

CRIPPLE CREEK NEWS.

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The past 10 days have been lively ones in the mining world, and have witnessed a number of important events accompanied by an activity and strength of the Colorado Springs mining market that was little short of a "boom," and that is, in fact, looked upon as the beginning of the fall liveliness that has been so freely predicted.

The enterprise of the Woods Investment Company has again been shown in the securing by that company of the control of the Damon company. The publication of that news exclusively in these columns had a bullish effect upon the stock, as is usually the case when the Woods people take hold of a company.

Josiah Winchester, lessee on the Doctor, has come forward claiming the apex of the Jack Pot mine. This news had a bearish effect upon Jack Pot stock, but a prompt reaction was noted and the stock is advancing beyond the figures it had reached when this apex matter was made public. Surveyors are at work investigating the matter.

Thursday the sum of \$60,000 spot cash was paid by Mr. N. S. Gandy of this city to the owners of the Black Belle Mine. This transaction represents the consummation of the Black Belle deal. The matter was closed up and 400,000 shares of Black Belle stock were sold to prominent local mining men at 15 cents per share. Mr. R. P. Davie, the well-known promoter of this city, was associated with Mr. Gandy in the placing of this stock. Among those who purchased this stock were Mr. V. Z. Reed, Mr. J. A. Hayes, Mr. Sam Bernard, Messrs. W. A. Otis & Co. The directors and officers of the Black Belle company have been chosen as follows: D. B. Fairley, C. W. Fairley, J. T. Burkholder, G. M. Carter, J. A. Himebaugh, W. H. Gandy and J. B. Carnes. The officers are D. B. Fairley, president; G. M. Carter, vice-president; J. T. Burkholder, secretary, and C. W. Fairley, treasurer.

The south 450 feet of the Zeolite claim has been leased to the well-known mining man, J. B. Crandall. This property, together with the Bloomington claim, belongs to the Moon-Anchor company, and is located on Battle Mountain. The portion of the claim leased does not include that part where it is overlapped by the Bloomington. Mr. Crandall is a first-rate lessee and mining men and opened up a big mine in the Mary McKinnie. Other good parties are looking for leases on this company's Battle Mountain property and at least one more will probably be granted in the near future.

In the matter of dividends, Portland came to the front with its regular \$60,000 monthly distribution.

THE WEEK'S STRIKES.

Some very important discoveries have been made recently in the Specimen on Bull hill. The newly-discovered ore body has been located in the second, fourth, fifth and sixth levels, and it is confidently expected that it will be opened up in the third so soon as sufficient work is done to reach it. From the fact that this ore body has been opened up in so many levels is shown the importance of the strike, as there can be no doubt about the continuation of the ore body down to the sixth level at least, and it is already shown to be rich in values. The ore body is found south from the joint shaft, which is being used by several sets of lessees, and the reason that it has not been opened up before is the simple one that work has never before been extended far enough in that direction. The ore shoot dips towards the shaft, so that while the drift on the second level had to be extended 90 feet before the ore was encountered it is thought that the cross-cut from the shaft on the seventh level will about cut the ore when it reaches the vein. This seventh

level will be about 350 feet from the surface or about 250 feet from the second level, the levels being 50 feet apart. The ore, after being produced, is screened and sorted, and the screenings and assorted ore are sacked and shipped together. From the fourth level a lot of eight and one half tons has been sent out. This has gone to the sampler and is expected to return from \$100 to \$500 a ton.

Damon has no less than three ore shoots in its big dyke. One of them is eight feet wide, and is the one first struck, and in addition to this there is another separate and perfectly distinct ore shoot north of where the dyke was entered, and at a greater distance, and this shoot is about 15 feet wide. Then there is a third shoot, distant from the other two, lying south of the line where the dyke was entered, and this third shoot is about 11 feet wide. The average shipping value of the ore taken clear across the eight-foot and the 12-foot ore shoots is better than two ounces, or \$40 gold to the ton, while the average shipping value of the ore taken across the 15-foot shoot is better than one ounce gold per ton. But rich as this big dyke is in ore, Damon is not compelled to rely wholly upon the dyke for its ore. Quite unexpectedly good ore has been encountered in a vein that was not supposed to carry any values worth shipping. This vein is one that runs into (or out of, as the case may be) the big dyke. It was cut in the shaft and a drift was started south, but no good values were found. When Jerry Johnson recently opened up ore, it made the Damon people think that possibly they might run into something if they ran a drift north from the shaft on the vein. This drift was started, and after going about 20 feet from the shaft they encountered an ore shoot which is a splendid one and assures them of ore in addition to the good stuff in the dyke.

