

British Columbia.

YANCOUVER.

His Honor Judge Dole gave judgment in the case of Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Company vs. Aylmer and others. He refused to dissolve the injunction granted in the case of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Company vs. Aylmer and others, and ordered the defendants to pay the costs of the proceedings.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of a youth, aged 19, charged with seduction. The girl in the case is only 15. The facts, their parents, and the youth's being married, and a woman immediately took place, the youth made himself being given his liberty.

Those of the owners who have not yet received their shares are somewhat dissatisfied. The shares are now being sold at a price of \$1.50 per share, which is a price which there are no sellers. The shares, however, have gone up in price, and the demand for them is increasing.

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The members of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council have elected officers for the year 1897. The officers are: President, J. McDonald; Vice-President, Walter H. McDonald; Secretary, J. McDonald; Treasurer, J. McDonald.

The annual election of officers of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council has been held last night. Mr. George Bartley, of the World, was elected president; J. McDonald, vice-president; Walter H. McDonald, secretary; J. McDonald, treasurer.

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Cristo on the north and is owned by a Montreal syndicate represented by J. R. Wardner, has two splendid showings of ore. The main tunnel shows two feet of shipping ore on the face, and the shaft shows one foot of clean solid copper in the bottom. Shipments from this mine will commence shortly.

A special to the Miner from Trail states that the C.P.R. has made arrangements to supply both the Nelson and Trail smelters with coke, beginning June 1. The coke is to be made by the Messrs. Dunsinville at Union and the railroad has made a very low rate on it.

A special from Spokane states that a big row will occur at the meeting of the War Eagle shareholders, which is to take place in Spokane on the 20th inst. It is stated there that the price at which the mine has been sold to the Goddard-Hamiltons is less than \$850,000, that commissions of \$125,000 will be paid to agents who negotiated the sale, and that consequently the shareholders will only receive from \$1.40 to \$1.45 per share for their holdings. The stock has been selling here for \$1.00 and \$1.75 per share, and is even now selling in Roseland for \$1.37. An effort will be made to upset the sale, a two-thirds vote of the shareholders being necessary to confirm it.

The L.N.L. is to be a producer and a shipper at once. John S. Baker, the principal owner of the mine, took some ore from the new vein to Tacoma with him the last time he was here and had three tests made by the assayer of the Tacoma smelter. The results of the three assays were \$47.05, \$54.06, and \$20.34. One sample went 26 1/2 per cent copper and another went 17 1/2 per cent copper, and the third went nearly three per cent silver. The other values were \$52 in gold, another \$22 in gold.

The report circulated in Trail a few days ago that F. Aug. Heinze had sold his smelting plant there seems to have had some foundation of truth in it, at least there are some circumstances which point to some sort of a deal between Mr. Heinze and the Canadian Pacific railway people. It is known that Mr. Heinze left Trail suddenly last Sunday afternoon, on horseback, for Vancouver, and that a locomotive was taken to Spokane Sunday night, and that he left on the first train next morning for New York.

Manager Warner of the O.K. is not yet able to say what the extent of the ore body showing visible gold opened in the upper workings of the mine last week. He said yesterday that he had already blocked out what he believed to be about 300 tons. This body of ore is 30 feet one way, 25 feet another and 25 feet a third. This would make 300 tons, allowing 12 cubic feet to the ton. The visible gold was first found in the stope near the surface above the No. 11 level. An opening was made to the surface and now the vein is being cut, the quartz showing much oxidation and being richly colored with copper stains. There is a thin deposit of soil over the vein and this is easily removed. The gold is found all the way across the five feet of quartz.

The Roseland Miner has just received a letter from W. E. Estep, of Spokane, Washington managing director of the Palo Alto Company, announcing that the company will be ordered to work on that mine. The Palo Alto stock is principally held in Victoria. A good body of pay ore has been found for the last forty feet in the eighth level shaft.

The striking of quartz full of visible gold in the O.K. grows in magnitude. The rich strike, at first only eight inches wide, was full two and a-half feet across yesterday. The gold can easily be seen all through the ore. Some of the ore was on exhibition in the Red window of the Miner office yesterday, and it is expected to be distributed to the public.

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the other workings, but those arrangements are off for the present.

SANDON. Jan. 11.—The McVay brothers have sold their one-third interest in the Ruth mine near here to George Alexander, of Nelson, who negotiated the sale of the other two-thirds some time ago. The price at which at first two-thirds interest was sold was on the basis of \$250,000 for the property, and it is altogether likely that the McVays get \$100,000 for the remaining third.

Word has been received here that the Olive Gold Mining Company will commence work on the Volcanic property about March 1st.

It is reported that there are some good graphite claims on the North Fork. It is thought, however, that the graphite is a short time come to the front, as the genuine graphite is a most valuable mineral and always has a ready market. W. Jensen, of Victoria, who is extensively interested in the graphite, is visiting our town for the last few days. During Mr. Jensen's short stay he purchased a few North Fork properties and will likely invest more in the near future. He expresses his opinion that a considerable amount of graphite will find its way to this section in the early spring.

