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March 1, 1900
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February 28, 1900.
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PERSONAL.
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BIG DEAL UNDER WAY

Graves Syndicate Will Take Over the Rockland Group.

IT IS A LARGE PROPOSITION

The Ledge is a Large One and the Values are Good for so Large a Deposit—The Ore Averages \$17.37 to the Ton—Work on the Pay Roll.

The Rockland group of three claims has been bonded by Mr. J. P. Graves, of Spokane, on behalf of the syndicate which he represents. It is understood that the bond covers only a two-thirds interest in the property, and that the owners, Judge W. W. Spinks, of Vernon, and Mr. Frank Watson, of Spokane, retain the remaining third. The syndicate is to put \$75,000 in cash into the treasury of the company to pay for development work, machinery, etc., and in addition to this are to pay whatever indebtedness there may be against the property.

Mr. Frank Watson, half-owner in the above-mentioned property, was seen last evening and asked if a deal was in progress for the sale of the Rockland group, and he replied: "There is a deal on for the group mentioned. The people who own the Knob Hill and the Old Ironsides in the Boundary Creek country and the California and the Mascot in this camp, besides many other properties, have taken a bond on two-thirds of the property, which is owned by Judge Spinks and myself. We will retain the remaining third, and we consider it a very valuable and a most promising property. The property is located on Eight Mile creek, four miles from Silvertown. We have been developing it for the past four years, and have demonstrated its possibilities. We have done a large amount of surface work on the ledge. This consists of open cuts, short tunnels and shallow shafts. All of these are in one of a pay grade. The main work was done in a tunnel driven to the ledge. This tunnel has been driven in a distance of 97 feet and is in ore all the way. As the ground is very steep where the tunnel was started the vertical depth at the end of the tunnel is about 100 feet. The average value of the ore, according to working tests, is \$17.37 to the ton. The vein on the surface is something over 100 feet wide and the croppings go about 88 to the ton. The strike of the ledge is northeast and southwest. The pitch has not yet been ascertained. The ore is a quartz, carrying sulphide and native copper with species of iron distributed through the entire body of the quartz. The values are so evenly disseminated that there is no waste throughout the ledge so far as it has been explored. The average value of the ore, as I have said, is \$17.37, and is made up of two ounces of silver, 3 per cent. copper and from \$10 to \$15 in gold. Of course, assays have been secured which run as high as \$90 to the ton. The property has a splendid location on the side of a mountain and can be worked to a great depth by a system of tunnels. In short, I regard it as one of the biggest mining propositions in the province, and the people who have bonded it, I am certain, have a big thing, something out of which they will realize large profit. Judge Spinks and myself have the greatest possible faith in the property, and would not have considered any proposition which would have compelled us to part with all our interests. A one-third interest in a property like this is a pretty valuable asset. I am now in charge of the work on behalf of the Graves syndicate, and am rushing the work. I expect that the deal will be closed in a few days. As to the terms I do not care to make them public until the bargain has been closed," concluded Mr. Watson.

Work on the Pay Roll.

Mr. J. E. Saucier reports that work is being pushed on the Pay Roll in the winze along the pay shoot. The intention is to commence the taking out of the ore for shipment.

The Hungryman Property.

Mr. A. Lorne Becher left last evening for the Nelson division, whither he went for the purpose of looking after the operations on the Hungryman property, which was recently taken over by the New Deer Park Mining company. Work is being pushed on this property and the showing is of an encouraging nature.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Re the Lerwick Mining Company.
Editor Miner: Can you tell me something concerning the Lerwick Gold Mining company, which is operating the Elise on Wild Horse creek, a short distance from Ymir? Is the property under operation? How many treasury shares were there? I would like to know, too, how many of the shares have been pooled?
H. W. A., Spokane, Washington, Feb. 28.
The Lerwick Gold Mining company ceased operations several months since because there was only a small amount of money in the treasury. Work will not be resumed until there is money enough on hand with which to carry it on. Negotiations have been in progress for some time past looking to a deal with an English syndicate. In the event of closing the deal there will be ample money placed in the treasury to carry on the development work. In the capital stock of the company there are 1,500,000 shares, and of this 364,717 were placed in the treasury, and there still remain 250,000 treasury shares. There are 1,135,383 shares in the company, but they are not pooled. This pool cannot be broken until such time as the property is on a paying basis or until the directors deem it expedient to do so. There has been 700 feet of work done. The shaft has been sunk to a depth of 125 feet, and the bal-

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IDAHO TO BE WORKED

A Company Formed in Butte For That Purpose.

