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Gooderham - Blackstock Syndicate Will Organize a New Company.

CALLED WAR EAGLE CON.

It Will Include the War Eagle, Crown Point Group, R. Lee and Five Silver Properties in the Slocan—The Probable Directors.

The sale of the War Eagle mine, subject to the ratification of the company at a meeting called for January 20 was concluded this week. The various articles on the subject appearing in this issue of THE MINER are from the daily edition of different dates.

Further particulars of the big War Eagle deal are at hand. The new company is to be known as the War Eagle Consolidated Mining Company, capital \$2,000,000, with \$350,000 in the treasury for development purposes. There are to be 2,000,000 shares of the par value of \$1. George Gooderham, president of the Bank of Toronto, is to be president; the Hon. George Coxe, a member of the senate of Canada and president of the Bank of Commerce of Toronto, will probably be vice-president, and two of the directors will be T. G. Blackstock and W. H. Beatty of Toronto. Mr. Beatty is vice-president of the Bank of Toronto, president of the Toronto Silver Plate Company and representative of the Wortz mine. Both Gooderham and Blackstock are pretty well known in Kootenay, owing to their connection with the Crown Point mine here. Coxe and Beatty are both wealthy men. The syndicate as now made up is a very strong one financially, and any move it may make will command attention.

The properties to be included in the consolidated company are the War Eagle, Crown Point, White Swan, Hidden Treasure, R. Lee (not Robert E. Lee), Tiger, Uncle Sam, Richmond, Star View, Empire, Watson and one quarter of the Summit. The last five are silver mines and not in this camp. It is presumed they are in the Slocan country. It is understood that T. G. Blackstock will arrive here from Toronto between now and the 20th. He, and perhaps Mr. Gooderham, will be here when the final transfer of the mine is made. Nothing is yet known as to what plans the new company may have as to what the working of the War Eagle.

One thing is certain, they will find the property in fine condition. The winze now being sunk from the floor of the No. 2 tunnel is down 80 feet and the ore in the bottom is very rich. It is by far the highest grade ore ever taken from the mine. If it holds out as it is now to the level of the Iron Mask tunnel now being run in, which will require the winze to be 175 feet deeper, the War Eagle will rank among the richest and greatest mines in the world and will be worth many millions of dollars.

MAKES A GOOD REPORT.

Superintendent Peterson of the Waneta-Trail Creek Company Pleased.

P. W. Peterson, superintendent of the work on the Waneta & Trail Creek Gold Mining company's property is in town. A meeting of the directors of the company was held last evening at which Mr. Peterson was present. His report was exceedingly satisfactory.

The company has one shaft down 30 feet following a stringer of galena ore from which an assay of over \$29 has been obtained. In another place they have a tunnel in 25 feet from which they have sunk 15 feet upon a vein of copper ore a foot wide of a very good grade. Three mining engineers have looked at the property and each expressed the opinion that the company has a mine, and all that is needed is further development.

The company's new prospectus is out and contains a picture of the property and all the surrounding mountains together with a view of the town of Waneta and a sketch plan of the Trail Creek district.

IDA QUEEN ASSAYS WELL.

It is a Lookout Mountain Property and Runs Best in Silver.

George Nelson, the general manager of the Ida Queen Gold Mining company, operating the Ida Queen on Lookout mountain, has some fine looking specimens of the ore that is now being extracted. The mineral in the quartz has a curiously dark cast. Assays of the ore gave 66 ounces in silver and \$14 in gold. Active mining development will continue throughout the winter.

TWO MEN INJURED.

Dynamite Explosion at the Monte Cristo Mine Last Night.

Luther Campbell and James Hatch, two men working in the Monte Cristo mine, were hurt about 9 o'clock last night by an explosion of dynamite. They had gone into the mine after a blast and were picking about when one of them struck a piece of dynamite which had been left in a hole partially

exposed. It immediately exploded, knocking both men down and stunning them severely.

They were bruised about their heads and faces and powder burned, but soon recovered sufficiently to get out of the tunnel and call for help. Some of the other men went to their relief and took them down to their boarding house.

Dr. Bowers was summoned and dressed their wounds. It is expected both will recover in a short time, though they will have to go to the hospital. It is fortunate the piece of dynamite struck was small otherwise the effects of the explosion would have been much more serious.

FOUND IN THE GOLD HUNTER.

