It takes more than a good resume to get a government contract.

Fred F. Ventzke (1870-....)

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Fred F. VENTZKE is well known as a business man of Okanogan county, whose energies and keen wisdom have been largely toward developing mineral resources so abundant here. His post office address is Winthrop and his home is on a homestead on the north fork of the Methow. In addition to giving his attention to his homestead, he is occupied as surveyor and United States land commissioner. He was appointed to the latter position by Judge Hanford of the United States court. At the present time he is making extensive mineral surveys at Slate creek, Whatcom County, and is heavily interested in mining properties there and elsewhere.

Fred F. Ventzke was born in Portage, Wisconsin, July 15, 1870, the son of Theodore and Caroline Ventzke. He was well educated in the public schools and then completed his training in the University of Wisconsin, taking his degree in civil engineering. He followed this profession on the railroad in various places for several years, finally coming to Washington in 1896, in the employ of the Northern Pacific. Later he returned to Montana and operated on the Geo. survey of that state and Idaho. Completing his work, he returned to Washington in the fall of 1898, locating in Okanogan County and taking his homestead as stated above. He has his place well improved and is one of the leading citizens of the county. Fraternally, he is connected with the K. P., F. 0. A., and the M. W. A. Mr. Ventzke is deputy county surveyor of Okanogan county and justice of the peace for Winthrop precinct. He is a young man who has won the esteem and confidence of the entire community and has gained for himself a good property holding as well as a first-class standing.

Figure 1 Fred F. Ventzke