POORMAN FRACTION

An Exact Description of the Property at the Present Time.

HAS A LITTLE ORE IN SIGHT

There are 37 Feet Not Yet Stoped Out Above the Tunnel Level-Ore Chute is Short-More Ore Can Only be Got by Sinking.

There has been so much said about the Poorman mine of late that THE MINER has undertaken by personal examination to learn the exact truth as to the property. Superintendent James Clark, of the War Eagle who is also in charge of the Poorman most promptly and courteously afforded us every facility in making this investigation.

gone abroad as to the Poorman. This This shaft made water very fast when arose probably from the fact that it has only down a few feet, but nearly solid made several shipments of ore. It ore had taken the place of the capping should be remembered that because a before work was suspended at this point. mine ships some ore it is not necessarily A new shaft was then started 300 feet true that that it has a great deal to ship. east on the vein at a point about that

place that the Poorman is a small tri- eralized vein matter which looks as angular fraction between the Josie, Le though it might change to solid ore at Roi and War Eagle. The Josie ledge any time. runs through it from southwest to northeast, and then passes into the War Eagle. It is about 150 feet from the man to the point where it passes out.

sunk near the Josie line and by a tunnel He took elevations by barometer all the run in from the War Eagle ground. An way along his route. At Waneta the upraise has been made from the tunnel to the shaft and the only ore taken from the mine was from levels driven east The north fork of Salmon where it joins from the shaft. It is 18 feet from the the Salmon is 1,000 feet higher. Quartz collar of the shaft to the first stope. This stope is 17 feet long and the ore had an average width of 18 inches. It is 29 feet from the collar of the shaft to the second stope and this stope is 34 feet long and the vein had an average width of about 18 inches. It is 45 feet from the divide between Wild Horse creek and Clearwater showed 6,000 and 6,400 the collar of the shaft to the third stope feet respectively. and this stope is 45 feet long and the vein had an average width of about 20 inches. It was here most of the ore taken from the mine was found. This

ground in the mine above the tunnel that has not been worked out is that below the floor of the third stope. The tunnel does not show any ore to speak of. It cuts the vein in two or three places but the ore at these points is a mere seam and could not be worked

The only hope of securing any considerable body of ore is in sinking from the tunnel level. It would be idle to say that all the ore in the Poorman has been exhausted. Hardly a beginning has been made in opening the vein. The vein may widen below and a considerable amout of ore may be found. But it must be said frankly there has never been much ore taken from this mine and there is not much now in sight.
What there is has good grade and yields a fair return. If enough of it can be found the mine will be all right although the limitations of the ground will prevent its ever being a big mine.

THE MINER has carefully examined

the books of the Poorman company and there is not a shadow of a reason to suppose that every cent coming from the shipments of ore has not been properly accounted for. The company never had any treasury shares as it was organized on the assessment plan and the only way the mine can get money for develop-ment is from the shipment of ore and from the assessment of stock. The War Eagle company has so far advanced all Mining Stocks. the money used in the development, except that coming from the sale of ore share has been levied which will provide sufficient money to pay all debts due the War Eagle company for advances and have something for a development fund.
These are the facts about the Poorman.

They are not necessarily discouraging. The mine has a good many tons of good ore in sight and is now out of debt. The thing to do is to go on with the development of the property and hunt for another ore chute below the tunnel level.

MOUNTAIN VIEW'S CROSSCUT.

It Has Been Run 18 Feet and Seems to Be Coming Into an Ore Body.

Work is to be carried forward on the Mountain View all winter. This claim Watson Co., Ltd. adjoins the St. Elmo on the west and runs down the west side of Red mountain as far as the Nevada. Not much is heard of it, partly because it is pretty high up the mountain and is rather difficult of access. Mr. Liljegran has charge of the work, and her correlated charge of the work and has completed his winter cabins. The tunnel started some time ago was driven in 124 feet and then a crosscut was started to tap the vein. It is now 18 feet long and the face is well mineralized. It is expected the ore body will be found in a short

This property is owned by Colonel I. N. Peyton and some Danville, Illinois, people. They are well equipped financially and mean to work the Mountain View for all it is worth.

