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FROM OTHER CAMPS

Late mining news from the Boundary, Nelson, Kamloops, East Kootenay, Kaslo, Phoenix, Nilwazi and Other Districts

There seems to be a little activity in the Kamloops district, but it is apparently not quite so marked as in the early summer. A local paper sets the reason down to the exorbitant price that prospectors are setting upon their claims. The Lacombe district is coming more and more rapidly to the front, and with the railroad through the country, which is hoped will be put through next season, it will make yet more wonderful strides. A big find is chronicled on the north fork, excellent samples of which may now be seen in Assayer Shannon's ore cabinet. They have three distinct leads in eight, with from 6 to 20 inches of almost clean ore, assays of which run from 188 ozs. to 733 ozs. in silver, although lead and copper values as well. Although discovered in an inaccessible position natural difficulties are always overcome where there is so much rich ore in sight, and no doubt, this will prove no exception to the rule.—Eagle.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Discovery on North Fork of Perry Creek.—The Sullivan and North Star.

J. W. Larson continues the development of the Carbonate, one of the John Bull group.

Work is now being done on the claims of E. J. Walsh on Weaver creek.

Work on the Dupont is still going ahead and the tunnel is now in 280 feet.

Tom Rader has returned from Cape Nome. Mr. Rader is manager of the Aurora mine.

The Bill Nye group of claims is being thoroughly developed, a trail has been made to the property.

A gang of six men went out last week to develop the properties of E. J. Walsh on Perry creek.

Charles Farrell has a force of men at work on the Society Girl. One car load of ore has been shipped.

While not much is being said about the Estrella these days, it is said that the work of development is still going on.

Ernest Mansfield, who has a bond on the Harris group of mines in White Horse country, will practically complete the deal in a short time.

Consolidated hydraulic work is being done on the Wild Horse placers, this year. One of the Chinese companies will make a clean-up in about a month.

The Aurora property on the west side of the lake is looking better than ever, and the chances are favorable for it becoming a shipper before the snow flies.—Moyie Leader.

Reports from Sand creek are to the effect that nearly all of the properties in that vicinity are showing up better than ever with the assessment work which has recently been done.

A rich strike was made on the Black Diamond and Mizpah claims, situated 4 miles north of Moyie, near the head of the lake. The owners claim that they have two and a half feet of galena ore.

The Kootenay Perry Creek company, operating on French creek, a tributary of Perry creek, are pushing development rapidly. The ledge recently encountered is estimated to be fully 20 feet wide.

One of the most important strikes ever made in the district was recently made near Fernie. Just opposite the town, across the river, a large body of fine iron ore has been discovered. The ledge is said to be 27 feet in width.

There is no let up to the work on the North Star and Sullivan mines. The ore is going out from both properties in a steady stream. With the installation of the new compressor on the Sullivan the output will be increased to 50 or 60 tons daily.

Felix Rock will shortly commence work on his claims at Chinatown on the Wild Horse. The claims are known as the Black Diamond and Armor Plate. The Black Diamond is a galena property carrying gold and copper. The Nickel Plate is a gold quartz carrying excellent values.

A discovery of gold and copper on the north fork of Perry creek, near the summit of the mountain, has attracted considerable attention from the apparent richness of the ore that has been brought down. The ore carries copper pyrites, grey copper and gold. The gold is beautifully scattered through the rock and is visible without the aid of a glass, in fact, scarcely a piece of the rock but what will yield gold to the pan. The fortunate locators of the claims are D. W. Munroe and Henry Eller.

THE SLOCAN.

The Ruth company is sacking and shipping clean ore from the Mascot claim, recently acquired from Mike Kerlin.

A good showing of ore has been exposed on the R. E. Lee, by work which was started some days ago. The find was made just below the old tunnel on the Motuigan side of the hill.

Several very good finds have been made this season near the lead of Wilson creek. This creek is destined to be a heavy producer of ore, though it has suffered many setbacks.

Nine car loads of ore, 180 tons, went out from the Payne mine last week. The Star shipped 60 tons, the Ruth 79 tons, American Boy 21 tons, Coin 22 tons, Omega 12 tons, Whitewater 78 tons, Enterprise 20 tons.—Eagle.