IT HAS A CAPITAL OF \$500,000

The Idaho is a Sister Property to the Centre Star and Presumably is Just as Rich—One of the First Locations Made in the Rossland Camp.

The Idaho Gold Mining & Smelting company has been registered as an extra provincial company for the purpose of operating the Idaho mineral claim in this camp, and to carry on a general mining business. The company was organized in Butte, Mont., with a capital stock of \$500,000. The Idaho lies to the east of the Centre Star, south of the Virginia and to the west of the Iron Horse. The Idaho was one of the first claims located in this camp. The early historians of Rossland state that in 1889 Mr. Joseph Bourjois, located the Lilly May, and this was recorded by J. Boudau in 1890. In the same year Mr. Joseph Bourjois located the Centre Star and the War Eagle, while the Virginia and Idaho were staked by Mr. J. Morris, his partner. Mr. Oliver Durant came here in 1890 and became interested with Col. Wm. R. Durand and Mr. George Foster and others in the Le Roi and had charge of the work for over a year. In 1891 Mr. Durant sold his interests in the Le Roi and with Mr. A. Turbet, purchased the Centre Star and the Idaho for \$25,000. The Centre Star Mining and Smelting company, was formed with Messrs. Oliver Durant, A. Turbet, Paul A. Larzey, Godfrey Lavelle, William G. Bentham, T. J. Hodgens and others for the purpose of operating the Centre Star, a 1/2 acre development of the property commenced and continued until about two years since. By that time, it is claimed, nearly \$500,000 had been spent in developing the property and it had large reserves of pay ore in sight. It was considered then to be one of the biggest, if not the largest mines in the camp. This was evidenced by the fact that the Bowditch-Blackstock syndicate gave \$2,000,000 for it. Since then the company was reincorporated by the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, and is called the Centre Star Mining company, limited, with a capital of \$3,500,000 in \$1 shares. In the meanwhile, the Idaho was allowed to lie idle and unproductive, as nothing much beyond assessment work was done upon it. The syndicate desired to purchase it, and asked Oliver Durant shortly after the purchase of the Centre Star, to put a figure on the Idaho. Mr. Durant refused to do a price upon it, saying it was not for sale.

Ymir Camp.

Good Ore From the Black Cock Mine, Work on the Good Hope—Other Notes.
The new shaft on the Rainy Day is now down 15 feet, exposing two feet and a half of good clean ore on the footwall.
W. F. Edgar brought in a sample piece of rock from the Big Horn shaft last week which assayed \$270 in gold. The rock is composed of iron and arsenical pyrites. A full crew is working on the long crosscut tunnel which is being run, and they expect to strike the first lead at any time.
A small force of men is being kept at work on the Dundee mine, pending the resuming of operations on a large scale by the new company. During the last two or three months a good deal of surface work has been done. The course of the vein has been surveyed and crosscut at intervals of 60 feet for a distance of 1,280 feet on the surface. The average surface width is found to be nine feet with an average value of \$9.
Some of the quickest work ever done in Ymir camp is being accomplished by the Peterson brothers on the Good Hope. They have completed the 100-foot winze, and have drifted 126 feet in a southeasterly direction. This leaves 74 feet of work to complete the full contract of 200 feet, which is expected to be finished about the last of this month. The vein at the bottom of the shaft presents 3 feet 8 inches of solid high grade ore, which is widening with depth.
The work which is being done on the Atlin claim, adjoining the Dundee mine, is opening up a promising property. A vertical shaft has been sunk 35 feet on a ledge 15 feet wide. At the bottom a crosscut of five feet has been run to a hanging of wall, exposing four feet of good ore from which an average sample taken right across assayed \$7.20 in gold and six ounces in silver. It is proposed to sink the shaft a further 20 feet and then run a second only 1500 feet from the Dundee shaft.
Mr. Julien, of the Black Cock mine, returned last week from Northport, where he was overlooking the sampling of the carload of ore which was shipped last week. The ore was all taken out in the course of development, and the 25 tons averaged \$40 in gold and \$1 in silver to the ton, making a total of \$1,025 for the carload. The long tunnel which is being run on the ledge and which is intended to tap the ore chute at a depth of 200 feet, is progressing rapidly, and is now in over 200 feet, the face of the tunnel now being in good milling ore. The milling ore vein is about five feet wide. The management expects to strike the shipping ore chute in a very short time, as specimens of galena ore are now found scattered in the face of the workings. A drift is being run west on the 50-foot level from the big shaft. This has been driven 70 feet, and the amount of shipping ore found in this drift increases both in width and value. The ledge is five feet in width with from 15 to 20 inches of solid clean shipping ore, the balance of the ledge being good milling ore. The ore is being sacked as fast as it is being taken out, and another carload will be shipped to the smelter before the snow departs. The total quantity of ore so far shipped from the Black Cock mine is some 280 odd tons, most of which was shipped before the company was organized.