THE NORTH SALT SPRING ISLAND. Vesuvius, on Salt Spring Island, Jan. 2.—A grand concert was given in the public hall on New Year's Eve, the proceeds being for the benefit of the suit. The night was very fine and the suit the occasion, a large crowd being present. The program was a lengthy one and was well rendered, the chairman being Rev. E. F. Wilson of the Island. Those who took part were as follows: Songs by Messrs. J. Landen, J. Wells, H. Wood, A. R. B. Biscourt, Mr. M. B. Biscourt, Mr. M. B. Biscourt, Mrs. M. B. Biscourt, Mr. C. P. Pottinger, two dialogues by the Biscourt family, a recitation by Mr. A. B. Biscourt. Afterward refreshments were served and later the company commenced dancing, which was kept up until the small hours of the morning, and everybody went home happy.

There has been a prospectors' course. Everybody seems to be looking for gold and so carrying their pockets full of rocks (or specimens). The mail contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails from Victoria to the postoffice at Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. F. J. Biscourt for a term of four years.

On the Comstock claim in Central camp, Mr. John Douglas has put more men to work, and has now two shifts steadily engaged in development. Iron stain was encountered on the outcrop and this was followed down the shaft. A ledge six feet in width, which is heavily impregnated with iron pyrites. The shaft is being sunk on the footwall, and so promising are present indications, it is expected good body of mineral will soon be reached.

A gentleman recently purchased an eighth interest in a mineral claim for \$17,500, and after holding it about three months has bonded the interest to a good find for \$40,000. This gives an idea of some of the advantages of mining speculation, and shows what a good find Boundary Creek is in which to profitably invest at the present time. As an instance of the rapid appreciation of property it may be stated that the first three-eighths of the claim in which this one-eighth interest was held, was bonded to a syndicate at the rate of about \$20,000 for the claim, the second half was bonded at the rate of \$25,000, and the third portion, the interest herein referred to, at the rate of \$45,000 for the claim. All these transactions took place within the space of three months.

Twenty men are at work on the different properties in Fairview camp held by the Victoria syndicate, represented here by Messrs. Dier and Davidson. A few days ago Messrs. McBride and Povers disposed of their claim, the Winchester to Mr. Dier.

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would otherwise have been obliged to go out for the season, and has added much to the prosperity of this place.

It is reported that Mr. Pierson, of Victoria, has his arrangements about completed to begin work on the district along the right hand bank of the North Fork, going up from the Forks. The claims controlled by the company mentioned are known to be highly valuable, and it is to be hoped that the season of '97 will see water turned on some of the ground. It is also reported that work on the diem across the North Fork will soon be resumed.

A discovery of quartz on the South Fork near the end of the Cariboo Hydrographic Company's ground is arousing considerable interest. There is a large ledge distinctly traceable on both sides of the Fork and the indications have so far been made. It is a rusty, iron-stained, quartz filled with sulphurets, from 30 to 40 feet in width. It is well known that the country north of this place has many quartz ledges carrying gold, silver and lead.

LILLOOET. B. Q. Mining Journal.

The Snowshoe group of mines, Newell, Holmwood, Spruce, Beet Brothers, Marshall, etc., owners are under bond and it is expected the sale will shortly be consummated. Within the past three weeks ten more claims have been staked over behind the Maple and Snowshoe groups. There are also ten or twelve claims from which promising specimens have been brought down have been located.

The Alpha Bell group, which was sold by Messrs. Smith and Lasher, has been again represented by Mr. B. Biscourt, and a large amount of work will be done next season.

Some quartz claims have been located and recorded within the past few days on Tuxford creek, a tributary of Bridge river. The Forty Thieves Company, owning the locations sold by Messrs. Marshall, Williams and Phair and known as the Blue lead, represented by Mr. B. Biscourt, will spend \$1000 on the group in prospecting, at an early date. If satisfactory returns are made, development work will be undertaken on a large scale. There is said to be a true fissure vein of quartz of good grade on the property.

The crown grant to the Ample and Whale are the first issued in this district.

More than fifty claims have been located in this section in all within the past three weeks, and nearly all on snowshoes.

YAKON. (Victor News.)

Quite a ripple of excitement spread through the city on Tuesday when it became known that the Camp Hewitt Mining Company had sent up some very rich specimens of rock from one of their claims on Okanagan valley. Mr. J. W. Lamberton, who is one of the members of the company, and has been working in the camp for the past three or four weeks, came up that day on the steamer Aberdeen and brought with him the specimens of the richly mineralized ledge from which it is taken is a solid mass of ore, about three feet wide, with perfectly defined walls, and though it had only been sunk to the depth of about eight feet, it was as rich as might be expected from much lower level. The rock carries gold and silver and is particularly rich in copper. The average assays so far obtained from this claim go \$50.32 per ton, and it is expected that the new discovery will be particularly rich in copper.

The Bon Diable Mining Co. have a force of men steadily at work and are now down about thirty feet on the ledge, which seems to be perfectly solid in all places. Recent samples of rock from this mine brought into the city appear to be well mineralized, and the owners anticipate a rich return from their rock as soon as they are in a position to make a shipment.

We learn that an important mining deal has recently been consummated at Fairview whereby the Stenwarden claim formerly owned by Messrs. Sheehan and Gwatkin has changed hands. Mr. Thomsen, representing a syndicate of coast capitalists, was the purchaser, and it is stated that a large force of men will at once be put to work to develop this property. Mr. Sheehan was in the city this week, and though he preserves a good deal of reticence in speaking of the deal, we gather that the price paid was about \$30,000. Every-thing points to a decided boom in Camp Fairview this spring.

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