Two Buildings Burnt.

On Wednesday morning residents of the west end of town were awakened shortly after four o'clock by the screeching of the whistle of the locomotive on the ore train of the Columbia & Western railway. The cause of the alarm was at once apparent. Two buildings on Le Roi avenue just west of the townsite were burning fiercely. They proved to be Chinese laundries. The inmates were asleep at the time the fire was first noticed bursting through the roof of one of the buildings. They were awakened with difficulty and saved practically none of their effects. The buildings burned to the ground, the loss being about \$500.

New Powder Company.

Articles of incorporation of the Eureka Powder company were filed at Olympia, Wash., on the 14th. The incorporators are: A. P. Curry, T. J. E. Scoones, C. W. Bowhay, Jessie McCutcheon, R. D. Hoppe and J. W. Scott. A. P. Curry (of Warren & Curry) was elected president, T. J. E. Scoones secretary, and C. W. Bowhay treasurer. The object of the company is to manufacture, under the Pettingell process, and sell a new pow-der in British Columbia. The properties claimed for the new powder are absolute safety, strength, economy and smokelessness. This powder has already been tested in the presence of many wellknown mining and powder men, and they all pronounce the Eureka powder a great improvement on the ordinary blasting powder, where so much danger exists. The company proposes to erect a factory in Rossland.

Hattie Develops Nicely.

The Hattie, which lies just east of the Lily May is looking very fine at present. Since J. J. Moynahan took charge of the development he has done considerable work on the big east vein with most encouraging results. A shaft was first sunk where the vein is cut through by a Very exaggerated ideas seem to have branch of the south fork of Trail creek. This seems to be the case with the Poor- distance from the creek where the ground is 70 or 80 feet above the creek It must be understood in the first level. This shaft is already all in min-

Elevations on Wild Horse.

F. O. Hazen of Rossland, a pariner of point where the ledge enters the Poor- E. D. Brown, made a trip recently from The ledge has been opened by a shaft Waneta to the head of Wild Horse creek. elevation is 1375 feet above sea level.

Wore Greased Gloves Seven Years. John Siron, mason, Aultsville, Ont., had a salt rheum so severe that for seven stope measured what appeared to be the maximum length of the ore chute. It is years he wore greased gloves. He less than 50 feet long.

A fourth stope is now started and this will take the level nine feet lower. It is trace of salt rheum now." Chase's Oint-28 feet from the floor of this new stope ment cures every irritant disease of the to the tunnel level below. The only skin, allays itching instantly and is a

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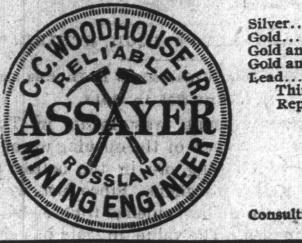
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KOOTENAYCOLUMBIA.

The Third Level on This Great Mine Has Struck Pay Ore.

98 FT. BELOW BIG TUNNEL

When Under the Apex of the Hill It Will Give a Depth of of 465 Feet-Greater Portion of the Property Is Yet Unopened.

Ore has been found in the lower tunnal of the Kootenay. This tunnel was started last year when the property was under bond to Mr. Humphreys, but was k driven only about 25 feet. Work was resumed a short time since and the tunnel is now in nearly 50 feet. Ore began to appear last week and now there is a fair-sized body in the face. An assay showed \$23 in gold. It is reasonable to assume therefore that the beginning of a pay chute has been found.