J. A. Whittier, who is working the Reciprocity adjoining the Payne, came down from Sandon last week and reports "nothing starting but everything is looking pretty good." He reports that W. W. Warner, who has leased the Mountain Con shipped ore within 30 days of starting work. He shipped it under the name of the Coin.

The Reliance, hoping to crosscut their ledge with it.

H. M. Carter and Frank Holten came down from the north fork on Monday, where they have been prospecting on the New York, Boston and San Francisco group, lying on the east slope of the north fork, about 2.1/2 miles northwest of the Circle City cabins. In the Chicago, after an extremely venturesome climb they have discovered what appears to be one of the best finds yet made up the north fork, excellent samples of which may now be seen in Assayer Shannon's ore cabinet. They have three distinct leads in eight, with from 6 to 20 inches of almost clean ore, assays of which run from 188 ozs. to 733 ozs. in silver, although lead and copper values as well. Although discovered in an inaccessible position natural difficulties are always overcome where there is so much rich ore in sight, and no doubt, this will prove no exception to the rule.—Eagle.

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A new lead was discovered on the J. A. the past week by Mr. Holbrook. The J. A. is an adjoining claim to the Gold Bug, and is owned by the Boundary Creek Gold Mining company. The lead is galena, about six inches in width.

The shaft is down 35 feet on the J. and K. in Wellington camp, and 20 feet on the Hard Cash, adjoining. The two claims are being worked together, and have a splendid showing of ore, with considerable ready to ship.

This week the Athelstan has re-opened the last of shippers, and is now sending ore to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks. This property is in good shape, and its officials expect to continue development and shipping all winter.

The buildings, ore bins and treaties at the Mother Lode smelter are all completed and little more to be done until the plans are put in operation. The machinery comes from Milwaukee, whence some of the plant was shipped last week.

The new shaft house at the No. 1 shaft of the Old Ironsides, which is 28 feet by 80 feet, is about completed and a new hoisting engine is now being placed at this shaft to replace the old one, which will be taken back ground for use here.

Robert Wood has purchased from A. Robinson, of Beaverton, the Alice M. and Hard Limes, adjoining the Sally group up the West Fork of the Kettle river. Mr. Wood has opened up a rich ledge on the Sally group, which he is developing.

Two 80-horse power boilers are being bricked in at the Knob Hill and a new 1212 hoist is being installed. There is not much new development work being done at present on these properties, but ore is being stopped in the Knob Hill and Victoria.

The compressor for the Knob Hill which was shipped August 23, some weeks after the boilers, is expected to arrive next week. In ten days after it comes done a new development work being done at present on these properties, but ore is being stopped in the Knob Hill and Victoria.

A new building will shortly be erected for the hoist at the mouth of No. 2 shaft, on the boundary line between Old Ironsides and Victoria. The big hoist at this shaft is not on a sufficiently solid formation, so it will be removed and placed on rock foundation.

D. A. Holbrook is developing the Gold Bug in Deadwood camp and taking out very rich ore. About a hundred sacks are now ready for shipment. The lead is widening with depth. The last car load shipment from the Gold Bug netted \$50,000.

W. Hurley and Tim Cody are working on the Sunnyside, Boundary mountains. They have run a tunnel 40 feet on a small ledge of galena, carrying gold, silver and copper, and averaging \$124 to the ton. Two shafts have been sunk on the lead, one 10 and the other 12 feet. The ledge is 20 inches in width.

The foundations for the 35-drill compressor and two 100-horse power boilers have been finished at the Mother Lode, and a new dining hall is nearly completed. A tramway has lately been constructed from the mouth of the main shaft to the ore bins, which are being filled with ore from the dump nearby.—Advance.

A few of the freight teams of R. Meyerholt of Midway are at present engaged hauling from the Golden Eagle mine, in Brown's camp. This mine has ready for immediate shipment 1,000 sacks of ore, amounting to about two car loads. The ore came from the 45 and 100-foot levels. About half a car had already been hauled down to the railroad. The

shipment will be sent to the Trail smelter.

Thomas Hogan has completed assessment work on the Clipper in Skylark camp. There is a lead five feet in width on the property.

Assessment for this season has also been done on the E. F. Viribus Unum in the same camp, owned by Con Werner and Charles Pitcock, and the Lancashire (traction), owned by Weeks and Werner. The lead on the E. F. Viribus Unum carries very high values in silver.—Miner.

