flotation in British Columbia was the Cherry Creek mines, limited, formed to purchase and operate a group of free gold claims in Pinnacle country, Yalo district.

When taken with a relapse at St. Paul he was on the point of leaving for western Alberta to close a deal for several thousand acres of valuable coal lands for St. Paul and Minneapolis capitalists.

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Fourteen Years in Prison.

London, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American convicted of poisoning her husband, and for whose release scores of petitions have been presented the Home Secretary, has just completed 14 years of her sentence, and, subject to good conduct, will be released on July 26 next year. She is now in her 42nd year and enjoys good health. She has been chiefly occupied in Aylesbury jail at bookbinding.

The judge who tried her at the Liverpool Assizes, and the counsel who defended her, Lord Russel of Killowen, are both dead. Her two children are now nearing 20 years of age.

On her release Mrs. Maybrick intends proceeding to America to prosecute the claims of her mother, the Baroness von Roques, and herself to property valued at over a million sterling.

Joubert, Ostreich Farmer.

Mexico City, Sept. 2.—General Joubert, the famous Boer warrior, will raise ostreichs in Mexico. He will bring several pair from South Africa, where he is already engaged in ostreich farming, and they will be tried in this climate. The ostreichs will be taken to the Lopez ranch in Tamalipas, part of which was recently purchased for the colonization of the Boers.

Poplar Creek.

A number of Victorians have about completed arrangements for the formation of a small local syndicate with the object of sending a prospector to the Poplar Creek district, so as to locate claims in the new rich territory. They expect to be able to get their man away in a day or two.—Colonist.

F. C. Green of Nelson, came in on Tuesday and went up to the Silver Cup tram with B. C. Riblet, who arrived the same day.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 11, 1903.
 POLITICAL.

Very little enthusiasm has been manifested so far in this riding over politics. Before another issue of the EAGLE, however, we think the political situation will be receiving more attention. As a starter, Hon. R. F. Green, minister of mines, came into the camp Wednesday and the same night held a political meeting at Five-Mile, which was attentively listened to by the large crowd present. Thursday Mr. Green visited the Nettie L. mine, and today he and some friends are at the Silver Cup mine.

A big time is expected at the Liberal-Conservative mass meeting in Ferguson Saturday night, at 8 o'clock, when we expect to hear speeches from the three candidates in the field, Messrs. Retallack, Shannon and Hon. R. F. Green. Every person in the camp should come out to this meeting.

The nomination of candidates will take place on the 19th of this month and the election on the 3rd of October.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Reliance succeeded easily in winning America's cup in the final race Thursday last. It was easy to see from the first which was the better boat. Sir Thomas, however, has perfect confidence in his designer, skipper and crew, and will make no change among his fellow workers if he tries for the cup another year. The final defeat of Sir Thomas Lipton's cup challenger, Shamrock III, was received in London with absolute listlessness. The consensus of opinion is that Sir Thomas Lipton has done everything that time and money could accomplish, and widespread sympathy for him is shown. The chief hope expressed in the streets is that Canada will enter the lists next year and probably succeed where the mother country has failed. It seems improbable that in view of the failure of Shamrock III another challenger will soon be dispatched from England.

The claim jumper is abroad at Poplar creek and several of his species are trying by nefarious schemes to steal the Lucky Jack from the men who braved the hardships of prospecting to discover it. If these gentry attempted in any American camp such dastardly games as they are playing at Poplar, the conversation of that camp would be liberally punctuated by gun play.

After a continuous warfare by the EAGLE and the Nelson Board of

Trade for a direct mail service to Ferguson via Nelson and Lardø, word has been received from Ottawa that a direct service has been authorized. Formerly a letter sent to Nelson often took longer than to go all the way to Vancouver. Now we must have telegraphic service and a daily mail. A petition was circulated about Ferguson for the latter during the month of August, and signed by all the leading citizens.

We should all pull together for the good of the whole community, not split hairs and be divided over public ownership and such things which are very good of themselves, but there is something that affects us more directly.

CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM.

- (Adopted at Revelstoke, September 13th, 1902.)
1. That this convention reaffirms the policy of the party in matters of provincial roads and trails; the ownership and control of railways and the development of the agricultural resources of the province as laid down in the platform adopted in October, 1899, which is as follows:
 - "To actively aid in the construction of trails throughout the unpopulated portions of the province and the building of provincial trunk roads of public necessity.
 - "To adopt the principles of government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the province will admit, and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be given for the acquisition of railways which does not give the government of the province control of rates over, lines bonused, together with the option of purchase.
 - "To actively assist by state aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the province.
 - "In the meantime and until the railway policy above set forth can be accomplished, a general railway act be passed, giving freedom to construct railways under certain approved regulations, analogous to the system that has resulted in such extensive railway construction in the United States, with so much advantage to trade and commerce.
 - "That the taxation of metalliferous mines should be on a basis of a percentage on the net profits.
 - "That the government ownership of telephone systems should be brought about as a first step in the acquisition of public utilities.
 - "That a portion of every coal area hereafter to be disposed of should be reserved for sale or lease, so that state owned mines may be easily accessible, if their operation becomes necessary or advisable.
 - "That in the pulp land leases provision should be made for reforesting and that steps should be taken for the general preservation of forests by guarding against the wasteful destruction of timber.
 - "That the legislature and government of the province should persevere in the efforts to secure the exclusion of Asiatic labor.
 - "That the matter of better terms in the way of subsidy and appropriations for the province should be vigorously pressed upon the Dominion government.
 - "That the silver-lead industries of the province be fostered and encouraged by the imposition of increased customs duties on lead and lead products imported into Canada, and that the conservative members of the Dominion House be urged to support any motion in Parliament for such a purpose.
 - "That as industrial disputes almost invariably result in great loss and injury both to the parties directly concerned and to the public, legislation should be passed to provide means for an amicable adjustment of such disputes between employers and employes.
 - "That it is advisable to foster the manufacture of the raw products of the province within the province as far as practicable by means of taxation on the said raw products, subject to rebate of the same in whole or part when manufactured in British Columbia.

