

CONTRACT SYSTEM

Miners are Looking Over the Ground and Securing Pointers.

THE PLANS OF THE COMPANIES

The Men Now Working on Ordinary Day's Wage Will Later on be Called on to Take Contracts—Statement From the Ymir Mine Operations.

The semi-deserted galleries, stipes and drifts of the mines upon the lower slopes of Red Mountain; the Centre Star, War Eagle and Le Roi, echoed yesterday with the footfalls of numerous bodies of returning miners, who, informed of the arrangements under which work is to be resumed, were satisfying themselves by an examination of the conditions of the various workings that the contracts they were about to enter upon were propositions they could with profit entertain.

Further, although contracts are by no means unknown in the camp, and have been undertaken on all of these various properties at different periods, yet in the methodized manner in which they are now to be taken up, it may be said with truth that they are an innovation.

Yet another feature of the case is the perfect knowledge of one another's ability, which must be in the possession of a contract gang, and this is at present wanting.

In view of all these conflicting combinations which must be adjusted to ensure perfect working management of the War Eagle, Centre Star and Le Roi mines have determined to let the men have the opportunity desired by them.

The great thing is that employment is open to hundreds of workmen. Some have actually started, more will be in their place by tomorrow, and as the ensuing week slips by some hundreds will find work which they will have taken up.

YMIER GOLD MINES, LIMITED.

A Report Covering the Operation From August, 1898 to December Last.

A report covering the period from the incorporation of the company in August, 1898, to December 31st last, has been issued in anticipation of the first annual general meeting which was held on Thursday, March 22nd.

Table with 3 columns: Running Time, Tons Crushed, and other metrics for Ymir Gold Mines.

The record of the last three months shows much improvement, and as several

changes have been made in details and precautions taken to prevent the recurrence of most of the minor anomalies, it may be expected that the second year of our operations will show much greater mechanical efficiency.

SUNSET MINE BONDED.

Mr. J. C. Drewry Secures This Very Valuable Property.

Mr. J. C. Drewry, managing director of the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, limited, has bonded the well-known Sunset mine, in the Slocan, from Mr. A. H. Buchanan, of Nelson. The Sunset is a high grade silver-lead property, situated about a mile from the town of Whitewater, on the Kaslo & Slocan railroad.

LEMON MINE COMPANY.

It Has Bought and Its Mill Is Now Operating.

Mr. J. M. Greery, president of the Lemon Gold Mining Company of British Columbia, whose properties are located near Camp McKinney, is at the A. H. He is returning from Omaha, Neb., and is en route to Camp McKinney. The group owned by the Lemon company consists of the Lemon, Pennsylvania, Last Chance, Galena and Gold Standard.

Blacktail is Looking Well.

Mr. M. R. Galusha yesterday received a letter from his son, Mr. H. K. Galusha, from Spokane, to the effect that the latter had received telephonic communication from Mr. William Cummer, superintendent of the Blacktail. Mr. Cummer stated that on the 3rd the ore taken from the two faces of the drift assayed \$34.45 and \$52 per ton, and \$18 and \$32 on the 2nd.

Miners Going to Omineca.

Mr. S. Arden Singlehurst, the representative of a New York syndicate, left yesterday for the coast, from whence he will go into the Omineca district. He took with him three skilled quartz miners, and three others are to follow him today.

Lake Superior Output.

The total quantity of rock from the Quincy copper mine, Lake Superior, stamped during the year 1899, was 459,164 tons, from which was obtained 14,301,182 pounds of refined copper, the yield thus being 1.23 per cent of copper from the rock stamped.

Verde Copper Mine.

The United Verde copper mine, Arizona, owned by Senator Clark of Montana is reported to have paid dividends at the rate of \$3,000,000 for several recent years.

THE PEND D'OREILLE.

Mr. Jackson Gives His Impression of Above Section.

GOOD FIELD FOR PROSPECTORS

The Bunker Hill Mill Will Soon Start Operations—An Immense Quartz Ledge—How Work is Progressing on the O. K., Big Four and the Iron Mask.

Mr. H. W. C. Jackson has returned from a visit to the Pend d'Oreille country, and speaks most enthusiastically of it. He says, in addition to being a good mining section, it abounds in fish and game, and the land is suitable for stock raising, farming and fruit raising.

