

SOLD THE PORTLAND

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IT ADJOINS THE VELVET

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The fortunate sellers yesterday were Olaus Jeldness, Jefferson Lewis and John Cromie. The two first named were also the sellers of the Velvet.

Operations will probably commence Tuesday on the development of the Portland, under the direction of Captain Morrish, the company's engineer.

About 20 men are now at work on the Velvet and the shaft is down nearly 30 feet.

Pack trains were busy Monday and Sunday in bringing in ore from the Velvet mine to the Columbia & Western railway depot.

Mr. Mackenzie is seen last night at the Allan House by a MINER reporter in regard to the company's plans for the construction of the extension of the C. P. R. system from Penitico to the Boundary district.

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It Weighs 3,000 Pounds and Came from the Dandy Mine.

CHARLES MOY, the instructor of the Seattle Athletic club, has just sent a challenge to Harry Dunn, who recently bested Schumacher in a wrestling match in this city.

Back from Fort Steele.

High Sutherland, of Winnipeg, president of the Winnipeg & Hudson Bay railway company, and formerly M. P. for Selkirk, is just in from the Fort Steele country.

They Killed Their Horses.

Prospectors are beginning to come out of the Big Bend country for the reason that it is getting too cold for them to remain there any longer.

SLOCAN CITY NEWS.

The Nelson Tribune Not Up To Date With Its News.

SLOCAN CITY, Oct. 12.—[Special.]—The contractors have commenced work on the station buildings here.

Ore is being sacked up for shipment on the Paystreak.

C. N. Banks, who has leased the Elilo on Lemon creek, has also leased the Saddle Rock and intends to work both properties.

It is reported that Wm. Brasch, one of the owners of the Pioneer group, has given the British Columbia Gold Fields company a short option on the property.

The Nelson Tribune is a little out of date with some of its Slocan news.

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A GOOD DEAL CLOSED

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A NEW COMPANY FORMED

Operations on the Commander Will Soon Be Resumed—John Y. Cole Reports That the White Bear Mine Is in a Very Prosperous Condition.

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claimed to be sufficient to net the company about \$50 per ton above charges for freight and treatment.

A New Company Organized.

The Glasgow Gold Mining company was organized Tuesday afternoon, and elected H. Marymont, J. F. Ritchie, John Ripplinger, P. G. Nash and Joseph Marymont as directors.

The company owns three claims—the Bismarck and Bismarck Fraction in the Slocan country, and the Copper King in Deadwood camp, Boundary county.

The company is organized with 1,000,000 shares, of which 400,000 have been set aside for development purposes, and it is the intention of the management to commence work on both properties as soon as a few minor details are attended to.

John Ripplinger, the locator of the Slocan property, in speaking of the prospects of the company's property, said that he had been on the Copper King and examined it carefully, and was satisfied that with a small outlay for development work, ore in paying quantities, can be mined as soon as transportation will reach the Boundary country, and in speaking of the Slocan property, he said that shipping ore can be mined from the surface, almost enough to pay current expenses until the property is developed, when it will certainly be one of the dividend paying mines of Slocan.

May Sell to a Syndicate.

A meeting of the Royal Canadian Gold Mining & Development company will be held at the office of the company in this city on Friday afternoon for the purpose of considering the question of the sale of the property of the company to a London syndicate.

The syndicate will put up one-third of the capitalized value of the property in the treasury of the company as a working capital.

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THE EUREKA CAMP

The Republic and Other Mines on the Reservation.

A FRUITFUL COUNTRY

A District So Rich in Mining and Pastoral Resources As To Be An Incentive to American Railways To Build It Through To Boundary.

EUREKA, Wash., Oct. 12.—On the 20th day of February, 1896, Mr. Cleveland signed the act opening to mineral entry the northern part of the Colville reservation.

Immediately multitudes of prospectors were seen by the Indians riding rapidly through the various valleys of the reserve to some much desired point to locate a mineral claim from which each hoped to obtain wealth and perhaps fame.

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off than now. Recollect, the Indians made a treaty with the government for the opening of the reservation to settlement, but with unutterable meanness congress refused to ratify the treaty on account of a paltry sum allowed the Indians. Meanwhile, a very anomalous and very disagreeable condition of things prevail and will prevail till the whole reservation is opened to settlement.

Supplies Come From B. C.

Before many summers wax or wane, Eureka will have a population of 5,000. But as the law stands not one of these 5,000 people have the right to build a house, to cut a stick of wood, to plant a flower, to grow a cabbage plant, or to graze a cow or horse.

A Paradise for the Farmer.

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