

POORMAN FRACTION

An Exact Description of the Property at the Present Time.

HAS A LITTLE ORE IN SIGHT

There are 37 Feet Not Yet Stopped Out Above the Tunnel Level—Ore Chute is Short—More Ore Can Only be Got by Sinkings.

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.

Very exaggerated ideas seem to have gone abroad as to the Poorman. This arose probably from the fact that it has made several shipments of ore.

It must be understood in the first place that the Poorman is a small triangular fraction between the Josie, Le Roi and War Eagle.

The ledge has been opened by a shaft sunk near the Josie line and by a tunnel run in from the War Eagle ground.

A fourth stope is now started and this will take the level nine feet lower. It is 28 feet from the floor of this new stope to the tunnel level below.

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.

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.

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.

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 adjoins the St. Elmo on the west and runs down the west side of Red mountain as far as the Nevada.

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.

New Powder Company. Articles of incorporation of the Eureka Powder company were filed at Olympia, Wash., on the 14th.

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.

Elevations on Wild Horse. F. O. Hazen of Rosland, a partner of E. D. Brown, made a trip recently from Waneta to the head of Wild Horse creek. He took elevations by barometer all the way along his route.

Wore Greased Gloves Seven Years. John Siron, mason, Aultsville, Ont., had a salt rheum so severe that for seven years he wore greased gloves.

Preparing for....

SANTA CLAUS. Wall paper moved to the rear. Immense stock of Holiday Goods soon on view at

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KOOTENAY COLUMBIA

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 465 Feet—Greater Portion of the Property is Yet Unopened.

Ore has been found in the lower tunnel of the Kootenay. This tunnel was started last year when the property was under bond to Mr. Humphreys, but was driven only about 25 feet.

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.

The present plan of developing the Kootenay and Columbia is to drive these tunnels through the hill and make up-raises from one to the other and from the upper tunnel to the surface.

WORK ON THE ALF.

Very Satisfactory Showing in the Bottom of a 16-Foot Shaft. Superintendent Liljegren reports very satisfactory progress in the development of the Alf, on Mayflower hill.

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 Tuesday by F. G. Kegler about 7 miles this side of Gold Stream.

Kegler also reports meeting Geo. Laforme and Bob Green, on the same day at Seven-mile creek with a herd of cattle for the last time.

The Consolation 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.

Inspector Fletcher has written about the mails for the Big Bend, inquiring whether the present carrier, George Laforme, would carry it, at the rate in force all summer, viz., \$40 for the two trips per month.