As was expected, the shipment of ore from the Buckhorn mine to the Trail smelter gave very high results. W. C. Noble, the resident representative of the company, this week received a check from the smelter representing the net value of the shipment of 17 tons. The ore gave \$24.32 to the ton. The copper value was nine per cent gold, \$5.70 and 30 cents in silver.

Sunday another rich find of ore was made in the War Eagle. It had been decided to continue the 25-foot shaft, 180 feet east of the main shaft, to the 100-foot level, and it was known that there was some good ore on it. As the sinking continued, the ore grew better and richer. All the week the miners have been in a fine grade of copper sulphide, and so far have sunk over 20 feet of this kind of ore. The entire face of the shaft is now in ore, and nothing else being taken out, for there is nothing else to remove.—Miner.

The old shaft house over the Old Ironsides No. 1 shaft has been demolished and a new building, 28 by 50, erected in its place. The old hoisting engine has been removed and a new 12 hoist, similar to that obtained for the Knob Hill substituted for it. A safety platform cage has been put in this shaft, thereby facilitating the work of hoisting rock. The big hoist at the No. 2 shaft is to be placed on a more solid foundation than that which it now stands on. A new shaft is to be erected alongside the building so as to be put into use, and to be set on a bed of rock. Below ground the big hoist in the Victoria are opening out well, yielding large quantities of richly mineralized ore. The ore bins are being kept full, the daily output easily keeping up to shipments to the smelter.—Times.

THE SIMILKAMEEN.

Work on the Sunset—The Nickel Plate Machinery.

Charles Winkler is doing assessment on the Jupiter.

Neil and Yuneman have completed assessment work on the Snowbird.

C. D. E. Green has completed the survey of the Lyne and Savage group.

On Twenty Mile creek two men are at work on the Similkameen property.

A rich pocket was found on the Mammoth ledge which produced nearly \$5,000 in native gold.

James Kloran has bonded the Ram's Horn claim on Kloran mountain to J. Mellejoure of Vancouver, for \$30,000.

The Eureka and Mammoth mills are working steadily, it being a common occurrence to clean up over \$1,000 in 24 hours run.

Hullock-Webster has found a rich vein on one of his claims. The ore is principally a white quartz carrying free gold, which is often found in pieces large as a pea.

A splendid specimen of bornite and copper glance was brought down from Copper mountain by Jas. Snowden. It comes from the Copper Bench claim.

On the Nickel Plate everything is prepared for the installation of machinery.

As the wagon road is completed to Penton the compressor plant will be shipped, and it is probable that a mill will be built before long.

In the Kereomes district, Yuneman's camp is attracting quite a little attention at the present time. A number of properties are being worked.

The Sunset has been made lately. The Lost Horse ledge has been cut by the crosscut tunnel which was driven to the top in a few indications prove that the mineral is much the same as that found on the surface. A layer of white quartz cuts the formation next the footwall, the richer copper ore being found closest to the hanging.

MINING DEAL CLOSED.

Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate Acquires the Commonwealth Group.

An important mining deal was closed in Nelson during the last day or so, when the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate of Rossland acquired the Commonwealth group of claims located 12 miles back at Crawford bay. The consideration was \$50,000.

The Commonwealth was owned by Thomas G. Proctor of Nelson, W. E. Drewry of New Denver and J. J. Shalloo of Victoria. The syndicate was represented in the negotiations by J. C. Drewry of Rossland. The property consists of three claims, on which \$40,000 has been expended in development.

Mr. Drewry has let a contract for 100 feet of sinking on the main shaft and a considerable addition to the 540-foot tunnel on the property. The new owners will continue development all winter, but have no intention of making shipments until such time as the property is thoroughly opened up. The Commonwealth is near the well-known Silver Hill mine, and Mr. Drewry predicts that it will become one of the largest properties in the district.

Mr. E. S. Escalet, the pioneer restaurateur of Rossland, is here on a visit from Columbia. His restaurant there was destroyed by fire a few weeks since.

MINES AND MINING

What is Going on in . . . Shaft, Drift, Stope, Winze, Etc., Etc.

MR. W. Y. WILLIAMS IN TOWN.

He speaks of the Satisfactory Operation of the Smelter.

