

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.

The electricity which is doing some work at the Union Steamship Co.'s wharf fell over as the result of a loosening of one of the guy lines. A man was sitting within six feet from where it fell and thus narrowly escaped instant death.

A report was circulated that there were some cases of diphtheria at English Bay. Health Officer Morrison has made a search at all of the houses and tents, but has found nothing.

The bar room of the Manor house was burglarized yesterday morning. The thieves tried open a back door with a sledge hammer and entered the bar room, where they appropriated four bottles of champagne and two boxes of cigars.

Several of the largest canneries have selected their pack, but will continue to make fish and can fish as long as the run lasts. From various sources several canneries have advised the bulk of their pack will be generally speaking by the end of this week, should another spurt occur, the Fraser pack of sockeyes for 1896 will be practically finished.

The price of hay is not going to be high this season, \$5 per ton at the river landings being the price now quoted by several wholesale firms.

Four carloads of cattle arrived Wednesday from the interior; two carloads to be shipped to Victoria and two carloads to Nanaimo.

Three hundred and fifty cases of eggs were received per Great Northern on Tuesday evening; 175 cases for Victoria and 175 cases for Nanaimo.

At Mr. Henry Yasey's place, the old fisher ranch, near Ladner, Gerald, the little son of Mr. Sam Smith, of this city, was accidentally drowned.

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town for a couple of days last week, and while here received an offer of \$125,000. The price of the mine, he said, was \$135,000. A thirty-day option at the higher figure was refused by Mr. Farrell, and the representative of the buyers is now looking for a lower-priced property.

Geo. P. Kelly is in from working the Apohaqua on the top of Lookout mountain. All the claims in that part he says are looking well, and he predicts that they will soon become prominent. Two shifts are working on the Emmett, on which a tunnel is in forty feet, and a contract has been let to run forty feet further. Free-milling ore in a pay-streak of nine inches has been encountered which runs from \$75 upwards in gold. A diamond drill is working on the Red Point claim.

Work on the Lranho mine is progressing very fast. The big tunnel is now in on the ledge thirty feet, showing a well-defined vein of decomposed matter six feet in width. Some very big gold assays have been taken from the breast of the tunnel within the past few days, which warranted the company raising the treasury stock to ten cents per share.

Cross affidavits have been filed stating that the work done and recorded as the assessment work on the Boston and Australian does not amount in all to the required \$100 worth for each mineral claim. The dimensions of the holes sunk are given, and the class of material found, and an estimate of the cost of the work given. Holding that the assessment work has not been done, the same ground has been relocated and recorded as the Big Jim and Little Jean.

The claims are situated within a mile of the townsite limits to the eastward. The Young America shaft on vein No. 1 is run down 25 feet. The vein matter is changing rapidly and improves in appearance with every foot of depth. Vein No. 2, struck last week, is being stripped preparatory to thorough exploration. At the point of discovery the surface for 20 feet in width is furrowed with seams of copper and iron, assaying \$80 to the ton.

The Butte Gold-Copper Mining Company will sink to the 100-foot level on the Butte ledge, just beyond the east end of Columbia avenue.

A camp to which some little attention has been directed within the past few days is that of Rover Creek, which flows into the Kootenay from the south, about twelve miles east of Robson. The place has one mine, the Elend, owned by Jack Malone, Tregellis, Chase and another for which last year galena was shipped, and more work is being done this summer.

About a fortnight ago Geo. Schlieff and Joe Brown, from Rossland, went up, and after prospecting only a short time, located the Leap Year, getting good ore almost from the surface. It is copper, carrying gold and silver, in which an average assay of five samples went \$40 in these three metals.

A ledge runs about 12 feet in width, in the formation which is considered satisfactory by mining men.

J. E. Reed, who has been prospecting on the north fork of Salmon river since June 1, returned this morning after a very successful trip. Mr. Reed and his partner, Phil Connor, staked eleven claims in all, three of which are situated on the east side of the mountain between the main north fork of the Salmon and a stream coming in from the westward and three others on the west slope. Samples from these claims assayed 24 per cent. copper, silver and gold. The vein is about 18 inches wide and can be traced through two claims. A trail has been made for eight miles from Salmon Siding, and as soon as this is continued to the new discovery ore can be packed out with profit from the surface. Mr. Reed and his partner sent in twelve horses from Gilliam's to pack out ore.

Fred Shonquest has struck it rich on his claim at Long Lake. At the bottom of the shaft they ran into a side vein of extreme richness, which is about six feet in width and looks like \$600 rock in this district.

J. D. Anderson, R. A. Power and H. L. Tarbut came in from Rossland last week and made five locations between Carson and White's camp.

Mr. Tompan, representing a powerful syndicate of London and Edinburgh capitalists, is experting on the property of the Skylark Camp.

W. A. Corbett is working on the Lake joins the Last Chance and has two claims in Skylark camp. This claim amounts, one of which carries ore in the form of sulphides, the other high grade silver, running three to four hundred ounces to the ton. Mr. Corbett has succeeded in getting through the hard iron capping which covered the contact ledge.

