

Who Pays the Piper In a Mining Deal?

A case that has come up in the local small courts during the week has excited a good deal of local interest inasmuch as there are several nice legal points involved concerning mining partnerships which have not cropped up for some time.

The case in point is that of Isaac Decker vs. John Y. Cole, an action to recover \$33.75, the amount alleged to be due from Cole to Decker as the payment of Cole's share for work done on the Highland group of claims by Decker. The work was done on the claims during the past summer. The claims are owned jointly by George Novak and John Y. Cole, who worked them on a partnership basis, a written agreement having been drawn up between the two a year or more ago. The partnership specified that each was to pay half of the expenses, etc. Novak claims to have paid Decker his half and produced receipts at the hearing yesterday to prove that fact. Decker admitted that Novak had done his share toward paying him for the work done, but wanted Cole to do the same. Cole objected on the ground that Decker was not hired by him; in fact, that was his defence. It was also alleged that Novak, having hired Dec-

ker, was liable under the Mineral Act respecting mining partnerships.

The case has been on trial for the past three days before Judge Boulton, the last of the witnesses having been examined yesterday. Judge Boulton has reserved his decision until next Monday. George Novak was examined and told of his dealings in the matter, produced time books showing the amount of work done by Decker and the receipts for the money paid by him to Decker as his share for the work done.

The manner in which Decker was first introduced to the partners was also brought out. It seems that Decker jumped a claim known as the Legal, or at least, is alleged to have done so. After he had secured the claim he asked that Cole go in with him and do the assessment work, for which he was to get a one-half interest. The claim is said to be a fairly valuable one, and adjoins the Highland group, being worked by Cole and Novak. During the summer Decker cut two and a half miles of road and also did other work in connection with the claims. It was for this that he wanted the money. Cole put in a counter claim for work done on the Legal and for other matters, and the case assumed a complicated shape.

"Jim" Wardner Paid A Flying Visit

"Jim" Wardner of British Columbia and the United States, will eat his Christmas dinner in Rossland, his Christmas lunch on the Spokane Falls & Northern train and his holiday dinner in Spokane. Mr. Wardner arrived in the city on the late train last night and leaves this morning for the south en route east.

His latest mining proposition is on the Cherry creek claims in the Pinnvale district, at the headwaters of the Kettle river, part of which were acquired from Andrew McPhail. Mr. Wardner's mission in the city over night was to hold a brief consultation with Mr. McPhail. He states that the property has been placed in New York and that the matter now at issue is that of continuing development and equipping the proposition with the milling plant necessary to extract the values from the free milling ore deposits.

It is customary when "Jim" Wardner comes to the city to tell one of his numerous yarns, in which he figures prominently. It may be opportune, therefore, to repeat the story which Lucerne Lowery, of the New Denver Lodge, got off at Colonel "Jim" expense.

The story is that on one occasion Wardner was traveling east over the main line of the Canadian Pacific. He was sitting gazing disconsolately out of the car window, for things hadn't been prospering with him and when he paid his railroad and sleeper fare there were not sufficient "bones" left in the

exchequer to pass him into the dining car, and the outlook for short rations on the trip was all too rosy. While thus communing with himself, Wardner was approached by the car porter, who touched his hat respectfully and inquired saucily, "Scuse me, sah, but am dis Mistah Wardner, de famous mining gemman?"

"Well, that's what they sometimes call me," was "Jim's" response, as he commenced to speculate on the prospects for touching the grinning darkey.

"Well, Ise glad to meet you, sah," ventured the coon, encouraged by "Jim's" affable demeanor. "Is there anything good goin' just now in the mining market?"

"You bet," was the prompt response. "I have just organized the Fat Ox Gold Mining & Smelting Company, and it's the biggest thing on earth. We've millions in sight, and I'm just on the way east to place the property with the Vanderbilt-Rockefeller syndicate. You seem to be a good sort of a lad, and I wouldn't mind letting you in on the ground floor if you let me make a big steak out of a small investment."

The coon fell over himself in his effort to push his bank roll of \$50 into "Jim's" reluctant hand. Then "Jim" went into the diner and fed like a prince.

Not long after Wardner made a killing, and one of the first things he did was to send the colored porter's fifty back to him with a handsome bonus for the use of the wad.

New Pattern Machinery For Victory-Triumph

More than ordinary interest centres about the installation of a milling plant at the Victory-Triumph mine, as outlined by C. Williamson Milne, by reason of the fact that the plant which he suggests for crushing the ore, prior to the Wilfley tables stage of the concentration process, will be a "High-Speed" gravitation stamp mill, the first of its kind to be erected on this continent.

