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CRIPPLE CREEK DIVIDENDS IN 1899.

Cripple Creek, Dec. 27.

By December 31st twenty-seven Cripple Creek companies will have paid dividends for the year aggregating \$4,674,790.86. Of this amount \$1,011,000.16 will be paid during the current month. The record is an astounding one, but the figures prove it. The list is as follows:

Alliance, \$82,000; Anchoria-Leland, \$18,000; Associated, \$20,000; Black Belle \$2,000; Consolidated Gold Mines, \$10,000; Creston Leasing, \$472,741.70; Elkton, \$66,744; Garfield Consolidated, \$12,000; Gold Coin, \$210,000; Golden Cycle, \$90,000; Gold King, \$100,000; Grafton, \$10,000; Jack Pot, \$150,000; Last Dollar, \$30,000; Isabella, \$270,000; Monument, \$7,500; Lilly, \$136,406.16; Mary McKinney, \$60,000; Morse, \$213,150; Modoc, \$40,000; Mount Rosa, \$40,000; Orphan Belle, \$198,124; Portland, \$720,000; Raven, \$59,500; Stratton's Independence, \$970,000; Strong, \$835,000; T. F. T., \$35,000; Viridicator, \$77,625.

The dividends paid this month will be: Alliance, \$82,500; Consolidated Gold Mines \$10,000; Creston, \$50,000; Elkton, \$33,750; Gold Coin, \$100,000; Golden Cycle, \$10,000; Lilly, \$11,367; Mt. Rosa, \$40,000; Isabella, \$67,500; Orphan Belle, \$82,899; Mary McKinney, \$30,000; Modoc, \$10,000; Raven, \$10,000; Strong, \$25,000; Stratton's Independence, \$488,000; Squaw Mountain, \$10,000.

RAVEN'S RICH SHIPMENT.

The Raven mine sent out yesterday one of the richest shipments made in its history. It consisted of two cars of ore that ran twenty ounces or \$400 a ton. In addition to this assignment there will be 106 tons of three-ounce ore sent out tomorrow. The rich stuff is coming from the big ore shoot disclosed in the workings run off from what is known as the tunnel level. The rich ore chute is three feet wide and is in the old Raven vein, which has been a producer for years. The present developments are the best showing, better than anything ever disclosed in the mine, and have been made at 200 feet deeper than any former discovery. This augurs

well for the future of this mine and carries out the theory that the deeper the Cripple Creek mines are put the richer their ore deposit becomes. This chute is being exploited, and as the vein runs the full length of the Raven property, there is much to be expected here. The ore body lies 300 feet from the old Raven shaft and 600 feet from the Gregory shaft. This is the most important discovery of the year.

There is no production being made from the ore body which lies between the fifth and sixth levels, which was opened up some time ago. This is because the work of timbering the main shaft is going on so that it completely stops the taking out of ore from that point. There will be 200 feet of the lower end of the Gregory shaft timbered up so that the shaft can be used for mining purposes. Hereafter all ore will be sent out from the Raven tunnel and therefore the Gregory shaft will be used to reach the tunnel. As soon as this work is completed the production from the Raven will be materially increased.

The treasury of this company is steadily growing, and when the rich December shipments are settled for there will be in the neighborhood of \$90,000, according to the statement of an officer of the company.

The mine will make a production of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for the month of December. Last month the mine produced \$83,000 worth of ore.

ISABELLA.

Cripple Creek, Dec. 27.

While the actual returns of the much talked of Isabella shipment are not yet in, in a circular which was mailed Friday to the stockholders of the company, President Williams places the value of one 27-ton car load of the bonanza mineral at \$210,000, or \$8,000 per ton. There seems to be no doubt that this is the richest car load shipment ever made from any mine in the world.

Considering these facts it is not at all surprising that the shipment has been much talked of. It is a record shipment for the Isabella company; it is a record shipment for the Cripple Creek district; nothing like it has ever been sent out from any mine in the United States, and for richness of ore sent out in bulk—that is, in carload lots—it is undoubtedly a record for both the eastern and western hemispheres.

A great many people are glad that the rich shipment has been made. Nearly every one likes to see the accomplishments of the past excelled and would see the record in ore shipments beaten, with as much satisfaction as anything else. To those in any way connected with the mining world this matter will take precedence in interest above the beating of all other records. The management of the Isabella company is undoubtedly very well satisfied that the shipment was made and that the returns are in, and there is considerable consolation in the thought that this big amount of money has not been made out of Tom, Dick or Harry, but has been gleaned from an infinitesimal portion of mother earth.

We gathered from a director of the Isabella company that not only is the management very well satisfied with the shipment made, but it is considerably relieved that the rich ore is out of the mine; that it has traveled in safety from Cripple Creek to the smelter at Denver, and that the returns have been computed and settled upon. In handling this rich shipment of ore a very great number of difficulties were met with. The sampling company refused to sample the ore, the railroad companies were afraid to handle it, and it was in the end only possible to get a guarantee of \$500 per ton on the ore from the railroads and samplers. The ore was eventually very much at the company's risk, and with a force of armed guards, and fortunately everything went well. Considering all these things it is hardly surprising to learn that the management of the Isabella Company will, in future, not attempt to ship out any more such rich ore in bulk, but will mix the rich stuff with that of lower grade and in that way materially reduce the average value as well as eliminating a good many of the difficulties and risks which have been encountered.

A very important statement which was made by a director of the company was to the effect that the ore shoot which is yielding such rich ore on the tenth level, and from which some very rich stuff was taken on the ninth level, is well defined and permanent to the surface. He by no means implied, of course, that the high grade values were permanent to the surface, but only the ore shoot itself. In February last the workings on the ninth, seventh and fifth levels on this vein were examined by your correspondent, and the