Tom Walsh has just completed assessment work on the Mammoth and Standard on Prior creek. Both the Prior creek claims have immense showings. The Mammoth ledge is between 50 and 60 feet wide, and the cropping is rich decomposed rock running high in gold. There are two leads. The Standard ore is pyrrhotite.

After drifting about twenty feet on the Copper the ledge was struck the early part of last week. The showing is remarkable.

Charlie Rendell has started work on the Mortimer in Long Lake camp. The claim has a good surface showing, assaying \$20 for all values.

T. Sullivan and J. Wardell are opening up with very satisfactory results a claim they located about three weeks ago on the main Kettle river, the Colerado. The rock runs about 20 per cent. in copper.

Mr. Wollaston, surveyor, went up to Long Lake camp on Wednesday to survey the Alice. This claim was recently purchased by the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Mining Company. Development on the claim has proved it to be all that was expected, and assays run well. The same company intend to make further purchases.

Mr. Douglas returned from the Crown Point, the new strike on James creek, on Thursday. The claim is proving even better than was expected. The ledge has been stripped in several places and the owners say it is fully fifty feet wide. There was a sort of capping over the ore which at a depth of five feet has turned to a fine grained galena.

Mr. Tottenham, an old Australian inventor, with a knowledge of mining comprising all the known regions of the globe, has viewed a few of the principal claims around and speaks enthusiastically. He has his eye on two properties with the intention of coming to terms with the owners.

On Monday morning the night shift on the Evening Star broke through into the vein which the tunnel was being run to prospect.

The working in the Josie from the Poorman tunnel a few days ago broke through into a ledge from which very good looking ore was obtained averaging about \$50 to the ton. The extent of this ore body has not yet been determined, but work will continue in it. Ore is being taken to Northport at the rate of about ten tons a day.

The Iron Horse lead has not been put through and is hardly likely to be at the present figure. J. D. Farrell was in

Messrs. Bert Crane and Lancaster, who represent capital, are about to purchase some properties in the Long Lake and Greenwood camps, the deals not being actually consummated yet. They speak very confidently of the outlook and vouch for a large amount of capital being invested in this district this fall.

If there is one man in the camp who deserves to meet with a full measure of success, that man is John Christie, few men would have shown in the face of the none too encouraging conditions, the indomitable perseverance and the pluck which has enabled him to develop single-handed his properties in Skylark camp.

Mr. Christie owns the Nightingale and four other adjacent claims. Most of his work has been done on the Nightingale. When sinking on this claim recently at a depth of 50 feet, he suddenly struck a body of steel galena ore, from five to eight feet wide, assaying very high in silver. The fact is alleged to be the Skylark ledge, and both from the position and the similarity of the ore this assumption is more than probable.

Before striking the lead, Mr. Christie was working through white quartz. Asked how he managed to sink a shaft to a depth of 50 feet without assistance, Mr. Christie replied that he had a ladder and climbed up and down with his buckets of rock.

Golden Era. W. H. Lee, of Calgary, has made a strike about 12 miles west of Donald. Samples brought in average about \$16 to the ton in gold. Donaldites are getting quite excited over the find and are sending out prospectors to stake the ore, which has been improved wonderfully in richness. The owners will work the property themselves.

The approach of winter will see a rotary snow plough on the K. & S. Ry., and a heavier engine than the present one on that road. The rolling stock will be increased by a new passenger coach and twenty freight cars. The line will be extended to Slovan lake, as soon as sufficient business leaves in sight to warrant the expenditure.

Considering the importance of Kootenay it has the worst mail service in America. The people doing business in the Slovan pay into the Dominion treasury at least \$100,000 a year, and get three Canadian mails a year, and get that is entirely without recompense.

J. Hughes, of Souris, Man., met with a very painful accident on Tuesday last while making his way to the Brindle group, accompanied by the Messrs. Brindle, he had the misfortune to be precipitated about a hundred feet down the hill, badly injuring his knee-cap. Arthur Brindle and a friend with great difficulty managed to carry him to their camp a mile or so off.

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The assays so far made give returns of remarkable evenness. W. Thos. Newman, the well-known metallurgist of Toronto, author of "Hidden Mines, and How to Find Them," has made a pretty thorough examination of the various claims on Coal Hill, and is so well impressed with the fact that he has acquired an interest in several, and states that as soon as he can get possession of just what he wants he will put a considerable force of men to work and make such test of them as will convince him as to their value. He says that at present no one can possibly judge of the depth of these leads, but they look so well as to fully justify the expenditure of money on them. Robert Lyons prospect tunnel has been pushed in some distance further a week, and is looking fine. This claim lies comparatively close to the foot of the hill, and locations have been made several feet all round it, and on each of them there are good indications of mineral. Considerable quantities of mineral does not seem to differ much in appearance, it being substantially the same in all the claims. During the past week a large number of additional locations have been made, the tendency of prospectors being to work westward and southward. Prof. Newman has done some experimenting at the furnace with the ore, and pronounces it to be a perfect self-fluxer, one of the easiest ores to smelt he has ever seen. One sample of matte he produced went a little over 1 to 4 of the crude ore, and contained on assays 60 per cent. of copper and \$1550 in gold. As a whole, the mining situation on Coal Hill looks excellent.