Sunset Vein Traced into the Adjoining Claim—A Nice Showing.

Men have been at work during the past few days tracing the course of the Sunset vein through the Gold Hunter, the adjoining claim, and, like the Sunset, the property of the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, limited. Tuesday the vein was broken into and two feet of ore, identical with the best ore of the Sunset, found. The ore is a quartz mixture, heavily impregnated with the sulphides of copper and iron. This new opening is 600 feet west of the Sunset shaft.

THE LATEST FROM TRAIL.

Work On the New Brewery Buildings Progressing Finely.

Heinze Sawmill Kept Busy, and the Nelson Company's New One Is Being Rushed—News Notes.

TRAIL, Jan. 6.—[Special.]—As work progresses on the new brewery of the Kootenay Brewing, Malt & Distilling company, the fact becomes assured that the structure will be one of the largest in the Kootenay country, and from the amount of machinery arriving for the company it is safe to say that the furnishings of the new brewery building will be on the same large scale as the building itself. The capacity of the works will be 100 barrels per day, and its product will be pushed on the market of British Columbia.

The Heinze sawmill is running and there are orders enough on the hook for the B. C. S. & R. Co. alone to keep the mill running for six months. The supply of lumber in Trail does not equal the demand by any means.

Postmaster Brown will soon enlarge his present quarters, suitable the premises and will then ship a large quantity of mail. On Monday night the mail packages distributed 1,700 letters and six newspaper papers. Deputy Postmaster Brown, it is rumored, will soon receive his appointment as postmaster and many reports will be inaugurated.

The C. P. R. will take over the C. & K. S. N. Co.'s business on February 1, and the employees at this important point are wondering whether they will be let out or not.

Work is being pushed on the Nelson sawmill company's mill, to replace the one lately burned, and they hope to have it ready soon.

Dave Vinyard, of Sprague, Wash., has decided to locate in Trail and engage in contracting, with a wood yard on the side. Yesterday he bought 300 cords of dry, four-foot wood of Anabelle & Jelly, and will cut it for the local trade. His steam saw will arrive to-night, and will go to work tomorrow.

Major W. E. Blackmer, who has been in Spokane for the past 60 days on a mining deal, leaves for New York tomorrow to wind up the deal and receive the first payment.

LOOKS LIKE A JOB.

The Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway company has a land grant, part of which surrounds the town of Rossland and is crown granted. On this land there is much valuable timber standing, and much valuable timber has also been cut off this land in the past two years. The railway company claims that its land grant gives it title to the timber without any reservation as to paying timber royalties to the government. This claim is well known to the heads of at least two departments in the provincial government, namely, the attorney general and chief commissioner of lands and works. Whether this claim is well founded in law or not we do not pretend to know.

Acting under the belief that the question was to be submitted to the courts the railway company has been collecting royalty on timber cut on its lands. The sawmill men have paid these dues to the railway company and did not honestly owe the government one cent. If anybody owed for their royalties it was the railway company. Yet we find the government dropping down suddenly on the sawmill men and under threats of closing their mills compelling them to pay dues which they have already paid to the owner of the timber.

The railway company is perfectly responsible. It has much property in the province and is better able to afford to pay a few thousand dollars than are the sawmill owners. We think that until the question was settled by the courts the royalty claimed to be due by the government should have been paid, but it should have been paid by the railway company. By the course it has pursued the provincial government has made itself a party to a grave injustice

BEST IN KOOTENAY

Mechanical Equipment of "The Miner" Office About Complete.

A NEW PRESS AND FOLDER

They Are Now in Running Order and Work to Perfection—The Press Is a Cottrell Triumph and Prints 2,000 an Hour.

THE MINER of Wednesday was printed on our new Cottrell Triumph press and folded on our new Dexter Intermediate folder. Our 16-page weekly this week is being printed and folded by the same machinery. The press was manufactured at Westley, Rhode Island, both it and the folding machine having been purchased of the American Type Foundry company of Portland, Oregon.

The press is the finest machine of the kind ever brought into Kootenay and there is probably nothing superior to it in British Columbia. It weighed, when packed for shipment, a little over 8,000 pounds and has a capacity of 2,000 six-column eight-page papers per hour. It prints 1,000 complete copies of the WANETA MIXER consisting of 16 pages, six columns to the page, every hour.

