

WAR EAGLE IS SOLD

Stockholders' Meeting at Spokane Accepted the Gooderham Offer.

NO FURTHER OPPOSITION

Three Bonafide Offers Were Made For the Mine and Though the Gooderham's Was Lowest the Management Secured Its Acceptance.

SPokane, Wash., Jan. 20.—[Special.]—Lively times have been going on in the office of the War Eagle Mining company today, in connection with the sale of the War Eagle mine to the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate of Toronto.

Before the meeting was called to order little knots of stockholders gathered in the corners and out in the halls to discuss the matter. That a tremendous opposition to the sale of the War Eagle to the Gooderham syndicate would develop at the meeting was very evident.

At 10 o'clock the president of the company, Patrick Clark, called the meeting to order and stated that he would prefer that some other stockholder should act as chairman of the meeting.

There were between 425,000 and 450,000 shares represented out of a total of 500,000. It was the opinion of those present that the stockholders who were selling to the Gooderham syndicate held a majority and that the sale will be made although in the face of a violent opposition from the minority stockholders.

At 12 o'clock the meeting adjourned until half-past one o'clock without having accomplished anything definite. It was admitted by many of the opposition that the minority only hope to win from the Clark-Finch party by the much better offer they can make through the London syndicate.

The Evening Session. The stockholders of the War Eagle, or rather a majority of them ratified the sale of the mine to the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate at the meeting to-night. It was about 8 o'clock before the meeting was called to order when the committee appointed this afternoon submitted its report to the effect that three bonafide offers were made for the mine. These offers were as follows:

The Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate made an offer of \$700,000 cash for the mine as it stands today without assets or credits of any kind. F. E. Henage for a London syndicate offered \$600,000 to include all credits and cash; \$200,000 to be paid in cash and the balance in 40 days. F. E. Burbridge's offer was \$600,000 on the same conditions as to credits and cash with a \$25,000 cash payment half in sixty days and the balance in 90 days.

FULL FACE OF ORE

Tunnel on the Gopher Has Broken Into a Solid Body.

AVERAGE VALUE IS \$14

Strike Was Made 50 Feet West of the Old Shaft Where There is Already a Good Showing—Condition of the Homestake.

There is a great showing just now in the long tunnel being run through the Gopher to the Homestake. The tunnel is now in 70 feet and there has been more or less ore for ten feet. It was at first a narrow seam which has gradually widened in the ten feet until the entire face of the tunnel is in solid massive ore. It extends into the foot wall side and how far is not yet known as no crosscut has been run. Mr. Haskins, manager of the mine, thinks the ore body from four to six feet wide—perhaps much wider.

On the Homestake. Things are also looking well in the Homestake. A drill is now working on the shaft, and there is also one in the drift being run on the vein west. There is a full face of ore in the drift, but the shaft does not look so favorably. However, the shaft is being put down without regard to the variations in the pitch of the vein. The ore in the face of the drift assays fairly well.

THE ZILOR'S BIG LEDGE

The Drift from the Shaft is now in Solid Ore.

There is now opened on the Ziloro one of the largest ore chutes ever seen in the south belt. The miner had reference last week to the discovery of four feet of ore in the drift now being run west from the main working shaft. This ore body has widened till it completely fills the entire face of the drift, and extends beyond it on both sides. Manager H. Stevenson had a large quantity of the ore brought over from the mine and it is now on exhibition at his office, with assays made and says he thinks the average value in gold and silver is quite high. While this is hardly up to the pay limit, as things are now, yet a mine of this grade will not fail to become a property of great value.

Some of the ore brought over from the Ziloro looks much like the best ever seen in the Deer Park. It is an iron pyrites in a quartz gangue, carrying gold and silver and a little copper.

SITUATION AT THE MAYFLOWER.

One Foot of 800 Ore Which Will be Opened Up and Stopped.

The situation at the Mayflower is now fully understood. The vein was tapped, as already reported, with the 100-foot run out from the shaft on five feet level. The ledge is four or five feet wide, but the clean ore is only 12 inches wide. The ore, however, is of high grade, running 100 ounces in silver and from \$5 to \$12 in gold. This makes the total value of the ore at least \$60 per ton. While, therefore, the vein of clean ore is small it is rich and can be worked at a good profit. Drift will be run both ways on 1 1/4 ore at the 100-foot level, and the shaft continued another 100 feet. As soon as the drifting is far enough advanced stopping will be commenced, and the ore taken out between the 75 and 100-foot levels.

