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No Matter How Deep a Body of Mineral Is Buried If He Walks That Way It Is as Good as In Sight—Can Estimate Their Depth.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 30.—[Special.]—If reports coming from Fairview mining district in British Columbia are true, and to doubt them is to disbelieve the word of a number of well-known and responsible mining men, R. S. Warren has discovered a process whereby the precious as well as the base minerals of the earth, no matter how deeply they may be hidden down in its bowels, can be detected and accurately located. The process by which it is done is so simple and the result so miraculous as to cause profound wonder in the camp. Whether Mr. Warren is gifted with some human agency not possessed by his fellow men, by which he appears to be able to do what no other has accomplished, or whether to a witch hazel twig that he uses is due the sole credit for the wonderful achievements credited to him is not stated for the reason that he has not yet seen fit to let anyone into the secret.

He simply discloses the hiding places of the hidden wealth of the earth to prospectors and mining men who call upon him for his services. His mode of accomplishing these wonderful results is to go into the mountains armed solely with a twig of witch hazel forked so that the branch may be grasped in both hands. Walking over the ground with this branch upright in his hands, the moment Mr. Warren passes over a body of mineral, the witch hazel twig will gradually twist itself in Mr. Warren's grasp till it has reached a position pointing directly to the earth. As an instance of Mr. Warren's success in his line, he recently went to the Bullion claim at Fairview, and disclosed that it contained seven distinct ledges, instead of only the two heretofore known. In the same camp Mr. Warren readily traced a blind ledge for the distance of its entire length of two and one half miles. He is able to estimate within a few inches the depth of the blind ledges.

SALE OF THE LE ROI

President Thinks the Company Would Accept \$5,000,000 for the Mine.

Spokesman-Review: Rumors were again afloat yesterday that negotiations are still on for the sale of the Le Roi mine to eastern or English investors. "Is it true that there was a meeting at the office of the mine last night?" was asked of Col. Turner, president of the Le Roi company.

"Two gentlemen were there, if you call that a meeting." "Was their name in connection with others for the Le Roi?" "That I can not say." "The refusal of the company to accept \$4,000,000 for the property still stands, does it not?" "Yes."

"And there is no likelihood of your selling at all?" "Not at that price." "But you would sell if you got your price, would you not?" "Oh, why, of course, if we got our price; but we could not sell for \$4,000,000 nothing less than \$5,000,000." "Would you sell at that price?" "Of course, I cannot say, but I think we would."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wants Information

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 21. EDITOR MINER—Sir: We should like to know how mining operations are getting on at Rossland. Some of the mines have been working for some time, and we don't hear if they have been shipping ore or not—like Iron Colt, Silver Bell, Big Three, Mascot, Snowshoe, Southern Belle and Ibcx. You are no doubt aware how these mines stand. We see other mines have shipping ore ready and are prospering.

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[We cheerfully comply with the above request by giving all the information at our disposal. A contract for a machinery plant has just been made by the Iron Colt company, the plant to consist of boiler, hoist and drills. It will probably take a month to get this plant in place. It is the purpose of the company to continue sinking the shaft now down about 80 feet. When this is down 200 feet a crosscut will be run to tap another vein known to be to the north. The shaft now shows a very large body of low grade ore. The Iron Colt company is in excellent financial condition and has a very promising property.

The Silver Bell people are also putting in a new machinery plant to consist of boiler, pump, hoist and drills. This machinery is now at Spokane, and will be brought up to the mine and put in place immediately. In the meantime the company is busy making necessary improvements, such as the building of wagon roads, platforms, etc. The wagon road from the mine to the Red Mountain line is now about completed. Eight men have been at work steadily on the wagon road. The management of the Silver Bell is very energetic, and appearances indicate the company's money is being carefully and judiciously expended.

The Ibcx is near the Silver Bell and under the same management. A cross-cut tunnel is being run and is now in 55 feet. It is expected to cut the ledge when in 30 feet further. Five men are employed.

