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MINING NOTES.

The Cracker Jack has been sold to a syndicate, of which the chief promoters are Doctor Reddy and Messrs. P. A. O'Farrell and Ross Thompson. The Cracker Jack adjoins the Green Mountain on the northeast. At the southern side of the claim there is a nice showing of surface ore which looks well, although it is not very large. The discovery is made on a very strong and healthy iron cap, on which it should not take very much work to disclose good ore.

J. A. Finch has acquired control of the stock of the Novelty.

A new shaft has been started on the Good Hope and indications are very favorable.

Mr. Haskine, superintendent of the Jumbo, has a contract on the High Ore for which he is taking his pay in stock. The High Ore adjoins the Jumbo. He has lots of faith in the prospect of finding a mine there.

A new discovery has been made of good ore in a shaft 150 feet east of the surface cut on the Colonna, which first gave evidence of the great value of the property. Ore is now opened up for 250 feet at least on the property on the surface and it is all of shipping grade, which points to the existence of a very long chute of ore.

Appearances are improving very strikingly on the Silverine. It is rumored that the control has been acquired by a syndicate from the present holders.

The Red Mountain is not going back on its name nor on the remarkably fine surface showing discovered there lately. It is improving with every foot of work done.

The Kootenay is not a mine much talked of around the streets of Rossland. Its stock is not dealt in on the local market at all. And it is not yet swelling the output of ore by shipments. But one of the most experienced mining men in the camp gave it as his firm belief that the Kootenay was destined to be the greatest mine in the district. There is nothing in present appearances on the property out of harmony with that view, but there are other prospects coming to the front which will run it close.

S. M. Wharton claims that the Cliff is the biggest mine in Trail Creek. He is on the horns of a dilemma. He hates to ship ore, because ore in sight makes a mine sell. He hates to sell the mine until he has opened up another level. He cannot open up another level unless he ships ore to pay expenses. What is he to do? When the Colonel is seen on a street corner with a pensive, far-away look in his eyes, it is that problem he is figuring out.

The Waneta-Trail Gold Mining Company held their first annual meeting on Monday. The promoters were able to put a very satisfactory state of affairs before the company. The first block of treasury stock has all been sold and development work is being pushed ahead with a force of seven men, and has already disclosed some very good ore. The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: C. O. Lalonde, president; A. S. Goodeve, vice-president; Robert Dixon, treasurer; D. D. Birks, secretary; W. C. Archer, managing director; A. H. MacNeill and Charles Bates.

The new discovery on the Colonna shows three feet and a half of solid ore.

Some very remarkable looking ore has been found in the shaft on the Morning Star. It looks like zinc ore, with a little copper through. An assay disclosed the fact that in gold, silver, copper and lead it is of good shipping value.

The Sunset has two feet of good ore, ten inches of which yield the prettiest copper and quartz ore ever seen in Trail Creek. Although by no means solid copper pyrites it carries 15 per cent. copper. Its gold valuation, with its high copper percentage, makes it of shipping grade.

A \$20 assay in silver, copper and lead was received from the claims being operated by the Waneta and Trail Company.

The Annie Fraction is to the front with a discovery of ore in the shaft which assays well.

The west shaft on the Golden Chariot is looking splendid. It is down over thirty feet and has two feet of fine looking copper ore in it. It will be continued to the fifty-foot level and then the vein will be cross cut.

The contract given for sinking on the Sovereign is nearly completed. The mine is looking well.

The local management of the Heather Bell is only waiting for instructions to place the treasury stock on the market.

A strike of ore has been made on the Butte which is really most astonishing, not because the strike is in itself very wonderful, but because of the character of the surface showing which concealed it. The Butte started in on a stringer, it has now a body of ore between two and three feet wide. And it is good ore, too. It is a fine grade of copper pyrites mixed with quartz and it assays over \$20. The Butte lies about 1500 feet east of the limits of Rossland townsite and immediately adjoining the Paris Belle. Thus the wildcat of the spring makes the mine of the fall. The first thing we know the Paris Belle will be a shipper. When that happens criticism may fold its hands in despair.

Ore has lately been taken from the Goldhunter which assayed \$58 in gold and 7 per cent. copper.

A most laughable accusation has been made against the management of the War Eagle in the columns of the Victoria Colonist. They have, it seems, been stealing ore from the Poorman and using it to swell the War Eagle returns, with a view of influencing the sale of the latter. The pay chute in the Poorman shaft is within 20 feet of the War Eagle line and is pitching to the west. The Poorman had no pay ore in the heart of its tunnel, nor until a raise was made. The little wedge of ore taken out of the Poorman would not discharge the pay roll of the War Eagle for two weeks. The gentleman who discovered this mare's nest had better learn something about the measurement of stopping ground. As for the newspaper which published the story, if it is not within the range of the libel law it ought to be.

The shaft on the Mugwump has been straightened out and timbered and sinking has begun from the 50-foot level, lumber being delivered for a shaft and ore house.

The Nest Egg Company is enlarging its capital to 1,000,000 shares. Each shareholder will receive 50 per cent. more stock than he held before, and the balance will be sold to supply funds to install machinery, which has been ordered.

The Anglo-American Gold Mining and Milling Company of Rossland has been formed to work the claims Rainbow, Coyote, Cottonwood and McCormick on Palmer mountain, in the Wonacut mining district in Okanogan county, Washington. These claims show assay returns running very high in free gold.

The Buffalo Gold Mining Company, of which Dr. Campbell is one of the chief promoters, is about to open up three claims on O. K. mountain which have a very promising showing.

A Business and Mining Directory of Rossland, which should be of great service, is being compiled.

What does a man in Sir James Grant's position mean by coupling the California with the War Eagle and Le Roi and referring to it as one producer? The California company ought to clear themselves of any responsibility as to the source of this outrageous statement. It hurts a property to have too much claimed for it.

The Derby is getting some good ore and shows the car marks of a mine.