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TWO MADE INTO ONE

Monte Cristo and Colonna Joined in a Single Company.

ARE UNDER A NEW NAME

What the Canadian-American Gold Mining & Development Company is Doing With Its Properties at Glen-Robinson.

Annual meetings of the stockholders of the Monte Cristo and Colonna Mining companies were held in the office of these corporations in this city Tuesday. The object of the meetings was, however, to consolidate the two companies into one which is known as the Monte Cristo Mining and Development Company. The new corporation has a capital stock of \$2,500,000, divided into shares of \$1 each. The object of the meeting was to consolidate the Monte Cristo and Colonna companies under one name, the Monte Cristo Consolidated Mining and Development Company. The Colonna and the Monte Cristo each had a capital stock of \$1,000,000. By the consolidation the capital stock is increased to the extent of \$500,000. There, of course, will be some advantage gained by working the properties under one management. They have for some time been owned by practically the same syndicate.

A Promising Company.

W. J. Robinson, treasurer of the Canadian-American Gold Mining & Development Company, is back from an extended stay at Glen-Robinson, where his company has 32 claims and the townsite of Glen-Robinson. Mr. Robinson brings the most encouraging reports from the properties of the company. On the Alma Mater claim in the Alma Mater group, on Lipsett mountain, the work of driving a tunnel is in progress day and night, and the workings are now in 120 feet. The tunnel has been run on the lead and in mineralized rock for the entire distance, and the expectation is that a large body of ore will soon be encountered. Work is also being pushed on the Josie group. So far the vein has not been crossed. When a depth of 200 feet has been attained the ore body will be crossed in order to determine its width. While there he sent in a gang of men to erect some buildings for the use of those engaged in the development work. Mr. Robinson reports that the snow is not much snow and the coldest that it has been this winter is eight degrees below zero. A large number of farmers will settle in the rich valleys in the vicinity of Glen-Robinson as the lands are so fertile and offers great inducements to the farmer and stock raiser. In two or three instances these settlers have gone into the valleys since the snow began to fall and staked out pre-emptions in the valley in that vicinity will give the agriculturalists a capital and a place for their products. Work on the group of mines owned by the company 14 miles west of Northport is making excellent progress under the supervision of W. J. Shelton, superintendent and expert in the company. Buildings are to be erected on the townsite and the outlook is that Glen-Robinson will soon be a lively camp.

Peyton the Man.

While no official announcement has been made of the appointment of Col. I. N. Peyton as the superintendent of the Le Roi, yet Colonel Peyton is virtually in charge and operations will proceed in accordance with his management. He came up Saturday to look over the mine, and returned Monday day to Spokane.

Colonel Peyton is the manager for the company, and from his intimate association with the late Captain William E. Hall, superintendent of the mine, he is well acquainted with all the workings of the mine. L. F. Williams, who acted as secretary immediately after the death of Captain Hall, will remain as secretary at the company's offices in Spokane. Nick Tregear, the foreman who came here from Montana with Captain Hall, will remain directly in charge of the underground development.

Extra Provincial Companies.

The following extra provincial mining companies have registered under the act of 1897 and appear in the last issue of the B. C. Gazette:

Ramsdell Mining & Smelting Company of Tacoma, capital stock \$1,000,000 in \$1 shares. C. K. Hammond of Sandon, attorney in the province.

Granite Mining & Smelting Company of Spokane, capital stock \$500,000 in \$1 shares. Hugh R. Cameron of Nelson, attorney in the province.

Silverline Mining Company of Spokane, capital stock \$500,000 in \$1 shares. Olive Pringle of Rossland, attorney in the province.

The Monte Cristo Consolidated Mining & Development Company.

The Monte Cristo Consolidated Mining & Development Company of Rossland is registered under the act of 1897 with a capital stock of \$2,500,000 in \$1 shares, with the object of purchasing all the interests of the Monte Cristo and Colonna companies.

The Queen Bees Proprietary Company of No. 6 Great Winchester street, London, registers as an extra-provincial company. The capital stock is £120,000 in £1 shares. A. M. Johnson of Nelson, is attorney for the province.

Sold 175,000 Shares.

There is a good demand for the shares of the Canadian Goldfields syndicate, and within the past three days 175,000 of its shares have been disposed of. The orders for this stock came from London, Eng., and Toronto, Ont.

BACK FROM EUREKA.

Mr. Wells Thinks the Camp is a Promising One.

