

THE MINES OF THE PROVINCE

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

All Parts of East Kootenay Shows Signs of Progress.

R. L. T. Galbraith, Indian agent for the Kootenays, arrived in the city yesterday on his annual trip of inspection. He is at present on his way to visit the Indians along Arrow Lake. The Kootenay Indians are considered some of the best Indians in Canada and are progressing rapidly and becoming more self-supporting every year. The health conditions among them are very good, there not being any cases of smallpox or other contagious diseases. Mr. Galbraith states that their farms were well kept and they took great interest in them.

In East Kootenay at present business is dull except near the coal mining centres and along the line of the Crow's Nest Southern. Portia is one of the latest mines along Elk River, close to the international boundary, where the Kootenay river flows into the state of Idaho. It was formerly known as Linklighter's Hudson's Bay post, and is in the midst of a rich farming and stock raising country. A considerable number of settlers have come into the country there during the last year and the prospects for the ensuing season are good. A customs house is stationed there. North of Portia, the next town on the new railway is Elk Mouth, where the mine crossed the Elk river. The track is now laid to that point and as soon as the bridge is finished, which is expected to be about May 1, tracklaying on the other side of the river will be proceeded with. The next station is at Crow's Nest Landing on the Kootenay, a few miles from Elk, which is a point of call for the steamer. The grading on the road from Elk Mouth to Elk is nearly completed and work is being pushed vigorously, operations being carried on both day and night by the army of men employed by the contractors. At Elk times are very good at present, the business men doing a good trade. At Morrissey, considerable building is in progress but the townsite is not yet on the market. Fernie is also busy, and Michel is a lively town, a large amount of coal being taken.

At Marysville work is progressing steadily on the shelter, and the prospects of both Kimberley and the first mentioned town are bright. At the latter about 50 men are employed on development work at the North Star mine and the reports are most encouraging. On the Sullivan, it is the intention of the management to put a large force to work as soon as the smelter is completed to supply it with ore. Fort Steele is quiet, but the mines, especially on Tracy creek, are showing up well. On Wild Horse creek there will be considerable placer mining done this summer, the results of the last season's operations having been the best obtained for some years in that district. On Perry creek a great deal of work has been done during the winter, particularly on the deeper properties. A company of Wisconsin capitalists have purchased a number of placer leases and are putting in a hydraulic plant on this creek to work not only the bed of the creek, but also the bench places. Tracy creek is progressing favorably and at Wardner a sawmill is to be put in which will probably help the town considerably. Captain Armstrong, of the steamer North Star, had just passed through before Mr. Galbraith left. Fort Steele on his way to Tobacco Plains, and it is his intention to run the North Star between the boundary and Fort Steele during high water. A good deal of prospecting will be done through the entire section this season, and altogether, Mr. Galbraith thought that the season on the silver-lead question was settled. South East Kootenay would be the best section of British Columbia. He was one of the first to reach East Kootenay, and is as enthusiastic as ever as to its wonderful resources, and knowing thoroughly has good reason to speak as he does.—Nelson Miner, April 17.

KASLO HAPPENINGS.

Among the Different Mines—Ore Shipments For Past Week.

(Special to the Miner.)

KASLO, B. C., April 18.—With the extension of the new business activity generally, and perhaps particularly in the more guarded, yet certain movements on the part of the managements of the nearby mines, happenings in our burg during the past week have been of little importance. Merchants have set themselves to be prepared for the anticipated revival of trade, the thin edge of which is already apparent, and the public have followed suit, cleaning and decorating being the order of the day.

MINING AND ORE SHIPMENTS.

Your correspondent paid a personal visit on Tuesday to the Rambler-Carlbo, that well known and most successful of mines, in the McLaughlin basin. Unfortunately, Mr. Dunn, the foreman, was absent, but it was ascertained that some further developments are shortly to be expected. The mine is well worth a visit, fitted as it is with the best of machinery, lit with electric light, and employing about 150 men. The view of the surrounding country from the mine is sublime, and as the trail is in good condition, the trip is a delightful one. Horses can be procured at McLaughlin station, K. S. & R. railway. The mine is shipping regularly some 600 or 700 tons per month of high grade ore.

