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## AN IMPORTANT PROJECT

That Will Add Greatly to the Power Production of the Similkameen River.

## A DAM TO BE CONSTRUCTED

And a System Installed that Will Develop Eight Thousand Horse Power.

Oroville possesses a number of advantages that gives her a great prestige over less fortunately situated communities, any one of which in itself would be sufficient to insure the ultimate building up of a city of considerable magnitude and importance, but what must be considered its strongest factor in insuring future and stable growth is its immense and almost incomparable water power, a power of great magnitude, only an infinitesimal portion of which now being utilized, flowing unchecked upon the western boundary of the town. This capacity for power production is the Similkameen river, a brawling, rapid stream of large volume that erosion, the work of ages, has so compassed in a channel between beetling cliffs as to make it easy of control, and which, under such control, in time will be made to develop electric power sufficient to supply any demand that may be made for that modern energy. Already, at the falls of the Similkameen, only some four miles up river, a plant has been installed and is in operation, but between the falls and the town there is considerable fall in the river, the water course is narrow with perpendicular banks of stone, barriers in the shape of dams can, and one day well be constructed, thus enormously increasing the power developed by the natural falls.

It is stated that this provision for increased power can and will be accomplished, and the indications are that the day of accomplishment is not far distant. It is generally known that a hydrological engineer of prominence and reputation visited, investigated and secured a water right and dam right on the Similkameen river, last fall, at the point where the railroad bridge across the chasm. This gentleman came here as a representative of capital, to investigate, make measurements, draw plans and specifications and report. Considerable time and money were expended in this work, and when it was completed the engineer had profiles and a report to submit that was convincing as to the feasibility of the project, and to the importance and desirability of the undertaking as an investment. The work was done by an artist in his profession, and every detail of his report was of such an encouraging nature that failure of success is remote to be considered.

While the writer has not had access to these reports, and hence knows of the contents only in a general way, it is understood that the proposition is to put in a concrete dam at the narrowest point in the river, which is at the railroad bridge. It is calculated that such a dam as is in contemplation will develop 8000 horse power. The plant would be installed in 2000-horse power units, the production to be increased to correspond with the growing demand. A dam at the point selected would not in any way interfere with the plant at the falls, and as the river turns down through a narrow, rocky gorge from the falls to the point selected for the dam there is no land to be damaged by overflow from back water. The placing of the dam will necessitate the elevation of the railroad bridge, but arrangements have been made with the railroad company to make the change. Such is an outline of the plans to be adopted as suggested by the examining engineer, and it is believed that the work will be carried out during the present year.

Nothing that money could be invested in the way of a private enterprise would be felt so immediately as a benefit in Oroville. The contemplative expenditure is \$500,000, a large portion of which will go to labor. But it is not the benefit derived from the simple process of building that will prove the greatest good the place, for a power plant of such capacity as is figured on means a perpetual advantage of great moment. In conjunction with the older established plant it would

furnish power for every class of industry into which power enters, and its cheapness would increase the demand, stimulating the establishment of such enterprises as depend upon motor power. The people of Oroville surely hope that the project under consideration may be a realization of the near future.

## BACK FROM THE COAST.

Hon. Geo. J. Hurley, of Loomis, spent Tuesday in Oroville on his way home from the coast. Mr. Hurley was sent to Olympia some weeks ago as a representative of the residents of the north part of the county who favored county division. This movement for county division was initiated by the people of the Methow valley, who desired the west part of the county set aside as a new county, and invited the people of this locality to join in and aid to cut Okanogan into three counties. Had it not been for this invitation our people would not have taken any action in the premises. Much to his embarrassment and disappointment on reaching Olympia Mr. Hurley found the Methow contingent divided upon the question of county seat, and the proposal to form Methow county had been abandoned. Not only was that project given up, but the representative from that section became antagonistic to the formation of the new county of Tonasket. Why they assumed that attitude after inducing the people over here to enter the field Mr. Hurley was unable to ascertain. The upshot of it was that while Mr. Hollinger endeavored to have the bill, which was reported favorably by the committee, called up and killed, Mr. Hurley so managed to have the bill kept so far down on the calendar that it could not be reached, and hence the bill remains on record unprejudiced. No man could have been sent to Olympia better equipped for the work in hand than Mr. Hurley, and he did all that could be expected under the circumstances. While in Olympia Mr. Hurley was taken sick, and since the adjournment of the legislature he has been under medical treatment at Portland. He is much improved, but will not be able to return to his duties in the store for some weeks.

