

Mining News

Around Midway.

Three shifts of men are at work on the Golconda, Smith's camp, running a tunnel. The Granite and Banner, Camp McKinney, are turning out a \$500 gold brick weekly. From now on the B. C. Summit camp, will make regular shipments to the Trail smelter.

A number of men are at work on the Golden Chert sinking a shaft. This claim is about two miles south of Midway.

A ten stamp mill is being erected on the Minn-haha at Camp McKinney, and is in operation about the first of the year.

During the past few weeks a number of locations have been made on the hill just north of Midway; most of these have good copper showings, while a few are of the silver variety. The ore in the latter is being opened up. The vein at various levels averages from four to five feet in width. It runs about \$110 per ton, but values as high as \$140 are not infrequent. The ore on the dump averages 1,500 tons, and the ore in the shaft 12,000 tons. The work of sinking the shaft another 100 feet will begin shortly when a four drill compressor will be installed. A dry crusher and a cyclone mill with a capacity of 50 tons per day will be in operation early in the spring.

Around Silverton. Up on the north side of Vancouver mountain, directly opposite the Wakefield claim, one of the Wakefield properties, a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 224 feet. The shaft is owned by the Wakefield, Stewart, Frank, and Patrick, Clune. On this property a large amount of development work and prospecting has been done this season with the result that it is now known as one of the best prospects in this district. On the property two well defined veins both of which have been traced for some distance and are proven to contain rich ore. These two veins run parallel and about 40 feet apart, the strike of both being east and west with a dip of the north vein to the north and a tunnel has been driven, following the vein, a distance of 170 feet, and some very rich ore encountered which gives an average of 192 ounces in silver to the ton and 50 per cent. lead. In the face of the tunnel the paystreak shows to be about six inches wide and appears to lay close to and follow the hanging wall. The other lead, which runs parallel to the Torpedo vein and distant about 40 feet, has been traced on the surface for several hundred feet and opened up by numerous shallow pits and open cuts. This vein varies from six to eight feet in width, and where opened up was filled with ore carrying silver, carbonates and galena. A crosscut tunnel has been started to tap this lead at a point about 300 feet below the mouth of the tunnel driven on the Torpedo vein. This tunnel is now in 90 feet and will be little over 50 feet in length when completed, and will cut the vein at a depth of about 80 feet. Another crosscut tunnel has also been started to cut this vein, commencing about 150 feet from the mouth of the Torpedo vein, about 190 feet from its mouth. This crosscut is now in about 18 feet, and when completed will cut the vein at a vertical depth of 110 feet.

Work is being pushed on the Freedy claim, situated just below the Noonday claim, with the expectation of cutting the Noonday ledge, which crosses the property, and which cannot be found on the surface owing to the large amount of surface waste. When this vein is found, the claim, as it surely will be, it will complete the chain of working properties on the Noonday ledge from the lake to the Noonday mine.

Within the next few days the question is as to whether the gold copper deposits on the Red mountain, four miles from town, improves in value as depth is obtained, or not, or will be solved. The tunnel being run to tap the mammoth A. E. ledge has now reached a depth of 85 feet, and within the next 15 feet the tunnel should cut the ledge. The face of the tunnel is now in country rock that is staked and splashed with copper.

The crosscut tunnel being driven to tap the Rockland vein on Red mountain, has now reached a depth of 220 feet. There is every indication of the near proximity of the vein, the country rock being liberally stained with copper that has leached out of the ore body. The Rockland has an ore deposit of gold-copper ore that shows on the surface to be over 100 feet wide, and the tunnel being run will tap it at a depth of over 175 feet.—The Silvertonian.

Rossland Camp. The Rossland Miner in its weekly mining review says:

The fact that the output of ore for the past week from Rossland mines exceeded 5,500 tons, is a most encouraging sign, and that the camp is prospering favorably. This is the second largest shipment for any one week ever made by the mines, the banner week being that ending Saturday, November 9th, when 6,100 tons were sent.

Major Collins, who being applied to on Saturday, said that the Le Roi and all the other properties of the B. C. A. C. were progressing favorably and the development work was being pushed as usual. Mr. Hastings was seen, but stated that there was nothing of importance to give out this week concerning the War Eagle and Centre Star. The shipments from the latter exceed 1,000 tons, and are the largest for any week this year. The electrical compressor continues to run both sides satisfactorily, and one side of the big hoist continues to be used. The temporary compressor plant at the head of the Centre Star mine shaft is about completed and housed, and the small electrical apparatus at the shaft in the 250-foot level is now in working order, so that both properties are in fair shape to do good work from this time on.

The list of working properties in the camp now includes the Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask, I. X. L., Monte Christo, Columbia-Kootenay, Number 1, Jumbo, Josie, Gertrude, Coxy, Virginia, Deer Park, White Bear, Sunset No. 2, Iron Colt, Evening Star, California, Mountain Trail, Velvet, Mascot, New St. Elmo, Evening, Belle, Wallingford, Ethel, Green Mountain, Letter, and several others. There are more working properties in and adjacent to Rossland than at any time in the history of the camp, and the weekly output is now greater than ever before and is steadily increasing.

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