F. M. Wells, mining engineer, is back from an extended stay in Eureka camp on the Colville reservation. He said: "I think that there is going to be quite a camp at Eureka further on and I am so well pleased with the outlook there that I intend to return. There are some promising properties there, among these are the Black Tail, San Paul, Mountain Lion and others on which tunnels have been driven from 500 to 600 feet, and they should have reached ore bodies by this time. On the Republic a small quartz mill for experimental purposes is being put up, and later on, as I understand it, the intention is to install a large mill. I expect there will be quite a rush in there in the spring. When the Corbin road is extended from Northport it will be built to Curlew, which is 20 miles from Eureka. Perhaps, when the camp is more important, it will have a branch of the Corbin system built to it. At present a road is being constructed from Kettle Falls to Eureka. This road for this winter will be of snow and instead of being eighty-five miles in length, as the highway via Grand Forks is, it will be only 32 miles long. When it is finished, it will be possible to go from Rossland to Eureka in one day, instead of two as is at present required to traverse the distance between the two places. In the spring this road will be widened out to a wagon road. It is steeper than the one by way of Grand Forks, but it cuts off over 50 miles, which is quite a consideration when one is traveling in a hurry.

"I would like to see a wagon road constructed from Rossland to Cascade City, as has been advocated by THE MINER. Two years since I went over this route and took the altitudes with a barometer, and I know that the difficulties of constructing a road between here and Cascade City are not very great. I went via the Dewdney trail and I am certain that a road could be cheaply constructed over this route. It would be useful in giving not only a short route to the Boundary country, but to the Eureka camp and other points on the reservation as well," concluded Mr. Wells.

ON TOAD MOUNTAIN.

Development Work Is Being Pushed on a Number of Properties There.

Nelson, Jan. 24.—[Special.]—Development work on Toad mountain properties is being pushed vigorously ahead; the number of claims on which work is being done is five times as many as last winter. Several important deals in valuable properties have recently been completed and others are pending.

Two promising claims, the J. R. C. and Silver Cap, about a quarter of a mile from the famous Silver King, were staked last week by Alfred Bunker to R. Reisterer and A. H. Clements of Nelson. The purchase price is not known, but it is understood that it is a good figure. Both are known to be valuable properties, and as soon as the snow goes off development work will be pushed ahead.

Both the steamers Nelson and Kokanee made the round trip to Kalamas yesterday, heavily loaded with freight for the Nespelem railway construction and with a large passenger list. The Nelson will make round trips each day this week. The amount of freight going in by this route is enormous. Kalamas is booming before spring. Work on the group of mines owned by the company 14 miles west of Northport is making excellent progress under the supervision of W. J. Shelton, superintendent and expert in the company. Buildings are to be erected on the townsite and the outlook is that Glen-Robinson will soon be a lively camp.

Have a Klondike-Like Claim.

J. Cague and Sam Ohlgren, who have been working two placer properties on the south fork of Lardere creek, about six miles from Ferguson, are in the city. They have a small Klondike in their claims, which go for 25c. to the pan up. They have flumed the creek and expect to work the old bed of it as vigorously as the weather will permit. There are four or five outfits working along the creek, and all are doing very well. One outfit of three men cleaned up \$300 in two days, but this is higher than the average. The gold is very rich, and is alloyed considerably with silver. There is some platinum present.

Mr. Cague says that the placer diggings are too bunchy to afford a field for very extensive operations, but they promise well for the few who can work them.

Messrs. Cague and Ohlgren, together with Richard Maxwell and Wm. F. Hayward, were the original locators of the Silver Queen group in the Cariboo country, and are still large holders in the company now operating the property, which promises very well.

Will Develop the Burnt Hill.

Henry Rose and Joe Hicks, well known in Rossland, have reached Pilot Bay after several months' trapping in the St. Mary's country. They, together with A. R. Macdonald and Oswald Stein, are interested in the Dead Medicine group, on Burnt hill, five miles back from Pilot Bay, and it is the intention to sink a shaft 50 feet on the ledge. The owners of the Dead Medicine are well pleased with the prospects of the property. The ledges are quartz carried in schist, and gold, galena and copper are all met with. It is believed that Burnt hill will be largely prospected during the coming year.

The Price of Silver.

New York, Jan. 22.—Bar silver, 56½¢ per ounce; Mexican dollars, 45¢; silver certificates, 56½¢.

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Should Hire a Locksmith.

HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 26.—Since the death of the clerk of the county council no one knows the combination of the safe, and all attempts to open it have failed.

THE STOCK MARKET

Quite a Calm Follows a Storm of Business.

GATHERING THE STOCK

Shares of Poorman and West Le Roi & Josie Were Purchased in Canada, England and United States—A Rising Market.

