

KNOB HILL.

Work on the tunnel in the east drift will be resumed shortly, when the present staff will be doubled; this will mean that development work will proceed at a very rapid rate. At present all the workings are in ore of good value. The progress for the week ending June 11th is as follows:

West Drift, No 1, Report June 4...	242 ft
" " June 11...	262
Gain	20
West Drift, No. 2, Report June 4...	55
" " June 11...	75
Gain.....	20
Total advance for the week, 40 ft.	

OLD IRONSIDES.

The new eight-hour law does not affect the miners on this property, as for some time past they have only been working two shafts of eight hours each, and they will continue to do so. All the workings continue on ore of good grade, and those who talk of low grade ore would be surprised at the assay values recorded almost daily. Shaft No. 2, which is in the hands of the contractors, has been advanced for the week ending June 11th as follows.

Shaft No. 2—Report June 4	254 feet.
do. " June 11.....	265 "
Gain.....	11 "
North drift, crosscut No. 1, E.—	
Report June 4.....	65 feet
do. " June 11.....	79 "
Gain.....	14 "
South drift, crosscut No. 2, E.—	
Report June 4.....	65 "
" June 11.....	79 "
Gain.....	14 "
South drift, crosscut No. 1 west—	
Report June 4.....	19 "
" June 11.....	25 "
Gain	6

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On the Victoria property, owned by the above company, the work is in good shape. Buildings are in course of erection for the new machinery ordered for this mine. In this mine, as in the Old Ironsides, eight hour shifts have been working for some time so that the new law will not trouble the management at all. The tunnel in the 200-foot level was advanced for the week ending June 11th 23 feet and is now in 123 feet.

VIRTUE.

Mr. Jenkin, the well known mining engineer, has been engaged by the Virtue Collateral Co to take charge of their property. The impression obtains in some quarters that the Virtue mine itself is about exhausted and that the Collateral property is what the management pin their faith to. This is not so, there is any amount of good ore in the Virtue mine and the management propose to demonstrate that the property as they have contended all along is as good as the best.

SUMMIT CAMP DEVELOPMENT.

Republic, Wash., June 10.—M. R. Staight, superintendent of the Monarch group in Summit district, states that the group consists of eight claims, to wit: Summit, Monarch, Mastadon, Mecca, Mtlakahlta, Nonpareil, Golconda, Wild Horse. The group lies nine miles west of the town of Republic as the crow flies. A tunnel has been driven to cut the Nonpareil ledge and when extended about 150 feet beyond the Nonpareil it will cut the Monarch. It is in 212 feet and has cut the Nonpareil at a depth of 80 feet. The ledge is 40 feet wide. The tunnel will be continued until the Monarch lode is cut. Five have shafts been sunk and numerous cross cuts made. There are five shafts on the Nonpareil ledge. No. 1 is 12 feet deep; No. 2 is 15 feet deep; No. 3 is 25 feet deep; No. 4 is 25 feet deep, and No. 5 is 15 feet deep. Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 are on the Nonpareil ledge. There are also three open cuts on the ledge in all of which there is good quartz. The distance uncovered between the cuts is about 1400 feet. The ore in No. 1 shaft greatly resembles Republic ore. The assays on the surface vary from \$2 to \$6 per ton in gold. The shaft is well timbered and the entire floor of the shaft is full of ore. The shaft is 5x8 feet in dimensions.

Mr. Staight is burning a large pit of coal for use in continuing development work. The cause of the suspension of work was due to the great inflow of surface water and this also caused the abandonment of work in the shaft. Every person who has examined the property states that it is one of the best in the country.

Ore has been struck on the Wacanda group, adjoining the Monarch on the east, from which assays have been obtained as high as \$22.80. Four men are working on the property and arrangements have been made to keep them at work indefinitely.

Work on the Detroit company's ground which adjoins the Monarch on the north is being vigorously pushed. There is some crosscutting going on but the principal work is being done on a tunnel. It is now in about 60 feet. The ore assays from \$2 to \$38 per ton in gold.

REPUBLIC AS PICH AS EVER.

Republic, June 10.—High grade ore is still the story that comes from the Republic. There is no change that is worthy of record from day to day. There is no apparent diminution in the width or value of the ore taken out. The mill is doing good work and everything is working satisfactorily.

INSURGENT.

Republic, June 11.—Thomas Ryan, superintendent of the Insurgent, stated last evening that the Lone Pine Company had turned over the drift that it has been running to the east boundary of the Insurgent ground, and the Insurgent company will now drive it into and across its ground. Assays obtained yesterday from an average sample across the face of this drift showed a value of \$36.79. There is 10 feet of ore, but only eight feet are taken out. The crosscut from the bottom of the 50-foot shaft has cut the third vein at a dis-

tance of only 25 feet from the shaft. An assay shows the value to be \$27.66 per ton in gold. The ore carries considerable silver but no effort was made to ascertain its value.

The following assays show that the property is making a good record: Monday, \$29.81; Tuesday, \$27.40; Wednesday, \$36.79. The latter was from samples taken from the Lone Pine drift, although on the Insurgent ground.

Washington, June 10.—Consul J. C. Cooke, writing from Dawson City, adds a valuable chapter to the history of gold mining in Alaska. The gold fields at Forty Mile City and Seventy Mile districts are becoming more promising, he says, and bid fair to rival any territory yet discovered for placer mining. The outlook of the placer gold fields of the Klondike has not been better since gold was discovered in the Yukon territory. Already this winter several new strikes have been made on creeks that were supposed to be barren. A conservative estimate of the gold output this year is twenty million. Next year it would not be surprising to find the output double that amount.

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