The mill in question is a new design evolved after years of investigation and experimenting by a practical mechanical engineer, and a description of the salient points in connection with the machinery will undoubtedly be read with interest by Miner readers who follow the improvements wrought in mining equipment.

The summarized statement of advantages that may be expected to accrue from the adoption of the "High-Speed" mill are divided under three headings, as follows:

"1—Decreased capital outlay per unit of crushing capacity due to an increase of from 50 to 1000 per cent in the crushing capacity of each stamp; the consequent reduction of from 33 to 50 per cent in the number of stamps with their foundations, mortar-blocks, framings, feeders, driving gears, etc., required for a given crushing capacity; the consequent reduction in the floor space required, and in the size of the battery house; the greatly reduced cost of transportation of the component parts to the mill.

"2—Decreased working expenses per ton due to decreased labor required to attend to the reduced number of stamps, decreased interest and depreciation charges, decreased maintenance and repair costs.

"3—The ability to convert existing stamps of the average weight now in

mill utilizing the existing buildings, foundations, battery-frames, mortar-blocks, heads, shoes, dies, whilst increasing the crushing capacity by from 50 to 70 per cent, according to the particular conditions of the case in respect to weight of stamps, and number of drops per minute; the great increase in crushing capacity being obtained at a cost which is trifling as compared to the alternative of adding the required number of additional cam stamps to the existing mill."

The description of the apparatus states that in ordinary practice the best results obtained from the usual cam stamp with a drop of 7 1/2 inches effective height is about 95 drops per minute, while the weight of each stamp rarely exceeds 1250 pounds; in the "High-Speed" mill the mean velocity at which the stamp is raised by the cylinder so far exceeds the limit velocity imposed by the essential features of the cam mechanism that from 132 to 135 drops per minute, each of 7 1/2 inches effective height, can be obtained.

The results of a series of tests are claimed to have shown that very approximately crushing capacity varies directly as the number of drops per minute and the weight of the stamp, so that if a 1150 pound cam stamp, running at 95 drops per minute, be converted into a 1400 pound "High-Speed" stamp running at 132 drops per minute there will be a gain in crushing capacity of nearly 70 per cent. In the case of new mills it is proposed to use stamps of from 1800 to 2000 pounds weight, with the result that only about one-half the number of "High-Speed" stamps will be required to perform the work of any given number of cam stamps of the average weight now in use.

New Manager For Silica Reduction Works

A change of management has taken place at the Bullion Extraction Works at Silica, where the War Eagle and Centre Star companies are experimenting on an extensive scale with the concentration system they have evolved. Gerald Voss Hopkins, who has been in charge of the works since the experiments were started, has resigned the post for the purpose of proceeding to England. He is succeeded by C. M. Ely, who has been connected with the

assay office of the companies for the past two months, previous to which he resided at Aspen, Col. The change took effect on the 24th inst. Mr. Hopkins purposes leaving for the east en route to England about the first of the year. The concentration experiments are proceeding in a most satisfactory manner. In the course of the next few days several additional agitator tanks will be installed, increasing the capacity of the works.

Here and There Among the Fraternities

Local fraternal circles have been busy during the past week with matters pertaining to the installations of incoming officers, which take place in nearly every lodge during the first week of the new year. This question has been the principal one discussed, the other matters coming up being of secondary consideration. Some of the lodges, notably the Masons and Odd Fellows, will have elaborate ceremonies, while other lodges will go through the regular ceremonies. The Fraternal Order of Eagles are preparing for a grand social session and musical program on the occasion of their installation. It is understood that the affair will be a record-breaker in the annals of the order.

The Knights of Pythias will hold their regular weekly meeting on Friday of this week. Proctor Joiner, who went to Spokane to represent the Rossland lodge at the Knights of Pythias district convention, returned to the city the other day. Mr. Joiner states that the meeting was attended by representatives of most of the lodges comprising the district in Washington and Idaho. Invitations were extended to the Knights of Pythias lodges of Grand Forks, Trail, Greenwood and other British Columbia lodges, but none, outside of the Rossland lodge were represented. The proceedings were interesting and occupied two days. At the conclusion of the convention a grand banquet to visiting members was held in Spokane. Several speeches of moment were made, notably by the grand chancellor and the grand vice-chancellor. The heads of the lodges in Spokane and numerous representatives of other lodges also spoke.

Rossland Lodge No. 36 of the I. O. O. F. held a well attended meeting at their hall on Queen street last Monday, in which the question of holding a joint

installation of officers with the Trail lodge came up for discussion. It was decided to extend an invitation to the Trail lodge to hold such a joint installation. A candidate was initiated, while two others were advanced to the first degree.