## JUBILEE SINGERS.

The Williams Jubilee Singers will give a concert in Singrist hall on the evening of Tuesday, April 20. The company will appear under the auspices of the M. E. church as a beneficiary for the church building fund. This company is the best of its kind on the coast and comes highly recommended by the press and eminent educators and church workers. The members of the troupe are artists and give a pleasing and refined entertainment. The attendance should, and no doubt will, fill draw out a large audience. Among the many testimonials that are presented by the company the state of Charles A. Barry, of the Washington Agricultural College, Pullman, Wash., is quoted as follows: "These Williams' Jubilees deserve to be recommended as one of the greater entertainments before the public today. A member of our musical department calls them a first-class Jubilee company. We have invited them to be on our next lecture course."

## GOOD RETURNS.

Mr. McCammon has received returns on the quartz taken from his recent discovery east of town, sent out for assay, and the result gives a total value in gold, silver and copper of \$10, which is really a remarkable good surface showing. The copper present was over two per cent. Mr. McCammon was out Sunday doing more work, and he reports that the ledge has widened out to four feet. Four feet of quartz carrying a surface value of \$10 would make the prospect a ready seller in a mining country where mining is carried on at a profit, and is good enough to justify more extended development.

## WILL TAKE A WHIRL AT MINING.

H. H. Brown, who has ranched and raised stock on a place over near Weherville for years, was in town Saturday. He is to desert his old occupation for a time at least, having just taken a lease on the Jack Pot group of claims near his ranch. He proposes putting in the next year, driving on a tunnel that was started to tap the ledge at considerable depth. The ore in the vein for which the tunnel is heading carries good average values, and Mr. Brown believes that the property can be made valuable by proper exploitation. The formation is diorite, as hard as an anvil, and former operators were discouraged because the rock refused to give way to the coaxing force of giant powder, but Mr. Brown is young, endowed with muscle and energy, and he proposes to burn a path to riches if he has to do it by inches. Such pluck deserves success, and he will succeed if the stuff is in the ground to make success possible.

## AN OKANOGAN BOOSTER

Col. A. M. Dewey Promoting two Important Enterprises For This County.

## ONE AN ELECTRIC RAILROAD

And the Other a Large Copper Mine With a Most Excellent Showing.

Col. A. M. Dewey, of Spokane, stopped over in Oroville last Friday night, on his way to the Q. S. mine, situated on Blue lake, an equal distance between Loomis and Conconully. Col. Dewey is the promoter of two enterprises that will tend very materially, when carried out as at present contemplated, to the rapid growth in population and the more speedy development of the dormant resources of Okanogan county. One of them, which in its completion and operation is really the most important public utility that has yet been suggested and set on foot in this upper country, is the construction of an electric railroad from a point on the Great Northern, a few miles west of Nighthawk, down through the hill country to Brewster, touching Loomis, Riverside, Omak, Okanogan and probably Conconully. This has been a pet scheme of the gentleman for the past two years, and he reports that at last he sees his way clear for accomplishing the object he has so long striven for. At one time there was a disposition to belittle the efforts of Col. Dewey, but he has shown such a doughty front, has worked so hard in the face of discouragement, has kept up such superb courage that at last the scotch has been forced to admire the unwavering pertinacious energy of the man, and if not to actually praise, to give him full measure of credit for the efforts put forth. Among those who admire a man who will surmount all obstacles, who will not admit of defeat, who will go on and win out against every impediment, Col. Dewey's admirable struggle is fully appreciated, and they will rejoice with him when he is at last able to see his plans consummated. The colonel is a full-fledged optimist, and the word "quit" is not to be found in his lexicon.