The first three of the past seven days marked a period of unusual activity in the stock market, for the reason that the deals for the control of the Poorman and the West Le Roi & Josie were then being closed. Then the latter part of last week marked the high-water mark in the number of shares sold in this market. In that period about a million shares of stock were sold, and the expenditure involved was in the neighborhood of \$300,000. The calm which always follows a storm has come, and for the past three days the transactions have been insignificant. It is interesting to trace where the shares in the Poorman and West Le Roi & Josie were scattered, and where they were picked up by the brokers who were engaged in purchasing them for the B. A. C. For instance, a block of 16,000 shares of Poorman was bought in London, Eng., and small lots were also bought in the towns of the other provinces. Among the places in which stock in these two companies were purchased were Falls Walla, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Butte, Helena, Greater New York, and Jersey City. Rossland and Spokane furnished the most of the shares, and the bulk of the money went into the pockets of the people in these two cities. As a result, both speculation and investment, for both are one and the same thing, are being put in talking about the matter yesterday said: "Nearly all of this money that went abroad to purchase these stocks will find its way back into the country, and will be put to use in stock or mining investments. These outfits have made a profit on their investments and will put it back again in the hope of making more profit."

In addition to the sales of the stocks of the mines bought by this large number of other investors, there were 160,000 shares of the stock of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate sold to London, England, and Toronto parties. Of this large number of shares, 100,000 were sold in London.

There is a good demand for the shares of the Dundee, Tamarack and other of the Ymit companies. These are being sold principally in London, but there is also a demand for them from Canadian parties.

Good Hope, the management reports, and is now sold to be worth from five and a half to six dollars per share. While the market is widening out, the market the brokers look for much larger movement than they had last year.

It is thought that the next few months will witness some notable advance in the price of some of the shares of any of the companies, between the Le Roi and Columbia & Kootenay, is a good buy for the reason that they are in the productive belt of the mountains.

From the recent sale of the Lincoln, Lily May and Sunset No. 2, in the South belt, it begins to look as though that section would soon assume considerable importance. It is, therefore, likely that the stock of the companies in the South belt will make advances during the next three months. It seems certain that the tendency is toward an advance all along the line, and there is but little prospect of a reaction in prices for some time to come.

THE CASE OF W. A. MYERS.

He Did Not Pay His Obligations Before He Left.

The Winnipeg Free Press contains the following article concerning W. A. Myers, projector of the Evening Standard, who suddenly disappeared from this city on Christmas night:

"Mrs. Myers of Rossland, B. C., has returned to her home in Cypress River, and states that although she has not heard from her husband, who mysteriously disappeared last Christmas, she believes him to be on his way back to the Klondike, where he spoke of going. The rival newspapers in Rossland exulted over his failure to keep the Daily Standard going, and published exaggerated reports about him when he sold out and left. He owed nobody and left voluntarily and honorably. His relatives in this section are doing all in their power to clear the matter up, and it seems to be the general impression that he strayed away while suffering from a temporary aberration of the brain, caused by financial reverses. A late telegraph reports him at Calgary, having walked over the entire route of the Crow's Nest railroad from Rossland."

There are some inaccuracies in the above item. Mr. Myers disappeared very suddenly a week or so after he started the Evening Standard in this city. It is not true that he paid his debts before he left. On the contrary he was away owing \$150 to the printers and other employees of the Evening Standard. He also left his wife behind him in destitute circumstances. Her condition appealed to the charitable and the members of the typographical union appointed a committee to assist her. The Rev. McG. Gandler of the Presbyterian church and the members of his church contributed \$38, and with these two sums Mrs. Myers was enabled to get home to her friends in Manitoba. The only excuse possible for Mr. Myers' conduct is that he was laboring under a temporary fit of insanity when he left Rossland.

FIRE HORROR IN SPOKANE.

Believed That Ten Lives Were Lost in Monday's Holocaust.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 25.—[Special.]—Shortly after midnight this morning the Great Eastern building, on Riverside avenue, was burned, with a known loss of four lives, while six others are supposed to be buried in the ruins.

The dead, so far as known, are:

- Miss Alice Wilson,
- Miss Maud Wilson,
- Mrs. Ross Smith,
- Mrs. H. G. Davis.

These missing and believed to be dead are:

- Miss C. Lewis,
- W. C. Gordon,
- Miss Cora Peters,
- Three Children.

The fire is believed to have originated by the boiler in the basement. The flames spread with frightful rapidity, and by 1 o'clock the entire building had been gutted.

