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The Company's Property.

The company's property, known as the "COPPER GROUP" comprises three claims of about 50 acres each, which are prior locations situate about three miles northwest of Waneta, about two miles from Grouse Mountain and about seven miles equally from Rossland and Trail.

Promoters' Shares.

Are pooled until August, 1897, so it will be impossible for original holders to offer their stocks on the market at any price.

Development Stock.

The first issue of 50,000 shares has been taken up during the past few days almost entirely by local buyers, which is a guarantee of the estimation in which this property is held in the immediate locality. The directors have ordered a further issue of 50,000 shares to be placed on the market at

10 Cents Per Share.

(Price subject to change without notice.)

Description of Property.

The claims have a well defined and strong ledge running through the whole length and cropping out about 20 feet wide at the surface.

Work is now being actively prosecuted, seven men being employed in a shaft down 15 feet and crosscutting. In the shaft is a vein of solid ore carrying gold, copper, silver and lead values assaying as follows:

No. 1, from surface, total value.....\$ 10.36
No. 2, from shaft 15 feet, total value.....20.20

All arrangements are completed for winter work suitable boarding houses, etc., having been erected during the past month. It is confidently expected the company will have a quantity of ore ready for shipment in the spring.

Further information can be obtained on application to

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The Iron Colt Mine.

The Iron Colt is the first west extension of the great Columbia-Kootenay ledge. It is a full claim 800 by 1500 feet and has been surveyed for a crown grant. There is no adverse upon the title.

Shareholders Protected.

A special provision in the by-laws of this company is that no debt shall be incurred beyond the amount of money actually in the treasury. Any further liability incurred becomes a personal liability of the trustees.

25,000 Shares of Treasury Stock,

The fourth installment, are now offered to the public

At 20 Cents a Share.

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AT LARGE ONE YEAR

John McKinnon Recaptured in Spokane by Detective Warren.

HE ESCAPED FROM VERNON

He Was a Prominent Citizen and His Arrest Surprised Everybody—Reward of \$500 Was Offered For His Recapture.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 17.—[Special.]—Further particulars have been learned concerning John McKinnon, alias Frank Burns, the fugitive cattle thief and jail breaker from Vernon, British Columbia, captured in this city last night. McKinnon broke out of the Vernon jail September 4, 1895. Two days later F. S. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police, with headquarters at Victoria, notified Detective Warren of the escape and wired him to arrest the fugitive if he should turn up at Spokane. Yesterday morning Detective Warren wired Superintendent Hussey that McKinnon was here and asked for instructions. In reply he received a telegram from Kamloops, British Columbia, the seat of government for the district embracing Vernon, instructing him to take McKinnon into custody and that an officer would leave at once for Spokane.

From letters received by Detective Warren from Superintendent Hussey it seems that the prisoner for three years previous to his arrest at Vernon had been extensively engaged in stealing cattle in that country. He was looked upon as a wealthy cattle dealer, and it was a long time before suspicion was fastened upon him as being a cattle thief.

When at last the government had secured ample evidence against him as to his guilt he was taken into custody. A few days later with the aid of a confidential man he succeeded in breaking out of jail and then fled the country.

There was a standing reward of \$100 from the Dominion government and \$500 from the stock growers association for the arrest and return to British Columbia of the fugitive.

Referred to by the flight of McKinnon very well. He says his arrest was a great surprise as he was considered a leading citizen of Vernon and was supposed to be wealthy. A young officer named Dewdney was in charge of the hunt and used to go in each evening to put out the lights. McKinnon was advised of this and one night as Dewdney entered he rushed past him and conventionally for him by some confederate. Mr. Kirkup says he never heard of him again until he read of his arrest in yesterday's MINER.

WILL TAKE UP HIS CONTRACTS.

Grant Govan Cables the Miner He Will Develop 30 Claims.

THE MINER has received a cable message from Ernest W. Grant-Govan, now in England, saying he and his associates will take up all of the 30 contracts made by him and Frederick W. North when they were here last September. Work has already been started on two of the properties covered by these contracts, the Flossie L. and the Little Darling. Mr. Govan and his associates are putting up the money to work all the 30 properties covered by their contracts. This will involve a large sum and give employment to a great many men.

It should be said in justice to Mr. Govan that he was one of the promoters of the company formed in London to take over the War Eagle mine, and which for some reason not yet explained failed of its purpose, but was simply a director in the company. So far as the mine is concerned he is not of the people of this camp. He has certainly been the means of introducing a large amount of development capital.

C. P. R. BOUGHT THEM.

Steamers of the C. & K. S. N. Co. Reported Sold—Kalo Notes.

KALO, B. C., Dec. 16.—[Special Correspondence.]—The Canadian Pacific Railway has purchased the entire fleet and belongings of the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation company, and will take possession on the first of the new year. The change of ownership is likely to lead to an entire reorganization of the inside officers at Nelson, whence, it has been said, a good deal of friction came.

