

important strikes up to date on the north fork of the Salmon.

The little town of Waterloo, 17 miles north of Trail now has about 40 houses. The history of the place dates from August, 1895, when Hiram Landis, formerly of Chewelah, Wash., located there and erected a house and other buildings for the accommodation of himself and others, who were engaged in cutting wood for the Trail smelter. They afterward named the place Waterloo and put up a sign, "Waterloo landing," since which time the boats have made regular stops for passengers and freight. There are a number of good claims around, which will be developed and a quantity of work will be done on them this season.

#### THE SOVEREIGN.

It looks as if the Sovereign on Lookout Mountain has the making of a mine, and a great mine at that. That is the opinion of every mining man who has seen the property, says the Trail Creek News. A magnificent three-foot streak of clean cut ore is disclosed in the ledge, which itself is about fourteen feet in width. It is strong sulphide rock, much resembling the Le Roi product met with on the higher levels. Wherever the vein has been explored, rich gold-copper ore has been met with, and values have increased with depth. The claim lies on the eastern slope of the hill, and by the trail it is a little more than a mile from town. It is a straight down hill haul to the smelter, and cheap and convenient transportation can be easily arranged for.

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#### Kootenay.

It is reported that the Slocan Star is offered on the London market for \$2,000,000.

Ore and matte shipments from the Kootenay from January 1st to the middle of April exceeded \$2,500,000. The production this year will undoubtedly exceed \$10,000,000.

It is reported that the North Star mine near Fort Steele in the East Kootenay district has been sold to an English syndicate. The North Star is said to consist of a regular dyke, or mass of mineral, rather than of a mere vein or lode. This mine produced and shipped during 1894 nearly 4,500 tons of ore, which had a valuation of \$225,000. At the present time the company have 3,000 tons of rich carbonates and galena at their landing on the Kootenay river and 3,000 tons more on the dump—6,000 tons that, it is said, will average \$60 per ton, or a gross valuation of \$360,000. The North Star mine, working a sufficient force, can take out and ship 100 tons daily.

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#### Kaslo.

The Susans group on the north fork of Lemon creek has been bonded to an English syndicate through Wm. Tomlinson, for \$125,000.

No. 1 tunnel in the Whitewater mine has come to the front with a two-foot ore. The find consists of 12 inches of steel galena, separated by two feet of gouge from 12 inches of extremely rich gray copper ore.

The Surprise has in the face of the drift 18 inches of clean ore of a better grade than heretofore, and looks extremely well. This drift has been in ore 200 feet. On account of the breaking up of the trail shipping is now impracticable.

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#### Vernon.

The sinking of a shaft on the Silver Star has had to be discontinued owing to flooding caused by melting snow.

Vernon is in a state of suppressed excitement almost too deep for expression. Gold is the

cause and gold in such quantities that the wonderment and excitement is very pardonable. So says a Vernon correspondent.

A strike has been made on the B X range just east of the town, and several very promising ledges have been located. The first to stake a claim was R. Maunsel, who has a claim from which some very fine looking quartz has been taken. The rock resembles that from the Blue Jay, and an assay taken from the top of the ledge went \$36 in free gold. The ledge is about eight feet wide and can be plainly traced over the whole length of the claim.

Work is being continued without interruption on the new ledge struck last week on the Bon Diable claim. The vein is now well defined and measures between seven and eight feet across. Only one assay has as yet been obtained but that was of an exceedingly gratifying nature, showing a value in silver and gold of \$155 per ton. From the nature of the walls and the character of the country rock, there can be but little doubt that a solid formation has now been reached.

Assays of rock in every direction are being obtained that would make Cæsar's teeth water. On the Sarah, one of the Morning Glory group, gold is visible to the naked eye right on the surface of the claim, and in such substantial quantities that the owners have found it necessary to put a notice in The Vernon News to prevent the stealing of the rock. Some of this rock assays over \$200,000. On the Blue Jay and Falcon, two miles from town, assays have gone \$13,000 and \$23,000 in gold, and on the Zion, a property in the same vicinity, very satisfactory assays have been made. Of course none of these properties have as yet been proved as to the extent of the reefs, but the surface indications certainly are the best ever found in British Columbia.

