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ON MURPHY CREEK

Many Fine Showings and Territory
Yet to Prospect.

BIG AND STRONG LEDGES

Some of Them Appear to Run Right
Through to Sullivan Creek—The
Principal Properties Described—A
Prospector's Opinion.

TRAIL, May 22.—[Special].—Thos. S. Alexander, one of the best known of the younger prospectors around Trail, was in town today from Murphy creek where he has been working his claim, the Huckleberry. To THE MINER's representative he said:

"If anybody thinks that the Fort Steele and Wild Horse districts are the only countries for prospectors and capitalists, he can be easily undeceived by a trip through the camps along Sullivan and Murphy creeks. A surprising amount of work is going on around there, and some splendid showings have been made."

"Murphy creek flows into the Columbia about four miles north of the Trail smelter. Sullivan creek empties into the river about two miles farther up. Both of them are on the west side of the river and are in the Trail Creek district."

The Round Top.

"About a mile back from the river, on Murphy creek, is the Round Top. The vein is a 12 foot ledge of well mineralized quartz and has good walls. At a depth of four feet an assay was secured which ran \$22.50 in gold and \$8.79 in silver. The shaft is now down 15 feet and the owners are feeling jubilant over their showing, which is improving with depth."

"Adjoining the Round Top on the north is the Helel, with a 30-foot ledge of talcose matter, carrying iron and copper. The vein here is of a similar formation to the lead on the St. Paul and Belcher claims on Sullivan creek, and as it extends in that direction I believe it is a continuation of the same lead."

"East of the Helel is the Spokane Girl. After sinking four feet through a well mineralized iron cap the owners struck a two-foot body of solid iron and copper pyrites."

The Rathus Group.

"On the south bank of Murphy creek, adjoining the Round Top, are the Rathus, Queen Ann and the Brinn. The Rathus shows an eight-foot ledge of well mineralized quartz. I was told that this property is about 10 days. The same lead can be traced through the Brinn, thus making a valuable group. A tunnel driven 25 feet on the ledge of the Queen Ann shows an excellent ore body six feet wide, four feet of which is quartz and the rest solid ore of the same appearance as the Iron Mask at Rossland."

Higher Up the Creek.

"The Great Eastern on the north bank of Murphy creek, about two miles and a half from the river, has an excellent surface showing, but as the shaft was filled with surface water I was unable to get an idea of the size of the lead. A quantity of good looking ore is on the dump."

"About a mile from the Great Eastern are the Mayflower and the Bonanza Kings, with surface showing that any camp should be proud of. They form part of the Paymaster group, on which work is being vigorously pushed day and night."

"The Montana on the south bank of Murphy creek has a splendid showing. It has been surveyed for a crown grant."

Yankee Girl and Black Jack.

"Farther up the creek is the Yankee Girl, with a strong capping well impregnated with iron and copper pyrites. The lay of the land offers a natural tunnel site, whereby the lead can be tapped at considerable depth. On the Dominion Day, adjoining the Yankee Girl, there is a fine showing of mineralized quartz. Opposite the Yankee Girl, on the north bank of the creek is the Jack, owned by Gibson Bros. They are working a double shift and informed me that they intend to sink the shaft to a depth of 100 feet. They have a well defined lead of quartz 10 feet wide and at present the shaft is down 30 feet. Bunches of solid steel galena that assay well have been obtained. The same lead extends through the Black Jack and the Pendios."

The Mother Lode.

"Coming down the creek to the Spokane Girl, a strong lead, running in a northwesterly direction with the formation, can be traced clear through to Sullivan creek, a distance of a mile and a half. It appears to be the mother lode of the camp, and has a good many fine showings on it."

"The Old Huckleberry is the first claim of note on this ledge, and has an excellent showing of 16 feet between walls. A shaft is down 20 feet, and great improvement has been shown with depth. I think it is one of the banner claims of the camp, and expect to hear of great results as work progresses."

"North of the Old Huckleberry is the Starlight, which shows three distinct leads, two about eight feet wide and one about six feet in width. An incline shaft has been sunk 28 feet. The showing is excellent. Assays run from \$3 to \$10.50 in gold."

Sullivan Creek Mines.

"North of the Starlight is the Rene. Sullivan creek cuts the ledge in almost the centre of this claim and exposes solid ore, from which assays of \$14.65 in gold have been received. The Rene is about a mile from the Columbia. It is being actively developed. About half a mile from the Rene is the Belcher, with a splendid showing of galena and iron and a compressor."

copper pyrites, like the Parker group near Quartz creek. North of and adjoining the Belcher is the St. Paul, showing the same character of ore as the Belcher, and evidently on the same lead. It is under development. To the south of the St. Paul and with nearly identical showings, are the Merry-day and the Washington."