BIG THREE'S MASCOOT.

Tunnel in 155 Feet With Plenty of Ore in the Face.

The Big Three's Mascoot tunnel is now in 155 feet with a full face of ore. A break was encountered recently but this has been successfully passed. The showing is now the best ever seen in the tunnel. The ore has a strong intermixture of quartz and is very pretty. No assays have yet been made. The Mascoot tunnel is now gaining depth very rapidly and the face is 125 feet under ground.

PALO ALTO'S PLANT.

Order Has Been Placed For Boiler, Hoist and Pump.

Managing Director W. G. Estep of the Palo Alto company came up from Spokane Monday and immediately took up the matter of placing an order for a pumping and hoisting plant for his mine. On Wednesday he placed the order with F. H. Mendenhall, of the Jencks Manufacturing company of Sherbrooke, Quebec.

TALK WITH KELLIE

The Provincial Member for the North Riding Interviewed.

INTERESTS OF THE MINER

Mr. Kellie Claims They Have Not Been Neglected—His Views as to Mining Companies, Smelters, Railroads, Appropriations and Taxation.

TRAIL, B. C. Jan. 20.—For the purpose of acquainting himself with the needs of the district, John M. Kellie, member of the provincial parliament for the north riding of West Kootenay, is visiting the various camps. He came down from Revelstoke last night, and after going to Rossland and the Slooan country he will leave for Victoria, where the legislature will convene February 8, and will remain in session for from six weeks to three months. In June of 1890 Mr. Kellie was elected to represent the whole of West Kootenay, and in July of '96 he was chosen as the representative of the north riding of West Kootenay, so that he still has two sessions before him.

Speaking of proposed legislation governing mines and miners, Mr. Kellie refuted the assertions that much legislation has been against the interests of the miner. He stated that, in this province, the right to the mineral is reserved to the crown, and that it can be taken up by miners subject to the conditions of that act. The land grants to the Col. Smith & Western, Nelson and Fort Sheppard and the British Columbia Southern railways were made subject to this act, and any free miner may enter on the land and acquire claims in accordance with the mining laws of the province.

The miner is also given the use of timber on crown lands under section 26, which says that the owner of a mineral claim shall be entitled to all the timber rights, including the timber thereon, for mining or building purposes in connection with the working of his claim, so long as he holds the claim for the purpose of developing the mineral contained therein, but no longer. If a claim is being worked on a railroad grant, the miner may secure the surface right by purchase from the railroad at a valuation to be fixed by the provincial land surveyor, the price of purchase not to exceed \$5 per acre. In cases where the land is much more valuable by reason of its location near a townsite the price to be paid to the railroad company is to be determined by arbitration.

WAS IT A SUCCESS?

Spokane Exchange Opened Monday and Made a Record of No Sales.

SPokane, Wash., Jan. 18.—[Special.]—The Spokane Mining exchange held its first meeting in the new quarters this morning. All the members were present as well as some 200 or 300 visitors. A number of bids were made, and the opening of the exchange may be said to be a success.

JACK LYNCH IS DEAD.

Was a Well Known Hotel Man—Has Relatives at Ottawa.

TRAIL, Jan. 20.—[Special.]—Jack H. Lynch, late chief clerk of the Arlington hotel, died this morning of appendicitis. He was formerly a resident of Rossland.

TO SELL SLOOAN MINES.

Rossland Man Gets Word That His Offer of Sale is Accepted.

W. M. Pifer received a telegram Tuesday from Kaslo accepting his proposition for the sale of four mining claims located near the Noble Five. Mr. Pifer left for Kaslo yesterday, but would not give out any definite information concerning the proposed deal until he had closed it with the Canadian syndicate who have made the proposition of purchase. He said that the properties will probably be turned over for \$70,000.

Black Prince to Resume.

Work will soon be resumed on the Black Prince, two miles below Trail and one-half mile from the Columbia river. Pending an expected sale of the mine work was stopped some time ago. A tunnel is in 35 feet and a shaft down 18 feet. The last assay in the shaft gave \$3 in gold. It is expected that the vein will be reached when 20 feet more depth is obtained in the shaft, and in two weeks from today work will be recommenced under the management of J. J. Walker that he was willing to pay the rent required if Mr. Walker would stake the Black Prince has one of the best surface showings of any prospect in the camp.

BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

Boundary Creek Times: Two men are working on the Annabell, in Summit camp.

The men employed to work on the Jewel went up on Monday. A large quantity of supplies was also taken up to the claim.

Mr. Douglas is working two shifts on the Cornucopia in Central camp. A shaft is now down 25 feet, the last few feet being in solid ore.

Mr. C. H. Brown, local manager for the Coolgardie Mining company, left for Spokane on Sunday to report to the directors of the company, and to receive instructions relative to continuing work on the Clifton. During the past few weeks this property, which beyond a little red oxide of iron outcropping gave small promise of becoming a mine, has improved wonderfully in appearance since the tunnel was started. An open incline was first made for 19 feet and a tunnel driven in on the ledge for 21 feet. The ore now coming in is a sort of quartz impregnated with copper pyrites. Whether the ore now struck, belongs to a true lead or a slide is a matter for question, nevertheless it is fairly evident that a strong lead will be found either in the vicinity of the present workings or not far distant from them.

MINING NOTES.

A steady improvement is reported in the Colonna. The grade of ore now being taken out is excellent.

The new buildings for the Nest Egg are all completed and the machinery plant will be installed in a short time.

The main tunnel of the Centre Star is now in 1,400 feet. It will be continued right in the Le Roi line and will be there in another month.

A crown grant has been issued to the Mary May, a claim on Stony Creek, three miles northwest of Rossland. A shaft is now being sunk on the property.

The Cliff ore now being shipped is from the big surface showings at the west end of the claim. Two car loads of this ore went to the Nelson smelter last week.

The tunnel of the Novelty is now in about 80 feet. It is a crosscut tunnel and will cut the ledge at the distance of 140 feet from the shaft. Therefore about 60 feet are yet to be drilled.

A crown grant has been issued to the Big Chief, a claim lying on the southeast slope of O. K. mountain. A long tunnel is now being run on this property to cut a very fine looking ledge.

Drifting has been started on the I. X. ore body and will be pushed rapidly. The ore on the dump has been sorted and is now ready to be shipped. It looks as though the I. X. L. would be a regular producer.

The showing in the face of the drift being run on the ore body, and in the Snowshoe continues to look well. Superintendent Williams brought down Saturday some fine samples of black oxide of copper.

The work on the first 25 feet in the shaft on the Cracker Jack was completed yesterday. The showing at that depth greatly encouraged the owners of the property and a contract to sink 50 feet further was let immediately. The bottom of the shaft is in mixed ore carrying large percentage of copper.

The Evening Star Mining company held a meeting in Spokane on Friday and elected officers as follows for the ensuing year: D. M. Drumblie, president; J. N. Glover, vice-president; H. B. Nichols, treasurer; W. C. Blackmer, secretary. H. B. Nichols will have the management of the property and will remain in Rossland permanently.

The main shaft on the Nickel Plate is now down 190 feet and it is said A. W. McCune, of Salt Lake, the principal owner, has ordered it put down to the 500-foot level. The Nickel Plate has shipped the highest grade ore in the camp, and has a big dump now that will average \$30 to the ton.

The long tunnel on the Gopher is now 60 feet under ground and has some nice looking ore coming into the face. It shows considerable copper. Superintendent Haskins reports that they are now advancing the tunnel at the rate of 3 feet per day with one air drill. The tunnel has 1,250 feet to run to get under the Homestake's main shaft.

PERSONALS.

George S. Batty of the Wisconsin Central line, with headquarters at Portland, Ore., is in Rossland on one of his periodical visits.

Richard Plewman of Toronto, who is largely interested in the Victoria Consolidated Hydraulic Mining company, is in Rossland on one of his visits to the Cariboo country. He is very enthusiastic about the future of hydraulic mining in that section and reports that several of the mines are now in shape to be large producers next season.

Spokane Exchange Prices.

SPokane, Wash., Jan. 20.—[Special.]—Bidding on the stock exchange was light today. Sales: Colonna, 1,000 at 18c; Colonna, 2,000 at 15c; Evening Star, 500 at 11 1/2c; Phoenix, 1,000 at 7 1/2c; St. Elmo, 800 at 9c.

Williamson Divorce Case Withdrawn.

SPokane, Wash., Jan. 20.—[Special.]—The action for divorce brought some time ago by Caroline H. Williamson vs. Volney D. Williamson was dismissed today at plaintiff's cost.

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