

CENTRE STAR DEAL

Blackstock Took Possession of the Mine Friday.

A BOTTLE OF WINE BROKEN

In the Evening Oliver Durant Gave a Banquet to Fifty of His Friends at Which Many Bumpers of Champagne Were Quaffed.

Friday afternoon a few friends of Messrs. Oliver Durant and T. G. Blackstock assembled at the Centre Star mine to witness the formal transfer of the property from the Centre Star Mining company to the Goodaleham-Blackstock syndicate.

The most interesting ceremony was yet to be performed. An ancient custom, having its origin in Cornwall, and in vogue today in the mining camps of the United States was carried out.

THE BANQUET

Mr. Durant Entertains Some Fifty of His Friends at the Allan.

Last Friday Oliver Durant, late general manager of the Centre Star, gave a banquet in the Allan house, to about 50 of his Rossland friends.

Oliver Durant, the honored host of the occasion, spoke briefly and called upon Mr. Blackstock to read a glowing tribute to the sterling qualities of the host.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh was called on by Mr. Blackstock to respond to the toast of the Rossland camp.

Hector McKee was then called upon to render a vocal selection and after singing "Miss Brady's Carriage, Drill," which encore, "Drill, Y. E. P. Drill," which was received with vociferous applause.

Edwin Durant of the B. A. C., proposed the toast, "Our American Cousins," and coupled with it the name of General C. S. Warren.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly then proposed the health of the host of the evening. He said that it afforded him the greatest pleasure to do Mr. Durant honor.

F. A. O'Farrell was called upon to respond to the toast of "The Mineral Resources of British Columbia."

IT'S A GREAT STRIKE

Nine Feet of Pay Ore Found in the Columbia-Kootenay.

THE ASSAYS RUN HIGH

The Vein is Over 14 Feet in Width—The Ore From the New Find in the White Bear Assays \$46 to the Ton Mining Notes.

One of the most important strikes ever made in the camp has just been entered in the Columbia-Kootenay mine. The discovery was made in No. 4 tunnel, 380 feet from the mouth and 200 feet from the surface.

No. 5 tunnel, which is being driven 150 feet further down the hill, is making rapid progress. Three machines are working in the face.

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Play during the last few days in connection with the club's tournament has been of a very interesting character.

Another union was added to the list of those already in Rossland, the cooks, waiters and bartenders forming an organization in the Merchants' hotel, 40 being present.

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A RUSH... The Big Bend... HIGH GRAD... A Section Where... There will be... and capitalists in... Revelstoke next... that in Rossland... mining man who... a visit to that se... he continued... mining district fo... But in those days... attraction. Pros... Bend country by... pass from Shawa... ery of rich place... Smith and McCul... lot of the digge... where the excit... what after the... Steamers plied o... river between K... lake, and at one... that there were... gaged in placem... It is stated th... millions were tak... but it was then... cult to get a cor... amount of gold i... from any plac... \$10 a Da... from the Dalles... as far as the foot... supplies for the... on a sulkier... anyone on her... stopped in the B... ceased to pay... more successful... selves to New S... than then the... district in the... quieted down to... Cleaned Up... "But Big Bar... the Consolidat... work for many c... cess. Hydraulic... on Goldstream, S... places, and ind... made good pay... the head mark... and Angus Bead... eral thousand d... ground at Gold... ago. Free M... "Several find... had been report... Culoch creek, a... were staked by... but very little... previous to the... of 1894-5. Silver... "Two or three... Revelstoke bega... that Big Bend... mining sections... a lode mining... cre and at the... several good cla... was found in sev... such high grade... ported from the... districts. At L... Lee Lane prop... had tory manner... properties were... many of capital... up in North K... the head... "At the head... flows into the... north of Revel... other claims no... the Waverley c... ceeding rich, a... made this con... rhawding to the... way. It is 20... the head mark... at that. It is... road will be o... grade of Down... river, where it... a steamer fr... the head mark... four, I believe... in view of this... plished fact, th... completed a way... to the head of... Gold-Co... "It is only re... discovery has b... Bend bounds... saw ore brought... Keystone mas... Ground Hog Bas... the Big Bend... appearance to th... War Eagle. S... creek, Keystone... creek was exce... of course all r... assay high, esp... Mine F... "Grand Hay... ous Orphan Boy... was told up the... of claims that... the Orphan al... claim averaged... majority of claim... Keystone most... richest looking... but the assay d... ness. It was... and bronzed... feet wide and... whole of that w... at a depth of o... no doubt the... get gold instea... A Carn... "But it is to... attention of the... directed. The... ing company h... on their seven... have some... dumps. They... and the latest... ne... Follow Harvey... returned \$2300