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Local and General.

J. O. Piper was in town Tuesday.

R. Hodge visited the lake city Tuesday.

Rev. H. A. Solly was in town Friday last.

B. Crilly came in from Poplar Thursday.

G. B. Batho left for the coast Thursday last.

Jos. Ryan left again for Kaslo on Monday.

Mayor Goodenough of Kaslo, was in town Saturday.

It snowed over two inches at the Silver Cup Sunday.

C. McCann of Kaslo, will arrive in Ferguson tomorrow.

Dr. Lazier was a visitor in Ferguson Friday of last week.

R. J. Moffat of Greenwood, was in Ferguson Friday last.

The Provincial election will now take place on October 3rd.

Hon. R. F. Green, minister of mines, arrived in town Wednesday.

G. Attwood, M. E., arrived in Ferguson from Revelstoke this week.

W. Small, a well known traveller for a coast firm, was in Ferguson Wednesday.

R. Benson arrived in town Thursday to take a position on the Imperial Bank staff.

E. G. Woodward, the EAGLE proprietor, left Saturday last for Arrowhead, Nelson, etc.

Messrs. Macdonald and Sutherland and Miss Jessie Cameron visited Trout Lake Monday.

George Ross returned from a successful two weeks' trip to Poplar and Nelson Sunday.

The correct number of names on the voters' list for Ferguson is 230, and Trout Lake 117.

The Ferguson office of the Imperial Bank will open a branch at Trout Lake in the next few days.

Photographer Wadds has his tent studio open for business today. He will also be in town tomorrow.

Mrs. B. Reeve left for Okanagan Landing Thursday, on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stokes.

J. A. McCrossan and Mrs. McCrossan, who were visitors in Trail and Nelson this week, returned Thursday.

Three members of the Salvation Army arrived in town Wednesday on their annual collecting tour.

Hon. R. F. Green visited Five-Mile Wednesday, Nettie L. Thursday and today he has gone to the Silver Cup.

Assayer John's palatial residence at Five-Mile is nearing completion and Mrs. John will arrive shortly from Sudbury.

Mrs. J. Smith and family are moving to their residence at Trout Lake this week, where they will reside for the winter months.

Geo. T. Lundy of Innisfail, Alta., arrived in town Wednesday to visit the Little Robert mine, adjoining the Black Warrior, in which he is interested.

Hon. R. McBride, who was making a tour of the Kootenays, returned to New Westminster from Revelstoke owing to the serious illness of Mrs. McBride.

Monday was Labor day. Had it not been for the closing of the school and bank we would not have known it was a holiday. Ferguson people have no time for holidays.

Miss Jessie Birss of the Windsor Hotel staff, received the sad intelligence Wednesday of the death of her father, Francis Birss, at his home in Aboyne, Scotland.

A couple of Sisters were in town and at the mines Thursday, Friday and Saturday last week on their annual tour of collecting funds for the Roman Catholic orphanage at Westminster.

J. A. Wetmore has been transferred from the Imperial Bank branch here to the branch at Nelson. Mr. Wetmore left on Friday for a couple of weeks holidays, after which he will go to Nelson.

G. B. Batho returned from a business trip to Vancouver on Monday's stage. Mr. Batho says intense excitement pre-

vails at the coast over the recent Lardeau gold discoveries in the Ferguson district.

Frank H. Gauthier, with his wife and two children, moved into Ferguson Thursday last to reside. They have been living all summer at the Mountain Lion mine, where Mr. Gauthier is foreman.

The following were at Circle City last week and returned with good full palls of buckelherries: Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mesdames Shannon, Kirkpatrick, Gordon, Cummins, Robert Kirkpatrick and C. Nesbitt.

C. T. Porter, chief of the late G. H. Bayne, and partner in the Ferguson Wagner group, on the headwaters of Hall and Haley creeks, arrived in town Sunday last accompanied by Messrs. W. H. Butler, W. J. Doust, Spokane, and Messrs. C. H. Stone and Jno. W. Gilger, Minneapolis.

S. E. Oliver, representing the Nelson Daily News, gave the EAGLE a call Wednesday. Mr. Oliver had just arrived from Poplar creek, where he looked over the Lucky Jack, which he informs us exceeds his expectations, the shaft being down 50 feet with good showings. Mr. Oliver left Thursday morning for Camborne, where he will visit the Eva and Oyster-Criterion before leaving for his home in Nelson.

The following registered at the Hotel Windsor this week: Karl Eckert; A. J. Becker and wife, Trout Lake; W. B. Pool, J. J. Young, Calgary; W. H. Boyd, R. W. Brock, Ottawa, Geological Survey of Canada; Frank Lauthier and family, Joe Fontaine, Duncan river; D. A. McLean, J. McFadgen, D. A. McDonald, R. N. Ribble, F. C. Green, F. A. Tambly, E. W. Davidson, Nelson; A. W. Goodenough, Kaslo; W. J. Doust, C. T. Porter, W. H. Butler, Spokane; C. H. Stone, Jno. W. Gilger, Minneapolis; O. B. N. Wilkie, Trout Lake; H. Craft, Oregon, U. S. A.

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