The Soho group was also visited, and here it was reported that a fresh strike had been made in the workings. A shaft has been run down about 30 feet, the ore is broadening out and gaining in quality at every foot. There are at present only about six men at work, but as soon as the snow permits, a full force of men will be put on.

THE HOSPITAL MOVEMENT.

Those interested in the erection of a hospital for Kaslo have received encouraging news from Ottawa. Lady Minto has expressed her interest in the matter and through Miss McLeod, the lady superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses, has promised a grant of \$1500, provided the city itself will raise another \$1000. There is no doubt but that this will be accomplished and a hospital will then be a certainty for Kaslo.

VICTORIA DAY.

Great preparations are in progress here for the celebration of the 24th of May. We intend to outshine any other occasion and wish equal success to our sister cities so celebrating.

THE R. M. R.

Recruits are rapidly bringing up the number of the local rifle corps to a strength unprecedented here before, and under the energetic leadership of Captain W. J. H. Holmes, the drills are whipping the men into fine shape.

COOPER CREEK.

Work in the new diggings is proceeding with most satisfactory results. There is no longer any doubt but that the fields are very rich, and will prove decidedly valuable. Old timers in the prospecting line foretell that people will be surprised at the amount of gold which will be extracted from the neighborhood of the creek this summer.

THE YMR MINE.

The Cyanide Plant is in Full Operation.

The big Blake crusher which arrived in town last week has been duly installed at the Ymir Mill. The machine weighed six tons, and was put on wheels and brought up the hill by Messrs. Wilson & Harshaw without the slightest hitch and in good time. Before the arrival of the crusher at the mill, Superintendent Barnhart had every preparation made for its reception and prompt handling. As soon as it arrived on the scene, the big machine was slipped off on to a truck, built on rails, swung around into position, and by means of block and tackle connected with a hand-windlass, pulled up on runners to the second floor of the mill, where it was put in position. So perfect were the arrangements that all this did not take twenty minutes to accomplish.

The new crusher is of the Blake type, and has a capacity of over 600 tons per day. It is designed to take the place of the rotary crusher now in use. It has an opening, or receiver, 10 by 20 inches, which is ample to receive any ore coming down the chute. As soon as the ore passes through the crusher it is shot down to the stamps, there to be still further reduced and washed over the tables.

It is the intention to operate the new crusher at once and hold the old one in reserve. The tramway is still in operation from the mine to the mill, and will probably be used for some months to come. However, all is in readiness for the work through the long tunnel as soon as it is decided to bring the ore through that channel. A Howe tressy has been built under the supervision of Mr. Barnhart, from the mill to the mouth of the tunnel. The span is 44 feet, and is built to stand a pressure of one ton to the lineal foot.

They are now drifting on the vein at the end of the 1000-foot tunnel, and encountering ore above the average of the mine in values.

At the cyanide works everybody is busy. The plant is the newest and best, and the buildings are all up to date. About 200 tons are being treated daily, and the values saved are even greater than was anticipated. There seems to be an impression prevalent that the waters of Hall creek and the Salmon river are polluted by the overflow from the cyanide works. This is altogether a mistaken idea—there is practically no harm done beyond the discoloration of the water. The particles of cyanide escaping are infinitesimal, and could not be destructive to life.—Ymir Miner, April 19.

THE PHOENIX MINES.

Will Consolidate Their Interests—On Shipping Basis.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., April 22.—There is a deal on for the consolidation of the Dominion Copper company and the Snowshoe Gold and Copper Mines, Limited, whose properties are situated in the Phoenix camp. The control in the former company is held by Senator Cox, Robert Jaffray and MacKenzie and Mann, all of Toronto. The properties in the group include the Brooklyn and Stenwind mines. James Breen, the smelter man, undertook a large amount of development work last year in return for a controlling interest in the stock. It was also stipulated that he should build a smelter for the treatment of ores. After Breen had expended, it is said, over \$100,000 of his own money, he had a disagreement with the Toronto capitalists and withdrew receiving an equivalent in stock but not the control for the development work he had directed. The group is commonly regarded as one of the most promising in the Boundary and one already on a basis to ship a large tonnage daily. The Snowshoe group is nearly a mile distant. It is on a shipping basis and could easily ship 600 tons daily. Breen is underground working the ore can be quarried from huge open cuts on a surface. The failure of the management hitherto to ship except for experimental purposes, is ascribed to the fact that it had been decided to wait until the mine owned its own smelter. The company has a capital of \$250,000 and the

