east and 235 feet west, and another shaft down 55 feet. There are 100 tons of ore on the dump.

The mining recorder's office for the Grand Forks mining division of Yale district has been opened by S. R. Almond, mining recorder, and J. G. Brown, assistant. The opening of the office is a great accommodation to the public, as it does away with the sending of instruments to Midway for record.

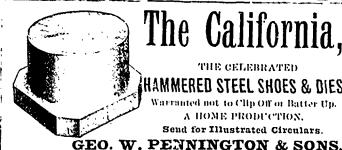
The Stratheyre Mining Company's 10stamp mill, concentrator and evanide plant, which has been leased by the Smuggler Mining Company, of Fairview, is being overhauled and refitted with a new 35-horse power engine and boiler, and is almost ready for operation. The Smuggler shaft is down 420 feet and the tunnel in 120 feet.

Owing to the rich find on the Eighteen Karat group of placer claims, recently located near Grand Forks, claims have been staked off for three miles on both sides of the Kettle river, recorded in the Rossland record office, which properly should have been recorded at Midway. and now that the recorder's office has been established at Grand Forks, considerable inconvenience is felt, and in some cases a serious loss to the claim owners has resulted.

For the last two years the advisability of running a tunnel through Observation mountain at Grand Forks has been seriously considered by the claim owners, and, as a result of the recent strike in the Gray Eagle, it has been practically decided to run such a tunnel. It will be started some 300 feet from the top of the mountain, and it is estimated that its length will be about 1000 feet.

On the Victoria at Camp McKinney under the vigorous management of C. B. Bash, development has been prosecuted since October, 1896. Two crosscuts have been run to tap the ledge, one 234 feet long with a drift 175 feet north and 35 feet south, and the other 205 feet long, with an uprise 200 feet to the surface. An inclined shaft has been sunk on the ledge 100 feet below the tunnel level, from which a crossent is being made 50 feet to a parallel ledge.

Drew, Davidson & Russell, proprietors of the Tin Horn mine at Fairview and townsite owners, are building a fine three-story hotel, 64x64 feet, with fortyfive rooms, to be completed in seventyfive days, at an estimated cost of \$23,-000. They also have plans drawn for an office building 20x30 feet, and for a store 24x60 feet. At the mines they have just completed the boarding house, 60x22 feet, with kitchen 20x20 feet and bunk house 24x40 feet. This company has on the Tin Horn three tunnels, 250, 50 and 150 feet At the Winchester they are sinking a shaft, now down 60 feet. On the Mammoth they have a tunnel in 26 feet, and are working on the Exchange and Gold Drop. They are building a 16stamp mill, which will be in operation September 1.



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A silver strike has been made at the head of Lemon creek, Nelson district, in the same locality as the well known Alpine group, and three assays give results of \$1, 59 and \$1 ounces of silver. The claims, four in number, are known as the Monument group. The width of the vein has not yet been determined, but it is said to be continuous through eight or nine locations. The owners of the Monument group and other claims in the immediate vicinity have completed a good trail from the government trail, from the north bank of Kootenay river up Six-Mile creek, to connect with the trail that leads up Lemon creek to the sum-

Coal in paying quantities is now believed to exist on Coal Hill, Lamloops, near the slope sunk by Major Vaughan some years ago, says the Inland Sentinel. A short time ago this ground was taken up by local parties and prospecting work begun. The croppings show a 40-inch seam of partially clean coal, the whole being thoroughly soaked with water. A 10-foot tunnel across the measures failed to reach the bottom slate, and the owners decided to sink a slope on the east side to catch the No. 1 seam at the depth of about 20 feet. Messrs, J. C. Mills and M. J. Melver are among those interested in this property. Coal is Kamloop's cesideratum as well as many other places in the interior.

Following is an extract from one of the most recent letters received from the Clondyke: We are here all right and are glad we came, as I think we are strictly "in it." The mines are very rich, and new strikes are being made all the time, but we may not get anything very big. We made a fine trip, and , are doing fairly well. Wages are \$15 a day now, and may keep at \$1 to \$1.50 per hour all winter, but some think they will come down to \$1 per hour. I like the country very well, but there is lots of hard work. Getting here our trip cost us two \$336, or \$168 each, and three months work to get in and settled. Have two claims each staked; Henry has carned nearly \$400 at \$15 a day while I am on a claim representing for a half interest in the claim. Don't know if there is anything in it or not. He is making our grubstake for the winter, while I am fishing for a good strike of our own. "JOSH."

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