Col. Dewey stated while here that the prospects for raising the necessary funds for the construction of the road were very flattering. Sufficient cash is on hand to grade the first twenty miles of the road, but the directors of the company are insistent upon waiting until all the money required to complete the line is raised before any construction commences. Two representatives of the company are negotiating the sale of bonds in London, and a cable from that city last week stated that the negotiations had resulted successfully. It is expected that work will commence within 60 days.

The other enterprise that Col. Dewey is interested in is the Q. S. mine. Sufficient work has been done on the property to show that there are large bodies of copper ore on the claims. This has been exposed for many feet by deep workings. The company has experienced some troubles, which seems to be the history of about all mining propositions up this way, and a reorganization became necessary. All the legal requirements have been met to perfect this reorganization, and Col. Dewey was up at this time to make arrangements to resume development at the mine. He informed the writer that \$140,000 were in sight to carry out the plan of driving a main working tunnel near the base of the mountain to reach the ore deposits at great depth, and that he will now bend every energy toward making the Q. S. a producer. The revival of operations at that point will give employment to a large force of men, and encourage the renewal of work on other holdings in the neighborhood. Among those who are posted as regards the mineral showings thereon, it is felt that the carrying out of the plans in contemplation can only result happily, as the Q. S. certainly has the indications to justify extensive exploitation.

## STILL MORE GOOD ORE.

In the mineral zone that embraces a long stretch of territory along both sides of the international boundary, there are few local deposits that have shown up to a better advantage for the work done than on Kruger mountain,

a huge bulk that is divided as to possession by said international line, good properties existing on both sides of that imaginary line separating the United States and British Columbia. About the only difference in the value of the properties is in the amount of ore exposed, and such exposure seems dependent entirely upon the amount of work done. Wherever research has been pushed forward, there is the presence of ore, good ore, in assay value far beyond the product of many mines that are now in the dividend paying column. Among the number none are showing up better than the 49th Parallel, that is being opened up under the supervision of S. T. Stanton. Those about town interested in this group of claims are highly elated over a very recent discovery, which settles for good and all the standing of the 49th Parallel. At all times there has been a quantity and quality of ore in sight that encouraged the hope of ultimate success, but the strike last week insures that success beyond peradventure. What has been thought to be the hanging wall was only a large deposit of the choicest copper ore so far encountered in the workings. It was broken into Saturday and the good news was passed to town to make glad the hearts of the stockholders. Mr. Stanton went up to the mine Sunday, returning Monday morning. Satisfaction was his in large bunches. He reports that the ore surpasses in grade anything yet found, and that that was being removed was of a quality to cheer on the operators to renewed exertions. The ledge is now fully eight feet wide, and the entire face in shipping ore. Which is a positive assurance that the 49th Parallel is distinctly a real mine.

## MAY GO TO MEXICO.

John Thomas, who has spent many years in this upper country, was an incoming passenger on last Thursday night's train. Mr. Thomas spent the winter in Spokane, and most of the time was devoted to getting over a serious attack of pneumonia. He shows the effects of the struggle in a reduced quantity of flesh he is in the habit of carrying around. Mr. Thomas now has a well developed case of Mexico fever, and will probably hike out for that alluring country this summer.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The primary department has ordered a set of 40 books intended especially for use in the primary grades. The money for the books has been supplied by that department, the greater part of it being the proceeds of pop corn sold by the children. Such efforts deserve praise and patronage.

Profs. Hungeate and Buchanan, of Cheney Normal, will be here this Friday evening. The purpose of their visit to this town is the inspection of the Oroville high school. Both of these gentlemen will lecture at Sigrist hall in the evening. These lectures are absolutely free. Every one is cordially invited. It will be well worth your time, no matter if you are busy.

The Oroville basketball teams, that is the boys' and girls' teams, played at Chesaw last Saturday night. The line up of the girls was as follows:

OROVILLE	POSITION	CHESAW
Miss Ryan	Left Forward	Miss Ga. Iac
Miss Morris	Centre	Miss Holmes
Miss Schaller	Right Forward	Jessie Blaine
Miss Williams	Left Guard	Anne Blaine
Miss Mitchell	Right Guard	Miss Cromer

The girls played a good game. It was fast and peaceable. No one reports any vicious hair pulling, or scratching. At the end of the first half the score stood 2 to 3 in favor of Chesaw. The last half was fast, Chesaw succeeded in making a basket. This made the score 5 to 2 in favor of Chesaw.

