

WONDERFUL ORE.

The Gold Panner Mine Shows Some Marvellously Rich Ore.

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The Catherine S. Wednesday morning brought a consignment of ore to the Gold Panner Mining Company's office, which was the last blown out at the time of shipment at a depth of about 15 feet from the top of the shaft. The ore is wonderfully rich and has caused great excitement in local mining circles.

The office of the company is continually crowded with people going to see the rock. There is one large block of ore weighing about 75 pounds which is literally plastered with gold, and it can be seen upon examination that it runs in streaks all through the rock. All the specimens are liberally sprinkled with gold, and the fact that it is so evenly distributed throughout the rock is a circumstance that is favorable to the regularity of the ore values. The mine captain in his letter said that he had taken the ore sent it at random after the last shot in the bottom of the shaft on No. 1 vein, but that the other parallel vein, 48 feet away, had just as good a showing, and he could duplicate the samples from this vein. He also said that it was the richest ore that he had ever run across in all his mining experience, and predicts a great future for the mine. The two parallel veins are getting most of the attention at present. They are discovered to be about eight feet wide each, and the schist between them carries values which yield colors in the pan.

The fact that the country rock in which the veins occur is of a soft schistose character is conclusive that no great upheaval has occurred in the formation of the veins, and hence their continuity is more likely than would be the case if it occurred in a harder formation, and as faulting often renders an otherwise good mine valueless, the absence of circumstances favorable to such displacement is most conclusive to the belief in the permanency and value of the mine.

The company has disposed of nearly all the first block of 50,000 shares, which were sold at 25c, and when these are gone it is likely that no more will be put on the market until the development has progressed sufficiently to enable the shares to be sold at 50c, and then only to the present stockholders.

At any rate the rock now coming out of the shaft is of such a quality as to cause the original holders to purchase more stock and cause a scramble among local people to be in on the first block offered.

The Gold Panner mine is a winner, and it has come to stay. The company operating it are to be congratulated on the excellence of the work done by them so far, and the able and energetic manner, combined with economical business methods, in which their affairs are managed.

With such a beginning and the continuance of the present favorable conditions and competent management, the possibilities for this enterprising young company are unlimited.

DEER PARK.

Mr. Lorne Becher, manager of the Deer Park, on being requested to give information re the property of the company, said: "The shaft in our new find is now down 80 feet, and our south drift has yet 120 feet to be driven before it comes directly under the new shaft. The shaft is still all in ore and, if anything, the character of the ledge matter has improved with depth, and good assays are being obtained which run as high as \$38. It is our intention to connect with all possible speed the south drift with the shaft on the new find, and at the same time

a station will be cut out at the 100-foot level in order that further exploration work may be carried on there at any time and so as to prevent the timbers there from being blasted out. The south drift is becoming more strongly mineralized as it approaches the shaft. When the new shaft is connected with the south drift the property will be in excellent shape for continuous exploration, owing to the splendid ventilation, and can also be more chiefly worked as the ore and the waste can be taken out by way of the main shaft. It is the intention after all the connections are made to come back to the 60-foot and 100-foot levels in order to do considerable crosscutting and drifting there. Thirty men are at work in the Deer Park, and all machinery and supplies have been purchased to last during the entire winter.

BIG FOUR.

Work is being pushed on this property. Two shifts are engaged in extending tunnel No. 2. More copper is now found in ore in this ledge than has been the case heretofore. The vein has been crosscut on the surface near the railway and there is a good showing of ore. It assays \$18 to the ton. The Big Four never looked any better than at present.

NEW ST. ELMO.

The pole line of the West Kootenay Power and Light company is being extended to the New St. Elmo compressor plant. The connection will soon be made and it is now certain that the plant will be in operation within the next day or two.

WHITE BEAR.

A crosscut has been driven to the east for a distance of 100 feet and then a turn was made to the north for the purpose of crosscutting the ledge. Some ore is coming on now which assays very well.

EVENING STAR

Work was closed down on the Evening Star during the week. It is probable that it will be resumed after the next annual meeting, which is to be held in December. A change of management is said to be among the possibilities.

PORTLAND.

The shaft has reached a depth of about 90 feet. Ore of a high grade has been met in the shaft. The tunnel has been driven in for something over 150 feet.

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