"While there," Mr. Jackson said, "I saw the biggest quartz ledge I have ever seen. It is about 80 feet high. I do not know how high it is, as I have not yet had it assayed. The property on which the ledge is located was what I went over for the purpose of seeing."

"The section along the Pend d'Oreille reminds me of the Snake river country in Washington. I saw three good ranches along the river, and there would be others if the settlers could get a title to the land. The land is on benches, and here and there are patches of from 60 to 70 acres which have only bunches of trees here and there, and are therefore practically cleared. The soil is fertile; there is not much snow, nor is there too much rain, but in summer there is enough dew and moisture to insure crops, and the land is located principally with a southern exposure.

"The people of that section consider that it was a mistake to have transferred their country from the Trail Creek to the Nelson mining division, as they would much prefer to come to Rossland when they wish to do business, and a considerable number of the mining recorder and the gold commissioner. They think, too, that the ferry at Trail should be kept running, as it gives them a short road to Rossland."

"The country has not been thoroughly prospected, and I think it offers a splendid field for the prospector, and I intend to recommend it to national banks when they are in a position in which they will get discovered a number of valuable mineral claims. It has all the marks of a good mining country."

THE O. K.

The Gradual Development of the Mine—The Work is Steadily Progressing.

The O. K. has been steadily operated since the middle of January. Since its shut-down the mine has been under the control of the old National Bank of Spokane, which lately determined to open up the mine on new lines. A small force of men under Superintendent Thomas Hughes is constantly at work, and mainly upon the result of these labors the future of the mine will depend.

THE BIG FOUR.

Development Proceeding on Two Tunnels—Good Looking Ore Encountered.

Two tunnels are being driven on this property, which consists of the Etna Big Four, Big Bend and Double. The first tunnel, the uppermost, situated about 150 feet above the lower is now in about 50 feet. To the westward 400 feet distant, in a horizontal line, another tunnel is being driven on No. 2 vein, which is running parallel with No. 1. This has penetrated 74 feet. No machinery is at present erected on the property which is thus altogether worked by hand labor.

Another which has been exposed in five separate places is demonstrably an extension of the I. X. L., being shown at regular intervals along the surface as it crosses the Big Four from that adjoining quartz vein. It presents the characteristic quartz very good assays have been obtained. Work is steadily going on, there being two shifts of men kept constantly at work.

The Iron Mask.

Prosecution of the crosscut west of the big dyke on the 400 foot level has made it practically certain that the faulted ledge has been regained, and is in place under the upper levels of the mine.

THE MONTREAL MARKET.

Mr. Wallace Just Returned to Rossland, Speaks of the Eastern Market.

THE ROYAL PROGRESS.

Irish People Go Wild Over the Presence of Her Majesty.

Dublin, April 9.—Queen Victoria took her usual drive in the vice-regal grounds this morning, and paid her promised visit to the city this afternoon. Large crowds of people watched Her Majesty's departure from Phoenix Park, and the route followed was thronged with people.

An escort of the household cavalry lent picturesqueness to the royal procession. The shops and houses in the main thoroughfares were plentifully decorated with flags and bunting, and Her Majesty was received with great enthusiasm throughout her drive. The weather was splendid, and the brilliant sunshine and vari-colored decorations gave the city quite a carnival appearance.

Her Majesty drove slowly along the route, incessantly bowing and smiling her acknowledgements of the plaudits. Not even on the occasion of the state entry into Dublin was the scene more impressive or more significant than today.

The scene about College Green, where the Bank of Ireland, Trinity College and the public statues were gaily bedecked, was specially interesting, as that vantage point had been selected, not only by the collegians but by thousands of visitors from Belfast and other cities.

CAPE NOME.

An Amendment Proposed in the Senate to Bar Out All Aliens.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—During the last two hours of its session, the Alaskan civil code bill was under consideration. An amendment offered by Mr. Hansbrough, concerning the title to the mining claims in the Cape Nome district provoked a warm debate. This was: "That no persons who are not citizens of the United States or who, prior to making location, had not legally declared their intention to become such, shall be permitted to locate, hold or convey mining claims in said district of Alaska, nor shall any title to a mining claim acquired by location or purchase through any such person or persons be legal."

It was developed that some mining claims had been located at Cape Nome by Laplanders who had gone to Alaska on the relief expedition to take care of a herd of reindeer. It was stated that some of these Laplanders had made application to become American citizens before the United States commissioner in Alaska. They located claims in the Cape Nome district, and disposed of them later.

