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LEAVENWORTH AS A SUMMER RESORT

We have just passed thru an extraordinary period of hot weather. The temperature of the month of July, according to weather observers has been the highest in a period of 10 years. This condition extended thruout the state. People living west of the mountains have had abundant cause to complain at the heat which is unusual, to say the least, while those living in the Columbia river basin, between here and Spokane, to use a common expression, have simply been "roasted" for the past month. The hot weather, during which the nights were almost as hot as the days, drove from one half to two thirds of the people of Wenatchee to the higher altitudes. We do not mean to indicate that the temperature was higher in Wenatchee than any other town in eastern Washington of about the same altitude, but we speak of Wenatchee because the facts given are within the knowledge of our readers.

During this time the people of Leavenworth suffered very little, if any, inconvenience from what is called "hot weather." The dust which more than anything else adds to the discomforts of warm weather, will, in another year be avoided by grading the two main thoroughfares and giving them a dressing of gravel and coarse sand.

Then too before another heated term comes on we hope to have good sidewalks along all the main business and residence streets.

The health of this community thruout the heated term was most excellent—nay, more than that, it was perfect. That not one case of fever and death resulted, is most remarkable. To the excellent location of the town this is largely due. The drainage is perfect. We have no stagnant pools any where, and consequently few mosquitoes. The quality of our drinking water is favorably commented on by every visitor to the town. On account of our high altitude and nearness to the everlasting snow the nights are always pleasant even if the days are somewhat warm.

The healthfulness of our location, our climate, our scenic attractions, the hunting and fishing nearby should make Leavenworth a health and summer resort, second to none in the state.

The first and most important matters which the Leavenworth corporation will have to wrestle with is fire protection and sanitation.

Alaska's contribution to the world's store of gold this year already amounts to more than ten million dollars and the output not more than half in.

Some people will talk. Last week the flatulent gentleman moved the railroad division, round house, railroad track, in fact every movable thing within seven miles of this town into the vague and indefinite whither and whence, and now a few timid souls are afraid he will never move it back, but leave us floating around in an ocean of uncertainty with not any substantial thing to lay hold on. Will the vandal who stole the moon last night return it to its accustomed place?

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FIND NEW MINERAL.

Two Okanogan Men Strike It Rich - Antimony Proves to be Valuable

Billy Ingham who for thirteen years carried a mail sack for Uncle Sam in Seattle is accidently rich. He woke up one morning to find that what he had decided was a swindle as a farming proposition, was an antimony mine worth hundreds of thousands if not millions.

With a record of disappointments and hard luck that would discourage even the worst of pessimists, Ingham has finally landed on easy street with the best mineral proposition that has proven out in Okanogan county's mining history. He has antimony almost in pure form and his first shipment of twenty tons has netted him after paying twenty dollars a ton for freight by river and rail over \$3000. There is plenty of the ore—loads of it. The dump, which was not considered of any value by the finder has recently been assayed and runs 67 per cent antimony.

When Ingham first came to Okanogan county, he decided to be a rancher. He did not know anything about ranching, but he had been through a saddening experience in Seattle with a patent beer faucet that had promised riches but had ended in froth. The simple life appealed to Ingham and he purchased a relinquishment on cypress mountain near white stone. It was a fine farm for rocks but nothing else would grow, and Ingham decided one season of farming that he had mistaken his vocation.

One day he was out repairing the fences that the cattle had destroyed, and in a fit of rage at the numerous rocks that blocked his post hole work he smote one with his hammer. The rock fell apart and showed a streak of silvery looking metal running it. Ingham believed he had found silver and hurried with his sample to Loomis, where his story and his ore were received by the miners of the camp with hilarity.

Ingham was not to be discouraged and had an assay made of some of his rock by a Seattle assayer who reported the metal as molybdenum. There was any amount of the ore on the hill and Ingham took in as a partner W. H. Whitcheer and these two staked out claims wherever they found the metal. The miners were still laughing at the young men who they believed were working on a valueless ledge of graphite.

The next disappointment for Ingham came with the returns from samples sent Spokane and Los Angeles assayer. These reported that the metal was not molybdenum but antimony and as was an unknown quantity in Okanogan county mining. It was necessary to find out all about antimony what it is good for and where the market.

