

FROM OUTSIDE CAMPS

SIMILKAMEEN.

Another discovery showing the illimitable richness of the mineral deposits of this district, was made last week by George McCookery of this town, consisting of a huge ledge of red hematite iron ore. The find is situated on the Tulameen river, about three miles up and to the west of the town. The deposit crops out on both banks of the river, and has been observed of all on account of the color of the ledge and had been named the Red Bluff, but no one had, up to the day of striking, taken the trouble to find its true nature. Mr. McCookery has had some samples tested and the returns show an excellent quality of hematite iron ore.

The recent examinations of the coal of this district by such a recognized authority as W. Blakemore, M.E., consulting engineer of the C.P.R., shows the attention that is being paid to our coal fields on the outside. Examination of the Otter Flat coal fields disclosed a bituminous coal of a superior quality, bearing all the characteristics of a good coking coal. The Similkameen Valley Coal company have made arrangements for the introduction of a diamond drill for the more complete exploring of their coal holdings. This, with the drill of the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development company, will disclose the full extent and quality of this coal region. Charles E. Thomas has a force of men at work on the coal lands owned by A. E. Howse and himself, stripping the seam of coal at the north end of the Tulameen bridge.

THE LARDEAU.

A perusal of the ore shipments in the next column will show our readers that up to the present the Trout Lake part of the Lardeau has shipped to the smelter 6,022,065 pounds of ore valued at \$440,000.45. This is about 7-1/2 cents a pound or an average of \$145 a ton. What district in Kootenay can show a higher average than this?

Messrs. Daney and Bell have signed a contract with the Silver Cup people to take out this winter one thousand tons of ore. Two hundred tons of this will be delivered at the Landing, the balance, eight hundred tons, will be stored at Trout Lake. The contract binds the company to ship this quantity of ore and already they have 400 tons sacked at the mine.

Pat Huffman is making good progress with the work on the Keystone, a property owned by the Twin Falls Mining company, and this month intends to send out a test shipment of several sacks to the smelter. He is now in about 30 feet with the tunnel and has about five inches of clean ore heavily charged with gray copper.

On the Maggie May work is progressing favorably. At present, however, owing to a difficulty between Foreman Cunningham and the men, the staff has dwindled down to two men. Dan Haley is now in charge and as soon as James Rutherford, the manager, comes in the force will be increased and work resumed with a full staff on both the Maggie May and John L. properties, the owners of which are the Lardeau Valley Mining company, limited.

The returns from the small shipment of Linson View ore made a month ago are to hand and give a net return of \$68.89. The shipment weighed 868 pounds and the assay value at the smelter was 261.20 ounces per ton and 12.8 per cent lead. The contents were 113.38 ounces silver and 107 pounds lead. The former valued at 57.3 cents per ounce gave a total of \$67.79, and the latter valued at \$1.43 per hundred weight gave a total of \$1.38. The value of the whole shipment was \$69.17, less \$6.28 for freight and treatment gave a net result of \$62.89, for which a cheque was issued to the owners, Messrs. P. Lindgren and Martin Nelson. In the above payment was made for 95 per cent of the silver and 90 per cent of the lead. The percentage of moisture was very low, being only .3 per cent. At the basis of value furnished by the smelter returns a ton of Linson View ore ought to give a net value of \$127.50 per ton. No less than seven groups and four claims are affected by these returns, for the lead runs through them all, and on several of them it has been opened up and developed. On the Pedro group of two claims adjoining the Linson View a tunnel has been driven 40 feet and has exposed a showing of nine inches of some of the richest gray copper ever seen in the camp. The Ruby Silver 1/2 one tunnel driven about 25 feet, in which is exposed a vein of ore two feet in thickness, which gives returns of \$50 in silver, copper and gold. On the same vein but higher up results have been obtained of \$100.60 in all values to the ton. This spring a tunnel was driven 80 feet toward the chute showing on the surface and when work was suspended ore in very encouraging quantities had begun to show up in the breast of the tunnel.

Two shipments have been made within the last fortnight, one from the Ruffled Grouse and the other from the Horseshoe. The ore is from veins running parallel to each other and aggregate about 15 tons. Both properties are remarkable for the richness of the ore contained within their boundaries, so it is likely that the smelter returns when obtained, will establish a new record for the value of shipments from the Lardeau. So far the highest is over \$900 to the ton and the lowest something over \$100.—Trout Lake Topics.

THE SLOCAN.

The Hartney is to resume operations shortly. The Godenough commenced rahlid-ing yesterday. The Slocan Star has 500 tons of ore ready for shipment.

SHIPMENTS FROM MCGUIGAN THIS WEEK WERE RAMBLER 247 TONS.