control of a majority of the shares is held by the British Columbia, Rossland and Slocan Syndicate, the vendor which spent over \$25,000 in development work. The Earl of Chesterfield is chairman; G. S. Waterlow, deputy chairman, and the managing director, A. J. McMillan, the latter of Rossland. It is understood that the negotiations are now in an advanced stage. If an amalgamation of the two companies is effected a smelter for the treatment of the ore of both mines will be erected at some point in the Kettle River Valley.

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

	1902 Past Wk.
Granby Mines, Phoenix ..	\$9,967 9,962
Snowshoe, Phoenix ..	660
Mother Lode, Deadwood ..	41,352 2,432
Sunset, Deadwood ..	150
Winnipeg, Wellington ..	490 95
Golden Crown, Wellington ..	540 30
No. 7 Mine, Central ..	250
Jewal, Long Lake ..	1,140 270

Total, tons ..	121,860 12,805
Granby smelter treatment, tons ..	89,115 9,958
Mother Lode smelter tons ..	43,195 2,950

THE PROVIDENCE.

Development on the Providence mine is giving very satisfactory results. Work was begun on this property last October by Mr. Fowler when he leased the property from Howard C. Walters. The Providence was located by Wm. Dickman in 1892. The discovery which led to the property being staked was simply a boulder of quartz on which a shaft was sunk and one or one-half tons of ore taken out, when the ore ran out in cement wash. Mr. Dickman then sold the claim to Howard C. Walters of Spokane, who had to do with the American Boy. He sank 85 feet, and during this development shipped 35 tons of ore to the Tacoma smelter and 10 tons to Everett. The transportation of the ore to the Tacoma smelter was very expensive, as it was taken in 1892, before this district was developed, by pack train to Grand Prairie and thence by wagons to Marcus at an average cost of \$45 per ton. This lot ran 63-4 ounces of gold and 200 ounces of silver to the ton.

Nothing more was done to the property until last October, when Mr. Fowler leased the property from Walters with power to purchase a price named. The mine started to fall and which is still being prosecuted, consisted of an open cut following a little stringer of ore, which was followed into the hill 50 feet, the stringer widening considerably as drifting was continued, until 16 inches of good ore was encountered. Of the 50 feet of drifting 40 feet were in ore. At the end of the drift an upraise of 10 feet was made to the surface. A shaft was next sunk from this drift, and at 30 feet down there is an average of 12 inches of solid ore, composed of zinc, galena and gray copper, with native and ruby silver showing freely, and also carrying gold values.

There are now four men at work, and it is the intention of Mr. Fowler to continue developing the property. Recently 141-2 tons of ore were sent to the Greenwood smelter—Midway Advance, April 21.

THE NO. 7.

The No. 7 has cut the vein at the 300 foot level and now has drifts of considerable length at the 60 and 120 foot levels, which during the past 12 months there have been taken out and shipped 900 tons of ore extracted chiefly in course of development. The ledge dipped out of the shaft until at the 200 foot level it was found necessary to crosscut 40 feet before reaching it, and at the 300 foot level a distance of 70 feet had to be crosscut. The ore at the 300 foot level is the same character as higher up—Midway Advance, April 21.

INJUNCTION DISCUSSED.

Delegates From the Boundary Met the Attorney-General.

(Special to the Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., April 22.—Delegates from the Boundary met this morning the attorney-general, this morning. They discussed the recent injunction restraining the V., V. & E. Co. from continuing construction in the Boundary district. They will meet the attorney-general again at 10 o'clock tomorrow, when Geo. H. Cowan, representing the "Hot Air Line," will be present to defend the action of that railway in securing an injunction.

The governor assented to the redistribution bill this afternoon.

SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS.

The Result of a Row in a Disorderly House.

(Special to the Miner.)

KASLO, B. C., April 21.—Jack Caldwell, a prospector, was sentenced to six months for pulling a gun on Fred Callop Pink, a printer of Kamloops. Caldwell had a row with Pink in a disorderly house run by Pink's wife.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Man, Wife and Three Children Perish in the Flames.

