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MINING NEWS.

THE PRINCESS MAUD.

The Princess Maud never before had so fine a showing as now. It is really superb. The winze reached the 100-foot level sometime ago and after a sump 10 or 12 feet deep had been sunk a drift on the vein was started to the south. This drift has been run 35 feet from the upper side of the winze and yesterday afternoon there were nearly five feet of as pretty quartz in the face as any mining man could desire to see. The drift is being run about 6½ feet wide. The ore comes very near filling the face of the drift. The ore is clean and white with dark streaks running up and down and stands at an angle of about 45 degrees. It holds about the same pitch that it had on the tunnel level above where the winze was started. There is no mine in the camp that has a prettier ore body.

It will be remembered that the winze started on about two and half feet of ore and that when it was down a few feet some very high grade ore came in. It carried dark metallic spots which proved to be largely composed of silver and gold. By and by the ore body widened to four feet and the circular spots went out but the characteristic dark lines of the camp came in and have remained in ever since. These appear to be chiefly on the foot wall side. Mr. Lane, the local manager of the property says the average value of the ore now being run on is not far from \$84. If this will hold out for a hundred feet or so the Princess Maud is pretty sure to be one of the greatest mines in the camp. It is the purpose of Mr. Lane to continue the south drift as long as the ore chute holds out or till the limits of the Maud ground are reached, and in a short time start sinking again. The mine is now equipped with one of the snuggest little machinery plants in the camp. There is a Leyner compressor of three-drill capacity, and a very fine little machine it is. It furnishes an abundance of air to run two drills and the hoist. Only one drill is being run now, but the second one will be started in a few days. Manager Lane says the com-

pressor is the best one of its size he has ever seen, and is greatly pleased with it.

As soon as the sinking is resumed the winze will be continued down another 100 feet, when a shaft will be cut out and another drift started to the south. In this way the mine will be rapidly opened for production.

GIANT CLOSED DOWN.

The Giant has been shut down until April 1 under orders received from Spokane yesterday. Mr. Nicholas Tregear, superintendent in charge of the development of the Giant, was seen and asked the reason for the cessation of operations and he replied that orders came from the management to shut down until the 1st of April. The orders had been obeyed, and the miners had been laid off and the compressor house locked up. As far as the reasons for the shut-down were concerned, he was as much in the dark as anyone else. The control of the capital stock of the Giant was bonded for six months from November 1 by Senator George H. Turner, Colonel W. M. Ridpath and Mr. E. D. Sanders from Mr. A. D. Coplen and others. As soon as the bond was secured work was commenced on the property. A compressor plant was ordered and pending its installation considerable surface work in the shape of uncovering the ledges was done. When the four-drill compressor was installed the work of straightening the shaft and of crosscutting on the 50-foot level was commenced. The crosscutting was for the purpose of finding toe ledge. It is claimed that the main ledge has not yet been met on the 52-foot level. The surface showing on the Giant is excellent, and there are those who consider that comprehensive exploration at depth would reveal large pay ore shoots.

IN THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

The capacity of the stamp mill at the Cariboo Mine, Camp McKaney, is to be doubled this spring, there now being several years' supply of ore in sight. This mine has, up to date, paid \$409,337 in dividends.

Roasting of ore in heaps has not yet been started at the Granby smelter at Grand Forks, but will be shortly. City of Paris ore, from White's camp, is still being hauled in wagons to the smelter.

The Dominion Consolidated Mining Company of Fairview started work with its new compressor plant early last month, and is progressing with most satisfactory results. It has now a tunnel on the lower claim to the extent of some 200 feet, which strikes the ledge at a depth of 105 feet. Numerous assays give the average values in gold from \$6 to \$10, while some run as high as \$15. The lead is now 7 feet wide, and is increasing steadily both in size and richness.

A process of cleaning up is going on at the B. C. mine in Sunnait Camp just at present, preparatory to installing the machinery plant. All the drifts and crosscuts where ore has been temporarily stored in the lower levels are being cleaned out

and the ore sent to the surface for shipment to the Trail smelter. Two of the big dumps containing over 10,000 tons have also been wiped out in the process of shipping. No attempt has been made, however, to stop ore, as there is yet over 600 tons on the dumps ready for delivery.

At the Oro Denoro mine the connection between the east drift from the bottom of the shaft and the No. 2 tunnel has been made. Besides giving a perfect system of ventilation the tunnel cut through 66 feet of an ore chute of exceptional richness, the ore broken down being clean and little sorting is required. The No. 3 tunnel, further down the hill, is well under way, some 60 feet of working having been accomplished. Where the railroad track cut through the surface ore men are at work opening this up also. The company is to increase its power plant by a large compressor. At present only one drill is used.

While the mines in some camps are closing down on account of the lack of available ore and shortage of stopping ground, the City of Paris in Central Camp is laying men off on account of too much ore in sight. It has been found necessary to lay off all but the miners employed at development work on this property, because every available ore bin has been filled, and ore was stopped down in the mine until there was no more room to work the force. It has been found impossible to haul the ore away in wagons as fast as it was knocked down in the mine, and this caused an overplus of ore in sight, resulting in the reduction of the force, as before mentioned. It expects to have the full force at work again shortly.

CRIPPLE CREEK MINING STOCKS

		Mar. 17, 1900.	
Capital.	Par Value.		Asked
1,500,000	\$1.00	Acacia	35
2,500,000	1.00	Battle Mt'n .....	.35
900,000	1.00	Ben Hur .....	..
		Black Beile .....	.15
1,500,000	1.00	Bob Lee	5½
2,000,000	1.00	Crossus .....	..
2,000,000	1.00	Columb-Victor .....	.10½
2,000,000	1.00	O. O. Cons. ....	.15
2,000,000	1.00	O. O. & M. ....	.13½
1,250,000	1.00	Dante .....	.18
2,000,000	1.00	Damon .....	.54½
1,250,000	1.00	Elkton .....	..
1,500,000	1.00	Flower .....	.4½
1,250,000	1.00	Lindley .....	.19½
1,000,000	1.00	Gold Coin .....	..
3,000,000	1.00	Gold Sovereign .....	.13½
2,000,000	1.00	Gold Store .....	..
1,000,000	1.00	Gould .....	.30
		Hart .....	..
		Hayden .....	.2½
1,225,000	1.00	Indepen. T. & M. ....	.70½
2,250,000	1.00	Isabella	1.28½
500,000	1.00	Ida May .....	..
1,250,000	1.00	Jack Pot .....	.50½
1,500,000	1.00	Keystone .....	.19½
1,500,000	1.00	Kimberly .....	.9½
1,500,000	1.00	Lexington .....	.19½
1,000,000	1.00	Maton .....	..
600,000	1.00	Moan Anchor .....	.75
1,000,000	1.00	Magnet .....	.4½
1,500,000	1.00	Maria A. ....	.5
		Midway .....	..
1,000,000	1.00	Mt'n Beauty .....	.10½
1,000,000	1.00	Nugget .....	.16
1,500,000	1.00	New Haven .....	.09
1,250,000	1.00	Orion .....	.6
2,000,000	1.00	Pappoose .....	.08½
3,000,000	1.00	Portland	2.45
1,000,000	1.00	Princess .....	.06
		Raven .....	.77
1,250,000	1.00	Silver State .....	.02½
2,000,000	1.00	Pinnacle .....	..
1,000,000	1.00	Sacramento .....	..
		Tornado .....	..
		Union .....	.50
1,500,000	1.00	Work .....	.38½
		Zenobia .....	.16½