

## CITY OF PARIS AND MAJESTIC.

COLUMBIA, B.C., May 8.—Central camp, north of the international boundary line, is about five miles in an air line from this point. For the present it is reached by a wagon road going south into Ferry County, Washington, and taking a curve north back into the province a distance of nearly 13 miles. At present there are only two companies actively developing their holdings, viz., the City of Paris Gold Mining Co. and the Majestic Gold Mining Co., both under the management of Jay P. Graves, of Spokane. Henry White is the superintendent and H. Johnson mine manager.

## THE CITY OF PARIS.

On the surface of the City of Paris, the ledge, which carries gold-copper values, is said to show from 20 to 30 feet in width and is traced for fully 1500 feet on its own ground and into the Lincoln claim, its south extension. The Lincoln also appears to have a distinct ledge of gray copper and gold, measuring in places from seven to eight feet on the surface. A 90-foot shaft is sunk on this lead.

The first development on the City of Paris claim was also by shaft, sunk on the ore body to a depth of 70 feet. From the bottom of this shaft ore has been taken out that gave values in gold and copper as high as \$700.

When this work was completed, it was decided to run a long cross-cut tunnel to tap this lead at an approximate depth of 240 feet. This was done by going down the hill to the No. 4 claim and running through the Lincoln ground a distance of 770 feet, encountering and cutting through from the foot wall to the hanging wall of the City of Paris lead, a width of 33 feet, in a well mineralized ore body carrying values in gold, copper, silver and lead, proving that with depth this vein widened considerably. In the course of running this tunnel and before reaching its vein they cut five other distinct ledges measuring in width from two up to ten feet. After encountering the hanging wall of the main ledge, as stated, a drift to the west was run following this wall, which is well defined as it dips overhead in the drift into the hill, for a distance of 250 feet, into the City of Paris ground. Here a raise has been started with the intention of making connection with the 70-foot shaft that will shortly be sunk further so as to facilitate rapid work in completing this connection, and giving perfect ventilation for the mine workings.

From the main tunnel a drift is also being run to connect with the Lincoln shaft. This drift is in 160 odd feet, and has yet to run 200 feet to come under the shaft, where a raise will also be made to connect with same.

The City of Paris group is equipped with a five-drill Rand air compressor and a 3½ x 14-foot boiler. This machinery is situated on the Oregon claims, at the bottom of the hill in the gulch, adjacent to a plentiful supply of water, and the air is piped up to the mine, a distance of nearly 1,000 feet.

It is being seriously considered by the management at some near date to run another long crosscut tunnel to start near the compressor plant, that will tap the City of Paris lead on the Lincoln ground at a depth of 800 feet, by running in 1,800 feet. This,

of course, would be the main working tunnel.

To the north and west of the City of Paris group is the Lexington, City of Denver and Montreal, Majestic Gold Mining Company. Development work is being actively prosecuted on the Lexington claim of this company by means of a tunnel running in on the ledge that is in over 90 feet. The work is being performed by two shifts, using hand drills. A five-drill compressor plant has been ordered for the mine, and is said to be on the way to the property. On the surface the vein shows to a width of eight feet of oxidized ore. The face of the tunnel, however, is now in solid pyrrhotite ore. There is also a ten-foot prospect shaft on this claim.

The Montreal claim is said to have a strong 15-foot ledge of quartz. Its development is also in the way of a prospect shaft sunk to a depth of 15 feet.

On the surface of the City of Denver the ore is similar in character to that found on the City of Paris. A 45-foot shaft constitutes the present development.

## CRIPPLE CREEK NEWS.

## PORTLAND DECLARES ITS REGULAR DIVIDEND.

Cripple Creek, May 10, 1899.

The directors of the Portland Gold Mining Company held a meeting in the company's offices in the Bank block yesterday, and declared the regular monthly dividend of 2 cents per share on the 3,000,000 shares for which the company is capitalized, or a total of \$60,000.

The books for the transfer of stock will close on May 9th and reopen on May 16th. The dividend will be paid on May 15th. This is dividend No. 53, and when it has been paid the Portland Company will have distributed a total of \$2,137,080 in dividends among its stockholders.

## APRIL OUTPUT.

The returns for the month of April are in, and show that the Cripple Creek district is maintaining a good production that will, if kept up at the present rate during the rest of the year, make 1899 a record-breaker.

## JACK POT.

The dividend declared by the Creston Company on the Jack Pot for the month of March was \$163 a share. The dividend was declared at the end of last month. There are thirty shareholders in the company. The dividend, which will be made about the 15th of this month, will, it is stated, be bigger than that for March.

The leasing company is now anxious to cut in the second level the big cross lead opened in the drift above. The best ore yet marketed by the company was taken from this lead. A two-carload shipment was made up without sorting which ran better than eight ounces to the ton.

## THE HOOSIER.

The Cripple Creek Times says:

"The Hoosier is now beyond all question one of the mines, and one of the great

mines at that, of the camp. To-day it will send to market forty tons of ore that will at least have an average grade of ten ounces, or \$200, in gold to the ton. This ore has come from a winze and short level, and was broken 250 feet from the surface, where the shoot has been opened for fifty feet, and north and south in the face of the drift, there is excellent ore.

"The real truth about the Hoosier sounds like romance, and Lessee Anstie, who is a most conservative man, is loth to tell what he has in sight. After much persuasion he last night said that he did not see from present appearances how he could escape opening up one of nature's great treasure vaults, and in his usual modest manner showed an assay certificate of a sample he had taken across eleven feet of ore; not bothering with the ounces and fractions, the figures read \$336.

"Three hundred and thirty-six dollars is not a big assay for Cripple Creek by any means, but when it comes from a breast of eleven feet, it is astonishing.

"The Hoosier is in its infancy. The working shaft is considerably removed from the ore shoot, but when the levels from it get under the ore, the fame of the Cripple Creek district will go resounding throughout the world as it has never done before.

## STRIKE ON THE BONANZA KING.

CRIPPLE CREEK, May 13.—One of the most important strikes ever made on the southwestern spur of Gold Hill has been made by Bryant and Scott, lessees on the south end of the Bonanza King. Sinking 25 feet, the present depth of their shaft, the lessees have taken out nearly 30 tons of ore. The first 14 tons of this was settled for on a basis of two ounces to the ton. In the bottom of the shaft there is now showing two and a half to three feet of good pay, with an eight-inch streak running from 10 to 28 ounces of gold to the ton. By Monday next the lessees will have sacked for shipment six tons of this high-grade ore, and about 14 tons which they estimate at from four to five ounce grade. Every foot of depth gained has shown improvement both in quality and strength of the vein. Should the mine continue to improve with development the lessees will in reality be known as bonanza kings.

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