The Big Three company is working all their properties—the Mascot, Southern Belle and Snowshoe, and more or less

and on each of them. The ore found on both the Southern Belle and Snowshoe is of shipping grade, though as yet it has not been found in solid mass. The indications, however, are that the veins now being developed will lead to good ore bodies. An abundance of ore has been found in the Mascot, but it is not of high enough grade to be profitably shipped, though it is improving in quality. A higher grade vein has been found which will be developed in the spring.

We think subscriber may feel assured that all the properties he names are being developed as rapidly and effectively as could be expected.—Ed.]

The Coolgardie Company

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 20. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I observe in your issue of January 7, under Boundary mining notes, a reference to the Coolgardie Mining company working the Clifton. Is this the Coolgardie of former swindling fame, and if so, is it an honest attempt on the part of the trustees to make up to the shareholders? or is it a bluff?

Yours truly, A. SHAREHOLDER. [Our information about the affairs of the Coolgardie company is rather limited. From what we have been able to pick up, however, we understand that the directors, on finding that there was no such claim as the Coolgardie, purchased the Clifton and are now developing it. We believe they are making an honest effort to make stock valuable by developing a mine.—Ed.]

MONITA ORE ASSAYS WELL

Surprising Results Obtained From What Was Thought to Be Waste.

Everything Between the Walls Appears to Carry Good Gold Values—West Extension of War Eagle.

Very high assays continue to be obtained from the Monita. It appears that everything taken from the shaft carries gold. Over 100 buckets full of ore, mixed ore and what appeared to be waste, were sampled the other day and the result was an average of \$30. Something which looked like ordinary gangue was assayed and went \$38.

Assays are made constantly of what is now found all over the bottom of the shaft, and the results are quite surprising. The ore which runs so high does not look as though it would go \$3 a ton. Nothing like the Monita has before been found in the camp. There is undoubtedly a very rich pay chute running through the ground. That high-grade ore should have been found is not a matter of surprise when it is remembered that the Monita adjoins the War Eagle on the west, and that the great War Eagle ore chute pitch in that direction.

HEITFIELD OF IDAHO

W. S. Haskins Says He Will Make a Creditable United States Senator.

W. S. Haskins, the well-known mining manager of this camp, formerly lived in the Cœur d'Alene district of Idaho and he is well acquainted with Mr. Heitfield, the newly elected senator from that state. In speaking of the defeat of Dubois and the election of Heitfield, Mr. Haskins said:

"Heitfield is a farmer, it is true, but he is a very honest and level headed man. He is not yet 40 years old, was a Missouri democrat, and is well thought of by his neighbors. He is not college bred, but has a good common school education and was never an office seeker. He is now serving his second term as state senator of Idaho. He never held any other office.

"While he will not be as brilliant as Fred Dubois he will not be a discreditable representative of his state. It was Senator Shoup that defeated Dubois. They are hostile to each other and Shoup made himself felt in the election."

TO OPEN UP CARIBOO CREEK

Liberal Subscriptions Being Made For the Proposed Wagon Road.

Prof. Woodhouse is having very good success in securing subscriptions to the new wagon road to run from Burton on the Columbia, up Cariboo creek to Blue Grouse canyon. Three companies have subscribed \$250 each. These are the Kamloops Mining and Development company, the Winnipeg-Burket Mining company, and the E. J. Bealey company.

Many prospectors who own claims on the Cariboo creek basin are offering to contribute from eight to 10 days work. A petition has been sent to Captain Fitzstubbis asking for government aid. It is hoped the road can be built in time for spring work.

The Cariboo creek basin is on the west slope of the divide between Slovan lake and the Columbia river, just east of it, across the lake being the great Carpenter creek mines of the Slovan country. The chief value in the Cariboo creek ore is in gold. The prospects of the new camp are very flattering.

OVERSUBSCRIBED IN ONE DAY

New London Company Floated by Tupper and Pope a Great Success.