This makes the third tunnel started on the Kootenay-Columbia property. The first one was driven in on the ground of the Columbia, which adjoins the Kootenay on the west and takes in the apex of Columbia hill. Pay ore was found in this tunnel. If it were continued it would run under the apex of the hill at a depth of 225 feet, but no work is being done there at present. Lower down the east slope of Columbia hill is the tunnel in which most work has been done and in which the great discoveries of ore have been made. It is 142 feet below the upper tunnel and is now in 240 feet. It is just now passing into the Columbia ground and directly under the mouth of the upper tunnel.

The third tunnel is 98 feet below this tunnel. When it is driven far enough it will be 465 feet below the apex of

The present plan of developing the Kootenay and Columbia is to drive these tunnels through the hill and make upraises from one to the other and from the upper tunnel to the surface. When it is remembered that both the lower tunnels have yet to be driven 1,500 feet to get to the west end line of the Columbia, to say nothing of about 1,200 feet to be driven by the upper tunnel something of the magnitude of the work now undertaken may be imagined and some conception formed of the possibilities of the mine, the ore in many places being 10 or 15 feet wide.

WORK ON THE ALF.

Very Satisfactory Showing in the Bottom of a 16-Foot Shaft.

Superintendent Liljegran reports very satisfactory progress in the development of the Alf, on Mayflower hill. A shaft is now down 16 feet, with a favorable showing in the bottom. The ledge seems to come in from the Red Eagle, a claim with some very rich ore on the surface, to which the MINER referred last week. Cabins have been built and the Alf is in good shape for the winter. Special attention is now directed towards Mayflower hill owing to the rich grade of the ore in some of the veins which run

REVELSTOKE MINES.

Consolation Placer Taking Out \$300

A Week Without Machinery. Revelstoke Mail: Laforme's pack train of about 25 animals, in charge of Pete Levesque and J. Neilson, was met Tuesbay by F. G. Kegler about 7 miles this side of Gold Stream. The last bit of feed had been eaten up the night before at the Nine-mile tree, and they were pushing on to Gold Stream where they have a small quantity of hay stored. The snow was three feet deep, and as it has been snowing steadily since it must now be very much deeper. This want of feed stuff may result in the death of the animals unless some can be got to them right away. John D. Boyd is said to have some feed stored at Downie creek, which will help out somewhat, but as the quanity is very limited more will be required. A relief party has been organized to relieve the distressed train, and will take up a cargo of hay and oats on the boat Big Bend.

Kegler also reports meeting Geo. La-forme and Bob Green, on the same day at Seven-mile creek with a herd of cattle at Seven-mile creek with a herd, of cattle for the Last Chance. They were breaking the trail well. This will materially assist the pack train in getting out if the provender can be got to it on its way down. About four years ago a somewhat similar misfortune overtook the train and all the animals had to be shot, a catastrophe which it is hoped may be averted this time. averted this time.

The Gonsolation placer on French creek, with four men at work, is taking out \$250 to \$300 per week. The gold is not very coarse, but some nuggets go about \$15, which are at present the largest obtained, the average size being \$5 and \$6. More men are to be put on right away and work pushed on the main channel, which it is expected will give most gratifying results. At present the work is being done on a bench and off the channel, so that all prospects of the yield are likely to be more than realized. In one little crevice foreman Jack Sweeney took out one day last week about \$50 worth of gold. The Consolation is more than a bonanza, and its takings-all by hand-are equivalent to and more than the results of some companies using hydraulic pressure and expensive matchinery. The returns for the winter's work will assume large proportions and are well deserved.

Inspector Fletcher has written about the mails for the Big Bend, inquiring the mails for the Big Bend, inquiring whether the present carrier, George Laforme, would carry it at the rates in force all summer. viz., \$40 for the two trips per month. It is impossible to make two trips a month in winter, and the one that can be made is harder than two in summer. Laforme agrees to make one trip per month for \$50, the men in the camps guaranteeing \$20 more.

The experts who examined the Gold Hill found good pay in all their test pits. Alex. Gainer has made a quartz location on the hydraulic ground at the mouth of French creek. The lead runs