Deborah Rebekah Lodge No. 13 will meet Friday night at its hall in Odd Fellows' hall. Little beside the question of installation of officers will come up.

The branch of the Canadian Order of the Woodmen of the World will hold a special meeting on Friday night of this week at their new hall to look into certain matters that have come up during the week. The meeting will also consider the case of a sick member.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles have received several applications for membership and it is proposed to hold another grand initiation some time in the near future. The Eagles, as has already been stated, will hold a grand installation and social session. Del Cary Smith, the grand worthy president of the Eagles, is expected to make a visit to the local Aerie around the first of the year. His visit will be noteworthy in the history of the local Aerie and special preparations will undoubtedly be made to receive him.

The Knights of the Maccabees held an interesting meeting the other night, the occasion being the annual election of officers. The officers elected are as follows: Commander, Shadwell Curry; lieutenant-commander, S. Glazun; sergeant, Samuel McCoy; chaplain, Andrew Johnson; finance keeper, W. R. Beatty; first master guard, A. Desilets. Besides the election of officers one candidate was initiated.

The Young Men's Institute will hold its installation of officers at the hall on Columbia avenue at the first meeting in January. An enjoyable time is expected by the members.

Who's Who For Municipal Offices?

The proximity of the municipal elections has brought the question of candidates to the fore again, and within the next week or ten days matters will probably come to a show-down. The publication of the various reports showing the city's condition will start the debate in earnest.

Mayor Clute is avowedly a candidate for re-election, and his name is the only one yet before the electors in concrete shape. The reports for the year just closing will probably substantiate his worship's claim that his administration has been a good one for the taxpayers. John Dean's name is frequently mentioned in connection with the mayoralty race, but Mr. Dean has made no pronouncement on the subject, and it may be inferred that the use of his name is unauthorized.

A report gained currency yesterday

that Alderman Thomas Embleton would make the run for the chief magistracy's office on a labor ticket. Alderman Embleton denied the report vigorously when seen by a representative of The Miner. He stated that he had not even decided about running for the council again, and that even if he aspired to the mayoralty, he was only assessed for \$800, and this was not sufficient to qualify. Apparently this disposes of the question.

Alderman Charles R. Hamilton is the only member of the council who has declared himself to date. He will not be a candidate for municipal honors in January. The demands of his extensive legal practice prevent his devoting time to outside matters, and after several years of excellent service to the municipality, Mr. Hamilton will drop out of public life for the present at least.

Drawing Made in President's Competition

The heavy rain and the subsequent thaw, which played havoc with the ice at the skating rink, caused a cessation of the games in the curling club's president vs. vice-president competition. Five games were curdled Christmas morning and afternoon, after which no further matches were played off, although there are about fifteen more games to play before the competition closes.

At the matches played Christmas several were extraordinary good games, while the scores in others were so one-sided as to make the contests very uninteresting. The contests were played on heavy ice, which probably accounts for the poor scores of some of the competitors, who, accustomed to the keen ice that has been in vogue since the rink opened this season, were at a loss Christmas day.

Yesterday the drawing was made in the president's prize competition, which will be played on as soon as the present competition is over. The vice-president competition will be resumed as soon as the ice is again up to the usual playing standard. The drawings in the president's competition resulted as follows, the rinks playing off the matches in the order named below:

FIRST ROUND.
Harry Bell vs. Ross Thompson
Jas. H. Young vs. J. B. Johnson
Harry Daniel vs. Rev. C. W. Hedley
A. Strickland, skip vs. S. C. Fraser, skip
Col. G. M. King vs. H. G. Oliver
N. F. Townsend vs. Ray Wilson
A. MacNeill, skip vs. A. B. Barker, skip

SECOND ROUND.

N. McInnes vs. E. Croteau
L. McMillan vs. Dr. Milloy
Harry McIntosh vs. W. McKay
E. A. Rolf, skip vs. F. W. Pretty, skip
Rev. H. G. Gunn vs. A. G. Larsen
H. P. McCraney vs. George Kerr
J. W. Spring vs. Dan Bruha
Orl. Couthard, skip vs. Dr. Kerr, skip
T. I. Dunn vs. C. M. Oliver
G. V. Jenkins vs. W. J. Nelson
G. Gillard vs. Dr. Kennel
A. B. MacKenzie, skip vs. Dr. Campbell, skip

The rink skipped by Rev. A. M. Sanford and comprised of Messrs. A. W. Dyer, J. H. Mackenzie, James Anderson to meet the winning rink of the match between Messrs. Strickland and Fraser.