The line up of the other team was:

OROVILLE	POSITION	CHESAW
J. East	Right Forward	W. McCarty
G. Mitchell	Centre	M. McIntyre
F. Bartlett	Left Forward	D. McCarty
G. Milhove	Right Guard	A. Briggs
L. Stensbury	Left Guard	Mr. Moore

The game was rough, fast and interesting. It was ended by a lopsided score in favor of Chesaw. After the game everybody danced until close upon the hour of 12. After the dance the visitors were royally entertained and given a great "feed." The basketball season is now over.

## PAINT UP A LITTLE.

A stroll through town leaves the impression that nine people of ten who have erected buildings exhausted their means with the driving of the last nail, for it is about that per centage of structures that are without paint, many of them weather beaten and an eye sore. The cost of a little paint is not a vast sum, calcimining can be done for less. Now that spring is on let house owners who have neglected this finishing touch proceed to rectify the error. It would give the place a much more cheerful and attractive appearance. Do it now the sooner the job is completed the better it will be for Oroville.

## PASSING OF A PIONEER

Death of One of the First White Settlers of the County.

## FEW OF THE OLD TIMERS LEFT

A Class of Men Who Blazed the Trail Through the Wilderness For March of Civilization.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week there passed away, at his home a short distance south of Loomis, the oldest white resident and pioneer of Okanogan county, in the death of John Beall. The deceased was a quiet, unassuming man, who attended strictly to his own business, taking no part in public affairs, or local agitations, and hence may not have been so widely known as others who have lived in the county a shorter time, yet he was undoubtedly the oldest inhabitant at the time of his death. Mr. Beall has been in poor health for the past year, suffering from a combination of ailment that undermined a once powerful constitution, hence his death was not unexpected, although none the less regretted by those who knew him when the final summons came. The remains were buried in the Loomis cemetery last Friday afternoon, a very large cortege following to the grave, the people turning out en masse to show this last mark of respect to the ancient pioneer.

Little can be learned of the antecedents of the deceased. He was born in Alabama 76 years ago, and like many another was lured to the far west by the discovery of gold in California. He came to the coast in 1861, and followed the mining excitement that caused men to chase up and down the land from Arizona on the south to British Columbia on the north. He was miner, prospector, packer, freighter in his time. Many years ago he packed on Frazier river, and other mining districts in British Columbia. At last he settled down on a ranch in the beautiful Simlahekin valley, more than a quarter of a century ago, where he continued following a peaceful and industrious life until he disposed of the place only a few years ago. He leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters and a brother, Lloyd Beall, all of whom live in the county.

John Beall was one of those bold, adventurous, enterprising argonauts that blazed the way through the great west for the civilization that was to follow. The race, of which he was a striking representative, is rapidly disappearing. They lived a hard life of deprivations, yet hardships seemed conducive to longevity, for he certainly reached a green old age, and up to a few months ago he was a well preserved man. We cannot help but refer with kindness to those old, old timers, and express feelings of extreme regret when one of them at last succumbs to the inevitable and passes on to that "bourne from whence no traveler return." A grand work they performed in spying out the wilderness for future generations to enjoy the fruits thereof, and few of them have ever received the reward that they were entitled to receive.

## BEES STING AS A REMEDY.

The bee sting as a remedy, or relief, for rheumatism, was tried on Dr. F. S. Beale last week, with remarkably good results. Dr. Beale has been afflicted with the painful malady for some time, and nothing in the way of treatment gave him relief. Bees were applied to the affected parts and an improvement was felt at once. The sting acts as a counter irritant, and somehow relieves the pain. It remains to be seen if the improvement is permanent, or only a temporary relief. The remedy is certainly simple enough, and if it proves efficacious in the case of Dr. Beale it will henceforth become a popular antidote to a very common ailment.