The long tunnel from the Sunset to the Trade Dollar is completed. This week's shipments from the Whitewater amounted to 70 tons. Notice is given of an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining & Milling company, limited, to be held at Victoria, on Thursday, December 5th, for the purpose of considering the legal proceedings against the company towards the foreclosing of the mortgage covering the company's property, and to take such steps in the matter as may be deemed advisable.

The new tunnel on the recent strike mentioned of the Wonderful about two months ago is in about 45 feet. One car of ore is ready for shipment and another will be ready by the end of the month. A shipment of 20 tons which was made to the Trail smelter last month gave net returns of \$1,200, and it is expected that the next shipment will go high in silver. From ore recently taken out ran 201 ounces in silver and 25.5 per cent in lead. Mr. Warriner expects to commence rahliding shortly.—Sandon Mining Review.

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

There are 25,000 tons of ore in the Estrella mine ready for stopping. Development work at the St. Eugene is progressing. The new combination shaft is down about 160 feet, and the men at present are busy timbering the shaft and stations. As soon as timbering is completed cross drifting at the lowest point will commence.

E. J. Sanders and L. F. Williams, directors of the Sullivan Mining company, visited Steele on Monday last, and Mr. Williams had the following to say about the improvements now going on at Marysville: "The contract has been let for the grading of the smelter site. If the prevailing weather conditions continue for three weeks longer we shall have everything under cover and brick laying for the roasters will commence. It is not expected that the smelter will be blown in before May 1st. But with the roaster in operation a large amount of ore will be roasted about the middle of February. The question of a railway to the mine has not been settled. The C. P. R. are in favor of running an aerial tram from the mine to the smelter. This would cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000, while the lowest estimate for a railway to the mine was \$80,000. The company prefer to get in machinery, supplies, etc. It is expected that the mine will start up about the middle of February. A considerable amount of dead work will have to be done before shipping. If we are not delayed by bad weather everything will be ready for operation, except the stack, by March 1st, but if delayed by bad weather, the time lost must be added to the time stated, about March 1st, next spring. The contract for grading the branch spur into Marysville has been let. The road will be about a mile in length."—Fort Steele Prospector.

YMR.

They are installing a compressor at the King mine, adjoining the Arlington at Erie. The mine is now being pumped out preparatory to active development work. The King is a very promising property.

At the Arlington, Erie, work is progressing favorably. About 65 men are employed. At the Second Relief, Erie, all the machinery is now being put in position, and will be in motion within the next couple of weeks. Two shifts are working at the Gordon mine, near Erie, crosscutting the main tunnel. They are in some 300 feet, and as work proceeds the indications improve.

Supt. Cameron was down from the Union Jack on Wednesday, bringing with him some beautiful samples of solid galena that day encountered in the mine. He reports that the whole face of the drift now shows rich ore, which they did not expect to meet with within 60 feet of the place where they found it. They had only gone six feet from the old workings when the ore body in question was discovered. Dougald Cameron will make a great mine of the Union Jack.—Ymir Mirror.

THE BOUNDARY.

This week the Winnipeg once again enters the list of shippers over the Phoenix branch of the C. P. R. Last week the new assay office at the Winnipeg, in charge of Mr. Widomson, was completed and is now in use. It is complete in every detail, with laboratory, balance room, etc. Shipments from the No. 7 mine, Central camp, have been discontinued for the present, owing to the bad roads. Work is being continued in the raise drifts, and in the deepening of the shaft.

Neil Cochrane, who had charge of the Oro Denoro, in Summit camp, till that property suspended operations, spent several days in Phoenix, this week, looking over some properties in the north belt with a view to interesting capital.

Probably no mining property in the Boundary has shown as much progress in the last two or three months as the surface improvements are concerned. Not only has there been a large lot of surface work done in the way of stripping to get at the large amount of decomposed Snowshoe mine in this camp, as far as is known is known to exist there, but new buildings have been put up at a cost of many thousands of dollars for the accommodation of the men and officials of the Snowshoe Gold and Copper Mines, limited, owning the group.—Phoenix Pioneer.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Week. 1901. Rows include Old Ironsides, Knob Hill, and Victoria.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Tons. Rows include Athelstan, Snowshoe, R. Bell, Mother Lode, Deadwood, etc.

Totals, tons 8053 327,448

IN LOOMIS DISTRICT.

Manager Kirkpatrick Speaks of the Prospects There.

William M. Kirkpatrick, manager of the Puritan mines near Loomis, Wash., is at the Allan House this morning on his way to Butte, where he will meet a delegation of the Pennsylvania parties who own the Puritan. The property is located within three and one-half miles of Loomis and embraces 87 claims. It has been the property of the present company for something over two years, and work has been under way for that period. The claims are being patented. Mr. Kirkpatrick states that the showing is very fair, 42%, but after the shareholders' meeting considering the amount of work that has been done.