"I am reliably informed that a wagon road will soon be built up Murphy creek and thence north to Sullivan creek, tapping the principal mines."

"The Heather Bell on the divide between Murphy and Sullivan creeks will soon be shipping ore."

ONTARIO MINE SOLD FOR \$16,000.

Bought By Parties In Victoria—Activity On the North Salmon Fork.

Frank Jackson arrived in town last night from the North Fork of the Salmon, and reports things assuming a lively condition in that section. He came over to make arrangements with Field, Hobbs & Co. for packing 300 feet of rails and two ore cars to the Mannamed mine on Ben Hassen hill; also supplies for carrying on active work on that property this summer."

He has just returned from a trip to the Porto Rico and Nellie Bly groups which are doing considerable development work. Mr. Jackson has now 28 head of horses in his pack train and finds them too few to answer the constantly increasing traffic over the trail. He proposes in order to handle the business. Captain Fitzstubs has contributed a sum of money to be used in improving the trail to Crittlow and which will be of great benefit to that country."

The Ontario, adjoining the Mannamed, was sold yesterday by the owners, Judge Adie, of Waneta, & W. Craig, Joe Campbell and Wm. Berwick of North Fork for \$15,000 cash to parties in Victoria."

MINES OF QUARTZ CREEK

Full Description of the Work on the Ymir and Elise.

Both Appear to Have Great Prospects—Work on the Latter Temporarily Suspended—High Assays.

QUARTZ CREEK, May 21.—[Special].—

One of the best developed mines in the vicinity of Quartz Creek is the Ymir, which is giving its name to the new city. The Ymir, with the three adjoining claims, the Rockland, Mugwump and Golden Horn, is owned by the London and British Columbia Gold Fields company, limited, who also control two more adjoining claims, the Magic and Mystic, with intervening ground covers together the company's ground covers more than 350 acres and development work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The No. 1 working consists of a crosscut tunnel 5x7 feet, now in 225 feet. No. 2 is a crosscut tunnel 5x7 feet to 30 feet below the surface, whence a vertical shaft has been sunk 100 feet, with 50 foot drifts to the northeast and southwest at the 100-foot level below the surface. No. 3 is a crosscut down 100 feet, with a 200-foot drift to the northeast and 80 feet to the southwest. Work is now stopped on the latter working in consequence of the bad air, which will be remedied when a junction is effected between the northeast drift and the southwest drift of the No. 2 working. A further drive of about 300 feet will connect the No. 1 with the No. 2, 200 feet below the surface."

The claims were located nearly three years ago by Petre brothers, the pioneers of the Wild Horse district, and were bonded on November 10 last. Although no assays have been published it may be relied upon that the Ymir mine will have one of the best showings in the country. There are 1,000 tons of ore awaiting shipment on the No. 2 working. The shipment will probably be delayed until the wagon road to Ymir city is completed. This road will probably be laid in co-operation with the Elise Mining company, whose property lies two miles further on the Wild Horse trail. We understand, however, that there is some likelihood of a concentrator being erected on the company's property, which will, of course, greatly reduce the labor of shipment and generally facilitate the company's operations."

Apart from the brilliant prospects of the Ymir property we believe it has one of the best outfits in the district. Under the able management of the superintendent, R. B. Wood, the company's extensive operations are conducted in an exemplary fashion, probably the result of that gentleman's large experience of Australian and other mining camps. The men's quarters are the envy of the surrounding mining camps, and it is to be desired that other companies should follow the example of this English company as regards the comfort of their employees."

The Elise Mine.

There is probably no mine in Kootenay at the present moment which has a better prospect in view than the Elise. It has a ledge of quite exceptional value running 300 feet through its property, and continuing into the Jewel claim, which adjoins and is bonded to the Elise company. The ledge, which is exposed to view by a small stream near the shaft, is five feet thick, and the assays made run from \$89 to as high as \$520. A shipment of picked ore has already been made, but no further shipments will be completed. It is expected that the road will be finished very shortly."

Work upon the shaft, which is now sunk 50 feet, is suspended for the present as a consequence of the excess of surface water. This difficulty, however, will be obviated by the completion of the tunnel, which is now in 100 feet. This tunnel, which is 5x6½ feet, the shaft. A large proportion of the ore being free milling, we understand that a mill is to be erected on the neighboring north fork of Wild Horse creek, together with a compressor."