There is no better printing press made than the Cottrell & Sons Triumph. It is modelled upon the most improved pattern, and nothing goes into its composition except the best and most thoroughly finished and tested material. Every detail about it is manufactured with the greatest care and when it is set up and in complete running order it is a picture to delight the eye of any printer or newspaper man.

The folding machine adjoins the press and as the printed sheets are taken from the press they are fed to the folder and come out ready for delivery to subscribers. Its principal parts are made of steel and it is a very strong, simple and compact machine. There is no better newspaper folder made than the Dexter Intermediate.

Both the press and the folder are run by water power. This water power is supplied through the medium of a Pelton wheel enclosed in an iron circular box which is not over 18 inches in diameter. The water runs through a two-inch pipe, connecting with a main of the Rossland Water and Light company. The pipe comes in from the street under the bridge, and the water, having a 250 foot head it creates when applied to the Pelton wheel 20 horse power. In employing water power for its machinery the MINER has a distinct advantage over most of its contemporaries—especially those which employ steam. We are rid of both the danger and expense of steam. It is even neater, more effective and less expensive than electric power.

The MINER takes pleasure at this time in making a special acknowledgment of the skill and industry of its pressman, J. R. Cole and John Shellenburger, set up the press and got it into running order in a remarkably short time, considering some adverse conditions under which they had to work. The pages of THE MINER are in themselves the best testimonial that can be offered to Mr. Howard's ability as a pressman.

The mechanical department of THE MINER is now about as complete as it can be until we put in a perfecting machine. Our type is all new and is the very best that can be supplied by the American Type Foundry company.

Our 16-page weekly of this week will very strikingly illustrate the type resources of THE MINER office. This paper consists of 96 columns, and contains advertising which requires a vast quantity and great variety of display type. We do not believe there is another paper in Canada west of Toronto which can make an equally handsome typographical showing. The thoroughly metropolitan make-up of THE MINER is due to Robert B. Crossin, the foreman, and Fred Barker, the day foreman.

The composition and press departments of THE MINER occupy a basement room of 15x60 feet in size, and having excellent light from the south exposure. At night it is lighted by thirteen 16-candle power incandescent electric lights. The editorial and business offices of the paper are on the floor above the press and composing room, and are connected by a small elevator for carrying copy and proofs up and down. The entire MINER establishment is now one of the most complete and best organized in Canada.

BANKING CRISIS IN THE STATES.

There must be some radical defect in the financial system of the United States. Every remedy applied seems to be a failure. Mr. Cleveland and his friends declared that if congress would repeal the Sherman silver purchase act confidence would be restored and business revived. The repeal was carried but the promised revival did not come. There was a temporary spurt of business activity but the country soon settled back into the old lethargic condition.

There came the presidential campaign of 1896. The free silver people had a remedy and so did the gold advocates. The followers of McKinley declared that if Bryan was elected and free coinage of silver instituted there would be a panic and the greatest financial crash ever heard of, but that if Mr. McKinley was elected and the gold standard sustained the country would be saved and the honor of the nation maintained.

that which followed the repeal of the Sherman act, but in less than a month there was a sag and now things are worse than ever. The bank failures in the United States following so closely upon the election of McKinley to the presidency on a gold standard platform must shake the confidence of many people in the financial system of the United States.

Here is a country just at the threshold of an administration which has pledged itself to maintain the gold standard and restore the high tariff, and yet the condition of affairs is growing worse every day. If therefore looks as if the proposed remedies were of no avail and that they are even being mocked by fate in advance.

We are of the opinion that the whole banking and financial systems of the United States are rotting at the bottom. The people have no confidence in their own banks, and at the first word of alarm they begin to withdraw their deposits. This has been the case since 1893. No banking system on earth can endure a strain like this. It is the strain of lurking doubt. The banks of a country must have the confidence of the people, otherwise they are like houses built on the sand, and are liable to be swept away at any moment.

The people of the United States are brave, enterprising and resourceful. They will probably find a way out of their present embarrassment, but it is not probable that the statesmen of that country were ever before confronted with a situation so grave as the one now at hand.

KOOTENAY MAIL SERVICE

Hewitt Bostock, M. P., Suggests a Second Postoffice Inspector.

Big Immigration Predicted—Sentiment in the East Strongly in Favor of an Alien Labor Bill.

