Fine Baritone



ERIK FREY

Erik Frey, talented blind baritone of Seattle, who has just ompleted a highly successful oncert tour of Alaska, arrived in Prince Rupert on the Princess Norah this afternoon from Ketchikan and on Friday night will give a recital here which should prove an outstanding attraction for all local music lovers. Formerly an artist and designer, Mr. Frey's great voice was discovered after he was stricken with blindness. His ambition is to become a great concert singer and it is with that end in view that he is now devoting every effort.

CARIBOO

low Barkerville Was Named-Some Impression Along The Road

(By Anna May Ullman) Who discovered Barkerville' ell, young lady, it was sometime the 1860's when a longiskered prospector named Bar ker came up into this country in search of gold."

was my introduction the colorful and historic Barker ille country.

road grew steeper an und on up into the mountains. Huge trucks roared past with for the mines-tall, topheavy loads of big pipe. One the Kelly boys drove past with truck-load of dynamics and saluted cheerfully as he passed a sed-

mines sticking out for several feet! "It so happens that the building charges from the gold he has taken behind the trucks and saying.

"But those Gardner boys are good drivers, you never hear of them in an accident.

"Sure, they sometimes hall timbers as long as thirty-two feet, for the mines in Wells. I've seen them leave Gardner's Mill with a load so long that it had a tento raise the front of their ucks up off the ground when! they started up. But they always get their loads to town O. K. They ise trailers. Don't like them nat's one of Lazarine's sixed oil trucks. Some class to

here goes a load of baled hay Barkerville. That looks topfor such a small truck. Ho be careful when he goes the turns, or the sway load is liable to tip him

day it rained, and a car herefore was minus a top by, with two women bound

Late the same afternoon the car ced back toward Wingdam, with

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Mechanized Prospecting Is Advocated by Big Omineca Operator in Opening Mines

"I am taking the liberty of laying before the board cer- Let me say first that the functions the Omineca area would cost from tain matters that I have taken up wih Ottawa, having re- of my company are to mechanize gard to the Omineca area, and which I think your board mines, and not to find them. I ten to fifteen thousand dollars. last night elected officers for 1937 could usefully press," writes Charles F. deGanahl of prefer to leave this to the pros-White Plains, New York, in a letter to the Vanderhoof eries and share with him in the When properly operated, however, District Board of Trade which has been passed on to the results. In practice, however, I find on ground that has been carefully

like to lay down a few general line of least resistance in British rapidly find where to put machin- season than a hundred prospectors year), Ole Stegavig (two years) principles, which I think should be Columbia, and in many other followed in order to foster the places. That is, along the general of unsound proposals, but one has thoroughly and give a definite re- | The installation of officers will mining industry.

were three or four thousand people roads, where at all approaching their prospecting were used. successfully mining gold from the gold bearing country, terminate placers in the Omineca area. This before they get to the gold. industry slowly died from two! "Certainly, if we are to get to causes. First the old timers could the gold, the roads and trails must only work to the top of the water penetrate into the area where the table, except as they could secure gold is, because we cannot take it drainage by tunnelling or other- out by hand, or can we get machinwise to the bedrock. The cost of ery into the area unless we have freight was twenty-five to thirty roads and trails to do it with cents a pound. Machinery was out Hence roads and trails are the of the question. A placer had to be first essential. I believe that your extremely rich to enable them to minister of mines is deeply conmake a living. To a large extent, scious of this fact as there is every they worked out the gold down to evidence that this is the case. the water level. Then other fields "We must not forget, however, came in, and drew them away to that roads and trails are merely other districts. Thus the area re- the beginning—the arteries that mained forgotten for some sixty or enable us to get the tools into seventy years. Today, to my way contact with the gold. Several imof thinking, the best indicator for ortant undertakings come into gold in the Omineca district is to lay at this point. We must anigo to the old workings and ascer- nate miners-old ones and prostain if the oldtimers succeeded in ective miners—to the desire to draining their find, or rather suc- ise these roads and trails to find ceeded in finding bedrock. If they rold. I recommend that you do did not, I think it usually will be what you can to get your departmines was still in the ground when people and old ones who wish to they abandoned them.