The winner of the match between the rinks of Messrs. MacNeill and A. B. Barker played the rink skipped by A. M. Stewart.

Gordon Logan vs. Lee Coombs
George Urquhart vs. Robert Lamont
(Substitute) vs. Judge Boulton
T. S. Gilmore, skip vs. R. W. Grigor, skip
Maxey Crow vs. J. Welsh
J. Lewis vs. J. S. Deschamps
J. M. McDonald vs. John Dunlop
J. McDonald, skip vs. Wm. McQueen, skip
James Hunter vs. Prin. McTaggart
Martin Dolan vs. R. W. Drew
R. A. Grant vs. John Robinson
D. Guthrie, skip vs. W. M. Wood, skip

The match will probably take several days to play off, as there will be about four rounds beside semi-finals and finals. The winner of each of the above matches plays the winning rink of the succeeding match until the semi-finals and finals are played.

THE DRY DOCK SUNK

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The "Good Intent" dry dock at Algiers, opposite New Orleans, sunk today, it started to sink during the night, and tugs in the harbor were summoned but were unable to save it. At daylight only the chains running ashore were holding the big dock from disappearing completely. It is not believed that the dock can be again floated. It was built 35 years ago and cost originally \$38,000, but many thousands have since been spent in improving it.

MONT PEELE IN ERUPTION.

ST. THOMAS, Danish West Indies, Dec. 27.—The cable ship Newington,

which arrived at St. Lucia, D. W. I., yesterday reports having passed Mont Pelee at Martinique at 3:20 in the morning. The volcano was then in violent eruption. Dense clouds of gray smoke and dust were pouring from the crater and ascending to an enormous height. Other advices state that the cone was luminous during the night.

NEWFOUNDLAND BYE-ELECTION

Newly Appointed Minister of Justice is Re-elected.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 27.—The Hon. Edward Morris, the newly appointed minister of justice in the Bond cabinet, was re-elected without opposition in

Cornish Wrestling Match Won by John Tippet

The Cornish wrestling match pulled off at the International yesterday proved to be even better than anticipated, although a disparity in size and weight made the contest look like a one-sided one. The International was crowded to the doors by Cornishmen and others interested in the match long before the first event, a preliminary boxing bout between two local amateurs was pulled off.

The wrestling itself proved to be a warm and exciting contest, in which a big man was pitted against a smaller but more active opponent, Dunstan, the smaller man of the two, although he lacked little more than eighteen pounds in weight to come up to that of Tippet. He is a small, wiry sort of a chap, with plenty of go and steam in him and as active and quick on his feet as a cat. Give Dunstan the height of Tippet and he would have beaten the latter at his own game. As it was, Tippet, time and again took his opponent off the floor and held him there until he could get a better hold to throw him.

The Cornish style of wrestling proved a distinct novelty to those in the audience who had never witnessed anything but a Japanese event or the Graeco-Roman style of catch-as-catch-can. Many in the audience thought the affair would be a tame and uninteresting affair, but in this they were greatly disappointed. No wrestling bout that was ever pulled off here was so closely contested or so hard fought as the contest between Tippet and Dunstan, and what made it more interesting to the spectators was the fact that it was distinctly on the square. That fact was evidenced the first crack out of the box, when Tippet threw Dunstan on his shoulders in a little less than two minutes. After the first fall was secured,

by Tippet, the men started to throw each other in a fashion that brought the audience to their feet time and time again. The applause was deafening for awhile when Dunstan all but had his man for a fall. The two went down near the ropes, the ropes saving Tippet from a hard fall. Dunstan's second tried to claim a fall for his man, but the referee, Thomas Hancock, refused to allow the claim.

In the wrestling that followed the second fall for Tippet, the latter showed up weak, although numerically strong enough to keep Dunstan from securing any too good a hold. Dunstan clung to his man like a cat and had Tippet breathing hard several times, but the lack of reach and height lost him the match, as Tippet threw him for the third time in succession after a series in which both men were down several times.

So good was the match that after it was over an effort was made to match the two against other men. It is understood that both men have received challenges and may be called upon for matches within a short period. One man, it is said, will be brought here shortly from Butte, Montana, especially to tackle Tippet at his own game. The match was refereed by Thomas Hancock, the timekeepers being Jack Astley and William Burken.

The preliminary boxing bout between a man named Sweeney and a man named Wilson was a slugging match all the way through, in which science figured not at all. Sweeney, who has been working for some time, had the better wind, and through that fact, more than anything else, won out. Wilson was so nearly winded at the end of the second round that the timekeeper made the bout a three round affair instead of a four round bout as scheduled.

