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VELVET IS A MINE

It Has Close to 200 Tons of Good Shipping Ore on the Dump.

HAS MARKETING 350 TONS

A Great Deal Has Been Accomplished, But More Could Be if There Was a Wagon Road Running to the Property—Mr. Mackintosh's Mission.

Although rawhiding from the Velvet has been stopped by the warm weather, which has played havoc with the trail, yet ore, and of good quality, too, is being steadily raised from the great Sophie mountain property, and there is now, perhaps, 200 tons of magnificent high grade smelting ore sorted out ready for shipment, all removed merely in the development of the mine, for stoping has not yet been commenced. Some 350 tons besides has been sent to the smelter. Aside from the smelting ore, there is a huge pile of concentrating ore on the dump, which is high, having been concentrated previous to being smelted. In fact, practically the whole of the rock being raised from the shaft contains ore in sufficient quantities to make concentration exceedingly profitable.

The shaft is down 165 feet and a winze from one of the drifts has reached the 175-foot level, but this is the maximum depth thus far attained, for the surface water has been seriously incommencing work lately, and sinking has been suspended for the present. The great difficulty which has beset J. Edwards, Leskie, the superintendent, is the lack of power, for the boiler, of the upright pattern is being worked to its full capacity in furnishing steam sufficient to raise the ore being taken out, but it is expected that in a few additional months it will be possible to put in a power pump of sufficient capacity to keep the shaft clear of water and enable work to proceed without interruption.

In the lower workings the vein has straightened somewhat, and the shaft was out of ore for a short time until a change in its course could be effected, when the ore was found better than ever, while the ledge shows indications of being much more compact than nearer the surface.

No more beautiful specimens of clean chalcopryite can be found in the camp than is produced in the Velvet. The ore, for the most part, is of a brilliant light brown color, tinged slightly with a delicate greenish hue and of especially fine grain, but considerable white iron is being met, which gives gold values running equal with the chalcopryite, although, of course, it is lacking in copper. The latest assay of this chalcopryite has assayed as high as 15 per cent.

As regards its surface improvements, the Velvet is in excellent shape. A good galloping frame and a commodious little house have been constructed, while the mess-hall and sleeping quarters are models of comfort, and in its details the camp is equally well provided. In fact, it is a small village, for it was the headquarters for about 50 men until the spring water recently made a reduction in the force necessary. The location of the mine is beautiful, overlooking as it does the valley of the Big Sheep, with the lofty Santa Rosa range just beyond.

An assay office is being constructed in connection with Mr. Leskie's private quarters and the company will do its own assaying.

Marvels have been accomplished in the development of the mine in view of the difficulties which have been encountered through the lack of a wagon road and, in fact, this is not the only part of the district that is handicapped by the same thing. Everything brought in must be packed over the Dewdney trail and, as it is so steep, which, besides being exceedingly expensive, prohibits the installation of greatly needed machinery.

GOV. MACKINTOSH'S VISIT.

It Is for the Purpose of Inspecting a Mammoth Copper Property.

A recent number of the Colonial Goldfields Gazette, in commenting upon the departure of Governor Mackintosh from London for Rossland, says, among other things:

"It will be learned with a great deal of interest and surprise that Governor Mackintosh, who arrived in London only about a fortnight ago, is returning to British Columbia today on a brief official visit, leaving Mrs. Mackintosh and family in London. News has been received of some wonderful developments in a large copper property, secured by the London & Globe Finance corporation some months ago, and Mr. Mackintosh will return at once to London."

Governor Mackintosh, in response to inquiries regarding the article last evening, said:

"It will be a month before we can say anything about the property. There are some questions which are being asked. 'Where is it located?' he was asked. 'Part of it is in East Kootenay,' was the enigmistic reply.

To Commence Work at Trail. Work will commence next Monday on the improvements at the Trail smelter, which includes the necessary grading and the stone and brick work. The Cameron Contracting company was the successful bidder and will do the work.

THE EVENING GROUP.

A Promising Property West of Big Sheep Creek. The Evening group on Nigger Mountain, just across Big Sheep creek from Spokane mountain, is producing some very promising galena and white iron. Harry Hanson, who with Geo. J. Root, owns the group, was in town last evening with two handsome specimens which are displayed in the Miner window. The ledge, Mr. Hanson says, is about six feet wide, of which about four feet is ore. The lead has been traced for a distance of 400 feet, but prospecting it is difficult because of a shaly deposit over the surface. Mr. Hanson is now down seven feet and has got assays of \$8 in gold and a trace in copper while the surface showed 20 ounces silver and 12 per cent lead. The group comprises the Evening and Morning.

