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THREE FUNDS MADE

The Big Ledge on the Evening Found at Depth.

IMPORTANT SHOOT IN IRON COLT

It is Eight Feet Wide and the Ore is of a High Grade—Shipping Ore in the Coxy Lower Levels, and Other Notes of Interest.

The Evening Star yesterday shipped a carload of ore to the smelter. This is the first shipment this year, and the initial one under the new management. Mr. Chamberlain, the manager of the Evening Star, was seen, and stated that the ore was taken out of the 125-foot level from the good-copper ledge which was broken into to only a short time since on that level. The strike was made at a point 200 feet in the tunnel. The same ledge has been cut by a tunnel at a point 110 feet away, and so the ore shoot is known to be 110 feet in length, and 125 feet in depth, and from 10 to 12 feet in width. This is the same ledge, which on the surface is about 30 feet in width, and from which several hundred tons of ore were taken and sent to the smelter. The ore at this depth is of a pay grade, and if anything, is richer than it was on the surface. There is more copper in it than there is on the surface. Mr. Chamberlain is greatly pleased with the find, and is now convinced that there is considerable chance of the Evening Star making a mine of more than ordinary value.

The Hoist Is Working Well.

The new 150-horse power electric hoist on the Josie shaft, which was given a trial run last week for two or three days, is now in operation, and is working in a manner that is pleasing to the management. The shaft is now down 500 feet, and this hoist has a capacity sufficient for a depth of 1,000 feet. The intention is to take up the development work on the 300 and 500 foot levels, where it was left off from the purpose of installing the hoisting apparatus. Further on the shaft will be deepened to the 1,000-foot level.

A Find in the Iron Colt.

A strike of considerable importance has been made in the Iron Colt in the raise from the lower tunnel. In this place there has been met eight feet of ore, which is of a shipping grade, and it is much richer than has been so far encountered in any part of the mine. The upraise has been made for a distance of 80 feet through this ore. The ore shoot, therefore, is thought to be an extensive one. Superintendent Sharp says it is the most important find that has so far been made in the Iron Colt.

Progress on the Blackcock at Ymir.

A staff of men are carrying on work throughout the winter under the supervision of Engineer Rennie Macfarlane. Work is being pushed along in the lower tunnel which is being run to tap the main vein at the 200-foot level, and in doing this some promising stringers of mineral have been encountered which bear a marked resemblance to the main lead. Work is also being continued in the west drift of the mine, and a quantity of ore has been taken out which is intended to ship to the smelter in a short time.

Work on the Leo Mine.

Active operations on this promising property, which is situated between the Kernan and Silver King mines, near Nelson, have been kept up for several months past. A shaft has been sunk to a depth of 75 feet, where it came into nice-looking ledge matter and mineralized rock. From the 75-foot level a crosscut has already been run in several feet and this is being continued to tap at depth the fine surface showings which outcrop at the surface of the ledge. The values are chiefly in gold, silver and lead, with a little copper. Recent assays from the ledge run from \$39.90 to \$273.80.

Speedy Development of a Mine.

The Chickamoon Stone is located on Sava river, in the Fort Steele district. On June 9th last work was commenced and has been continued without interruption ever since. The group consists of five claims, and the development of the property during the past summer has demonstrated that it is of great value. A main porphyry dyke extends through the country, and the other three are side claims. The work has been done principally by the shaft, and with a depth of 200 feet the shaft has become soft and easily worked. In the deeper workings other ore bodies have been uncovered. While the vein on the surface is 110 feet wide, the vein is at present dipping to the contact (slate and porphyry), and the theory is advanced that larger ore bodies together 500 feet of development has been done, thoroughly proving the property. Eight assays taken of the ore from the tunnel and shaft gave 9.75 per cent copper, 21.25 ounces silver and \$20 in gold.

Will Complete Two New Deals.

Ernest Mansfield leaves today for Kalo, says the Nelson Tribune of Tuesday, January 9th, to arrange with W. E. Soie for the purchase in cash of the Green Lakes, Twin Lakes, Crescent and Capes, a group of claims in Camp Mansfield bonded two months ago. The bond was for \$30,000 and \$4,000 has already been paid on it. The properties have also been systematically

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IMPORTS

Free Dutiable	Goods.	Total
13,766	48,214	59,980
21,862	36,893	58,755
8,387	52,338	60,725
6,997	47,609	54,606
9,125	44,996	54,121
9,401	44,894	54,295
9,608	48,740	58,348
12,428	51,577	64,005
11,734	54,349	66,083
12,063	62,983	75,046
20,961	75,237	96,198
18,442	59,875	78,317

REVENUE RETURNS

721	246,102
3,152	54,285
3,349	267,180
3,413	298,561
2,965	244,583
1,939	471,240
3,997	349,215
2,936	432,841
2,167	382,691
2,106	314,142
11,896	460,412
3,618	420,008

KEY IN THE STREET

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OF IMPROVEMENTS

Notice. Fractional mineral claim, Trail Creek mining division district. On trail Creek in the north, bounded on the west by fractional and Pool Hen on the south by the Pool Hen on the claim. I, H. E. Young (acting Smith Curtis Free miner's 24639-A and J. E. Poupore certificate No. 1046-A), hereby from date hereof, to apply recorder for a certificate of for the purpose of obtaining of the above claim. Take notice that action, unless commenced before such certificate of improvements, shall be void on the twenty-ninth day of December, 1905.

R. E. YOUNG, P. L. S.