HULL, Que., April 22.—Thos. Hall, 35 years old, a liveryman, his wife and three children, were burned to death at their home here this morning as they slept. An inquest will be held.

ALLOWED TO VOLUNTEER.

TORONTO, April 22.—Colonel Otter yesterday received word that some of the permanent force would be allowed to volunteer for South Africa. Forty names have been sent to Ottawa of men who wish to go.

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SPECIAL FEATURES

WHITE BEAR AND WAR EAGLE

STOCKS AFFORDED STOCK DEALERS EXCITEMENT.

LAST WEEK HAD FEATURES OF MORE THAN ORDINARY INTEREST.

The week's trading on the local stock exchange concluding last night has been fairly brisk. The aggregate sales fall short of the previous week's record, but are considerably in advance of the average for several months previously. The opening days of the period in question saw sales on the board much more active than the latter end of the week, yet the latter end saw some developments that are of exceptional interest. Early in the week the movement was in miscellaneous shares, with White Bear selling in such large blocks as to swell the totals of each day's trading on 'change to handsome proportions. It is a feature that is generally remarked in connection with White Bear that despite sales claimed to aggregate not less than 50,000 to 60,000 shares the prices of the stock have scarcely altered. It is satisfactory to note, however, that the prevailing figures for the shares—41-4 to 41-2—are an advance of quite two points over the quotations when work was started on the property some months since. Many local people took a flyer in the shares at that time, and they will now be enabled to turn over their holdings at a handsome percentage of profit. Many locally took advantage of this condition of affairs and the price was consequently maintained stationary.

The feature of the market during the last three days of the week has been the sudden and remarkable advance in War Eagle shares. At the first of the week the shares were quoted around 12 cents asked, and there was practically no demand for the stock. Within the past few days there has been a sudden and almost phenomenal demand for War Eagle. Prices have jumped to 26 asked and 21 bid, with a strong market for every share that was offered anywhere near the buyers' figures. Local people have not speculated on the rise to any extent, contenting themselves with handling the shares for eastern purchasers and selling in numerous instances where blocks of the stock had been acquired when quotations were at a low point. Rossland speculators have made a handsome profit on the rise in the stock, but they are entirely at a loss to account for the movement, unless the explanation is that eastern brokers are booming the stock on their own account.

Other shares have been practically stationary. During the past few days there has been somewhat of a movement in Giant shares, the selling price being uniformly 45-8, or thereabouts. The sales for the week have been:

Thursday, 17th inst.	\$3,700
Friday, 18th inst.	13,500
Saturday, 19th inst.	13,500
Monday, 21st inst.	6,500
Tuesday, 22nd inst.	9,000
Wednesday, 23rd inst.	11,000

Total shares \$7,200

Nothing of special interest occurred in connection with yesterday's session of the board. War Eagle is quoted on 'change at 22-15, but it is noticeable that almost all the buying locally is on the board, there not having been a single sale of War Eagle on the board since the boom started a few days since till yesterday, although a number of sales have been closed in the city. This was varied yesterday when a block of 1000 War Eagle brought 19-1-2 on the board.

The boom in White Bear looks as if it has fizzled out. A block of 3000 shares sold yesterday at 6, the lowest price at which the stock has changed hands for almost a fortnight, while the price bid on the board was only 3-7-8 yesterday.

	ASKED	BID
American Boy ..	6 1/4	6
Black Tail ..	24	13 1/2
Cariboo-McKinney ..	28	25
Centre Star ..	41	35 1/2
Crow's Nest East Coal Co ..	3 1/2	3
Giant ..	45 1/2	45
Granby ..	90	85
Homesite ..	4	3
Iron Mask ..	2 1/2	2 1/4
June ..	2 1/2	2 1/4
Mining Glory ..	3 1/2	3 1/4
Mountain Lion ..	30	27 1/2
North Star (East Kootenay) ..	21	20
Payson ..	35	27
Quilp ..	35	32
Rambler ..	90	85
Republic ..	10 1/2	9 1/2
Snowshoe ..	23	22
Tom Thumb ..	23	22
War Eagle Con.	25	24
White Bear ..	4 1/2	3 3/4
Winnipeg ..	5	3 1/2

Winnipeg, 2000, 41-8c; White Bear, 3000, 4c; Giant, 5000, 45-8c; War Eagle, 1000, 19-1-2c. Total 11,000.