A LARGE SHIPMENT.

Rossland Is a Distributing Center for Merchandise.

There is no surer indication of Rossland's growth as a mercantile center than the heavy shipments of goods received by some of her merchants. As an illustration of this we mention the recent shipment of over two tons of staple and office stationery received by Messrs. Goodeve Bros., the freight alone on which was in the neighborhood of \$200. When it is borne in mind that Messrs. Goodeve Bros. do not handle fancy goods and that this shipment was made up entirely of those lines especially required in this district, such as blue writing paper, detail paper, tracing linens, drawing paper and engineers' supplies, with a full line of everything required by typewriters, as carbons, ribbons, MSS covers, paper fasteners, and fine imported typewriting papers, together with a large range of American office requisites, some idea of the business done by this firm may be had.

Mr. Goodeve informs us that a very good class of goods is demanded here, and that they carry constantly in stock a class of fine Irish linens, hand and wove parchment papers, usually only to be found in the larger cities. Buying as they do for cash in large quantities for their three stores enables them to quote prices that are constantly bringing trade to them that would otherwise probably go to eastern cities.

FIREPROOF BUILDING.

The Bank of Montreal Will Erect a Three Story Block This Year.

From J. S. O. Fraser, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, it was learned Tuesday that the bank will erect a handsome three-story fireproof building at the northeast corner of Columbia avenue and Washington street, the site at present occupied by Martin Bros. Hardware store. No expense will be spared in making the block suitable in every way to the accommodation of the bank. Work on the building will commence, it is expected within the next 60 days. The plans for the structure are now being prepared.

Speaking of his visit to the east, Mr. Fraser informed THE MINER that during his trip he heard Rossland and the Kootenay district spoken of with the greatest confidence as to the stability and success of the mining industry.

He referred to the news of the recent big strikes in the War Eagle as being enthusiastically received in Toronto.

A POPULAR APPOINTMENT.

Dr. Bowers Made Medical Officer of the British America Corporation.

The appointment of Dr. Edward Bowers as medical officer of the British America corporation is announced. Dr. Bowers is one of the oldest physicians and surgeons in the district, for he came here in January, 1895, when the camp was first beginning to attract attention, and has been here ever since. He it was who built the first hospital in the camp, nearly three years ago, and it proved an invaluable aid to the residents of Rossland at that early stage of its history.

Dr. Bowers is a thoroughbred Canadian, born in Kingston, Ont., and educated at McGill university, where he was graduated in 1888, the gold medalist of his class. After a residence of some time in Ottawa, Dr. Bowers came west, and practised in Spokane previous to coming to Rossland. His professional position is enviable, and his appointment to the service of the British America corporation will meet with general commendation.

The Contract Let. The contract for the erection of the proposed Presbyterian church will be let about the middle of May. Architect John Honeyman, formerly of Santa Cruz, but now of Nanaimo, has completed the plans, and will be here early in May for the purpose of advertising for tenders for the construction of the church. The ground dimensions of the structure will be 40x60 feet. It will be in the form of a parallelogram, and be finished inside with plaster and fancy woodwork. It will cost \$2,500. The intention is to use this for a church for a year or two, and when the church gets stronger to build a more pretentious church edifice. This building will be used as a hall or Sunday school class room.

Will Resume Operations. A. H. McKay has returned from Spokane after spending the better part of the winter there. Mr. McKay is interested largely in the London & Rossland (B. C.) Mining company, limited. This company owns the Butterfly, Santa Cruz, and Lincoln No. 1 claims, which are situated four miles north of Rossland on the north slope of Red mountain. There has been some work done on these properties and it is the intention to resume operations on them. There are some negotiations pending for disposing of the properties of this company in the London market, and it is probable that before long the deal will be closed up. Mr. McKay is also interested in the Josie Mac Gold Mining company, which is operating the Josie Mac claim, which is located in the south belt, one and a half miles south of this city. It is the intention, he says, to immediately resume the work of developing the Josie Mac.