The big company which Sir Charles Tupper Bart. and Rufus H. Pope, M. P., have organized in London, for the purpose of handling mining properties in British Columbia, is called the New British Columbia Gold Fields. Sir Charles Tupper Bart. is chairman and John Lowndes, deputy chairman. In the directorate are Sir Charles Malcolm Kennedy, T. E. Harman, C. Ashworth, London manager of the Bank of Montreal, Rufus H. Pope, M. P., Geo. P. Brophy, of Ottawa, and E. Briscoe of Toronto. Mr. Pope sets himself down as of Cookshire, Quebec and Rossland, B. C.

The directorate is a good one. The capital of the company is \$1,250,000 and the shares are £1 each. Fifty thousand pounds, or \$250,000 worth of shares were offered to the public, the time for subscriptions being limited to one day. The amount was taken and half as much again applied for. The operations of the company will probably be confined to west and east Kootenay, the Cariboo district and the Boundary country, with British Columbia headquarters at Rossland.

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TO MEET IN KASLO

West Kootenay Mining Association Will Be Permanently Organized.

NOBLE FIVE TO SHIP

Best Will Also Ship This Season—Retallack Has Sold the Early Bird For \$1,500—Work on the St. Keverne—Local News Notes.

KASLO, Feb. 1.—[Special.]—Mine owners, managers, superintendents and others interested will meet in Kaslo on Friday to form the West Kootenay Mining association. The object is protection to the mining interests and to watch mining legislation. The temporary board hopes to include all interested in mining and hopes to secure the repeal of obnoxious clauses of the mineral act, and also the stampage dues on timber used by miners. Crossall, of the Hall mines is temporary secretary. Mine owners and companies in the Slovan generally approve the association.

The Early Bird mineral claim, owned by John L. Retallack has been sold to English parties through Mr. Rolfe of Nelson, for \$1,500 cash. It is a low grade proposition of great promise and shows a fissure vein four feet wide.

George Hughes reports that the Best will ship ore this month. The mine is crowded and the output goes to Spokane tomorrow.

Sid Norman is here and is returning to Spokane to defend the mining exchange. He let a contract for a 100-foot tunnel on the St. Keverne group and to build an ore house and blacksmith shop. The telephone system was completed today. Seventeen subscribers were on the circuit at the opening.

The steamers Nelson and International are running on the same time table. No change in schedule has yet been made. Much rivalry exists, and the Nelson will probably effect an early change.

The skating carnival tomorrow night promises to be a great attraction, and many fancy costumes will be worn.

The Noble Five concentrator and tramway are working satisfactorily. The tank of the concentrator is nearly filled. The management expects to ship concentrates by the last of this week.

MINING NOTES

Captain Hall has resigned the advisory superintendency of the Giant mine. The face of the Southern Belle tunnel looks very promising, there being much black oxide of copper present.

The east drift on the Mayflower is looking particularly fine. Shipments will soon be resumed from this mine.

The St. Elmo tunnel is now in St. Elmo ground and a crosscut will now be run both north and south to expose the ledge.

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Description of the Property.

The company owns the Annie Fraction and the Comet No. 2 mineral claims. The Annie Fraction is situated between the California, San Francisco and Black Bear, the latter of which is the property of the great Le Roi Mining & Smelting company and is the first western extension of the Le Roi mine. The vein of the Le Roi can be traced through the Annie Fraction and men at work on this property have tapped an ore chute at a depth of 40 feet from which assays gave returns of from \$14 to \$20. The Comet No. 2 is a full claim, 1500 feet square, and lies about three miles north of Rossland. It has two strong well-defined ledges running through it. A prospecting shaft now down 10 feet shows nothing but vein matter the whole mass being well diffused with copper and iron pyrites. Assays averaging \$6 to \$8 have been obtained from this showing.

Shares. The entire capital stock of the company excepting treasury shares has been pooled. The company now offers 50,000 shares of treasury stock at the low price of

Twelve and One-Half Cents a Share. The proceeds will be used in purchasing machinery for the Annie Fraction.

For shares, prospectus or other information apply to M. O. TIBBITTS, Secretary-Treasurer. Or J. W. COVER, Managing Director

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