SOLD FOR \$500,000

Everett Smelter Has Bought the Famous Whitewater Mine.

18 MILES WEST OF KASLO

It Paid Its Owners From the Grass-roots and Now Makes Them All Wealthy—Produces High Grade Galena and Carbonate Ore.

KASLO, May 20.—[Special].—The Whitewater mine has been sold to the Puget Sound Reduction company of Everett, Wash., for \$500,000 cash. The deal has just been closed, I am informed on the very best authority, but no official announcement of the sale has yet been made. Representatives of the Everett smelter have made careful examinations of the mine several times lately and are satisfied they have acquired one of the best mines in the Kaslo-Slocan country."

The Whitewater mine only came into prominence about a year ago, though it is one of the earliest locations in the country. The first important work was done on it in 1893, but the results were not indicative of the real value of the property. Manager J. C. Eaton, who owns one-third of it, and therefore receives over \$160,000 for his interest, has always had the utmost faith in the mine, and to his energy is mainly due the successful development of the property. The other owners of the mine were: J. L. Retallack, J. L. Montgomery and W. O. Pierce, all of this city."

The mine is located about a mile north of the Whitewater station on the Kaslo & Slocan railway, 18 miles west of Kaslo. There is a good wagon road connecting it with the station. The mine is opened by four tunnels with a number of upraises and winzes, besides considerable surface work. It produces both galena and carbonate ores, the former averaging over 200 ounces of silver and 50 per cent in lead and the latter 150 ounces in silver and 20 per cent in lead."

The mine has paid from the grass-roots and its fortunate owners have already received large sums in dividends. It was not incorporated."

WHITEWATER NOT SOLD.

One of the Owners Says There is no Truth in the Report.

KASLO, May 20.—[Special].—Manager Eaton of the Whitewater is up at the mine at present, and your correspondent could not therefore see him. Major Montgomery, a part owner of the Whitewater, returned this afternoon from the Washington mine. He authorizes the statement that the reported sale of the Whitewater mine is absolutely without foundation, and says negotiations are not even pending. He declines to make any further statement for publication."

I learn from other sources that the Everett smelter people would like to purchase the property. The matter was talked over with Mr. Pomeroy here the first of the week, but no price was named nor were any actual negotiations opened."

[The above is from our regular Kaslo correspondent. The first dispatch which announces the sale was sent us by one of the best known mining men in Kootenay. He got his information from a quarter which in his opinion left no doubt as to its authenticity.—Ed.]

WORK IN SUMMIT CAMP.

Complete Machinery Plant Ordered for the R. Bell Mine.

GRAND FORKS, May 20.—[Special].—

Jack Henly, of the Kootenay Gold Mining Company of Salt Lake City, has given out that his company has ordered \$10,000 worth of machinery from Salt Lake City, which will be put upon the R. Bell in Summit camp as soon as the government road up the North Fork of Peace creek is completed. Road commissioner Cuppage has promised that work upon this road will be begun by June 1. The machinery includes an 80 horse power boiler, 25 horse power engine, pump, air compressor plant, etc. The company owns four claims in Summit camp, 15 miles from Grand Forks, the R. Bell, Delamar, Aspen and Kemington. In the R. Bell a double compartment shaft has been sunk 80 feet, but is now full of water."

Mr. Henly is at present sinking a shaft on the Bonanza. This shaft will be put down 150 feet, and a level run for 300 feet along the strike of the vein this year. The Bonanza is a low grade proposition, carrying from 50 to 60 per cent. lead and about 10 ounces of silver. The ore is easily mined and milled, however, and Mr. Henly says it will pay from the start."

Silver Tip Slocan Syndicate.

A meeting was held last night at the office of Henry Croft & Co. of the Silver Tip Slocan syndicate, owing a valuable group of five claims near Lardo, at the head of the Kootenay lake. Messrs. H. Croft, Frank Duse and F. W. Rolt were elected trustees for the general superintendence of the affairs of the syndicate, and H. Croft was appointed manager. It was decided to survey the claims at once, and Mr. Croft is leaving for Kaslo early next week to make a thorough examination of the property in company with Mr. Allman, the well known mining expert. As soon as this has been done a contract will be started at the most desirable point. The syndicate has ample funds at its disposal and confidently expects to be able to make a fine showing on its property in the course of the next few months."

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