Shortly before his departure from Loomis Mr. Kirkpatrick saw a despatch stating that the arrangements for the flotation of the Washington Development company had been completed and that a staff of engineers was on the way to examine the claims, which aggregate over 1000. The deal includes the Palmer Mountain Tunnel company and several other properties that are already equipped with mills. The proposition is to consolidate the various groups with a capitalization of \$30,000,000. The completion of the scheme is of prime importance to the community generally, as it will mean the construction of a railroad, from lack of which the country at present suffers.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was not in Loomis when the Hagerty incident occurred, but reached there the following day on hand of the matter that is being agitated in the community against Hagerty, and that the latter was undoubtedly animated in large measure by a feeling of personal animus against Manager Boyd of the Palmer Consolidated. Hagerty was in charge of the Six Eagles property, but has left Loomis, stating that he will be absent for four months at least.

NORTH STAR MINE.

Circular Announcing the Reduction in Dividends.

It is now announced that the North Star will cut its dividends in half, says the Montreal Star. The North Star location, situated at Fort Steele, British Columbia, has always been looked upon as one of the most desirable properties in that country. The paid-up capital is \$1,200,000, and on hand the time lost, Hon. directors are Mr. D. D. Mann, Hon. A. A. Thibault, Mr. William Mackenzie, Mr. H. S. Holt and Mr. C. E. L. Porteous.

The following circular announcing the reduction of dividends has been issued from the head office of the North Star Mining Company, Limited, Montreal: "Your directors regret that owing to a disagreement with the miners on a question of wages difficulties have presented themselves which have necessitated the temporary discontinuance of all work at the mines. In consequence of the actual reduction of the price of lead, it has been thought opportune to reduce the dividend to one and one-half per cent for the third quarter ending November 30. This dividend will be payable on 15th of December next.

"The directors are pleased to state that the financial situation of the company is excellent. The company has no debts, and possesses great works which have always been maintained on an excellent basis. It is the intention of the directors, as soon as the question of miners' wages is satisfactorily settled, to push on the work of exploration and development, and to continue the work on the old vein of all work at the mines. The North Star is a silver-lead mine. The average value of the property, according to the report of the company's manager, has been 22 ounces of silver and 62 per cent lead to the ton. In 1890 the highest price paid for the stock on the stock market was 112 and the lowest 87. This year the stock has sold as high as 88 and is now quoted around 24."

The members of No. 1 company, Rocky Mountain Rangers, held a meeting last night and concluded to keep the old recorder's office at the corner of Monte Cristo street and First avenue open during the winter for club rooms. The building is about the right size to form comfortable social quarters, and is to be neatly though quietly furnished. The mess thus organized will be continued on a larger scale during the entire year when the new drill hall is erected.

CLUB ROOMS.

Pony-Balsam cures all coughs. It soothes, it heals, it cures quickly and certainly. Pony-Balsam sells more widely every day. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of "The Winding Up Act" and in the Matter of "The British Columbia Wholesale Liquor Company, Limited."

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the powers delegated to me by the order made herein and dated the 6th day of November, 1901, I have fixed the 5th day of December, 1901, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at my chambers in the Court House, Rossland, B.C., as the time and place for the appointment of an Official Liquidator of the above named company. Dated 22nd November, 1901. F. SCHOPIELD, Registrar.

THE STOCK MARKET

NOTICEABLE STRENGTH AND ACTIVITY OF CENTRE STAR SHARES.

THE REMAINDER OF THE LIST SHOWING BUT LITTLE CHANGE.

Business on the stock exchange during the past week was very irregular, one day's sales reaching the unusual aggregate of 24,600 shares and another dropping so low as 3,000.

The heavy day's trading was due to the spurt in Centre Star, which pretty well monopolized the attention of the traders for a time. No less than 22,000 changed hands on Friday, and the sharp recovery in price after the previous week's slump was one of the most sensational features of the market for some time. From the lowest figure, 26, the price climbed to 42, but after the shareholders' meeting it sagged a few points.

Rambler-Cariboo has shown great firmness, though but few shares changed hands. The highest sale price was 52.

Winnipeg is quiet and weak, the seller's quotation having gone down to 5 and the bidder's to 3 1/2 with few transactions recorded. Iron Mask has acted rather strangely. From 16 and 14 on Tuesday the quotations went up to 23 and 22 yesterday, with one sale of 500 at 20. This is the highest recorded for some time. Homestake sold at 1 1/2 for 2000, Giant at 3 1/2 for 5,000, and Morning Glory at 2 1/2.

An unusual incident was the appearance of London Consolidated on the market, the shares selling at 15. The sales on the exchange for the week were:

Table with 2 columns: Day, Total. Rows include Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Bid, Asked. Rows include Abe Lincoln, American Boy, Athabasca, etc.