THEY BEGIN TO SEE

Montreal Is Awakening to Our Mining Possibilities.

THEY WILL INVEST HERE

Work on Columbia & Kootenay Will Soon Be in Full Blast—Progress of Development of Nickel Plate—A Large Mining Plant Purchased.

"What with British Columbia, the Klondike, Nova Scotia and the Rainy River country, the present mining development in the Dominion is altogether unprecedented," said James D. Sword Tuesday, after his return from a two months' visit in Eastern Canada on mining business. "Montreal is suddenly arousing to the immense possibilities of the nation's mineral resources, and the capitalists of the big Quebec town are beginning to keenly interest the opening of British Columbia mines. With customary conservatism they are studying the situation carefully, and in a few months we may expect to see Montreal people buying extensively developed properties in the West. Business generally is brisk in Quebec, and the coming season is sure to witness a general revival of interest in mining among all classes back there."

"The Klondike boom seems to have burst," and one hears little talk about the district compared to the excitement of a few weeks since.

"This summer attention will be centralized upon British Columbia, although the Rainy River country and Nova Scotia will not be overlooked." "The War Eagle stock is unusually active in the east, and the current opinion is that the shares must soon touch \$2. The news of the recent strikes, the commencement of shipping, and the installation of the new machinery, all have combined to set the stock kiting skyward."

"The James Cooper Manufacturing company, which I represent, is now at work on five big compressor plants, two of which are coming to this province. There is the War Eagle and the other for the Boundary Creek Mining company, which owns the Mother Lode in the Boundary country. There is a tremendous body of ore in the latter property, and it promises well. By the way, Mackenzie & Mann say they intend to do extensive work in their claims, the Stewinward and the Brooklyn, in the same camp."

Columbia and Kootenay. Operations upon the Columbia & Kootenay group, lately purchased by the British American corporation, are actively under way under the supervision of Superintendent D. J. Macdonald. A new tunnel has been started to catch the lead at a point 150 feet below the present principal tunnel.

There is a magnificent tunnel site on the property, and the new drift will gain almost foot for foot. A surveyor is now at work determining the direction of the new workings.

In the upper tunnel work is being concentrated in cleaning the drifts and overhauling the property in preparation for further development.

Work on the Nickel Plate. Work has been started upon the Nickel Plate under the management of W. S. Haskins. The shaft is considerably filled with water, and it will take several days to clear it, but as soon as possible work on an extensive scale will be commenced.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

It Will Be Discussed at a Public Meeting on Friday.

A. H. MacNeill, W. F. McNeill, W. H. Jones, W. D. McKinnon, John Robinson, A. W. McNaughton, J. B. Johnson, C. O'Brien Reddin, D. C. Campbell, C. O. Lalonde, J. A. Smith, J. McKane, G. M. King, E. R. McDonald, J. M. Rankin, S. Thornton Langley, A. B. Clabon and others, yesterday addressed a communication to the mayor of Rossland, asking that the undersigned residents of the city of Rossland, respectfully request you to call a public meeting of the citizens of Rossland at the earliest possible date for the purpose of discussing the bill at present before the provincial legislature providing for the redistribution of representation in the said legislature."

The mayor after reading the petition said that he would call the meeting for Friday night, and that it should be held in Dominion hall.

This meeting is in response to a telegram received from the Kootenay board of trade at Nelson, requesting the Rossland board of trade to join it in protesting against the redistribution bill. The citizens of several of the cities of the Kootenays have raised their voices in protests against the measure, alleging that in its present shape it is a gerrymander pure and simple. The Rossland board of trade does not care to act in the matter for the reason that a political question is involved, and therefore they did not desire to take cognizance of it.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Certificates of Improvements.

April 19.—Baruch. Certificates of Work. April 16.—Last Chance. April 18.—Selma, May, Lora, Dewdney, Du-luth. April 19.—Black Prince, No. 2, Clara C. Tyre, Paul, Little Oney. April 20.—Aberdeen Fracture. April 21.—Aaron's Isle, Aaron's Rod, Aaron's Gem, Aaron's Star, Aaron's Fracture, Empress.

REGIMENT TO BE FORMED.

The Crack Company Could Easily Be Raised in This City.