Revelstoke Mail: Hewitt Bostock, M. P., the energetic young millinaire member for this district in the Dominion parliament, arrived on the east, Wednesday afternoon, and was met by several of his friends and supporters. On Thursday he was up and around early and interviewed several citizens of the town as to the wants of the place and country.

All the local questions of deep moment to the town, such as river bank protection, opening the river to the north to navigation, and the like, Big Bend and Trout Lake mail, were brought by several people to his notice and every one thoroughly discussed. Mr. Bostock made copious notes so that he will not be likely to forget what he has been told.

For the protection of the river he was urged before the commencement of work to have a survey made so as to determine what is best to be done. He was asked to see there was no delay in using the appropriation for the canyon. The opening of Columbia river to steamers was duly urged. With regard to the settlement of the land question, Mr. Bostock stated that two months ago he saw the map which determined the lake and the cascades and up the Kettle River valley to Grand Forks.

With the assurance that one or the other of these roads is to be built this season, there is considerable speculation in town property, and many new business and dwelling houses are coming on as soon as possible in the spring. Then again there is a quiet movement on foot by outside parties for the erection of a custom smelter on the North Fork, near the foot of Observation mountain. The ground has already been located and the smelter will be situated at a point so that all the ores of Observation, Hardy and Eagle mountains on the west and the mines of Look-out mountain on the east, will not be over two miles distant from the works.

The Seattle company will also put in reduction works six miles up the North Fork, thus affording a market for its own properties as well as those of Fisherman Gulch, Summit camp, Carrier's camp and a part of Brown's creek and the Pass Creek country.

Should the Volcanic Mountain company carry out the plans as they now have arranged them, a 500-ton smelter will be at once erected there, thus affording a market for their enormous production and that of the Pathfinder, Bonanza and a dozen other mines in that district which naturally go together to form a combination for successful reduction.

Large Shipments Probable. Aside from this many mines of the Boundary creek country will then begin shipping ore, and through this gateway will the proposed new smelter at Northport and Trail get all the ore they can use. Mine owners in this country will not be slow to furnish the railroad all the ore they can haul out, and in three months the tonnage will be so great that they will have all they can do.

It is estimated that there are fifty mines in this section ready to ship ore as soon as they can do so profitably, at the same time pay their way and the expenses of development. The work now going on in and around Grand Forks, in Summit camp and on the North Fork will no doubt show up some valuable and rich properties from which a large amount of ore will be produced when they have a market for it.

Mines Under Development.

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GRAND FORKS NEWS

Residents of the Kettle River Country Expect a Spring Boom.

MUCH TALK OF SMELTERS

Seattle and Volcanic Companies Both Intend Erecting Reduction Works and a Custom Smelter Is Also on the Tapis—Mining Notes.

GRAND FORKS, Jan. 5.—[Special Correspondence.]—The holiday season in this section has been a very profitable one to our merchants and all speak in the highest terms of their sales and business transactions.

Miners and mining men from all quarters of the district came down to Grand Forks and as a unit joined in making the masquerade ball on New Year's eve a decided success. The affair was gotten up exclusively for the benefit of the school and enough was realized to fully pay for the supplies now arranged for the school, which opens a week from today with Miss Johnson, of Vernon, in charge.

It is expected that within six weeks from now business and mining matters will begin to brighten up on this side of the great mineral belt. Letters are being received daily from outside parties requesting parties here to keep them posted upon the opening of the season. From this source one can come pretty near judging the amount of travel that will come to this section this season.

Big Immigration Expected.

There promises to be a big influx of people when the season opens. Prospectors from all over the country, including Rossland, promise to flood the country as soon as they are able to get out into the hills. Men who have already secured interests in properties are anxiously waiting for spring to come so they can get out and start development work.

Numerous sales and deals are now being negotiated whereby considerable work will be done for a starter, and as soon as we are assured that work is being started on a railroad this way all the mines will be started up and preparations made for banking ore on the dumps ready for shipment.

Railway Prospects.

The MINER of the 1st contained in detail the most encouraging news we have yet obtained in regard to the ultimate determination of a railway route into this country this season. We have great hopes of the building of the branch of the Spokane Falls & Northern as the first route to reach this point, while the Columbia & Western is considered by some as the most reliable when they have been recognized and assisted by the dominion government at their sitting in this session of the legislature. It is now a settled fact that both routes will come into the Kettle river district through the same country, via Christina lake and the cascades and up the Kettle River valley to Grand Forks.