ed and worked hard. Today the areas. You must also, however, youth of the country has been make it easy for them to get the brought up on an entirely different necessary machinery into the area idea—and I think correctly so, where they wish to mine. can produce an engine, and they various taxes that amount to 40%

really get them somewhere. slow horse went by on his way to season is short and the ability to earn a cent,

slopes or flatlands. Gold is found "My information is that some in the difficult country-rugged sixty or seventy years ago there and steep hills. This means that

found that the richest part of their nent of mines to tell the young mine, where they can find roads "In those days men really work- that will lead them into mining

They object to working with their "Generally speaking, machinery hands if they can produce a lever. for mining has a burden placed They object to using a lever if they upon it in the form of duties and object to using an engine that will of the cost of such machinery at merely peck at things, if it is pos- Canadian borders. One cannot say sible to use an engine that will that this is not so, because part of the machinery is made in Canada, "Hence, we have the following: immediately pushes this 40% on to Only in rare instances will pros- their selling price. To this of sectors pick and shovel their way course must be added the profit of down to bedrock, as with this me- the manufacturer, the equipment thod they come up against the very house, etc., etc. Furthermore, the difficulty of the oldtimers—that is, | manufacturer, the transportation the water table. Hence, they stop, company, the equipment house, an on a sharp turn in the road and only in a few places are they take their profit in advance before and a languid breed packer on a able to find successful mines. The the machinery has a chance to

get anywhere with pick and shovel! "The department of mines should Two red trucks, one following so limited that very little sound study the best possible means of lose behind the other, sped up prospecting is done. Hence, we getting a machine into the ground, the read, and their loads of long come to the necessity of mechan- allowing the miner to take out the timber, consigned to one of the ized prospecting work. gold and pay these tremendous

from the ground, and not out of us call it a crawler tread) which is his meagre bank account before he itself provided with an anglestarts to mine. I think that noth- dozer or bulldozer for clearing up ing will stimulate the mining in- the ground which it is desired to dustry in British Columbia, more prospect. I have made a very care-

tioned 'Mechanized Prospecting.' I visation. think I should explain my meaning. "Such a machine laid down in Associated Boards of Trade of Cental British Columbia. "I would first of roads has been largely along the something must be done to more machine will do more work in one ery. Of course there are thousands could possibly accomplish—do it and A. K. Nelson (three years). to find those that are sound. Many port as to the gold bearing charac- take place on February 3. that seem unsound could be made ter of the ground. The old time sound if mechanized methods in prospector then would shift from respecting hopeful human beings.

> away with the pick and shovel: No ized prospector, under instruction mediate district where the mines sensible man today will use a pick of the geologists, to supply infor- are operating, but the profits level and shovel, except the temporary mation, or scout out the best place out through the whole country and workman. There are three essen- for the mechanized prospector to build up general prosperity, and a tial methods for mechanized pros- go. Such a plan would really open healthy nation." pecting. First is the drill-after of up mining areas, and open them up course, your geology has been stud- fast—and quickly shift men from Everybody reads the Daily News ied, and physical conditions have idleness to wealth producing, self- "here's reason been found to be suitable even if the gold has been found. These things should be decided before! the gold is even prospected. Next! is a small power shovel, and third is a dragline. It is, of course, impossible to put in very large drag ines or very large shovels until you have discovered and proven sufficient gold over sufficient area to warrant their use. The answer then s to find a tool, or machine, that has the following qualifications: First, cheap production of power. This is answered by the diesel engine. If steam is decided upon, the weight of the machinery puts it beyond all reason on account of transport cost. Diesel oil is cheaper! than steam in most any section that is reachable by truck or even! by tractor. Second is a dragline operated by the same power and the same machine. Third is a drill, operated by the power taken off the same engine-all superimposed



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certainly than this one proposal. Iful study and find that I can get "Earlier in this letter I men- such a machine, with some impro-

the pick and shovel to the pan, and "Profits from large mining enter-"Now, what to do? Certainly do merely go ahead of the mechan- prises do not stop within the im-

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