St. Andrew's Children Have Christmas Concert

The Christmas festival for the Sunday school children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church took place last night, and was an unusually pleasant and successful affair. The church was crowded with children and their relatives, all of whom participated in the proceedings with hearty good will. The conventional Christmas features were introduced, and made as much fun for the children as ever.

An excellent program was rendered during the evening, as follows:
Song—"Christmas Praise," School.
Recitation—"Annie and Willie's Prayer," Mary Twaddle.
Song—"Christmas Bells," Elenore Robinson and Margaret Goodeve.

Recitation—"Santa's Letter," Eva Stinson.

Song—"Merry Christmas," little children.

Recitation—"A Christmas Story," Jessie Buchanan.

Song—"Liquid Notes," school.

Recitation—"My Father's Pants," Gordon Kenning.

Song—"Hark, the Bells Are Ringing," Jean Good.

Song—"A Christmas Hymn," boys.

Recitation, Violet Northey.

Play—"Hunting for Santa Claus," Santa Claus, Ruth McDonald, Arthur Goodeve, Gordon Kenning, Dick Linton.

Song—"Santa Claus Comes Tonight," school.

Found the Gun That Willis Used

The gun with which Walter H. Willis shot Robert Adams on November 3 last has been discovered.

Immediately after the shooting Willis caught the weapon, and the police were unable to find it. The weapon was regarded as an important link in the chain of evidence, but Willis refused to divulge its whereabouts. He assured John S. Ingram, chief of police, however, that he might later on tell what had become of the gun.

In accordance with this undertaking, Willis wrote Chief Ingram that he had

secreted the weapon in a small storehouse in the alley at the rear of the Ottawa hotel, and when the place was searched the gun, formidable Smith & Wesson .45 calibre revolver, was found exactly where Willis said it was. The gun was in perfect order. All the chambers were loaded, but one cartridge had been discharged.

Willis stated that he was feeling well, and remarked that he was now only taking one grain of morphine per day as compared with 25 grains per day, which he took hypodermically prior to the shooting.

Sacred Heart Children Had Christmas Treat

The children of the parish of the Church of the Sacred Heart had their Christmas treat, and a decidedly successful and enjoyable affair it was. The event took place in Miners' Union hall, which was filled with children and their parents.

The feature of the entertainment was, naturally, the Christmas tree laden with gifts for old and young, and sweets galore. The distribution of the presents was a source of keen enjoyment to the audience.

An excellent program was rendered during the evening, in which a score or more of bright and talented children of the Sunday school participated. The program was as follows:
Pianoforte solo—"Il Corricolo," W. Ganz, Miss Nita O'Hearn.
Recitation—"Two Little Mice," Infant Class.
Vocal solo—"What Would You Take for Me, Papa," P. Westendorf, Miss Louise Lalonde.

Pianoforte solo—"Valse Durando," Aug. Durand, Miss Cyprienne Le Blanc.

Recitation—"Awwl," Miss Minnie Nicholson.

Chorus—"Two Little Tiddies," Junior Boys.

Pianoforte solo—"Sparkling Cascade," Kaufmann, Miss Ella Preston.

Recitation—"Flo's Letter," Five Little girls.

Chorus—"Soldiers in the Park," Senior Boys.

Recitation—"The Bald Headed Man," Miss Evelyn Morrison.

Pianoforte solo—"Listen to the Mocking Bird," Miss L. Dyer.

Vocal solo—"I'm Ashamed to Look Dolly in the Eyes," W. Sagerer, Miss Zillah McLain.

Recitation—"Two Little Stockings," Miss Dora Sullivan.

Chorus—"Father Christmas," Senior Girls.

The genial presence of Rev. Father Welch was very much in evidence during the evening.

REMAINS OF DR. TEMPLE

Interred in the Cloisters of Canterbury Cathedral.

CANTERBURY, Eng., Dec. 27.—The remains of Dr. Temple, archbishop of Canterbury, were interred in the cloisters of Canterbury cathedral this afternoon. The obsequies were carried out as simply as possible in accordance with the late archbishop's desire. Simultaneously memorial services for the deceased prelate were held at St. Paul and other cathedrals in the United Kingdom. The Lord Mayor, Sir Marcus Samuel, and the sheriffs attended in state the services at St. Paul's cathedral.

ROUGH WEATHER IN TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—Much damage was done to the city and its environs by the recent snow blizzard. Roofs collapsed and many small craft in the harbor and in the Bosphorus were sunk or dashed to pieces on the shores, causing fatalities, and others drifted seaward. The Black Sea fleets suffered in a similar manner.