

FROM THE OUTSIDE CAMPS

THE SIMILKAMEEN

Chas. Powell and Angus Stewart returned from an extended trip to Rooble River yesterday. They brought with them some of the richest quartz yet discovered in the district. The rock is heavily veined with copper glance, and carries a little tellurium. On the Brunswick claim which they own, the vein is over 16 inches wide, while on the Wood property adjoining the Brunswick, there is two feet of the same quality of ore. Rooble River district produces the highest grade ore found in the Similkameen, a small shipment sent out over the Hope trail last fall returning over \$700 per ton. On Friday Ezekiel P. Wheeler has a veritable bonanza in the Gladstone claim, new work just completed having added enormously to the value of the property. The large open cut 30 feet long, 15 feet wide, and 10 feet deep, was deepened fully 10 feet more, and 15 tons of high grade bonanza ore piled on the dump. The work done has exposed about 100 tons of ore, which will run close to 20 per cent copper. As the ledge is 10 feet wide, and gaining strength rapidly with depth, Mr. Wheeler has every reason to feel satisfied with his property. He refused to consider the offer of a \$100,000 working bond on the property, as he and his associates intend developing it without outside assistance. He leaves for Concoquilly, Wash., where he has the management of one of the best mines in the district.

Messrs. Rogers, Gallinger, Silverthorne and Osen, returned from the Lucky Silverthorne claim yesterday. It adjoins the Gladstone and is owned by the Monte Mira Mining Company, of which Mr. Rogers is President. The last work done broke into a body of rich chalcopyrite, with a seam of bornite on the foot wall. The ore is certainly the best of the kind found, being solid even a few feet from the surface. "We are more than satisfied with our property" said Mr. Rogers, "and we intend doing 100 feet of work on the claim this fall, as soon as we complete the work on the Moonshiner property near Granite." Similkameen Star.

THE BOUNDARY

The R. Bell, Summit camp, shipped three cars of ore to the Granby smelter this week. J. L. Parker, superintendent of the Dominion Copper company, has a force of men sampling the Emma, in Summit camp, owned by McKenzie & Mann and W. T. Smith.

Some of the finest ore yet found in this camp is said to have been discovered by the recent diamond drill work on the Idaho. The drill is now down over 300 feet. Both sinking and raising are being prosecuted on the Rawhide by Contractor Gillis in the main shaft. Some day work is also being done on this property by the Dominion Copper company.

Negotiations are in progress for a deal on the Oro Denoro, and it is expected that this property will open up again in a short time. It is said that ore can be shipped from the surface of this mine at a profit. It is reported that John Dorsey has about finished negotiations for the sale of the Blue Bell mine, in Summit camp, to a syndicate of wealthy Milwaukee men. Mr. Dorsey is still in the east, and definite information is expected shortly.

At the Lake claim, in Skylark camp, about two and a half miles from Phoenix, the new machinery is nearly all installed. The cable was put in yesterday, and in a few days everything will be ready for the resuming of systematic development.

Last week Barclay Bonthron and Dalziel Gordon Smith, of Vancouver, arrived in town, and have looked over the Monarch and Tamarack claims, adjoining the Rawhide. Mr. Bonthron is the representative of the Earl Syndicate, Limited, an organization of English capitalists, owning these claims and others in the province. It is expected that development on these well known properties will be inaugurated at no distant date.

Thursday the two skips for the Brooklyn and Steward arrived and the former is now being put in place. The Brooklyn skip will hold two tons and that for the Steward one ton of ore. They are the first skips to be used in the camp. Tuesday the new 30-horse power hoist was put in use at the Brooklyn, and the work of erecting the new galloway frame, some 60 feet high, is well started. About the first of August the entire work of putting in the new machinery at the Brooklyn should be finished. For the time being, until connections are made from the south drift of the Brooklyn, work on the Idaho has been suspended.—Phoenix Pioneer.

Last Sunday a halt had to be called in hoisting ore at the Mother Lode mine, all the ore bins and available cars having been filled and, owing to there was no locomotive to haul the ore to the smelter. Since then work has been going on as usual and ore has been coming to the smelter daily. It is intended to in future shut down the mine every Sunday, if practicable, so that the men may have one day's rest out of seven.