LABREAU. The two companies—the Kootenay Gold, Silver and Copper, and the Kootenay Consolidated—have now been consolidated into the Consolidated Salubre Creek Mining Company. It is the intention of the company to run two shifts of men, four to each shift, for the present to open up their property. They will put in a winter camp, and trails and everything else about for shipping this winter. So far, there is a cross-cut on the ledge at a depth of 60 feet, showing an ore body 25 feet wide. They now propose to run 150 to 200 feet on the vein, sinking a winze 150 feet and then crosscut.

ROSSLAND. (Rossland Record.) This morning the men working on the Great Western fired a shot which disclosed the finest looking vein of "peacock" copper ever uncovered in this district.

P. S. Algiers returned last evening from the Salmon river where he located what he considers to be the greatest discovery ever made in the Kootenays. About ten days ago he pitched his camp at the mouth of Popoupee Creek, and the following morning left on a prospecting trip. He had a very good haul. About noon he wished to return to the camp for dinner, when, to his dismay, he could not retrace his steps, as he had lost his bearing and knew not where he was. After wandering about in the dense woods far into the night he gave up finding his way, and at last laid himself down to sleep. In the morning he observed a ledge butting out of the mountain, on the opposite side of the gulch, which looked like mineral-bearing quartz and crossed over to it. Upon descending the ledge he found the appearance of having at one time been worked, and upon looking further he found the remains of an old camp which had been there years ago. He found a saw that bore the date of 1764, with large holes in it where it had rusted and broken to shreds. He also found the rim of an iron dish and a crucible, which was at one time thick metal, but now a mere shell; also a miner's pan which showed that it had not been used for years. Mr. Algiers made two locations here—the Mammoth Crystal and the Oro—which he thinks that they had been worked years ago.

ASHROFT. B. C. Mining Bros. Three prospectors, McNeil Bros. and Foss, of Ellensburg, left Ashcroft this week for Quesnelle, where they expect to winter and in the spring to visit Omineca. They have nine pack horses and will take a part of their supplies up and purchase the rest at Quesnelle. The Underwood dredger has been taken out of the Quesnelle, being beached above the bridge. New machinery will be sent in this winter, and the Ole plant will be changed to a dipper dredge. The Pittsburg dredge is now up near the Cottonwood canyon, but has not as yet been thoroughly tested. Good results are hoped for.

What promises to be a valuable find of asbestos was made last week by Jas. Knight and party of Lytton. The discovery was made on a creek about 50 miles from Lytton. The creek is a tributary of the Fraser, emptying in about 20 miles above Lytton and taking its head near the head waters of Cayoosh creek. The samples brought down show a length of fibre of eight inches and the discoverers claim that the width of the ledge is about three feet and distinctly traceable for a long distance.

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Mr. C. W. Burtal, a mining expert in the employ of the B. C. Prospecting Co., of London, England, a company having a large amount of funds for the purpose of examining and buying mining property if found valuable, is in Ashcroft with several of his working men. Mr. Burtal has completed his examination of the quartz properties on Siwash creek, near Yale, and informs us that there is a large body of ore not exactly free from arsenic. The vein properties are under bond. (We have information from another source that the bond is for \$25,000.) The action the company takes will be watched with interest. Mr. Burtal expects to spend the winter prospecting the silver quartz property on the road near the Bonaparte, about 16 miles from Ashcroft.

REVELSTOCK. The scene of a sensation this week when the result of the assays made on some samples from the Ground Hog Basin were made known. Two samples out of four went \$112 in gold, and the owner of the properties, J. W. Haskins, and the town generally, is highly elated. The ore body from which the samples came is immense, and a wonderful future for Big Bend quartz is in sight. There is no reason why there should not be an excitement in the Bend that will outdo any of the already great excitements of Kootenay. There are few camps in Kootenay that can look at the Bend for richness of ore, and in no part of it are the leads so distinct and so true. A number of townspeople are getting in on the ground floor and several known outsiders are also making locations.

Gus Lund is down from Ground Hog Basin where he has been assessing. He has located the Ole Bull and C.O.D., belonging to himself; Big Bend Belle, J. D. Graham; Golden Hill, C. J. Hume; and O.K. C. Lindmark. The Ole Bull lead is now four feet wide and the free gold may be the naked eye. Gus has a twenty-foot shaft down on his claim and will work it all winter going down to 75 feet. It is a magnificent property. The C.O.D. lead, which lies on the west of the Ole Bull, which lies 15 inches wide, is an open cut 12 feet deep has been put in here showing the gold without a glass. There are three leads on the C.O.D. claim. The Big Bend Belle, owned by J. D. Graham, is the northerly extension of the Ole Bull and the Golden Hill. The Ole Bull Hume lies to the south of the same lead. Both claims are looking up well and with more work will become valuable.

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