Mr. Stewart protested against the adoption of the amendment. He said that one C. D. Lane had acquired some Cape Nome claims from the Laplanders who had located them, and had expended upon them about \$300,000. Should the amendment be adopted, he said, Mr. Lane would lose not only the claims, but all he had invested in them.

FILLED WITH GOLD.

Some Fine Looking Ore From the Referendum Property.

Mr. Hugh Brown, foreman of the Referendum property, which is on Forty-nine creek, in the Nelson division, is in the city on a visit. He has with him some pure white quartz which is pitted with fine gold, which came from the bottom of the 100-foot shaft of the property. The shaft is an inclined one, and has the vein in the top and bottom portions. The shaft inclines one foot in five. The ore will average about \$20 to the ton. The intention is to drift 100 feet on the ledge on the 100-foot level, and then to commence stoping. Soon after stoping begins the company will install the five-stamp mill which it purchased some time since and commence reducing the ore. It is expected that the mill will be in running order by the 1st of July. Messrs. Brown Brothers and Netterfield, who own a claim on which is the extension of the Referendum vein, intend to begin operations on it on May 1st. They will run in a tunnel 140 feet for the purpose of tapping the vein at a depth of 100 feet.

Work to Be Continued.

Mr. J. E. Saucier has left for Ymir, weather he goes for the purpose of continuing the work on the property of the Rossland-Ymir Gold Mining and Milling company. The property consists of the Bruce group, five claims, which are located on Jubilee mountain, between Bear and Porcupine creeks. The property is a mile southeast of Ymir and one and a half miles from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway. The money for the resumption of work has been furnished by a British and French syndicate, which is largely interested in the shares of the company. The property has a good reputation and the vein, which is 12 feet wide, has been developed by open cuts. The ledge carries concentrating ore similar to that of the Dundee. Great expectations are entertained for this property.

The Pacific Cable.

Toronto, April 9.—The London correspondent of the Evening Telegramables the following: London, April 9.—In the House of Commons this afternoon, Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, replying to questions submitted by Mr. Hogan, member for Tipperary said the Pacific cable committee was making great progress in considering the report, and he hoped shortly to be able to furnish some definite information.

THE RATHMULLEN CONSOLIDATED MINING AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of The Rathmullen Consolidated Mining and Development Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the company, 126 Columbia avenue, East, on Wednesday, the 25th day of April, 1900, at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing resolutions authorizing the sale of the whole or some portion of the assets of the company, and entering into an agreement to that end with some person or persons on behalf of a new company about to be incorporated under the Companies Act, 1897.

THE RATHMULLEN CONSOLIDATED MINING AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Take notice that the annual general meeting of The Rathmullen Consolidated Mining and Development Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the company, 126 Columbia avenue East, Rossland, B. C., on Wednesday, the 25th day of April, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The transfer books will be closed from the 11th to 25th April, both inclusive.

Dated 17th March, 1900.

L. H. MOFFATT, Secretary.

THE IRON COLT GOLD MINING COMPANY, Limited Liability, IN LIQUIDATION—Below Referred to as the Old Company.

NOTICE.

All holders of stock in the above company who have not yet made application for allotment of shares in the IRON COLT MINES, LIMITED, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the time allowed for such application has expired, and that the shares in the Iron Colt Mines, Limited, to which such holders would have been entitled on application will be sold by public auction at the office of the company, Bank of Montreal Chambers, Rossland, B. C., on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, A. D., 1900, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to the highest bidder, and the proceeds, after paying the cost of sale and call No. 1 of two and one-half (2 1/2) cents per share (if any) will be held in trust for such holders unless before such auction, applications for allotment, together with old company stock certificates and funds, payable at par here, for call No. 1, have been received.

THOMAS ANDERSON, Liquidator.

The Iron Colt Gold Mining Company, Limited—Liability.

All delinquent stock in the Iron Colt Mines, Limited, on which call No. 1 has not been paid on or before the 17th of April, 1900, will also be sold as above.

THOMAS ANDERSON, Secretary Iron Colt Mines, Limited, Rossland, B. C., March 20, 1900.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Parker Fraction and Cecil Rhodes mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek mineral division of Kootenay district. Where located: On the summit of Sophie mountain. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Arthur H. Greene, free miner's certificate No. B29034, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1900.