The fire department responded promptly, but it was greatly handicapped by the necessity of saving people in the building, and also by the net work of wires surrounding the block. Nevertheless by tremendous efforts the conflagration was kept within the building, where it originated, but it was merely a shell, for the entire inside of the block was burned away.

The second and third floors were used as offices, but there were a number of people sleeping in them.

The fourth and fifth floors had been converted into an apartment house, and were crowded with humanity. In all, there were between 100 and 150 people in the building at the time of the fire.

The alarm was given as suddenly as could be to the inmates of the house, and those on the second and third floors managed for the most part to escape down the stairways, but so rapidly did the fire spread that the lodgers on the two topmost stories were compelled to seek safety down the fire escape. Even this means of exit was in some cases cut off, and the lodgers were forced to jump for their lives.

Mrs. H. G. Davies leaped from the topmost floor upon the stone pavement. She was frightfully injured, and died this morning.

The loss is complete, and is estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000. The building alone cost new \$250,000, and was one of the finest in Spokane.

On the ground floor were John Graham's stationery store, one of the biggest in the northwest, and Skerritt & Donnelly's shoe store. Both are completely ruined.

The building was not a fireproof one, but was substantially built of brick and stone, and was considered eminently safe.

MINING NOTES.

James Brady, of the firm of Mornabn & Brady, mining engineers, who is back from Cariboo creek, where he looked after the development of the Promistura, speaks very favorably of the development of that section. "The Promistura is showing up very favorably under the work done upon the property," said Mr. Brady, "and work is going steadily on. I shall be returning to the property next week."

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The Golden Butterfly fr. has received a certificate of improvements. The claim is located on O. K. mountain.

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FROM OTHER CAMPS

The Two Friends Is Producing High Grade Ore.

DIVIDENDS OF THE RECO

The Wasco Group Has Been Sold for \$20,000—Waverley Mine Is Sending Its Ore to Swansse for Treatment—Big Five Has Been Bonded.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

Paul Hauck and Harvey Fife are at work on their claim, the Earl King, one of the Del Monte group, on Lemon creek, below the first north fork. They have a tunnel in a distance of eight feet and have a splendid showing.

Work is being vigorously pushed on the Cameo claim, near the mouth of the Del Monte creek, but it will be impossible to make another shipment of ore for some time on account of the deep snow.

A shipment of 22 tons of Two Friends ore was made to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson last Monday. The ore was rahlwing down from E. A. Allen's outfit to Brandon, and from there was brought by sleigh to Nelson last Monday. The Two Friends ore is of exceedingly high grade, averaging all the way from 20 to 1,200 ounces in silver to the ton and about 4 per cent lead.

This makes the tenth carload of ore that has been shipped from this property. Seventy and three carloads by the former management were shipped by the former management.

Permit has been granted the Galea Mines, at a point on the Curlew mineral claim, 400 feet from the east line thereof. The permission is to divert the water the length of 100 feet through the ground of the Curlew claim to a westerly direction, and to build a dam on the claim to convey the water by pipe to the workings of the mines.

On January 14th a permit was issued to the Payne Mining company to use 12 inches of water out of a small stream having its source in a subterranean pool on the Return mine claim. It is intended to store the water by means of a dam across the Return, Carbonate King, Snow Storm and Big Timber creeks.

The Payne mine that laid off a number of its hands a few days ago for repairs to its machinery is now working under a full head of steam with its usual output.

Mr. Kyrle, liquidator of the Noble Five, has just returned from the coast, but has nothing for publication as to the affairs of the Noble Five. By putting things together, however, there is some ground for believing that the Dumasians of Victoria are paying off the claims against the mine and taking it over themselves.

The workmen on the Dayton group struck a riot of ore the other day. In a short time the result of assays will be announced.

John M. Harwood of the Reco, in speaking of the values of the Reco ore, says that all the ore shipped will average 300 to 400 ounces in silver to the ton, and has paid \$28,000 in dividends, with the prospect of another dividend of \$100,000 on April 1.

Two hundred and seventy-five sacks of ore from the Comstock mine, Silverton, were brought to the steamer Slocan last week and will be shipped to the smelter at Nelson. It is estimated that it will average 100 ounces in silver to the ton and about 4 per cent lead.

Ground being cleared preparatory to building the mill on the Dayton group, near the mouth of the Dayton creek, where the British Canadian Sampling Works company are the owners.

Two feet of high grade ore has been met in driving a shaft to the upraise in the Atkinson in Spruce creek basin.

