

IT IS LOOKING WELL

The Vein is Eight Feet Wide with a Good Paystreak.

IS THE LOWEST FIND IN CAMP

The Rathmullen Will Begin Shipping as Soon as the Spur From the C. P. R. is Finished From the Mine—A Hoist For the Iron Colt.

The strike in the Nickel Plate made early in the week is looking very well and as progress is gained the early indications of the find are more and more fully confirmed. The vein, which is at present found to be eight feet wide, all highly mineralized and with a streak of high grade ore fully two feet in width, is thought likely to increase in richness with depth. The strike was made at the side of the shaft while sinking, and should be cut across with an added depth to the shaft of about another 40 or 50 feet. At this point the solid streak will probably very much exceed its present dimensions, as its tendency is to widen with every foot of depth gained.

The value of the ledge is, of course, not as yet accurately known, as average samples across the vein at various points will have to be taken. Until such time as definite news can be given absolute figures cannot be obtained.

Sinking is rapidly progressing, and is only retarded by the amount of water in the mine now greatly increased in volume by the melting of the snow. This, however, will hardly keep the work back for any length of time, as the surface water soon reaches its limits.

The strike is made at a depth that, in taking the difference in the surface altitudes into consideration, is the lowest in the camp or rather in that section of it on the slopes of Red and Monte Christo mountains. This in itself is valuable evidence as to the extent as to depth of the ores of this section. The ore, it is stated, will favorably compare in value with any obtained at any depth in the region referred to. There is, therefore, little doubt in taking for granted that as good values as have heretofore been obtained in Rossland will be got again hereafter.

A good sample of the ore can be seen in the Miner window. It is not the best that could be selected from the dump, but is of fair average value.

THE RATHMULLEN.

A Trial Shipment Will Be Made When Spur is Completed.

Mr. L. H. Moffatt returned Thursday from a visit to the Rathmullen group. He reports that he found the mine in very good order. The trial shipment is ready to be shipped to the smelter, but this will not be forwarded till the switch is completed from the station of the main line and the Rathmullen road. This is a distance of 1.5 miles and will be done by the ore that is to be shipped will be taken from the present level to the bottom level. The pay streak here, which is from two to four feet wide, carries high grade ore. The remainder of the vein, which is 20 feet wide, has concentrating ore, which carries good values. While in Greenwood Mr. Moffatt had a talk with Messrs. Guelius and Sullivan, and they informed him that the switch would be put in without delay. He stated that the taking over of the mine from the contractors had delayed matters some, and but for this the spur to the Rathmullen would have been put in long before this. While there he visited the B. C., where they are installing a large quantity of machinery. The mine is looking extremely well. Regular shipments are being made from this mine, which is only 2,000 feet to the southwest of the Rathmullen. The grass has commenced to grow and the wild flowers are blooming in the Kettle river valley, and it looks like spring there.

A Hoist for the Iron Colt.

In the Iron Colt the shaft which is being made in the station in the tunnel, has now reached a depth of 35 feet. A 12-horse power Ledgerwood hoist is to be installed, with cars, buckets, etc. The machinery is being furnished by the Ingersoll-Sergeant company.

DUNCAN MAKES CLOSE DOWN.

A Hundred Men Quit Work at Granite, Royal Canadian and Poorman.

About 100 men, who were employed at the Granite, Royal Canadian and Poorman mines have quit work and the mines are closed down, says the Nelson Miner. The men came out by order of the union, owing to the fact that the mine owners refused to comply with their demand for higher wages.

Several days ago a deputation of 25 men came in to see Captain Duncan, and made a proposition to the owners to pay an increased wage. They demanded \$3 a day for muckers and laborers with a reduction of \$1 from the amount they were charged per week for board. They were receiving \$2.50 a day and paying \$5.50 per week for board.

Wednesday morning Captain Duncan visited the mines and informed the men that their demand would not be granted. Whereupon, under the ruling of the union, they refused to work any longer, and the mines closed down. Captain Duncan has cabled a full account of the proceedings to the London office and is awaiting instructions from there.

A LARGE FORCE EMPLOYED.