J. A. KIRK.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Columbia View mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Record mountain. Take notice that I, O. B. N. Wilkie, acting as agent for E. W. Northey, F. M. C. B29033, and R. H. Smith, F. M. C. B29035, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 15th day of March, A. D., 1900.

O. B. N. WILKIE.

For Sale.

Otto Aerial Tramway Cable, length 6,500 feet, with buckets and fixtures complete. Modern Concentrator, capacity 100 tons, makers, Fraser & Chalmers. 45 K. W. Dynamo, Ledgerwood Hoist, 1 pair 18-in. and 1 pair 8-in. Water Wheels, and other plant.

The above are almost new and in good condition.

For particulars apply to P. O. box 172, Revelstoke Station, B. C.

Peace Declared.

Why devote all your time reading about the Boer war and the gold fields of Alaska? There are others matters of vital importance. You may make a trip East, and will want to know how to travel. In order to have the best service, use the Wisconsin Central Railway between St. Paul and Chicago. For rates and other information write Jas. A. Clock, General Agent, Portland, Oregon.

Illness of Halifax Garrison.

Halifax, N. S., April 9.—William Alexander McDonald, of Cove Head, P. E. I., one of the members of the new Halifax garrison, died in the military hospital here last night of pneumonia. This is the first death in the garrison. Other members are suffering from colds and measles.

New "Voyage of the Sunbeam."

Simonstown, Cape Colony, April 9.—Baron and Lady Brassey arrived here today on board their steam yacht Sunbeam.

BOUNDARY PEOPLE

ARE IN ARMS ON KETTLE RIVER

Politics Lively and a Meeting to the Liberals

Mr. Walter B. Cochrane arrived here Friday night, accompanied by Mr. M. Cochrane, of Vernon, visiting her son and Mr. S. Cayley, at Cochrane is escorting the way home.

Mr. Cochrane says that Creek country is in the hands of the Kettle River. It is likely that some of the territory taken by the different parties will be taken by the Dominion House of Commons. Mr. Cochrane says that he does not intend to give up clear that some plan which the railway will have been perfect more than likely that he made to the province a charter, and that it be constructed.

Mr. Cochrane says that both parties are organizing coming elections. Mr. Cochrane says that the conservative organization of the different towns with considerable success. Five delegates (Grand Forks to attend a conservative convention Tuesday in this city. Greenwood, Eholt, Carson, Cascade and delegations to the convention will be here. The convention, therefore, large and enthusiastic.

The railway, it is expected that the severest of the winter will commence shipping. This will increase the pay roll and prosperity. Phoenix has any town in British Columbia past five months. The all are doing a promises to be one of the camps of the province.

Mr. Cochrane says that the middle of mother, Mrs. Cochrane for Vernon.

MET A HORROR

Joshua Wayne Burne

Joshua Wayne met Sunday morning about burned to death in occupied. Wayne was city, having formerly Hugh Henderson, the past year has been some time he was a of Dan Lahey. The days since ran a house which was closed up the orders of the police ever since the city been sober, but on Sunday a little after 1 o'clock on Sunday morning shank which he occupied. At 5:40 J. Stussi, t bage cart who was in the city stable, saw the shank occupied by ried thither, and th Wayne sitting at a t outstretched in front caught hold of one endeavored to pull b window, but the hee he could not do so. Mesh from Wayne's Stussi's hands. When Wayne dropped to t and into the flames. Walter Furlong, a Miner, saw the smn cabin but hesitated a alarm from a nearby where the box was t and then returned to in the alarm. Furlon afraid to turn in a not sure at first not knew that any of. By the time the fire on the scene the flar possession of the bu about ready to fall ment been summoned er it is possible th have been able to life. The flames were the body of the unfo of the ruins. He ed. The only vestig piece of blue cloth ar was probably the r shirt which he had or trails protruded. O were partially burne taken to Beauty's from whence it will his friends, of whic ber. The funeral w m. Rev. George H. the services, and the Columbia cemetery. C that an inquest a house and its conte and was away at owned by James K about 50 years of ag diana.

A SUDDEN

Mrs. Frances Knott

day—She is D Friends of Mr. F sorry to hear of the who passed away yesterday. The decea vanced in life, hav her 77th year. She ford, Dorsetshire, R Rossland in August. Mrs. Frances Knott parently very good ment of her deceas and passed away a grandchild, in one houses to her son's has resided since. There she had met passed the time in