H. H. Wilcox has started the "boom" process again on Rock Creek and shareholders in the Rock Creek Consolidated Placer company are again hopeful that their expectations will be realized. The management have now got down to business in good earnest and if they do not make a success of the venture it will not be for want of trying to do so. The prospects are now more encouraging than under the earlier "happy-go-lucky" arrangement. The Blue Bell, in Summit camp, is idle pending the making of arrange-

ments for payment of the wages of the men who have been employed on the claim. A telegram has been received in Greenwood from John Dorsey, who is in the east, to the effect that the Blue Bell has been sold.

A car of ore was shipped from the No 7 mine, Central camp, to the British Columbia Copper company's smelter, at Greenwood, early this week. This is the first ore sent out from the mine since the machinery was installed and, too, the first ore hauled to the railway by R. F. Coates under his contract for hauling. It is intended to send down six or seven carloads per week.

W. T. Smith is reported to have given an option on the Republic group, in Smith's camp, near Boundary Falls, to an English syndicate, consequently he has suspended work on the claims. The tunnel C. Scott Galloway has for some time past been having driven on his Strathmore claim, in Providence camp, a short distance from Greenwood, is now in more than 200 feet.

A new slope has been opened at the B. C. mine, near Ehoit, between the 325 and 250-foot levels, thus giving 75 feet of vertical ore. The diamond drill is still at work prospecting. The working force at this mine has been increased, numbering now about 100.

Gilbert Mahon, manager of the Jewel mine, in Long Lake camp, is expected back from England, and may arrive any day. He was in Montreal last week. Work at the mine is in progress under the direction of W. Rowe, who has some 30 men employed there.

There are 15 men at work on the Rathmullen group, in Summit camp. There are about a dozen claims in this group, but so far only one or two of them have had any development to speak of done on them.—Greenwood Miner.

THE SLOCAN

It is expected that the Hewitt tramway will be completed today and ore shipments commenced from that mine on Monday. W. McIntosh, who has the contract for the hauling of the ore from the foot of the tramway to the dock, has added another four-horse team to his outfit and will be able to bring down a carload every two days. At the mine there is now some 400 tons of ore sacked and a large amount of ore broken in the mine ready for sacking, besides a large amount of ore broken out, so that the management will be kept busy to handle it. There is more than enough ore in sight in this mine that the management will be able to send out no less than three carloads a week all summer and then have 2000 tons blocked out to send down next winter and this visible supply of ore is being added to daily.

A strike of rich ore has lately been made on the Alert claim at the head of Eight-Mile creek in the Silver Band Basin. This property is owned by C. Kneebone, C. McNicol and G. Thorburn and is a dry gold-silver proposition that gives assay values ranging from \$135 to \$1400. The vein is from one to three feet wide and lies in a granite formation with strike north and south and dips west into the mountain. Three short tunnels have been driven on the vein and a force of men are now engaged in developing the late strike. This is another property that the Red Mountain wagon road, if ever built, would furnish the means of transportation for.

The owners of the Ruby group, lying near the Bousin mine, are preparing a shipment of their ore. The Ruby vein produces a high grade dry silver ore and there has been considerable work done upon this property.

The Arlington is the only shipper on the Lake this week, sending out 40 tons.—Silvertonian.

Slocan and Slocan City shipments for the past week were: Slocan Star, 45 tons; American Boy, 40; Arlington, 40; Enterprise, 20; total, 145 tons. The total for the year to date is 12,004 tons. About 700 miners are working in the Slocan. There should be 7,000.—New Denver Ledger.

The Slocan Star is at present employing a force of 120 men and to a Tribune reporter Mr. Bruce White gave an unqualified denial to the reports being persistently circulated that the company contemplated shutting down. The entire output of the Slocan Star goes to the smelter at San Francisco, and there is no restriction upon the amount of the property's output. The ore is sold to the San Francisco smelter upon the London quotation for lead, and at no time has the Star experienced any difficulty in marketing its product. As to the present outlook in the Slocan Mr. White said that he fully expected to see a number of the Slocan producers resume work within the next couple of months. Within this period the 1600 feet tunnel on the Last Chance property should have reached the ledge, and the general opinion was that when this was accomplished the Last Chance would resume work upon an extensive scale. The Payne was also working in a small way, and experiments were now being made in the milling of Payne concentrating ore in the Noble Five concentrator. A concentrator for the Payne was also being considered.

AINSWORTH

The owners of the Highlander mine have increased their force of men in the long tunnel, and the manner in which the property is developing is exceeding the predictions of the most sanguine in the camp, although it is generally understood that the owners knew just what to expect from their explorations with the diamond drill last summer. Drifting upon the mammoth ledge is now being pushed ahead steadily and when this is completed according to the present programme outlined the owners of the Highlander will have easily the biggest mine in British Columbia. The success

met with in the development of the Highlander will also lead to the resumption of work upon a number of other properties in the camp which was sadly in need of a revival, having experienced one reverse after another until many were inclined to give up.—Tribune.