J. Peters, lieutenant-colonel D. O. O., with headquarters at Victoria, has been authorized by the Dominion authorities to raise six companies of militia along the line of the Canadian Pacific railway and in the Kootenays. Each of the companies is to consist of three commissioned officers and 30 rank and file. They are to have the "Khaki" uniform and are to be armed with the Lee-Enfield rifle. It is hoped to secure two Maxims and two B. F. Hotchkiss guns for each company. It is almost certain that Rossland will have one of these companies. There is some excellent material in this city for the formation of such a company. Among these are some who have been members of Canadian militia companies in the east, both as officers and men. Then there are a number who have served in the regular British Army, both as officers and privates. With such good material at hand it is certain that the crack company of the regiment can be raised here.

RETURNED FROM LONDON

While There Mr. McMillan Did Missionary Work For B. C.

A Large Number of London's Best Houses Are Interesting Themselves in This Section.

"The more I see of British Columbia and its vast mineral resources, the more I am impressed with the fact that it is the greatest undeveloped mineral country within the British Empire," said A. J. McMillan last Tuesday at the Allan. He has just returned from a visit of several months in London, where he handled a number of Rossland properties, and he is now in Rossland for good, to look after the development of his interests.

Mr. McMillan is accompanied by F. L. Mercer, one of the largest land agents in London, who is taking a look over the country.

Mr. McMillan while away did much to advertise the camp by lecturing before some of the most important societies in the old country, and in response to questions from a MINER reporter he talked most entertainingly of his trip.

"At the Imperial institute," said he, "I lectured to about 1,000 people, largely city financiers and men interested in mining matters. The lecture was well reported in the daily papers, and being given verbatim by the Mining Journal and leading periodicals it must have done great good to draw attention to British Columbia in general and Rossland in particular. At the request of the Royal Geographical society I subsequently lectured for it in Edinburgh and Glasgow to large and influential audiences. I was interviewed at considerable length by many of the leading papers in the old country, and in these various ways did what I could to draw attention to the vast mineral resources of this district."

"I find that a large number of the best financial houses in London are interesting themselves in small syndicates to acquire properties in this province. These will undoubtedly be the forerunners of extensive public companies which will invest a large amount of money in the country. Though up to the present the British public has taken but little interest in British Columbia, I am satisfied that the next big mining movement will be in connection with this province, but I do not look for a movement of any magnitude in this direction earlier than next winter."

Diffident Regarding the Yukon. "The general opinion in England with regard to the Yukon is that while there may be a great deal of gold there, much more requires to be known of that district before money can be safely invested. A good many representatives of English capital purpose visiting that district this summer and a few public companies have already been formed in London to operate there. I do not think the Yukon will have Kootenay at all. On the contrary, I think, it will act as a good advertisement for British Columbia."

"What can you say of your success in placing Kootenay properties," Mr. McMillan said. "I am interested in some properties in the vicinity of Rossland and private English syndicates. In no case have we made any appeal to the public for funds. One of the companies with which I am now connected, the British Columbia (Rossland and Slocan) syndicate, acquired some time ago considerable interests in claims in this district. These were secured before my connection with the syndicate. I have recently been appointed general manager and instructed to do some preliminary work with a view of testing their values and discovering to what extent permanent development should be undertaken."

"I am also interested on my own account and on behalf of other syndicates in properties in Ymir, Goat river and the Boundary country, on all of which more or less development work will be done this summer."

What about war? "The effect of the Spanish-American war will be to increase the bank rate, thus preventing the investment of money in speculative enterprises, and if the war is continued it may affect us for a few months."

Rossland Tennis Club. The second annual general meeting of the Rossland Tennis club was recently held, when the following officers were elected: Lieutenant-Governor Charles H. Mackintosh, honorary president; Arthur Marsh, president; S. M. Long, vice-president; F. Lewis, secretary; treasurer: Messrs. Le Baron de Veber and E. W. Ward, committee. It is the intention of the club to put the present grounds into thorough shape, and it is also expected that a third court will be added. Play will probably commence within two weeks.

IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

Work Commenced on the Dundee's Concentrator Near Ymir.

THE BISMARCK TO RESUME

Plenty of Progress in East Kootenay—Good Galena Met in the Payroll on Nigger Creek—The Promising King Solomon Near Greenwood.

Spring is opening all over the Kootenays, and work has fairly commenced for the summer in a good many places. Appended are reports from all the principal camps:

NELSON DIVISION.

