

Miscellaneous Information from Hare Diary

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- \$6.00 was charged per horse to pack items into the mines at Granite Creek from Quilchena - Johnson was the boss packer - An Indian woman owned the pack train
- When L. G. Hare arrived at Granite there were 17 log houses and a few brush shacks and tents
- There were many Chinese and Mexicans at Granite Creek
- 2 teams were hauling logs at \$10-\$15 per day
- Oats and hay cost 5¢ per pound
- Whipsawing lumber cost 10¢ per foot
- Cedar shakes sold for \$25-\$30 per 1,000 delivered
- Was a log trail on the mountainside
- Nov. 9, 1885 was an election for a night watchman - Mike ran against Mills (who held the job) - election held in Alec Coutlie's Saloon with Hawthorne as Chairman - Mike won over Mills by a large majority - earned \$100/month for the job
- Nov. 10, 1885 - meeting held at Coutlie's Saloon to start a sleigh road between Granite and Nicola - Jim Leighton was Chairman - Cap. Shearbourne was Secretary - Dunc McDonald, Jim Birmingham, and Dick Williams to explore a new route at \$5 per day
- Hare's cabin was 16 X 20 ft. on the inside
- Dec. 11, 1885 residents collected names of subscribers for a mail service between Granite and Nicola
- Dec. 12, 1885 election of a mail carrier - names put forward were: Billy Leftwitch, Hugh Munroe, Jimmy Besbitt and Johnny Macdonald - all except Billy Leftwitch withdrew their names when Johnny Macdonald put his name in - Johnny won by one vote
- Dr. Comstock wanted the Post Office to be in his drugstore - on the subscription list there was about \$100 per month and 25¢ would be charged per letter for non-subscribers
- Was a saw pit 1 ¼ miles up Granite Creek
- Three streets were mentioned in Hare's Diary: Government, Miners and Broad Street
- Briggs claim 1 ½ miles up Granite Creek put in a flume in March, 1886
- Was a cabin at Louise Claim ½ mile above the forks, 4-5 miles up Granite Creek
- Vancouver Company camp was ½ mile above Hare and Gregor's camp on the South Fork

- Reliance Company was below the Vancouver Company and this is what Hare and Gregor jumped and called the Tail Holt Company - described as a low bar in the riverbed - at low water the creek runs to one side of the bar and a small stream trickles on the other side of the bar making the bar an island (a complete description is recorded March 15, 1886)
- Bromley's Trail described as: 15 miles from Granite - when Hare left Granite at noon he arrived at Bromley's at 7 p.m. - rough trail - climbs straight over summit of steepest and highest mountains in sight and winds in and out, tacking on level ground and gradual slopes
- Bromley's place was described as - bottom land is almost level with a stream running on it - had rye grass growing on it that Bromley sold to Granite - the house was built to be a Hotel and Bromley planned on getting a liquor license for it (April 24, 1886)
- Went duck hunting on the lake on the other side of Granite Creek
- May 24, 1886 a boy aged 16 or 17 (either a nephew or brother of Mrs. Ward) was swept away on a footbridge 3 miles above Otter Flat - body found on July 14, 1886 by Frank Edwards who was mining on Cedar Creek - Body was placed in a coffin (made by Rabbitt and Durwent) - was carried across the Tulameen River and a Church of England preacher and Rev. Horlock (who were passing through) and said some words - grave was at the foot of a hill where "the trail comes down below the S.F. Co; the grave was made in a prospect hole which old Doc Bauer & another feller sunk about 19 feet to bedrock"
- Holmes' place was built behind Ferguson & Thompson's store
- Allen's store was on Broad Street and had a house behind it
- Feb. 4, 1886 Archie Campbell & Co. got the contract to build a well in town - they were paid \$2.50 per foot for 65 feet - it was in the middle of the street near the jail
- Coursier's house was on Government Street and had an 8 X 10 X 6 ft. deep cellar
- McKinnon's cabin was next to Hare's
- Edwards moved a small cabin behind his hotel
- Ben Rod's Saloon was almost opposite Hare's
- July 29, 1886 - "the Granite Creek Boom is busted" - 60+ had left in disgust with many owing money