The results of investigation were encouraging. As an alloy for soft metals particularly lead in the manufacture of type metal, antimony plays a heavy part in the commercial world and there is a strong demand for it. The market has been supplied principally from Japan, but the output has not kept up with the demand and the price has risen to 29 cents a pound or \$580 a ton. In opening up the deposit Ingham and Whitcheer both without a particle of mining experience, took only the metal that looked to them as the purest and threw on the dump ore which ranged even higher in value than some that they shipped. They sacked up and freighted to Riverside a little over twenty tons of the metal and shipped it to a dealer in New York.

It had been all outlay with nothing coming in up to this time. But the news had gone out of the value of the find and the owners had plenty of offers of financial assistance. The metal ore is so easily reducible by smelting that a wood burning furnace can be put in to handle the ore at an expense of but a few thousand dollars. This will cut out a large part of the expense of transportation, and the coming of the railroad up the river will put the mine within a few miles of the freight cars. The mining men who laughed at the first news of the strike are now trying to locate something like it and many prospectors are out with antimony in their mind's eye in the Cayuse Whitestone and Palmer mountains.—Okanogan Record.

In Memoriam.

In loving remembrance of our darling baby, Delbert Wesley Chisholm, died July 22, 1906, at Leavenworth, Wash. A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled, The boon His love had given; And though the body moulders here, The soul is safe in Heaven.

Wenatchee People go Bear Hunting. Carl Christensen came down from Merritt, where his family is encamped, last Tuesday to visit with Leavenworth friends. He told us that about half of the people of Wenatchee were up in the mountains between this point and the tunnel. Last week W. W. Gray of Wenatchee, killed a bear, and on Monday, County Attorney Crass killed a black bear not far from the Merritt postoffice. Mr. Marble of this place, has been engaged to dress and mount both skins. Messrs. Crass and Gray mean to keep them as mementos of the chase and also as an evidence of their prowess as hunters.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

P. M. Long passed through here last week and stopped off a day to see what improvements had been made since he left here about a year ago. He was surprised at the changes and pleased at the evidences of prosperity.

Mrs. M. Madison, whose home was in Leavenworth when she left here last spring to visit her parents in Nebraska stopped off here last Saturday to visit old friends. She departed Tuesday to join her husband in Port Townsend, where they will make their home in the future.

Harold Koren returned from Montana this week. He left here three weeks ago for Seattle to have a week's outing on the Sound. While there he received a message calling him to Virginia City, Montana, where he is interested in mining property that is being developed and proving to be valuable.

Mrs. W. W. Edwards mother Ifa D. Edwards died in Seattle last Tuesday. Mr. Edwards is interested in and manager of the Leavenworth Mercantile Company. He is a young man of fine business qualifications and is held in the highest esteem. In his loss he has the kindly sympathy of every member of the community.

Hon. John D. Atkinson and his friend Mr. McClenahan, returned from their fishing trip up the Icicle this week and reported that they had a fine trip, caught all the trout they could eat and enjoyed sleeping out. Mr. McClenahan returned to his home in the east and Mr. Atkinson to resume his duties at Olympia as attorney general.

W. I. Gilbert, who formerly lived here and still owns a nice home, but moved to Seattle a year or more ago, is now running an engine between this point and Spokane. He called on The Echo last Wednesday, renewed his subscription and told us he would take a short vacation and pay his wife and baby a visit and inhale the Puget Sound ozone.

Postmaster Davis, Rafe King and Al Pesch left here Tuesday under the chaperonage of Game Warden Max Spromberg. Their destination was Chickaman creek, some thirty miles from here, where fishing is said to be good. They will be gone from five days to a week, according to how the fish bite. Max will in the meantime be looking for game law violators, who are giving him much trouble.

Two new types of passenger engines were this week put on the run between here and Spokane. They are considerably larger than those in use heretofore. They are not so high above the track as the old type but a good deal longer. The steam feed gear is built on altogether new principles. It is generally talked among railroad men that a new and much larger engine will soon be received for the mountain division.

The ownership of the strip of land 50 feet wide lying along the railroad right of way commencing near the big rock and extending to Mr. Turner's place at the east end of the railroad yard has been transferred by the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co. to the Great Northern railway. Just what use the company expect to make of the land has not yet developed, though there is a rumor that it is to be used for new depot grounds.

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EPISCOPAL.—Services twice a month in Fraternal hall. Episcopal Guild meets every Wednesday at the home of members, as announced. T. M. Hilton, pastor.

CATHOLIC.—Services at the Catholic church every fourth Sunday in the month; mass at 7:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 8 p. m.; vespers 1:30 p. m.; low mass following Monday. Father H. Colin, Pastor.

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