NORTH EAST KOOTENAY

Mica has been brought in from time to time by parties who have come from that part of this district living between Beaver and the Big Bend, and fair specimens have been exhibited in this town very often, but it remained for Mr. C. P. Price, better known as "Kid," to bring a piece to open the eyes of Golden-ites, and which, if shown in any of the moneyed circles of the east, would bring a fortune. "Kid" has been trapping and prospecting the whole of the northern portion of this district for the past few years and has traced the mica for some distance. He has been trapping and prospecting the whole of the northern portion of this district for the past few years and has traced the mica for some distance. He has been trapping and prospecting the whole of the northern portion of this district for the past few years and has traced the mica for some distance.

Finally selecting the point on which he has now located. Accompanied by Chas. Hatch, he left in the middle of June for the north carrying with him powder and steel with which to open up the ledge, but on unpacking his supplies no caps were forthcoming, and no work could be done. Having to return, Price dug out a detached block of the mica which had rotted away from the main ledge and was lying with them as proof of what they had found. It was this rotten piece that created so much excitement, and it well might, as it shows a clear surface when split of 23x15 inches. Price left the sample in Recorder Long's specimen case, where it has been duly admired by local mining men. Mr. G. B. McDermot, Dr. Taylor and Miss Long are also interested in this proposition, and we learn it is the intention of some New York gentlemen to secure machinery for splitting the mica into sheets and so be in a position to ship the finished product. The location of the claims is in the Big Bend, two miles from the river, and directly opposite the mouth of Wood river. The mineral is found in a dike of quartz and is, as the loose specimen indicates, in large pieces. At points where the quartz has been exposed to the weather there is a good showing, and the mineral can be traced for a distance of 200 yards on the surface. Price brought in some specimens of tin that have been seen in an assay, but those who are in a position to pronounce on the value, say that the ledge is high grade. North East Kootenay will soon be recognized as the banner division of the far-famed Kootenays.—Golden Era.

In consequence of the lateness of the season and the depth of snow upon the high mountains, the Outcrop would suggest that the government allow an extension of time for the performance of an assessment work to show up the mica. Many claim owners cannot possibly get up their work in time. In 1897 for similar reasons the gold commissioners throughout the province were allowed to extend the time for a period of 60 days, from the 17th of July for the completion of assessment work where they had caused to believe the claims were inaccessible. Therefore, we claim that prospectors should again be allowed this advantage.

P. Stratford and partners went up the south fork of Toby creek on Sunday to commence work on the Jeaneur group. They will cut a good trail of several miles to the group, and intend doing sufficient work to show up the ledge property. Last season they traced the ledge for about 3,000 feet and uncovered two feet of clean ore. It is stated that there are several parties anxious to get hold of this group.

Prof. Robinson and his men came down from Jumbo creek last week, where they have already accomplished 27 feet of work. They will go up the hill shortly to start work on the Leora, upon which has been found the greatest copper discovery in East Kootenay. The work done with a pick uncovered a good foot of solid chalcopyrite ore. A peculiar feature of this rich ore is that at the grass roots there is absolutely no copper stains to be found on the ledge, which carries 32 per cent copper values. While there is only one block of ore uncovered the indications are that it is much wider. To prove the width of the vein, a crosscut tunnel is to be run which will cut the ledge at a depth of 30 feet and drain off the water.—Canterbury Outcrop.

SOUTH EAST KOOTENAY

During the last month large beds of hematite iron ore have been discovered and located on Bull river. The records at the government office show that 19 claims have been recorded. The locators have been prospecting the claims and have shown up a large strong vein of at least 50 feet in width, having a depth as far as known of over 1000 feet. Three other veins nearly as large as the big vein have also been prospected. It is said that the ore is of a superior character, an analysis showing that the ore contains 55 to 60 per cent iron, 2 per cent manganese, phosphorus a trace, sulphur trace, and about 28 per cent carbon. The fact, as the analysis shows, that the iron ore contains but a small amount of phosphorus and sulphur and other foreign substances in very small quantities indicates that the ore is of a superior quality. Large bodies of iron have been discovered at or near Kitchener in the southwestern portion of the district. Some 20 claims have been located by means of a diamond drill, and it is reported that there is a vast amount of a superior ore located by the drill. Iron in large quantities is known to exist on Wild Horse creek, an assay from a property now located went as high as 60 per cent iron.