## THE MAN AGAINST THE BRUTE.

Quite a number of people collected on Main street, near the Washington Commercial company's store, last Thursday afternoon, attracted by an unique contest. It seems that Frank Webster owns a loose jointed horse that he imagines can give a cayote pointers on splitting wind, and has in town that day feeling sports and eloquently boasting of the going ability of his steed. Some person casually suggested that in

a short distance race the horse could not beat a man. Now to Mr. Webster this sounded like casting disparaging remarks upon the ability of his beast, and he grew violently eager to cover money to the extent of his pile that his horse could make a man look like a snail in any distance that could be named. Now Mr. Webster never had his eye teeth cut on speed jobs that he was going up against, and he mourned that the quantity of his substance only equaled the sum of 52 plunks. And fortunate for him that his clothes held no more cash. It was agreed that the distance to be run should be 45 feet, and Mr. Webster's money was covered so quickly that the eagerness to get into the jack pot should have opened his eyes. The parties holding the man end of the bet induced Frank Bartell, jr., who is pretty clever on his feet, to enter against the horse. Two heats were run. The first was decided a tie and the second resulted in the defeat of the horse, much to the surprise and disgust of Mr. Webster.

There was a sequel to the race that came near increasing Mr. Webster's loss, but why he should have been hauled up more than the others deponeeth sayeth not. It seems that there is an ordinance that makes it a misdemeanor to race on the streets, and having ruptured that ordinance Mr. Webster was introduced to Judge Frazier. A fine was imposed, but the penalty was afterwards remitted. The memory of the arrest, however, should be a warning to sports to confine racing to the suburbs in the future.

## EASTER SERVICES.

The new Methodist Episcopal church will be opened Easter Sunday, April 11 with the following services:

6 a. m.—Sunrise prayer meeting.  
10:30 a. m.—Morning service, at the close of which new members will be received and communion served.

2:30 p. m.—The regular Easter exercises given by the Sunday school. A good programme is being prepared. All members of the Cradle Roll (under 9 years), and Little Beginners (between 3 and 6), are requested to be present at "Roll Call." A baptism service for adults and children will be held at the close of the programme. Parents wishing their children baptised will please call early.

7:30 p. m.—Special song service, followed by preaching and the dedication of the church. Rev. O. W. Mintzer, D.D., district superintendent, will be present at each of the services, will preach morning and evening and dispense the Lord's supper and the sacrament of baptism. Friends from the country bringing their lunch will be provided with tea and coffee.

On Monday evening an old-fashioned Methodist tea meeting will be held in the church. Supper served from 5 to 8 p. m., after which a good programme will be rendered. Admission 50 cents; children 25 cents. This includes entertainment and supper, ice cream and all the other good things the Ladies' Aid can serve.

The mite boxes distributed by the Ladies' Aid will be called in on Monday and opened at the entertainment in the evening, when a first, second and third prize will be given to the ones containing the most money. The prizes will not be costly, but from our knowledge of men will be much appreciated.

## OKANOGAN CO. ATHLETIC ASS'N.

The first annual Field Meet and Oratorical Contest for Okanogan county grade and high schools will be held at Conconully or some other convenient place on June 5, 1909. Previous to this date two district meets will be held at Oroville and Brewster, respectively, on May 8, 1909. All point winners at these district meets shall be entitled to compete at the general meet.

Each school whose students wish to take part in the contests will be required to pay to the treasurer of the Association the sum of one dollar (\$1.00). This fee is to be used in defraying the incidental expenses of the Association. Each student taking part in the competition, whether athletic or oratorical, must have been in regular attendance in the schools in this county for a period of at least four school months during the present school year.

The events will consist of 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash 1/2 mile run, mile run, mile walk, relay race, pole vault, shot put, standing broad jump, running broad jump, standing high jump, and running high jump. It is recommended that each school taking part, hold a home track meet to select its representatives for the district meet. It is also recommended that not more than two representatives for the oratorical contest be selected by a home tryout. In this latter contest it is to be understood that original subject matter will not be used.

The officers of the Association deem it advisable to state that the meet in this county will be conducted on exactly the same lines as an ordinary intercollegiate or interscholastic meet.  
E. B. GRINNELL, President.  
M. BRINKERHOFF, Secretary.  
L. A. DALE, Treasurer.