DANTE.

Shipments from the Dante this week will amount to about 100 tons. Two cars of ore are now about ready for shipment from the Clements lease, where a new strike was recently made. A car of ore will go out on company account; a bar will go out from the Rex lease and 50 tons is going out from the Clements lease averaged \$42 per ton and Mattoon has some that is expected to run from five to six ounces in gold to the ton. The McMurchie ore shoot has already been opened up for a distance of 75 feet, and the Clements shoot for a distance of 60 feet, so that it will be seen that some good big ore bodies are being opened up.

THE WEEK'S SHIPMENTS.

Notwithstanding the continuation of the smelter strike, the mines of the Cripple Creek district are sending out a good deal of ore, as the following partial record will show.

VINDICATOR.

Keith & Grube, leasing on the Vindicator, who were obliged to reduce their working force through the difficulty of disposing of their product, have again resumed active operations. They are now taking out about 25 tons daily of two-ounce ore. The new equipment for the Wallace of this company is now in place and sinking will be resumed at the mine within a few days.

QUEEN.

Five assays, taken from the seventy-five foot level of the Queen lode on Gold hill under lease to McDonald & Walsh and owned by the Ben Hur company, returned values as follows: \$21, \$11, \$10, \$60, \$210.40, \$712. These samples were taken indiscriminately across two feet of the vein. The lessees made their first shipment this week. A large tonnage is already broken in the mine.

Walker & McGovney, leasing on the joint shaft of the Specimen, shipped 25 tons of as high grade ore as was ever sent out from that Bull hill property. The consignment was made up of 10 tons of screenings estimated to be worth from 20 to 30 ounces to the ton and 15 tons of coarse rock of an average value of 10 ounces. The pay streak from which this ore is coming has been opened up in the fourth, fifth and sixth levels, about 80 feet south of the shaft, at depths of 200, 250 and 300 feet, respectively. A cross-cut is also being driven in the third level for the same streak, which is believed to extend to surface.

DAMON.

The Alex Mining company completed a three-carload shipment of three-ounce ore from the Diamond of the Damon company

MARY MCKINNIE.

The Mary McKinnie sent out a big shipment to the Colorado-Philadelphia reduction works at Colorado City—about 550 tons of 2-ounce ore from the Republic mine. In addition, the company has 140 tons of five-ounce ore at the Taylor & Linton sampler awaiting treatment. The returns on two carloads of ore containing 62 tons, just to hand, netted the Elgin Leasing company, on the south end of the claim, the handsome sum of \$8,000. From the Tanner lease on the Gold hill end of the Mary McKinnie, the miners who recently took charge in order to take out their back wages which the lessees failed to meet, recently marketed several hundred pounds of ore which was settled for on a basis of 160 ounces of \$3,200 to the ton. The Howard lease on the same property is also credited with making big money.

FAUNTLEROY.

Bennett & Waynard, who recently found pay ore in an old tunnel on the Fauntleroy on Gold hill, have already marketed three carloads of ore. Only one of these has been settled for. It brought \$30 a ton, but was shipped without sorting. The other two carloads, which were sent out last week have been more carefully handled and are expected to show an increase in value. These lessees have purchased the Texas fraction adjoining the Fauntleroy and carrying the same vein. The main working shaft is sunk near the line of the two properties from which both claims will be developed. In the mean time the lessees are working an ore shoot in the tunnel.

ACACIA.

Twenty tons of high-grade mineral was shipped from the Gull & McGill lease on the Burns of the Acacia company. Only a few tons are estimated to bring from \$500 to \$800 a ton. The bulk of the consignment is estimated at \$200 ore.

STRATTON-INDEPENDENCE.

The gross output from the Independence during July amounted to \$256,000. The mine is now making an output of about 100 tons daily, all of smelting grade averaging better than \$80 to the ton. The level will be about 350 feet from the sur-

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