

CRIPPLE CREEK NEWS:

\$25,000 SUIT AGAINST MATOA.

Jacob G. Hall, of West Virginia filed suit in the district court to-day against the Mtoa Mining and Leasing Company for \$25,000 and costs of suit. Hall claims that he has owned 3,070 of the 82,000 shares of the capital since the organization of the company in 1896, and that he has contributed from time to time his share of the money that was used in the development of the property.

He further claims that a meeting of the company's stockholders was held December 20, 1896, for the purpose of changing the board of directors and increasing the capital stock of the company, and also to provide for mortgaging the property for an amount sufficient to liquidate all indebtedness, at which meeting he was unable to be present. He alleged that shortly after this meeting a chattel mortgage was executed by the secretary of the company on all of the company's personal property, in favor of the president of the company, G. T. Nash, as trustee, who afterward put the property up for sale and bought it in for \$500. Hall claims that he has been fraudulently deprived of all interest in the company, and that the stock which he now holds is worthless. He claims the property is on a good paying basis and shipping ore.

JACK POT.

The dividend of the Creston Gold Mining Company for the month of October has just been declared. It is the smallest in several months, being \$7,548.42. There are thirty shares in the company, and each stockholder will receive \$251.45. The net returns to the leasing company, after paying royalties to the Jack Pot company was \$28,721.55. The mine expenses were \$16,178.18. The gross value of the product for the month was about \$23,000. The amount paid to the Jack Pot company in royalties was approximately \$8,000.

The dividends paid by this company during the past few months have been many times larger than this. In fact, the dividend just declared is smaller than that of a year ago, when \$389.58 per share, or \$11,687.40, was disbursed. The reason ascribed for the falling off in profits is that the leasing company has not lately had ore in sufficient quantities or quality to make big money. Extensive dead work has also been under way at the mine, which will in time result in the opening up of more ore. The shaft has been sunk 578 feet, and crosscutting for the new level has commenced. Just what character of mineral will be found is conjectural. A winze down fifty feet from the level above is not showing well, so far as the ore in it is concerned. The famous lease expires April 9, 1900, and it is hardly possible that any further sinking will be done. With the new level opened up in the ore, and with what ore is left in the other levels, the leasing company will not have too much time in which to work out the ore. A large force is still employed, and the property has the same appearance of life and activity which has marked it the past eighteen months.

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For week ending	Compared with previous week
Dec. 3.....\$2,082.70.....Inc.	\$68.70
" 102,088.75.....	6.05

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1.00 Payne	1.05	1.03	1.05	1.04	1.05	1.04	1.06	1.04
1.00 War Eagle rd.....	2.65	2.35	2.70	2.50	2.58	2.50	2.80	2.40
1.00 Republic rd	1.03	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.06	1.00	1.03	1.00
1.00 Virtue.....	.60	.55	.55	.51	.53	.51	.55	.52
.24 Montreal-London rd.....	.35	.34	.37	.35	.35	.34	.35	.32
1.00 Big Three .....	.10	.07	.11	.09	.10	.09	.09	.09
1.00 Brandon & Glad'n Crown	.24	.25	.30	.27	.29	.25	.28	.24
1.00 California .....	.12	.11	.12	.11	.12	.11	.13	.11
.10 Canada Gold Fields Syn..	.07	.05	.07	.06	.07	.06	.07	.05
6.00 Cariboo Hydraulic.....	.97	....	1.00	....	.90	....	1.00	....
1.00 Evening Star.....	.08	.05	.08	.06	.08	.07	.08	.07
.25 Fern.....	.04	.03	.06	.03	.04	.03	.05	.02
1.00 Gold Hills Developing .....	.05	.04	.05	.03	.05	.03	.05	.03
1.00 Iron Colt .....	.18	.07	.18	.08	.14	.08	.14	.10
1.00 Knob Hill.....	.84	.80	.94	.80	.83	.80	.84	.75
1.00 Monto-Christo Con.....	.08	.05	.07	.06	.08	.06	.07	.05
.25 Montreal Gold Fields.....	.07	.06	.08	.06	.08	.06	.07	.06
1.00 Noble Five.....	.18	.11	.18	....	.16	.13	.18	.12
.10 Novelty.....	.02	.01	.02	.01	.02	.01	.02	.01
1.00 Old Ironsides.....	1.10	.90	1.10	1.01	1.09	.99	1.09	....
1.00 Virginia.....	.08	.04	.08	.05	.08	.05	.08	.05
1.00 Rambler Cariboo.....	.58	.54	....	....	.57	.55	.57	.55
1.00 Bullion.....	.50	.37	.54	.25	.50	.35	.52	....
1.00 Decca.....	.18	.12	.18	.12	.17	.12	.20	.12
1.00 Morrison10	.06	.09	.06	.10	.06	.10	.06
1.00 Golden Star81	.30	.81	.30	.82	.30	.83	.30
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1.00 Rathmullen.....	.08	.05	.07	.05	.07	.05	.08
1.00 Winnipeg.....	.31	.22	.3530	.25	.31	.21
1.00 Dardanelles.....	.12	.10	.12	.10	.12	.09	.12
1.00 Deer Trail No. 2.....	.13	.12	.14	.12	.12	.12	.13	.12
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1.00 Kenneth.....

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