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PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

No More Charters From American Territory Into Yukon.

(Special to the Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., April 22.—Bills regarding the United Gold Fields of British Columbia by Gallier and the Yukon Pacific Railway company by McCreary passed the railway committee today. Riley's bill regarding the British Columbia & Yukon railway was withdrawn.

G. L. Milne, of Victoria, had a hydraulic lease for one mile and a half on Hunter creek, Yukon. He has been notified by the department that it is canceled. All lease holders who do not comply with the provisions of the law will be similarly treated. At the railway committee today Blair announced that the government still adheres to its policy not to grant any more charters from American territory into Yukon. The announcement was made when the Yukon Pacific asked for incorporation to build a line from Pyramid Harbor to White Horse. The company's charter was amended so as to give power to build from White Horse to a southwesterly direction to the boundary line, between the province of British Columbia and the Territories, or about 20 miles from the international boundary line. The head office of the company of the road is in Winnipeg.

REVISING THE CREED.

Presbyterian Committee Has Completed Its Labors.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The Presbyterian creed revision committee completed its labors today and adjourned. The committee agreed upon a report to be made to the general assembly which will meet in New York on May 15. The members reserved the right to differ upon minor matters in the report to be made to the assembly, but the final report, as a revised statement, was unanimous and hearty. The differences refer entirely to the question of phraseology, and do not apply to any principle or doctrine. As finally determined upon, this brief statement is to contain sixteen articles, as follows: First, God; second, revelation; third, Divine purpose; fourth, the creation; fifth, the sin of man; sixth, the grace of God; seventh, election; eighth, our Lord Jesus Christ; ninth, faith and repentance; tenth, Holy Spirit; eleventh, the new birth and the new life; twelfth, the resurrection and the life to come; thirteenth, the law of God; fourteenth, the church and sacraments; fifteenth, the last judgment; sixteenth, Christian service and the final triumph.

The committee also was charged with the work of the revision of the confession of faith, by the preparation of a declaratory statement defining the meaning of certain portions of the confession. This feature of its labors had been completed at previous sessions of the committee and was finally reviewed and unanimously agreed upon here. The declaratory statement deals with chapters 3 and 10 of the confession, the former referring to the eternal degrees of God, and the latter, known as the elect infant clause, also with that portion of the confession relating to good works, which was revised by the change in the text. That concerning oaths and the pope of Rome clause will be dropped from the confession.

THE NAVAL BILL.

Two Battleships, Two Armored Cruisers, and Two Gunboats.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The house committee on naval affairs today completed the naval appropriation bill. The most important item, as to new ships, was left until the last, and as finally determined upon was as follows: Two battleships of about 16,000 tons displacement, to cost exclusive of armor and armament \$4,212,000 each; two armored cruisers of about 14,500 tons displacement, each to cost exclusive of armor and armament \$4,650,000 each. Two gunboats of 1000 tons each to cost \$382,000.

The 16,000 ton battleships will be the largest ever authorized for the American navy and among the largest warships afloat.

CREEDON VS. JACKSON.

Those Stomach Punches Were Too Much for Creedon.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 18.—Dan J. Creedon quit at the end of the fifth round of a fight with "Young Peter Jackson" here tonight. He claimed Jackson's stomach punches had made him sick at the stomach, and he was unable to continue the fight. Then it was announced by the referee to the spectators that Creedon was really a sick man, and that he believed had the fight gone another round he would have been compelled to stop it. This gave general satisfaction.

AMERICAN INVASION.

Real Estate Dealers Report Active Business in Lands.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 21.—All real estate dealers report an extensive business in farm lands near the city. Within the past 10 days one man says they sold in various districts 37,000 acres, all within 15 miles of Winnipeg, and none have been sold for less than \$10 per acre. The purchasers were all Americans, from either Iowa or Illinois, and many of them will go on the lands this year.

WAS SATISFACTORY.

Mr. Eberts Rises to Explain—Simply Did His Duty.