Mr. W. Y. Williams, superintendent of the mines of the Miner-Graves syndicate, is in the city from Phoenix camp. Mr. Williams is very much pleased with the manner in which the ore of the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides is being reduced in the smelter. No flux is used, and the ore goes into the furnace just as it comes out of the mine, with the exception that it is crushed. A few were of the opinion that the ore was of so low a grade that it could not be mined and reduced at a profit. That this can be done has already been proven. One thing that cheapens the cost of smelting is the water power. After all that is needed at the smelter is utilized there remains something over 1,300 horse power, which can be used at the mines of the syndicate. Further on this power will be utilized to run compressors and hoists. This will materially reduce the cost of the extraction of the ore. At present 300 tons per day are being extracted from the Knob Hill and the Old Ironsides. Next week the other furnace in the smelter is to be put into use, and this will necessitate the extraction of 600 tons per day. Mr. Williams says he would have no trouble in furnishing 1,000 tons or more per day. The intention is to leave pillars of ore instead of timbering the big stopes of the Ironsides and Knob Hill. At present Mr. Williams is looking after the operations on the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill, Granby, Gray Eagle and City of Paris, and they are looking well.

CENTRE STAR SHIPS.

Over Three Hundred Tons of Ore Left For the Trail Smelter Tuesday.

After a shut down of nearly seven months the Centre Star commenced shipping Tuesday. About 350 tons of ore was loaded at the bins and went down the incline to the smelter at Trail. The ore was taken from the bins at the east end of the bunkers as to give room for the ore coming up out of the mine daily. At the far end of the big dump, which is estimated to contain about 8,000 tons of ore, a big derrick is now in working order and was tried yesterday.

The boom of the derrick projects at right angles some 60 feet from the mast. Passing it from an extension of about ten feet braces tie its end to the mast above and below. On the arm runs a trolley from which is dependant a lifting block, to which is attached the carriage.

The whole mast turns on a pivot at its base, swinging the boom with it. The motive power is supplied by a compound winch driven by compressed air.

A double wire cable runs from the winch to a pulley wheel of some ten feet in diameter encircling the base of the mast. This swings the boom at the dip to a point over the cars. The lifting block is dependant from a trolley running on the arm will allow of the carriage containing the ore to be dropped exactly over the car, and on its return, by shifting the trolley, worked also by a wire cable from the winch, can place it on any part of the dump within 80 feet of the base of the mast. The lifting and depressing of the carriage is done by means of a third cable attached to the drums of the winch. The ore carriage contains about two and one-half tons and is open at one end. When hanging just over the ore car to be filled (it is so fixed that it cannot be swung around) a fourth cable, also attached to the winch, releases a trigger and the ore drops into its waiting receptacle. There are three carriages in use, two of which are filled as the third goes on its journey through the air. The time occupied in filling one of these carriages, attaching the lifting block, adjusting the trigger, lifting two and one-half tons of ore into the railway truck and returning the empty carriage to the dump is, by actual time taken yesterday, three and one-half minutes, working leisurely.

The derrick is not fixed to its site, and can be shifted in any direction. As the dump is shipped away it is calculated that it will be necessary to bring the apparatus closer to the ore heap twice before all has been removed. After this is accomplished the derrick will be set up in the timber yard and will be used for the handling of timber. Just such another derrick will be used on the War Eagle mine, and is now in course of construction.

A Very Large Ledge.

Messrs. Joseph Coleman and F. W. Brown have been in the Central hotel for several days past. Mr. Coleman was formerly a resident of this city, but for a year past has been in the Okanogan country. Mr. Brown is a miner of considerable experience in New Mexico and Arizona. For the past year they have been engaged in opening up a group of properties on the creek in the Acones range, which is at a point 12 miles south of the Loomis. They have a group of eight claims. Mr. Coleman took up these claims 14 years since, when he first visited that section and held them for eight years. Then he abandoned them owing to the dull times, and about two years since he relocated them again. The cropping show that the vein is 300 feet in width. It is a heavy sulphide ore carrying gold, silver and cobalt. The assays show that the ore carries gold silver and copper. The surface carries from 600 to \$3.70 in gold, and from a trace to 18 per cent in copper and some silver. Native copper can be found by panning out the ore. The property has been opened by one shaft of 28 feet and another of 30 feet. It is a concentrating proposition, and it is thought the ore can be run seven into one. Messrs. Coleman and Brown left yesterday for the purpose of resuming work on the property. They expect that the road which is to be constructed by the Great Northern will run close to it and that it will not be a great while before the road will be constructed.