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#### Ainsworth

A contract has been let for a 100 foot tunnel on the Noble Three.

The Twin claim near Ainsworth has been bonded to A. W. Morris, a representative of a Montreal syndicate. The price to be paid is \$35,000.

Col. Chas. R. Conner, a prominent Spokane man, has just acquired a valuable group of claims on Woodbury creek, near Ainsworth. The property consists of the Liberty, Lucky Boy, Bonanza and Margaret Dora, adjoining the Silver Glance.

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#### Kamloops.

Shafts are being sunk on the Bonanza and the Pot Hook.

New finds are being reported every day from the North Thompson.

A lead of copper glance is said to have been found on the Roper cattle range.

Carbonates from the surface on the Noonday claim assayed \$278 in gold and silver.

The Lord Salisbury has been sold by F. Harding to Henry Croft, of Victoria, for \$1,500 cash.

The Lucky Strike's lead was struck on the Neighbor on Monday, showing 2½ feet of solid ore.

On the King Solomon, a defined ledge of copper ore has been struck and looking first class.

Jas. H. Russell has made a sale of his Gold Mask to Wm. Hudson, of Sandon, B.C., for \$5,000.

It is reported that the Kentucky mineral claim, owned by A. S. McArthur has been jumped.

Work has this week been started on the

Truth, the Mountain Claim, the Kamloops Bonanza, the Ethel, the Garfield, the Annaleish and the Laura.

Quite an excitement has been caused over the reported discovery of placer mining on Peterson's Creek somewhere in the neighborhood of the Old Man's Home.

Washing from a few pounds of quartz taken from the "Sunflower" one of the claims adjoining the "Noonday" which pounded up in a mortar, showed the bottom of the gold pan literally covered with the precious metal.

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#### Quartz Creek.

The vein on the Tennessee mine, situated near Quartz Creek, has recently been crosscut, as a result there are 6 feet of solid ore in the tunnel. Another tunnel is now being driven at another level to crosscut the main lead which will probably be tapped next week.

The townsite of Quartz Creek was jumped by three Rossland men on Thursday, April 8th. On that day at three minutes past 12 o'clock, Mr. Powell, John Blake and a Mr. Parker laid claim to 620 acres of ground and got a number of people to sign leases. They allege that Mr. Corbin failed to comply with the provisions of the grant as he did not survey the land within the time specified.

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#### Thompson and Trout Lakes.

After 8 days shovelling, \$800 has been cleared up out of Lardeau Creek.

It is reported that Chas. Molson, for the Horne-Payne syndicate, has bonded the Mineral Prince from Lanyrell, for \$15,000.

Those who wish to boom a townsite by a railway or tramway, says the Revelstoke Herald, should do so at their own expense.

It is reported that Messrs. Mara and Barnard have been refused a bonus for a road they intend to build from their townsite at Galena Bay to their mines.

At the Silver Creek after driving 16 ft. further than the big lead in which they struck the 4 ft. of solid ore, they struck another lead with 1 ft. of solid ore. They have still 20 ft. to run to tap the main Silver Cup lead.

At Badshot mine they have reached the lead in their crosscut tunnel 85 feet from the surface and struck it better than they expected. When they tapped the lead they found 9 inches of high grade shipping ore, but after drifting in on the lead for a few feet the solid ore widened out to 22 inches, that will average not less than \$250 to the ton.

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#### Salmon River.

The Salmo Consolidated Mining Co. have a vein 10 feet wide carrying gold, silver and lead of good value.

The Porcupine and Franklin claims, in the Salmon river country have been bonded by E. L. Clark for \$60,000.

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#### Nelson.

The Nako, Elpro and Kalamish claims on Cayuse creek was transferred by W. L. Parrish to the Pine Ridge Gold Mining and Milling Company. The consideration was \$1,000,000 in paid up shares.

#### NORTH STAR MINE.

There is a report, says The Nelson Tribune, that the North Star mine has been sold to an English syndicate. The North Star mine is not a vein or lode; it is a mass of mineral. It seems as if the bowels of the earth had swollen and then burst. This mine produced and shipped during the year 1894 nearly 4,500 tons of ore, which had a valuation of \$225,000. At