(Special to the Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., April 22.—Eberts, questioned in the House today, said his connection with the V., V. & E. injunction was imposed on him by the statute under which the injunction was sought, and was absolutely without significance, and that his explanation was satisfactory to the Grand Jury deputation here.

CITY NEWS

WHEELS CLOSED.

No roulette was played in Rossland last night. During the day notice was served by the chief of police that the wheels must not be operated and the order was observed last night.

OFF TO NELSON.

Walter W. B. Collins, committed for trial on the charge of forgery, was taken to Nelson on Tuesday by C. W. Young, provincial constable. Collins will be held at Nelson until his hearing before the higher court. It is not decided whether this will be at an early date under the Speedy Trials Act procedure or at the Assizes commencing on May 6.

INTERESTING.

The initial number of the Nelson Daily News is responsible for the following: "It is said on the best of authority that J. C. Drewry, the accomplished raconteur and able mining man, when he returns to the Kootenays will bring with him a bride. His fiancée is said to be one of the most charming and accomplished young belles who has visited Montreal in recent years. She is a native of one of the southern states and is a member of a prominent and influential family there."

MAY RETURN.

Word has been received here that Theodore Herkimer, the well known Rossland man, who went to South Africa as a member of the mounted constabulary, is now in Chicago, and that he will probably be in Rossland at no distant date. Mr. Herkimer was severely wounded in an engagement with the Boers, his wounds being so serious as to cause his life to be despaired of. He delighted his friends by making a rapid recovery, however, and was in England on sick leave for three months. Apparently the medical authorities decided that he should not return to active service, for he came to America instead of Africa.

BIGGEST YET.

The biggest hobo ever seen in Rossland was brought before His Worship Judge Boulbee on Tuesday on the charge of vagrancy. The man gave the name of Holland. He was an offence was that of abusing citizens who declined to accede to his demands for small donations in cash, which demands were threatening when backed up by a tough several inches over the six-foot mark in height and weighing between 250 and 300 pounds. He was arrested by Sergeant Bradshaw and Pringle, and did not offer to make any resistance. Judge Boulbee allowed Holland to depart on a solemn undertaking to leave the city immediately, which was complied with.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Thomas Pearce, a pioneer miner of the Rossland camp, passed away at the Sisters' hospital on Monday. Deceased was attacked by pneumonia on Wednesday last and was removed to the hospital on Sunday afternoon, although his case was then regarded as hopeless. The end came yesterday morning. The late Thomas Pearce was 45 years of age and a native of Hayle, Cornwall, where his father now resides. He came to America 30 years ago and had a varied experience in the various mining camps of the continent. At one time he was superintendent of a large Mexican mine, and later was under sheriff at Eureka, Nevada. He came to Rossland five years ago and has resided here almost continuously ever since, being regarded as one of the best miners in the camp. For some time past he was employed at the Le Roi mine and resided at the War Eagle hotel. He was an ex-member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity and the Miners' Union of Eureka, Nevada.

PASSED AWAY.

Many Rossland friends will learn with sincere regret of the demise of William Goninan, who passed away yesterday at the coast, a telegram to this effect having been received on Tuesday by his family here. The deceased is an old resident here, having come to Rossland almost five years ago from Ishpeming, Mich. He was a native of Cornwall, England. In Rossland the late Mr. Goninan resided on Davis street, between Second and Third avenues, his family consisting of three sons and five daughters. In June last, while temporarily a resident in Greenwood, he was taken seriously ill, his affliction being Bright's disease with complications. The sick man was brought home to Rossland and treated here for some months, being the coast six weeks since to undergo an operation. The outcome was his demise yesterday. The late Mr. Goninan was a member of the Miners' Union in Rossland, and of the Odd Fellows' fraternity in Ishpeming. It is not announced as to whether the remains will be brought here for interment, although it is believed that this will be settled in the affirmative today.

THE QUEEN MINE.

Yellowstone's 10-Stamp Mill Will be Completed This Week.

(Special to the Miner.)

NELSON, B. C., April 22.—A special from Ymir states that the surface tramway from the portal of the main shaft of the Queen mine to the Yellowstone company's ten-stamp mill will be completed this week, and that early next week the plant will be started on the