The little tugboat between the Kootenay and International is likely to lead to a more final and extended trial of speed. The owners of the former are not inclined to accept the present condition as final and will probably take some steps to settle the question of relative speed provided the international's owners accept the challenge.

The time table of the new steamer International has been changed. She now leaves Kalo at 7:30 a. m.

C. L. Hoffman of Spokane has purchased two lots on Front street, west, and will at once build a handsome building for store and offices. He will probably reside at Kalo with his family during the summer.

The Spokane-Kalo Mining and Milling company is the latest addition to the list of incorporated companies organized to develop Slocan mining properties. The capitalization is 900,000 shares of the par value of \$1.

W. H. Adams of this city has been chosen president and A. F. McCalline of Tacoma vice president of the provincial directors of the Dardanelles Mining and Milling company at its meeting in the city. The directors also adopted a series of by-laws for the future government of the company.

The well-known Washington mine has

been stocked by Major Montgomery and the other owners, but the details of the arrangements have not been made public. The prospectus and plans of the new company will be published in a few days.

The city engineer is making rapid progress on the waterworks system. All the steel pipes are now laid in the city, with the exception of the section along A avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets. The hydrants will arrive in a day or two and will be installed immediately as everything is in readiness. The work on the electric lighting works is also being pushed.

The board of school trustees, on Tuesday evening chose James Hishop of New Westminster, from the list of 15 applicants as teacher of the public school of the city. He is well recommended from Edinburgh, and by the provincial superintendent.

The new and powerful locomotive for the Kalo and Slocan railway has reached Five Mile point and will be delivered in Kalo on Friday. The rotary plow is also on the way. Both are much needed on the road.

VERY RAPID PROGRESS.

Drill in Red Mountain Making Ten Feet Every Two Rounds.

Some of the finest machine drilling ever done in the camp is now being executed in the tunnel being run to cut the north ledge of the Red Mountain. The drill was set to work Monday and ten feet were cut out the first two rounds. The men handling the machine are experts and things went smoothly from the very first. The drill is perhaps a little light for such hard rock and may not stand up to the work as long as a heavier drill, but it is certainly doing wonderfully well now.

Another drill will be put on in a few days and will be placed to run a drift in a small ledge cut by the tunnel when it was about 100 feet in. It is believed that the following of this ledge may lead to important discoveries.

The last assay of ore taken from the drift being cut west from the shaft on the north vein showed \$6.20 in gold, eight ounces in silver and 15 per cent copper—a total value of about \$30. Owing to the high copper percentage the ore is very valuable for smelting purposes, and a very low treatment charge ought to be secured.

GOLDEN DRIP A PRODUCER.

Three Quartz Veins Opened and Drifts to Be Made.

Active operations were started on the Golden Drip Thursday morning. The main or working tunnel enters O. K. mountain a little southwest of the old mill of the O. K. mine and runs in 181 feet. At a distance of 122 feet a drift has been run north on a quartz ledge. This drift is now being extended and the showing is very favorable. There are two good walls and the vein matter is about a foot wide. The quartz looks well and carries some free gold. No mill test has yet been made. Another ledge was cut 85 feet from the mouth of the tunnel. This shows quartz and vein matter four feet wide. A drift will be run on this both north and south. The one is a beautiful quartz showing free gold now and then, and having a value of about \$12 a ton. Excellent results may be expected from the ore to be taken from this vein.

Still another vein of quartz was cut at 55 feet from the mouth of the tunnel. This is only about a foot wide, but runs high in gold, assays over \$40 having been obtained. A drift will be run both ways on this vein. In ten days from now the Golden Drip will probably be producing several tons of good ore per day.

THE PARKER GROUP.

Another Salmon River Property to Be Developed.

A Salmon river property which is to be developed at once is the Parker group, situated a mile northeast from Quartz creek and between Wild Horse creek and Porcupine creek. The former owner of the majority interest was Charles Dundee, of Rossland, who has made a transfer to the Dundee Gold Mining company, which company has also secured the remaining interests. The Parker group is near the Tamarack group and about three miles from the famous Elise. The group is made up of the Parker, the Bill and the Lightheart. The surface assays on the Parker are reported to run about \$2.50 in gold, while 15 feet below the gold value was \$45 in one assay and \$5.50 in another with some silver.

Where the vein has been opened on the Parker it shows two good walls with granite on one side and black argillite rock on the other. The ledge matter consists of 18 inches of blue gonge, nine feet and a half of quartz slightly mineralized, then a streak of blue gonge and finally oxidized ledge matter carrying iron, sulphurets and galena. It is a very wide and strong ledge, and appears to run through all the claims in the group. Some of the quartz brought to Rossland presents a very attractive appearance. Buildings for winter work have been erected and active development will be carried forward.

