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MINING NOTES.

The Trilby has all the appearance of a mine. Both shafts are in ore, and ore which gives very satisfactory results in gold. The ore is largely mixed with quartz and runs from \$8 to \$30 per ton in gold.

A very good showing has been developed on the Elba, which adjoins the Violet and Maggie on the south. There is a very strong vein and a seam of ore has been opened up which assays over \$20 in gold.

The tide of investment will swing back on the south belt again this year with renewed vigor.

Deer Park and Victory-Triumph seem to be the only two stocks in which there is anything doing in the east. Some of the higher class development companies are placing shares in good blocks, but the business of the ordinary brokers seems have come to a standstill for the present.

Four weeks ago had any one been asked to pick out three events which would make a good summer a certainty, he could not have hit upon greater favors of fortune than the discovery of a method of treating low grade silicious ores, the sale of the Kootenay mine and the strike of ore in the Crown Point tunnel.

D. M. Linnard returned to Rossland yesterday from London. He resolutely refuses to be drawn about the Homestake deal. Some deal has been made, however, though what it is has not yet been divulged.

As a smelter site Northport possesses many advantages. The mining interests of Rossland undoubtedly favor the construction of a smelter at Northport. It is the point of contact between the Rossland and Boundary camps. And it would be invaluable as a competitive center. Tariff uncertainty, and the uncertainty as to who is to control the transportation situation, are the big obstacles in the way.

Which company will be first in the field with a scheme to reduce the product of their own mines—the War Eagle Consolidated, the Le Roi or the Center Star?

The Kootenay mine is now in a position to make large shipments of ore and maintain them steadily, but until the snow goes they cannot remove a pound of ore from the mine, and what is taken out in course of development work they do not know what to do with.

An impression is very prevalent down east that the shareholders in the original War Eagle Company were badly used in the sale that was made to the present War Eagle Consolidated Company. With as long an interval between dividends as has actually occurred, would War Eagle stock have remained at anything like the price it commanded last summer? By transferring their holdings to the new company shareholders would have obtained a stock which rapidly rose in value and has been held to a good price right along. By taking money they realised much more than the present selling price of War Eagle would have or could have been under the circumstances.

D. W. Clendennan is writing up this country for several papers in Chicago. An interesting article from his pen appears in the last number of the Canadian American published in Chicago.

The Hon. A. W. Morris has bonded the Twin mine in the Ainsworth camp for \$35,000.

The trail to the Big Sheep creek camp is still blocked with snow. It will be some little time before supplies can be got through.

It is said that a smelter will be built at New Denver to handle the Slocan ores. A smelter at that point will be able to command a great variety of ores from the granite as well as the slate belt. And it will be in as favorable position as Nelson is now to purchase

as much of the pyritic ore from this camp as it requires, if it requires any.

Burns and Riley won the drilling match held this week for the championship of British Columbia. They drilled 35 1/4 inches.

Discoveries of mineral in the neighborhood of Ashcroft are reported.

A new development in the Orphan Boy case is the sale of the mine under a judgment obtained by him against the company for money advanced. Unless this is done in the interests of the shareholders the by-laws of the company have been badly drawn, if there is no means of redress contained in them.

British Columbia's next big mining boom is likely to centre round the Big Bend country. Last fall THE REVIEW predicted that this part of Kootenay would be heard from with no uncertain sound this coming summer.

It is understood that the suit between Loring and Soummann over a half interest in the No. One has been settled out of court and that the title to this piece of property is now clear. The No. One is the first westerly extension of the War Eagle and is a remarkably valuable piece of ground. It has been tied up in litigation since the summer of 1895.

The trail up Murphy creek from the Columbia river is now clear of snow a long way up, and prospectors with assessment work to do are already going into that country.

The Fuinell Collotto interest in the Golden Cross group at the head of Boulder creek is advertised for sale by the sheriff on the 19th instant. This group is a valuable piece of property.

Rossland mining men have been asked to adhere to an association organized in the upper country to protect the interests of mining in the legislature at Victoria. The scheme is a good one and should be supported. But things will never be run right until the mining districts are adequately represented in the legislature itself.

At the time when Mr. Hardman of Montreal denounced the men who had made Trail Creek and were responsible for the increase in Canada's output of gold, he made comparisons between Rossland and East Kootenay—very much in favor of East Kootenay. THE MINING REVIEW predicted that however good a country East Kootenay was it would never come out as a producer until a few Rossland mining men began operating there. Quite a number of these pioneers of production are going into East Kootenay this spring and the prospects of that section of the country look bright indeed.

C. F. Caldwell is down from the Kootenay Lake country. He has an option on a silver-copper property on Howson Lake from which he has some ore with that is truly wonderful. It is quartz, mixed with grey copper and silver glance. It assays between 200 and 300 ounces to the ton, about 6 per cent copper and varying sometimes high values in gold. The mine is close to transportation and has a large quantity of very rich ore on the surface.

THE feeling of hostility to the McKinley administration is growing in the United States. In the first place, his election did not restore confidence and increase business in the magical way it was expected to. And in the second place, the Dingley bill is not what the Democrats of the east who bolted in favor of gold monometallism want. From now on the issue is clearly defined, free silver or high tariff, and those who are in favor of neither will be squeezed out of the political field altogether. If the high tariff projected by the present administration does not bring back good times the silver Democrats, with Bryan at their head, will sweep the field.