Talk of Smelters.

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are making fine showings as development progresses.

Dr. Averill recently let a contract for sinking a 100-foot shaft on the Minnie mine situated between the Seattle and Wolverine mines, on Brown's creek. At a depth of 10 feet a fine body of ore was uncovered, showing conclusively that depth was necessary to fully demonstrate the value of this property.

Hay and McCallum have let a new contract on the Napoleon mine and will keep up development of this property henceforth. They have a fine showing of miners from the surface and are constantly banking ore on the dump for shipment when the time comes.

J. E. Walker returned from Spokane last week and at once began packing provisions up to the Garnet mountain properties. He will continue development until spring, when the company expects to have machinery supplied to work this property on a systematic basis.

The shaft on the R. Bell mine, in Summit camp, is down 65 feet and is being continued to the 100-foot point where they expect to intersect the vein through a vertical shaft. The contract is for a double compartment shaft, well timbered and put in shape for a working shaft upon which a hoist will be erected in the spring.

To Start in the Spring.

A proposition is now on foot whereby the Iron King, Lilly and Silver Con. mines, owned by D. P. Mitchell, of Grand Forks, and Con Gosgrove, of Rossland, are to be transferred to a strong company and development prosecuted vigorously. A machinery plant is to be put up on the North Fork, one mile above the town. The mines are situated on Lookout mountain, one and a half miles from here.

Negotiations are being made through a Seattle syndicate for starting work on the Bonlevard group four miles up the North Fork. Billy Schunk, a Rossland boy, is to have charge of the property.

Local and District News.

Work will be started in a few days upon the bridge to cross the Kettle river to the south side one mile below town. It is being built by the government and private subscriptions for the convenience of people living in the valley on the south side.

Several new residences are now in course of construction on Second and Third streets. A number of real estate transfers have been made lately and contracts let for a number of new business blocks, as early as work can be started in the spring. Among the several new enterprises is a cigar manufactory, a boot and shoe house, a new hotel and a furniture house. The new town company will put up several new buildings, and Manley & Averill will put up a large store building on the corner of Riverside and Bridge streets, to be occupied instead of the present one.

It is rumored that arrangements are being made by Marcus and Clark to build a bridge across the canyon between here and Marcus after the 1st of February. The trail into this country as soon as spring opens promises to justify this move, making three direct routes from Marcus to Greenwood running daily.

The principal members of the town company are expected to return to Grand Forks on or about the 1st of next month, when several business enterprises will be started and work on a spring boom will be practically inaugurated.

MINES OF THE BIG BEND.

Orphan Boy the Only Quartz Property Working This Winter.

Revelstoke Mail: Everything is doing nicely at the Orphan Boy, which is the only quartz property working in the Bend this winter, but there are several others in shape to start as soon as provisions can be started. At the Orphan Boy, E. McDiarmid foreman, there are seven men running a tunnel and sinking a shaft. The tunnel is in over 100 feet and cuts two rich ledges of quartz, one of which is over two feet wide, the other eight or ten feet. There are also three other distinct leads on this claim varying from eighteen inches to two feet in width. Mill tests from this property run between \$30 and \$40 per ton gold.

Geo. Lamb is making things hum at the North Star placer and will clean to bed-rock this time. He is running a tunnel to tap the old channel and expects to strike it rich in a few days.

Work is in full blast on the Consolation. John Swanson has charge of this great placer, which is famous for its coarse gold and big nuggets. It is a constant producer of the yellow metal, and \$12 per man is a conservative estimate of the daily output.

The Last Chance has shut down for the present for the lack of water, but will soon resume as John Sanderson is putting things in shape for an early start. They struck good pay on this claim just before they had to shut down.

Work will shortly be commenced on several of the claims on Keystone mountain. This camp is noted for the immense size of its leads and with development will rank with any in West Kootenay.

WANETA MINING NOTES.

Pug Has a Good Showing—Britannia Sold—Golden Welcome and Rustler.

WANETA, Jan. 4.—[Special Correspondence.]—Great interest has been shown during the past few weeks in the new mining field around Waneta, which is largely due to the excellent showing obtained in the Pug mine, operated by the Columbia & Ontario Gold Mining company, under the management of J. B. Miller. Capital is coming in, and many locations have lately changed hands.

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