There are 710 Men at Work on the Balfour Extension.

There are today 710 men at work on the Balfour extension divided among the respective camps are follows: John McMartin, 100; J. Welch, 65; Victor Stone, 100; E. F. Burns, 95; Camp No. 1, P. Hughes, foreman, 125 men; No. 2, M. Sullivan, foreman, 125 men; No. 3, G. Ward, foreman, 140 men. The various contractors have 167 horses on the grade. The wages paid are as follows:

Laborers, \$2.00 to \$3.50 per day; skilled laborers, blacksmiths, etc., \$4.00 to \$5.00 per month with board; teamsters, \$35 to \$40 per month, with board. The uniform charge for board along the line is \$5.25 per week. J. W. Stewart estimates that he will have 1,400 men on the grade within a short time.

Returned from Montreal

Mr. McNish, of the King Mining company, is in the city. He has been away since last November in Montreal where he opened an office for the transaction of a general mining business. The shutting down of the War Eagle and Centre Star, however, caused such a slump and demoralized the mining business for the time being so badly that he decided to quit business there and to come West again. In speaking of the Oro Denoro, he said it would soon be in position to ship 25 tons of ore a day. There was considerable talk of a large plant, and the need of money for developing the property, and for this purpose it was proposed to borrow \$15,000. This would come up before the meeting of the shareholders, which is to be held shortly.

THE BOKNITE BANK.

First Annual General Meeting of the Company.

The first annual general meeting of the Boknite Bank Gold Mining company, limited, was held at the company's office, Washington street, Rossland, Friday afternoon. The president, Mr. T. R. Morrow, was in the chair, and in the absence of Mr. D. D. Birks, the secretary of the company, Mr. S. P. Tompson acted as secretary of the meeting. Among those present were Messrs. W. J. Whiteside, R. W. Northey, J. R. Cranston, N. Smith and J. D. Kay.

The manager, J. R. Cranston, in his report, gave a most gratifying account of the progress being made at the mine, and stated that at his last visit, a few days since, the shaft was still in the midst of the ore body, with neither wall yet visible. All the ore taken out was being placed on the dump for shipment. If all of it were as rich as the values given by the last assay, \$92.86, they had one of the most valuable properties in Kootenay. The lead they were working on now was, perhaps, not the richest of the six or eight known leads on their property. This was entirely a gold ore carrying no copper and less than three ounces of silver, but on two or three other claims in the group there were leads equally as rich, drifting will be undertaken northward while the great boronite ledge, which gave values of \$50.43 in copper, had merely been dipped into by open cuts. This boronite ledge was of immense width, and from this circumstance the company had taken its name. It would be better, however, to continue work in the present shaft, and develop that portion of their property to a regular shipping point, so that the profits from the smelter could be utilized for putting in machinery and working the boronite ledge. They had a great property, and if the sale of stock continued as favorably as at present, there was no doubt that they in many months they would be in a position to make large shipments that would bring them handsome returns.

The accounts were passed. The following were then appointed directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. T. R. Morrow, R. W. Northey, W. J. Whiteside, J. R. Cranston, D. D. Birks, Geo. Beers and C. Morrison, the two latter being Nelson men.

THE HUNGRYMAN.

Work Is Progressing Well on the Property—Condition of the Mine.

The Hungryman has now had its shaft timbered down to the bottom, and is seven feet by five in the clear. It has been sunk at a distance of about 50 feet from the ledge, which is dipping at an angle of about 40 degrees. As soon as a depth of about 60 feet has been attained a crosscut will be driven so as to meet the ledge, which should be at that point about 20 to 25 feet away from the sinking. Then southerly along the lead to the distance which the strike has been stripped on the surface. This is about 150 feet. The top showing gives a width of about seven feet. Two shipments were sent to the smelter, which gave returns of \$14.20 and \$17.20 per ton respectively, an average of about \$15 to \$16. These values are chiefly of gold. Neither copper nor silver show any very appreciable return. It is thought, however, that it is more than probable from the showings of other properties in the neighborhood that at depth the copper percentage will be greatly increased. Shareholders in the New Deer Park Gold Mining company are awaiting the results of the crosscutting and drifting on the first level, as such returns will go far toward establishing the true status of the property. As, however, the Hungryman has been extremely well reported upon by such competent mining engineers as Major Leckie, there is every confidence that the values and price to be obtained at the surface will be maintained and increased as depth is attained.

