

## NEWS OF THE MINES.

Spokane, May 31.

James Clark, vice-president of the Surprise Mining Company, was rejoicing yesterday over the continued good news from the mine in Republic. He had just received a telephone message from Superintendent Thomas Clark, giving the result of four assays from as many different cuts, all south of all former cuts on the surface of the claim. These ran \$21, \$150, \$100 and \$65.

A letter was received at the office of the company yesterday from Superintendent Thomas Clark, in which he frankly expressed his disappointment on account of the action of the Surprise Company in combining with the Lone Pine. He had nothing to say against the Lone Pine, but he asserted that "the Surprise is another Republic, and does not need to combine with anything." Mr. Clark will be the superintendent of the consolidated Lone Pine-Surprise-Pearl property, when the new company assumes control.

"The tunnel on the Surprise which we are running to crosscut the vein," said James Clarke last evening, "is not yet into the ledge, but assays made to-day of the country rock ran \$13 in gold, showing that the mineralization has been thorough."

## EVENING STAR.

A visit was made to the Evening Star recently, and there is little doubt that this property now is in a condition to justify its being called a mine. For nearly a year past the work has been steadily in progress under the general management of Jerome Drumbeller, of Spokane, and the direction of Roy Clarke, the mining engineer, and Mr. Piper, the foreman. The mistakes of the former management were corrected, and gradually order was created out of chaos. The main ore body was located and the work of opening it in a scientific manner was commenced. The results show that the Evening Star is a mine. The ore body had been lost in the lower tunnel, and this was relocated and drifted on for a distance of about 70 feet. The same ore body was found in the upper tunnel, and then a winze 80 feet in length was driven on the ledge, and this was completed in the middle of last week. The winze connects the lower with the upper tunnel. The shaft from the surface, which was heretofore mentioned, which is down for a distance of 85 feet, does not connect with the upper tunnel, and must be sunk for about 30 feet before a junction can be made. It is in ore all the way. The lower tunnel is in for a distance of 350 feet. The ledge is from four to five feet in width. The ore chute is, therefore, 180 feet in depth and about 70 feet in length, as far as it is exposed. Further work, it is certain, will demonstrate that it is much larger. The assays made by the management for the purpose of obtaining an average of the ore all over the chute show that it runs \$25 to the ton. The intention is to sink an inclined tunnel from the bottom of the lower tunnel at a point under the winze. This is to be sunk a distance of 100 ft. further, and it will be practically a continuation of the winze connecting the lower with the upper tunnel. This will prove the ore body for a distance of 280 feet and demonstrate the Evening Star to be a mine beyond the per-

adventure of a doubt. The work is being done in an economical manner, and operations will be continued on the same lines. There has been no necessity for a steam hoist so far, as the bulk of the work has been done through the tunnels. The intention is not to begin the stoping of ore until the property has been thoroughly opened.

There is considerable ore on the dumps. This ore was taken out in the course of development work, and together with that which will be extracted in the course of further development of the mine, will be shipped to the smelter. The mine is located a little over half a mile from the Columbia & Western tracks, with a down-hill haul all the way. It is thought when the Columbia & Western builds an extension to the Columbia-Kootenay mine that the tracks will pass only a short distance from the Evening Star property.

What strikes the visitor to the Evening Star favorably is the immense surface showings. There are several large blow-outs, and openings have been made at several places. In places the veins near the surface are 20 feet in width. The ore in these gives high assays from the grass roots, and are surface signs of pay ore at depth. Indeed, it is difficult to find better surface showings than are to be found on the Evening Star anywhere in the camp. The ore is an arsenical iron, and principal value is in gold. Two carloads of unsorted ore from the new find sent to the smelter gave returns of a little over \$20 to the ton, and ore that runs that high is very good, when the present freight and treatment rate is considered. The ore that has been found in the winze is of a higher grade than that which was sent to the smelter, and the management is certain that it will give smelter returns of at least \$25 to the ton.

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