In chambers at Victoria last week the injunction to restrain development of the Return mine was continued. The Ruth Mines, near Sandon, were located prior to the Kaslo & Slocan railway, and the Return mine is claimed, excepted from the grant. The Kaslo & Slocan railway, after the return of the Return mine, is claimed to be a part of the Return mine, and the Return mine is claimed to be a part of the Return mine.

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SO CLAIMS STAKED ON IT.

The trend of the vein in the northwest and southeast, and dips about 35 degrees to the west. It shows a big iron capping, galena, and wherever any work has been done and the capping removed, large ore masses are exposed. Assays made of ore from different claims give from 50 to 250 ounces silver, and vary from two to five feet in width. It appears on the slope of the Little Duncan and a group of three claims staked on it are known as the Holy Moses group; thence across Gainer creek, the head of the south fork of the Lardere river, then over the summit and across the headwaters of Haley creek, and down the west side miles. What is needed to bring the above mentioned claims into the front rank as producers is the investment of a small amount of capital in the construction of "works," to treat the ore, at the mouth of either Gainer creek. Surprise creek, Pass creek, or the main north fork of the Lardere river. That portion of this district nature has generously supplied with water-power, also a boundless store of fine timber.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

A mining man from Boundary Falls, brings the news that a stamp mill is being put on the Boundary Falls mine, near that town.

The B. C. mine in Summit camp near Grand Forks is now working a combined force of 25 men. A big steam plant that was lately laid down is now running night and day, and the mine is literally a beehive of activity.

Fred Wollaston, F. I. C. S. & M., is making a survey of the Coin property near here. This is being done preparatory to a crown grant for the Coin. There has been quite a demand lately for some of the local stock, such as the English and French and the Coin, which can readily find purchasers at five cents.

CAMP MCKINNEY.

A. G. Gordon, who had a contract to sink 30 feet on the Anarchist at Camp McKinney, had the misfortune to slip near the windlass and fall down the shaft. The ladder broke, his fall, and a dislocated arm, which necessitated taking to Greenwood, where he required the necessary attendance from Dr. Jakes.

A very rich lead has been struck on the west end of the Cariboo. It was formerly supposed to be played out.

Since striking the lead in the Minchewa work has been actively prosecuted and the ledge is holding its own. The management are figuring on putting in a stamp mill on the spring.

IT WILL KEEP IN FUNDS

The City Council to Negotiate Another Loan.

The Report of the City Auditor Received—Council May Undertake Municipal Scavenger Work.

The city council at its meeting last night took steps to secure sufficient funds to meet the current expenses of the municipality until the taxes are collected and the corporation gets on its feet again in a financial way. A motion in blank was read for the first time, authorizing the council to borrow funds repayable December 31, 1898, on the security of the expected revenue. The amount to be raised will be fixed later, when all the committee reports are upon the table.

James D. McLaughlin, the special auditor, presented his report, and it was referred to the finance committee.

J. S. Goodve, the chairman of the finance committee, reported that the committee recommended that the bill of F. M. McLeod for legal services be taxed, as it was exorbitant and excessive. Regarding the communication of Victor Magor re the sale of the city debentures, the committee preferred to do with it at a later date.

Mr. Goodve reported that the license inspector was investigating the status of the liquor business of the city, and in the meantime the committee preferred not to deal with the request of the licensed victuallers for a new class of licenses be instituted, whereby on payment of a special tax saloons could be conducted without a hotel adjunct.

As to the matter of the city license commission, the council expects soon to be able to thresh the matter out thoroughly.

The council is considering the sewage problem, and there is some likelihood that instead of appointing a scavenger the city will do its own scavenger work, with so it is hoped, profit to the municipality and gain to residents of the place.

J. S. C. Abbott, city solicitor, reported that he had instructed a firm of Toronto barristers to enter an appearance in the case brought by the Guarantee Loan & Trust company of Toronto against the city to recover \$10,000 damages alleged to have been caused by the failure of the municipality to sell the company's \$50,000 worth of debentures as provided under agreement "A."

AID FOR THE HUNGRY.

The Orizaba Carries a Cargo of Provisions to Cuba.

New York, Jan. 26.—The steamer Orizaba of the Ward line, which left for Havana today, carried away 400,000 pounds of provisions and 200,000 grains of quinine, collected by the Cuban relief committee, to be distributed among the suffering people of the island; under the direction of General Lee, United States consul-general at Havana. A separate consignment to General Lee consists of 18 tons of provisions contributed by the members of the Philadelphia Grocers & Importers Exchange, and six cases of quinine from the Philadelphia Exchange.

The shipments consist of flour