

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The second dance under the auspices of the Entre Nous club took place at Masonic hall on Friday night and proved to be a decidedly pleasant function.

MINING CONDITIONS IN THE BOUNDARY

E. JACOBS IN GREENWOOD TILES.

In reviewing the condition of the mining industry in the Boundary district as the year 1901 draws to a close two chief and striking evidences of substantial progress call for special notice.

Deadwood camp, which ranks next in importance, has three mines at work, viz., the Mother Lode, Sunset and Morrison. The average footage of development work done is about 18,000 feet, of which 7,000 has been done in the Mother Lode, about 4,000 in the Sunset and adjoining Crown Silver.

Among other features, also worthy of mention, are the following: The quarrying method of mining ore has been successfully adopted, the Granby company's Knob Hill mine, and the B. C. Copper Company's Mother Lode mine having opened enormous surface quarries in one which is sent forward to the smelter as it comes from the quarries, without being sorted at all.

Summit camp properties have had a fair amount of attention during the year, but although the ore met with a shorter line connecting the two last named towns. These will bring the Republic and other nearby mining camps on the Colville Indian reservation into close connection with the Granby company's smelter at Grand Forks, whilst the former will give the last named town a competing railway, which it is intended shall later also tap the chief mining camps of the Boundary.

Statistics relating to ore production and treatment are given below, but before going into these some general comment on the several mining camps in the district and the chief properties therein had mention in the press will likely prove of interest. Taking the camps in order of importance from the joint standpoint of development and production, Greenwood camp, (so named officially but also known as Phoenix camp), easily comes first, both as regards footage of development work done and tonnage of ore shipped.

Report has it that an interesting social function is on the tapis in the shape of a ball under the auspices of the officers and members of the Rocky Mountain Rangers. The idea is rather ambitious, but under the plan outlined which embraces former militia officers now resident in the city and district, is quite feasible, and its consummation would afford a novelty in the social line that should guarantee its success.

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time in its history. Two or three important discoveries were made in the mine and it is now being worked on strictly practical and economical lines, so that its success, in the light of late developments, may be regarded as very probable, if not already assured.

The Jewel, in Long Lake camp, has had another spell of work, but at the time of writing it is closed down. What is known as the northwest ledge has been sunk on and a long crosscut has been run in an endeavor to find the ledge at depth, but it is stated without success. The ledge known as the Jewel ledge has, however, been picked up again at the 230-foot level beyond where it faulted, so this find adds to the value of the mine.

The only property at work in Central camp during the year, outside of the annual assessments, was the No. 7 mine, owned by some of the same New York mining men as have made a big mine of the Mother Lode. They put in a steam power plant and extended the levels at 80 feet and 120 feet depth and now the shaft is being sunk to 200 feet or deeper, the hope is the two levels named being meanwhile got into shape for maintaining a steady output of ore when the snow shall have made the roads good enough to permit of heavy hauling being resumed.

Outside camps are not yet making much progress. Up the West Fork of the Kettle river there are some properties that with transportation facilities provided would likely soon develop into paying mines, the ore being of a much higher grade than generally occurs in the more favorably situated camps of the district. The Carmi, which shipped nearly 900 tons of ore last winter, is the most developed at the present, but the Butcher Boy, Ramble, Sally and two or three others are also considered good claims. Franklin camp, up the east branch of the North Fork of Kettle river, is also reported to have some good claims, but that camp is yet without wagon road communication, and is so at great disadvantage in developing its prospects.

The following table shows the quantities of ore shipped during the year by the mines of the Boundary, respectively, as aggregating about 385,000 tons. The actual tonnage for 11 months ending November 30, was 351,842 tons. Adding 33,658 tons for the output of either October or November, the total of 385,000 tons is well within the mark. For the purpose of comparison the shipments of individual mines during 1900 are also given.

Table with 2 columns: Mine Name, 1900, 1901. Includes Mother Lode, B. C., Golden Crown, City of Paris, Winnipeg, Snowshoe, Athelstan, Carmi, King Solomon, No. 7, R. Bell, Sunset, Jewel, Brooklyn, Ruby, Sundry small ship'ts, Total for 1900, Total 11 months 1901, Add for Dec (est.), Total for 1901, Granby Con. M., S. & P. Co.'s Smelter, 1901, February, 11 days, March, April, May, June, July, August, 28 days, September, October, November, December, estimated, Total, In conclusion it may be mentioned that both smelters are doubling their present capacity, and the Granby converter to convert the matte into blister copper.

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