The new management will resume work at once on the Jubilee, in the Ymir camp.

H. A. McClure of Ymir has been elected president and manager of the Salmon River & Porcupine company; R. S. Nicholls of Butler, Pennsylvania, vice-president; O. W. Bedford, secretary; H. W. Greenberg, treasurer, and H. W. Wilscombe of Spokane, and H. H. Nicholls of Butler, Pennsylvania, trustees.

Messrs. Wilson Bros., who are operating the Last Chance on Toad mountain, sent out a party of men to commence work last week, and development work on the property will be pushed ahead vigorously.

J. Finlay, engineer of the Dundee mine near Ymir, reports that the mine is looking better than ever. The ore body on the hanging wall is all shipping and varies from three to four feet in width. Between this and the footwall, a distance of 21 feet, the ore is concentrating. Work on the concentrator has commenced and machinery for it has been ordered. Twenty-five men are at present employed in the mine and the force will be increased shortly. From present appearances the indications are that the mine will be on a dividend paying basis during the coming summer.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

The No. 1 mine at Ainsworth has the regular force of men at work. They have lately put a boiler and hoist in the mine to haul loaded cars up the winze that is being sunk. It is down about 100 feet and the ore is as good as ever. This property will no doubt pay well this summer.

L. J. McAtee is expected at Ainsworth from Spokane about May 1, and will put a force of men to work on the mine. A concentrator and tramway are to be built in the near future by this company.

D. F. Strobeck has been doing some development work on the Hope, near Ainsworth, one of his claims. This is being sunk. It is down about 100 feet and the ore is as good as ever. This property will no doubt pay well this summer.

Surface showings on the Hill claim, near Kuskonok, assay \$10 in gold, 8 ounces in silver and a trace in copper. The Bismarck group on the South Fork Sherwood made a lucky strike last year, it is to be opened up again as soon as the snow settles. Mr. Sherwood will be in Kaelo within the next 30 days for that purpose, and expects to push development work by shipping throughout the summer. The Bismarck is regarded as a very fine property. After a few weeks, development last fall, 60 tons of high grade ore, the returns on which were sufficient to meet all expenses and take care of the bond, were produced, and all probably the property will be a regular and heavy shipper after a few months.

The proprietors of the Ruthies Bell group, in the Duncan river district, are making preparations for the shipment of ore accumulated while doing development work during the past winter, a considerable amount of which has been taken out.

BAST KOOTENAY.

Last week the Lakeview, Last Chance, Bijon, Accidental, Alberta, Red Deer, Kootenay Star, Union Star, and other claims, and forming a part of what is known as the St. Eugene group of mines, were sold to a Chicago syndicate. Extensive operations will be commenced to open up this property, which is a silver-lead proposition, and is situated on a fractional claim, lying between the O. K. and Dreadnaught, near the North Star in East Kootenay.

Active work has now been resumed on the Ansoconda, a free-milling gold property located on Nigger creek, about 10 miles from the line of the Crow's Nest railway. There is a lead of about four feet, which has been traced 700 feet—porphyry. Assays from the croppings showed \$6.06 in free gold. The property is owned by J. Doyle of the Dalgarno hotel; work is to be continued during the summer.

At a meeting of the directors of the Moyie Place Mining company, held at Fort Steele, it was decided that work on the property should be commenced at once.

William West, of the Payroll mine on Nigger creek reports that in the second tunnel the vein had been cut and a thickness of 3 1/4 feet of solid galena was penetrated. It will be remembered that last year the ore from this property produced some very high assays, and the strike now made shows the prospect to be one of genuine value. Two tunnels have been driven in, one 26 feet and the other 17 feet. The owners are A. Smith, J. Lattan, William West and M. Quinn, and the property lies not more than 2 1/2 miles from the C. N. P. railway.

The Nip and Tuck mine on Wild Horse creek, near Fort Steele, has been sold to a strong English syndicate. The mine,

though hitherto worked on comparatively a small scale, the capitalization of the company being only \$30,000, has yielded excellent returns, and that its value is permanent is assured by the price paid, \$20,000 cash and 20 per cent of the stock in a company to be formed for the more extensive working of the mine. It will be remembered that a year or two ago the claims of this company were bonded to a Philadelphia syndicate and some \$10,000 paid on them, after which the bond was thrown up and the \$10,000 forfeited to the owners.