PUSHING THE WORK.

The Management is Already Figuring on Machinery For the Sunset.

Plans and specifications are being made for a steam hoist and four-drill compressor plant for the Sunset. The shaft now down 40 feet is meanwhile to be continued by hand to the greatest possible depth economically. This will probably carry the shaft down 75 feet from which point a level will be driven west on the vein.

At the same time a tunnel will be driven to a connection with the bottom of the shaft for drainage and ventilation pending completion of the steam plant. Both drifts will open up good ore ground particularly the one to the west which will gain depth with each foot ahead.

I. X. L. WILL BE NEXT

John S. Baker Says a Compressor Plant Will Be Ordered at Once.

10-STAMP MILL IN SPRING

Development Will Be Pushed as Expeditiously as Possible—Crosscut Now Heading for Main Vein—New Vein Was Four Feet Wide.

John S. Baker, the principal owner of the I. X. L. mine, arrived last Thursday and went out to the mine Friday to inspect the new vein recently opened by the crosscut tunnel only started a few weeks ago to open up the main vein, 125 feet further into the hill. He announces that the mine will at once be equipped with a compressor plant to enable development to be prosecuted both speedily and economically and that a 10-stamp mill will be erected at an early date, possibly before the first of May.

The tunnel now being run on the I. X. L. is in about 50 feet. The face is a hard, solid diorite. The fine vein of ore cut when the tunnel was in 25 feet has been passed and is on the left. It appears to dip to the south and east, or out of the hill, and runs southwest and northeast. It appears to be about 4 feet wide and assays well. No drifting will be done on the vein at present, but the tunnel will be extended to cut the ledge crossing the ground about 125 feet from the tunnel mouth.

The developments in the I. X. L., O. K. and Golden Drip, which are closely grouped together, show that there is a perfect network of quartz veins running through this ground. More or less free gold is found in all of these veins.

VICTORY'S BIG ORE BODY.

The Sheep Creek Property Promises to Be an Immediate Producer.

Jeff Lewis has come in from the new camp on Sheep creek and reports that the tunnel on the Victory is now in 65 feet and that it has gone five feet into an ore chute which is 10 feet wide. When the ore was first encountered some of it was brought to Rossland and an assay showed \$19.20 in gold with some copper. Mr. Lewis says there now being taken out must run at least 5 per cent copper. The ore is a massive sulphide and the surface of the same ledge on another part of the ground shows some very fine chalcopryite.

It now looks as though the Victory would be an immediate producer. The tunnel is being run in on the vein, and as the hill is steep makes foot for foot in depth. A wagon road can be built to the Red Mountain railroad at small expense, as the distance is less than five miles. A wooden chute can be built from the mine down to the creek level, where the ore could be loaded into wagons.

ON GOLD BAR MOUNTAIN.

Big Group Syndicate Sinking a Shaft on the Excelsior.

The Big Group syndicate is a Vancouver company which is operating a group of mines on Gold Bar mountain, five miles south of Rossland. It has been pushing work with two shifts on the Excelsior, one of the claims of the Grand Prize group. R. H. Hamill, who is in charge of the work, reports that the shaft is now down 20 feet in almost solid ore. The ledge is enormously wide and the ore uncovered by the shaft shows considerable copper. The shaft will be continued to the 100-foot level when the ledge will be crosscut. No assays have been taken lately, but assays of \$3 were obtained from the surface.

30 Inches of Nice Ore.

The shaft on the Tribby, which was purchased some time since by John Martin and others, now shows two feet and a half of beautiful quartz, carrying iron pyrites. Mr. McKinnon, who is in town has had two assays made of quartz, the first running \$6.40 in gold and 30 ounces in silver and the second \$8 in gold and 8 ounces in silver. He is very well pleased with the situation.

The Train Got Stalled.

The Columbia & Western train from Trail did not reach Rossland last night. The heavy fall of snow was the difficulty. The baggage cars were left three miles from town, the passenger coaches two miles and the engine trying to go it alone got stalled a mile from town and at a late hour this morning was unable to move ahead. Some of the passengers walked in about midnight.

MINING NOTES.

Since the ledge on the Northern Belle was tapped a week ago a force has been at work drifting on the vein and the face of the drift is now in ore. It is intended to drift on the ledge east and west as the showing is very encouraging.

The tunnel on the St. Thomas is now in 50 feet in ore that looks well. A force commenced work yesterday on the parallel ledge between No. 1 and No. 2 tunnels with the expectation of striking a large body of ore. This work will be completed before crosscutting.

The Good Hope Gold Mining and Milling company elected new directors yesterday. They are: W. A. Campbell, W. M. Newton, W. J. Maxwell, W. Ralston and D. Prescott. A meeting of the directors will be held January 12 to elect officers for the ensuing year and transact other company business.