A PROMINENT VISITOR.

Dr. G. M. Dawson Inspects the Le Roi and War Eagle.

Dr. G. M. Dawson, C. M. G., LL. D., F. R. S., and director of the Geological survey of Canada since 1898, paid Rossland a hurried visit, arriving on Monday and leaving for the Boundary country yesterday. After he has completed the inspection of the Boundary country he goes to East Kootenay. He is one of the great scientists of the world, and has explored British Columbia from its southern, eastern and western boundaries to its northern confines within the shadow of the great Arctic circle. He also explored the Northwest Territories. He was one of the H. M. Bering Sea commissioners in 1891, and connected with the Bering Sea joint commission in 1892. He was decorated for services in the Bering Sea commission.

Dr. Dawson took luncheon with Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, and spent the greater part of Monday afternoon with him discussing mining matters. Yesterday Mr. Le Roi Mining company invited him to examine the Le Roi mine, which he did, accompanied by Mr. D. J. Macdonald, the well known mining expert. Mr. John M. Long, the superintendent of the Le Roi, extended all courtesies. Dr. Dawson spoke highly of the magnificent showing of ore in the Le Roi, and remarked that it was a triumphant vindication of those who, in the early days, believed in the vastness of the mineral deposits in the vicinity of this city. Dr. Dawson also visited the War Eagle, and was much impressed with what he saw there.

SUCCEUMED TO APOPLEXY.

Mr. Edward Pritchard, F. G. S., of London, Passed Away.

Many of the old timers in Rossland will bear with regret the death of Mr. Edward Pritchard, F. G. S., of London, England. Mr. Pritchard, it will be remembered, came out to Rossland in the summer of 1878 with Mr. A. J. McMillan, to report on properties for an English syndicate, and during the short time he was in this city, he made a great many friends. At that time Mr. Pritchard formed a very high opinion of the capabilities of the Rossland district, and he was one of the first to state, after an examination of the ore, that in his opinion, it was one of the great mines of the world. Though he had not visited Rossland since 1896, Mr. Pritchard invested largely in this district, and took a keen interest in the steady growth of Rossland and the remarkable development of its mines. For some time Mr. Pritchard had been in ill health, and Mr. Pritchard had been attending to business both in his London and Birmingham offices, death came suddenly at last in the form of an apoplectic stroke, after which he lingered for some three days.

Awarded the Grand Prize.

The James Cooper Manufacturing company has just been advised by cable that the exhibit of Ingersoll-Sergeant machinery at the Paris exposition has been awarded the grand prize for mining exhibits. This is a gold medal and constitutes the highest award given.

Stopped Shipping.

Owing to the vast accumulation of ore in the Northport smelter yard and the building operations in progress there, it has been found necessary to stop shipping from the Le Roi for a day or so in order that the furnaces in Northport now in operation which are not capable of handling more than 750 tons of ore daily, may have an opportunity of catching up somewhat with the output.

PLANS OF THE TAMARAC.

The Property Is to Be Placed on a Shipping Bank.

The management of the Tamarac mine near Ymir, contemplates immediate action in the direction of placing the property on a shipping bank. A Marsh, secretary, F. W. Holt, director and engineer Roberts recently visited the mine, and is decided on a course of action which is being put in force as rapidly as circumstances permit.

The company has 1,200 tons of ore on the dumps at the mine, and 15,000 tons in sight. They hope to commence shipping 40 tons daily of \$12 to \$14 ore within a few weeks and to continue shipping until next spring. Development has been carried on steadily and the vein was recently struck some distance below the previous lower level, giving a probable total depth of 250 feet.

The program for this summer's work included the erection of a mill and the construction of a tramway to convey ore from the mine to the mill. The stock was recently made assessable, however,

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the south at the 300-ft. level. The Crown, also in the same district, has been passed through from eight feet in to 10 feet. This is a good value. This is a satisfactory development taken place in the strata that the ore has been worked with excellent results in a few months, lives are still going down. The Crown has shipped tons of ore of good quality.

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