A 30-day option has been taken by Eastern Canadian parties on the Grace Dore property. The consideration is \$30,000. An expert has examined the property, and if his report proves satisfactory the deal will be closed. The Grace Dore is situated on Wild Horse creek about four miles from Fort Steele. It is a nickel proposition, and the ore is said to run as high as 14 per cent nickel. Development work consists of a tunnel now in 75 feet showing a vein of nickel ore in width carrying galena and gold in eight feet wide. Another lead four feet in width, carrying galena and gold, has been uncovered.—Fort Steele Prospector.

M. J. Halpin has returned from his two claims, the Emerald and Phoenix, on the upper St. Marys, where he has been working for the past few weeks. He is feeling very enthusiastic over the outlook, and says that there is no longer any question as to the richness of that part of the country. He brought down some fine samples of copper ore, that give every evidence of a big body of ore. He has three ledges on each of his claims, and they are of good size. The assays he has secured show 25.5 per cent copper, with about \$3 in silver and a few cents in gold. He is on his tunnel about 30 feet, and says that the showing grew better as depth was added. He left yesterday for Nelson. He expects to interest some parties in the property, and return to do extensive development this winter.—Cranbrook Herald.

A cablegram from the company's representative at Nelson, published in London, says: "Mine car sample, level No. 4, west of the dyke—Sample assays gold \$35 (£7), silver \$5 (£1) per ton of 2,000 lbs. Reopened width of 15 feet. The average width of the vein is greater." The official returns from the June run at the Ymir show that 80 stamps run 27 days of nine hours, with estimated profit on operating of \$25,000. This brings the total net profit made during the first five months of 1901 up to over \$108,500, or an average of over \$2,170 per month. Out of this total a dividend of \$48,000 has already been paid and a second one of a similar amount is payable in a few days.

It has always been maintained hitherto by the company's engineer that outside of the big shoot now being worked, the Ymir vein did not seem to contain any body of pay ore. Such a body has now been discovered, however, on a claim owned by the Ymir company, lying northwest of the present workings. The ore is reported to be exactly similar to that of the first shoot and of much the same average value. A force of men has already been put to work to exploit this new discovery, which forms an important addition to the already large assets of the company.

Preparations are now being made for the installation of the large cyanide plant at the Ymir. Such a plant covers a large area of ground, and the building which is to contain the mill will be 300 feet long and require half a million feet of lumber, for which a contract is now being let for this timber, which is to be cut at the company's own sawmill.

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BITUMINOUS COAL ON THE NORTH FORK OF THE KETTLE RIVER.

THE DISCOVERER REPORTS THREE SEAMS, AVERAGING FOUR FEET.

GRAND FORKS, July 16.—(Special.)—Joseph Wiseman, a prospector who was outfit by Geo. A. Fraser and R. R. Gilpin of this city, has returned from the upper reaches of the Kettle river, bringing with him a sackful of bituminous coal. He reports that he discovered three seams of coal, averaging four feet in width, on the west bank of the river at a point about 60 miles north of Grand Forks. Samples tested in a blacksmith's forge and analyzed at the Granby smelter were pronounced to be genuine. Wiseman located in all 1920 acres for his principals and himself. He did not do any development work, the samples brought here having been taken from the surface.

Wiseman, it appears, found the coal a year ago but failed to stake it, and when he revisited the upper north fork of the Kettle river he was unable to find the seams, as the country is a howling and trackless wilderness. However he was more successful on the second trip, Geo. A. Fraser and Wiseman leave here tomorrow for the discovery and will return with a packtrain of coal after doing a little development work. If the coal should prove to be there in abundance its effects on the industrial development of the Boundary country cannot be overestimated. The discovery has created no little excitement here.

IN THE LARDEAU COUNTRY.

Notes of a Trip From Thompson's Landing to Duncan.

THOMPSON'S LANDING, July 12.—Thompson's Landing is situated at the head of the northeast arm of Arrow lake, and is the gateway city of the Fish Creek mining country, which is the present time by its wonderfully rich ledges of free milling ore. The town is well situated, being on a high gradual slope from the lake, and where the highest water will not affect it. There are two fairly good hotels and a general store, a livery stable and a blacksmith shop at this point, and it is rapidly growing.