The tunnel on the Estella mine, on Tracy creek, is now in about 380 feet, which is 40 feet from the point where the owners expect to tap the main lead. This will give a depth on the lead of 250 feet. There are two ledges on this property, one of them showing a vein of solid galena of three feet, while the other shows grey copper, carrying gold, silver, copper and some lead. Assays on the latter have shown from \$60 to \$500 to the ton. Three shifts are now at work. There is a large amount of ore already on the dump.

The Palmer bar placers will, in all probability, soon be operated by an English syndicate possessed of abundant capital.

REVELSTOCK AND TROUT LAKE.

The Kootenay Mail announces the probable formation in London, England, of a large development company to operate in North Kootenay. Definite particulars are not at hand, but enough has been learned to justify the statement that that section of West Kootenay district will be the scene of considerable activity this year and considerable attention and interest will be given it in the future.

Perry Leake, accompanied by six men, started out from Revelstoke on Tuesday morning with the intention of making estimates. They will proceed to the Waverley mine and may go further.

It is the intention of the Waverley company to commence packing operations from here to the summit sometime before the end of the month.

George Goldsmith of the Lardeau-Goldsmith company, is on his way to Fish creek to secure some ore from the company's claim to be placed in their Rossland office.

In the Trout Lake district the Tin Cup mine is reported to have over 500 tons of ore on route from the mine to the landing on the Columbia, owing to bad roads.

Otto Ahlberg has returned to Revelstoke from London. He is reported to be engaged by the Waverley and Tangier companies for this season as consulting engineer and superintendent of construction. A hoisting and pumping plant is to be put up on the Tangier and a concentrator and tramway on the Waverley. The report adds that a narrow gauge railway is to connect the mines with the C. P. R. at Albert Canyon, and operations are to begin as soon as the season opens.

The owner of the Waverley mine are expecting a portable sawmill to arrive at Albert Canyon shortly. It will be run at the Canyon for a time and then taken up to the Tangier.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

Bad condition of the Ten-Mile road is assigned as the cause of the partial shutting down of the Enterprise.

No. 8 tunnel on the Comstock, on Four-Mile, commenced a short while ago, has cut the ore chute with a fine showing. The vein has now been proven to a great depth.

R. G. Kirkwood announces that active work will be commenced on the Empress, Mahan and Ohio claims, adjoining the Enterprise group, on Ten-Mile shortly.

Too much water for the pumps to handle and the need of repairs to the machinery, has caused the Dardanelles to close down for some months.

O. E. Milbourne, for the Queen Bess Proprietary company, has taken over the Mento, adjoining the Queen Bess group. Joe Purviance, owner of the Two Brothers, which is located near the Howard irrigation works, has been doing development work on the property. This mine has a ledge measuring four feet in width, which averages \$50 in gold, and is supposed to be a free milling proposition.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Duncan McIntosh, in charge of the development work at the Winnie mine, in Wellington camp, reports everything running smoothly at the mine, and the quality of ore improving as work progresses.

T. Q. Butler and E. J. Edwards have sold the Joe Dandy to Ald. E. S. Moulton Barrett for \$2,000 of Greenwood. The Joe Dandy is located about 12 miles above Rock creek, between James creek and the West Fork. It is a very promising property, a large vein of high grade ore having been uncovered by the work already done.

J. C. Olson, who returned to Greenwood from the West Fork last week, brought down with him some average specimens of King Solomon ore. An assay of the same gave over \$18 in gold and copper values.

THE GLADSTONE GROUP. Good Results From the Recent Shipment to the Tacoma Smelter. The development of the Gladstone group, owned by the Canada Mutual Mining & Development company, and located about seven miles back of Waneta, is proving very successful. The tunnel is now in 100 feet, while a crosscut has been run 30 feet. The ledge is the full width of the tunnel, and the ore body is from 14 to 30 inches in width. The company is working a crew of eight men and about five caissons at one time now on the dump. The property is a galena proposition, and the shipment of ore to the Tacoma smelter, made last month, netted \$31.50 per ton. Average assays, so the officers say, return 10 ounces in silver and 65 per cent lead.

Mr. Gladstone's Condition. LONDON, April 28.—Mr. Gladstone, it is announced from Hawarden, did not sleep very well last night, but is resting easier today and is not suffering pain.

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