THE CENTRE STAR.

All the Men Laid Off For the Next Ten Days.
In order to lay the shaft track for the new hoisting arrangements at the Centre Star mine all the men at work have been laid off temporarily.
It is expected that the work referred to will be completed in about 10 days, when work will be resumed as usual at the mine.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

Mining Notes From the Kootenay and Yale Districts.

QUIET TIME BETWEEN SEASONS

Items of Interest From Mining Centres in East Kootenay, the Slocan, Lardeau and Trout Lake, Ymir Camp and the Boundary Creek Country.

There is not much mining news of importance from the adjacent camps the past week. Mining men are all looking for renewed activity in the coming spring season. Just at present, between seasons, mining matters are more than usually quiet all over Kootenay and Yale. Appended will be found notes of interest from the several districts mentioned.

IN THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Machinery for the Ah There in Place—Cleaning up at the B. C.—Other Notes.
The capacity of the stamp mill at the (Quiboo mine, Camp McKinney, is to be doubled this spring, there now being several years' supply of ore in sight. This mine has, up to date, paid \$409,337 in dividends.
Roasting of ore in heaps has not yet been started at the Granby smelter at Grand Forks, but will be shortly. City of Paris ore, from White's camp, is still being hauled in wagons to the smelter.
James Petrie, of the Bonanza, in Knight's camp, says that the machinery will be ready to commence operations as soon as a couple of small parts are received from the manufacturers. This plant, while small, is said to be one of the most complete in the district, and when it is put in operation will be sufficient to work the property to a depth of 500 feet or more.
The 20-horse power hoist and equipments have arrived at the Ah There mine in Deadwood and are now being installed. The manager says that the shaft, which is now down 70 feet, will be continued to the 150-foot level before commencing the ore body is again attempted. The Ah There is the property of the McElae Copper Mines, Limited, a local corporation capitalized at \$1,500,000. The board of directors are George D. Leyson, president; John C. Robertson, secretary; John Lucey, H. B. Madden and Scott McRae.
The Dominion Consolidated Mining company of Fairview started work with its new compressor plant early last month, and is progressing with most satisfactory results. It has now a tunnel on the lower claim to the extent of some 200 feet, which strikes the ledge at a depth of 103 feet. Numerous assays give the average values in gold from \$9 to \$10, while some run as high as \$15. The lead is now seven feet wide, and is increasing steadily both in size and richness.
A process of cleaning up is going on at the B. C. mine in Summit camp just at present, preparatory to installing the machinery plant. All the drifts and crosscuts where ore has been temporarily stored in the lower levels are being cleaned out and the ore sent to the surface for shipment to the Trail smelter. Two of the big dumps containing over 10,000 tons have also been wiped out in the process of shipping. No attempt has been made, however, to stope ore, as there is yet over 600 tons on the dumps ready for delivery.
At the Oro Denoro mine the connection between the east drift from the bottom of the shaft and the No. 2 tunnel has been made. Besides giving a perfect system of ventilation the tunnel cut through 66 feet of an ore chute of exceptional richness, the ore broken down being clean and little sorting is required. The No. 3 tunnel, further down the hill, is well under way, some 60 feet of working haul has been accomplished. Where the railroad track cut through the surface ore men are at work opening this up also. The company is to increase its power plant by a larger compressor. At present only one drill is used.
While the mines in some camps are closing down on account of the lack of available ore and shortage of stopeing ground, the City of Paris in Central camp is laying men off on account of too much ore in sight. It has been found necessary to lay off all but the miners employed at development work on this property, because every available ore bin has been filled, and ore was stoped down in the mine until there was no more room to work the force. It has been found impossible to haul the ore away in wagons as fast as it was knocked down in the mine, and this caused an overplus of ore in sight, resulting in the reduction of the force, as before mentioned. It is expected to have the full force at work again shortly.

THE SCOTCH CLUB.

A Very Successful Party at the Club Rooms.
The chess party and dance given by the Scotch ladies on Monday night at the club rooms was a decided success, over 60 couples being present. Excellent music was furnished by Mr. C. Graham, violinist, accompanied by Miss Purcell on the piano. Mr. J. Rose made a most acceptable floor manager.
During the evening a pause in the dancing was had to allow a flash light photograph to be taken of the assembled company. Supper was served at 11 a. m., after which dancing was resumed and kept up with true Scotch spirit until an early hour in the morning.