SALES.

Sales—Centre Star, 1,000, 2,000, 4,000, 500, 39c; Mountain Lion, 1,000, 24c; Morning Glory, 3,000, 2 1/2; Iron Mask, 500, 22c. Total sales, 8,000.

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BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS. Solicitors for Canadian Bank of Commerce. Corporation of the City of Rossland, etc. Bank of Montreal Chambers, Rossland, B.C.

His Worship Mayor Topping of Trail was a visitor to Rossland yesterday. An old saw has it that "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," but Mayor Topping's diadem appears to rest lightly on his lofty brow.

SCARCITY OF PLATINUM.

What a Failure in the Supply of the Metal Would Mean.

"Feldens' Magazine" says, speaking of a metal, the possibility of producing which, in certain creeks of the Similkameen, are, from time to time, suggested and discussed.

An incident worthy the attention of all electrical engineering firms was a recent debate in the German Reichstag on a bill drafted with the object of obtaining a legal prohibition of the use of platinum where it can be replaced without serious inconvenience by some other metal, as, for instance, in photography, where it is utilized for so-called platinum prints; and to limit its consumption to cases where its employment is essential. The debate struck a note of warning regarding an imminent danger, the full import of which appears not to be fully realized, even among those who ought to be most concerned; but the restriction of the use of platinum in one country alone is hardly a practical measure for averting the dreadful consequence of a platinum famine. The problem is one of those that are eminently fitted for an international agreement, and should be carefully investigated by a commission composed of experts from all civilized countries. There is good reason, it appears, for anticipating a scarcity of platinum, and the writer above quoted continues as follows: "Excepting, perhaps, iron, tin, copper and lead, there is no metal that plays a more important part in modern industries at present than platinum, although its extensive employment is of very recent origin. Thus, in the great chemical manufacturing processes, there are operations in which it is practically indispensable, for instance, that of purifying sulphuric acid, for which frequently represents a value of £2,000 or more; or various operations on which the accuracy of chemical analysis depends. Equally, or rather, even more important, is the use of platinum in electrical engineering processes, or in the manufacture of electrical apparatus, and in the enormous number of incandescent lamps, this metal has, as all our readers are aware, a very important function. It is, in fact, the only metal known around which glass can be fused. If, no acids, excepting aqua regia, will attack it, it is easily comprehended that unless a substitute combining these qualities be discovered the exhaustion of its supply would have a serious effect upon more than one industry."

The town of Fernie is in the throes of an excitement all its own and one which affects the entire people of the place, says the Nelson Tribune. This is nothing short of an intimation from the men in charge of the Crow's Nest Coal Company that they intend to build up a town of their own at the expense of the men who have invested their all in the town of Fernie. This intimation from the managers of the coal company is not new, but the business men of the place thought they had exerted sufficient influence upon the company to induce a change of program. In this, however, they were evidently disappointed and the company will build a number of cottages at the mine for the accommodation of the married men employed and at the same time put up a big general store. The effect of such a move upon the business men of Fernie could easily be imagined, in view of the fact that coal mining is the sole industry of the place, and it is putting the case mildly to say that worked up the residents of the town. The people of Fernie are very much held on Monday evening, when the reported intention of the company was denounced in unmeasured terms, and it is not unlikely that a delegation of the business interests of the place will be sent to Toronto to interview the directors of the company with a view to securing some assurance that the contemplated move will not be made.

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Commercial men who have returned from Fernie report business as more or less stagnant in view of the change which threatens. The merchants express themselves as too uncertain to buy, and they are now ordering from

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STRAWBERRIES IN FRANCE.

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Paris, on the other hand the greatest market for strawberries in France, has its entire supply from a region no part of which is more than 20 miles from the wholesale markets in the city by which the fruit is distributed to the small dealers. The greatest strawberry region around Paris is south of the city, extending within a wide triangle from within six miles of the center to the capital on the road to Orleans. This is known as being particularly favorable for the growth of the most delicious qualities of the fruit. In recent years the cultivation of the strawberry has also extended on a large scale into the region of the north and northeast of Paris, which now supplies about one-third of the quantity consumed in the city. Two-thirds of the crop still comes from the southern district, however. Formerly the fruit was brought in by packmen daily by many carriages, and did not many as 30 carloads being delivered to the central markets every night during the season from the southern strawberry fields.—New York Sun.

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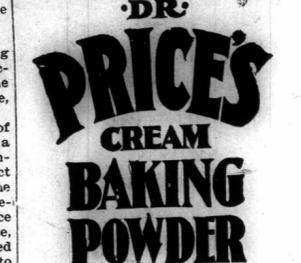
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DR. PRICES' CREAM BAKING POWDER



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