From Thompson's Landing to Trout Lake is twelve miles of very good road, and well kept; in fact quite a contrast to the roads in Rossland in early days. Trout Lake City is the largest town we have seen in the district, and is well situated on the upper end of Trout lake, but in high water the people are sometimes forced to use the boats on their streets instead of cars. But we were assured that this seldom occurs.

Leaving Trout Lake City we boarded a gasoline launch for Selkirk, the new town at the lower end of the lake. This place will be the terminus of the railway building from Lardo City up the Duncan and Lardo rivers. The town site is now being cleared and preparations being made to place it on the market.

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PLANS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF THE ROYAL PARTY TO VICTORIA.

VICTORIA, July 16.—(Special.)—P. J. Graham, secretary of the Trackmen's Union at Revelstoke, is here to interview the attorney-general relative to taking action against those who have broken the alien labor act in engaging aliens under contract. He says the part of the road most seriously affected is between Revelstoke and Laggan. Where there were 65 men there are now 13. It requires twelve hours to traverse a section formerly covered in 2-1/2 hours. He says the company is attempting to intimidate union men, he himself having been ordered off the platform at Revelstoke. If the road bed between Revelstoke and Laggan is allowed to continue as at present it will be impossible to engage enough men to put it in an adequate condition for winter purposes. Graham has an affidavit from T. H. Mercer, one of the men engaged as a bridge carpenter at Fortland, who says he was hired by Colousky, agent of the C. P. R., and told if questioned to say he was hired in Vancouver.

Word has been received from Skeena that a site has been selected for the Dominion government salmon hatchery at Takelso on the Skeena, commonly known as Trout lake. The site was selected by Hans Holmosen and G. Mortson. The following packs are reported from the camerias: A. B. C., 2,700 cases; P. Herman, 2,000; Skeena Packing company, 2,000; Aberdeen, 1,300; North Pacific, 1,000; Carlisle, 900. The Governor-General has wired Governor Joly that the C. P. R. have offered the Empress of India to carry the Duke of Cornwall and party from Vancouver to Victoria. Lord Minto thinks the arrangement very suitable.

THE FISHERY TROUBLE.

Renewed Efforts to Effect a Compromise on the Fraser.

VANCOUVER, July 16.—(Special.)—There is a movement on foot today for the settlement of the fishermen's strike on the basis of a compromise for 12 1/2 cents to the end of July and 10 cents thereafter. There is nothing doing on the river, and the run of fish is small. The six men charged with molesting the Japanese came before Justice Martin this morning and bail was refused. Rogers' trial is still going on.

G. R. Maxwell, M.P., says that if the provincial government, for political reasons, insists on establishing its provincial assay office in Vancouver, the Dominion will withdraw theirs and establish it at Dawson. Maxwell has opposed the provincial office on the first, but says that if it is kept up the Dominion office now being arranged in Vancouver will not be maintained here. Vancouver is in the unique position of having too many assay offices.

DROWNED AT BANFF.

The Fate of a Wealthy and Eccentric English Visitor.

VANCOUVER, July 16.—Word has been received of the finding at Banff of the dead body of D. D. Dick, a wealthy and eccentric Englishman. He was accidentally drowned. Mr. Dick had been staying at the Banff hotel, and it was not an unusual thing for him to remain away for several days. On Sunday, July 14, he was out for a walk, and his body was found. He was estimated to be worth \$2,000,000.

GLOBE CIRCLERS.

Le Matin and Chicago-American Parties on the Empress Yesterday.

VICTORIA, July 6.—There were two parties of globe-circling racers on the Empress of India which arrived today. Mm. LeMatin and Stegler, representing Le Matin of Paris, and C. C. Fitzmorris and S. M. Williams, representing the Chicago-American, arrived. The latter couple were taken from the Empress in the Straits by a tug and rushed to Seattle, where they arrived at 4:45 and left there for Chicago at 7:50 p.m.

THE WATERLOO MINE.

Shareholders at Greenwood Consider the Situation.

GREENWOOD, July 16.—(Special.)—About 20 shareholders of the Waterloo Mining company held an informal meeting in Mr. Vedder's office, Greenwood, to talk over the situation to see if some plan could not be adopted to put the company on a working basis. It was the general opinion of those present that the only method to be adopted was the assessment plan.

Mr. Vedder was appointed to act as temporary secretary, with a view of correspondence with the Spokane and other shareholders. About 200,000 shares were represented, and it was the opinion of those present that as many more could be found in this part of British Columbia. Miners and shareholders in this country are all agreed that with good management and \$15,000 in the treasury the mine could be put in shape to pay handsome profits.

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