FROM CASCADE CAMP.

Import Strike Upon the Dykehead, Situated on Sutherland Creek.

Frank Hutchinson has received a letter from J. K. Kelly of Cascade, who has been working a group of claims on Sutherland creek, four miles northeast of Cascade, throughout the present winter. J. K. Kelly states he has struck shipping ore on the Dykehead claim, where the principal work has at present been done. There is 18 inches of shipping ore that goes upwards of \$50 per ton gold and copper. Besides this paystreak there is another 20 feet of a ledge that runs \$15. Work is now being pressed upon the property to ascertain the extent of the ledge.

A LARGE STAMP MILL

The Ymir Mill Will Soon Have Eighty in Operation.

THE AMERICAN CORPORATION

Mr. A. G. White is in the City for the Purpose of Resuming Operations on the Properties in Which He is Interested on Sophie Mountain.

THE BLACKCOCK.

Another Carload of Ore Has Been Shipped to Northport.

A report came in Saturday to camp from the Blackcock mine at Ymir, that yet another carload of ore had been shipped to the smelter at Northport. The last car sent gave returns of over \$41 in copper and gold, and it is thought that the present returns will prove to be of about the same values.

A long tunnel is being run in on the hillside, which is to pierce the ledge under the main workings. A depth of 200 feet will thus be obtained. The drift is pierced for 200 feet, and there is another 150 to 175 feet to run. In the drift a small vein of 13 inches of good ore has been encountered.

THE SUNSET.

Rich Specimens Taken From the Mine at the 150-Foot Level.

R. A. Brown returned home Tuesday from the Similkameen country, where he has been superintending the development of the famous Sunset property on Copper mountain, says the Grand Forks Miner of March 17th.

He brought with him some of the most beautiful specimens of boronite ore ever brought into the city. These are on exhibition at the Yale hotel and are well worth looking at.

SOPHIE MOUNTAIN.

There Would Be Great Activity if It Had a Railroad.

Mr. A. G. White is in the city from Spokane for the purpose of resuming operations upon his properties on Sophie mountain. He is interested in the Copper Chief, the Copper Wonder, the Princess and the Duke. Mr. White says he is prepared to work on an extensive scale on these properties; for instance, he wishes to put in a compressor plant on the Leiter, but cannot do this because of the lack of transportation facilities. This property is owned by Cleveland parties, and Mr. White is their superintendent. Considerable money has been spent upon this property, but further development on an economic scale requires machinery, and in order to get in machinery transportation facilities are necessary.

NO NUGGETS.

Hydraulic at the Centre Star—A Notable Time-Saving Device.

A chamber is being cut out at the back of the engine house at the Centre Star for a water tank. The water is carried by a pipe from a reservoir in the mountain, and is pumped up by a force pump. The men standing alongside the dump are to shovel the dirt straight into it, and the material is instantly carried down to the dump by the rush of the water. This adopting the methods of the Sacramento miners, but there are no nuggets.

THE HARLAM PROPERTY.

It Has One of the Largest Silver-Lead Ledges in the Country.

Mr. A. Belgrave, of Gladstone, is in the city. He is interested in properties in the Burnt Basin section, including the Hermit and Harlam. In speaking of these yesterday, he said: "On the Harlam the shaft is down to a depth of 44 feet and a crosscut has been made across the ledge for a distance of 30 feet and is in ore all the way. The wall of the ledge is not yet in sight. The ore is lead and silver. The pay streak is 25 feet in width, so far as uncovered, and, according to the assays had, will average \$30 per ton. The values run as follows: \$8 per cent. lead, 37 ounces in silver and from \$3 to \$8 in gold. The intention is to drift along the ledge so as to come out at the surface at a distance of about 20 feet. This is being done to save the trouble of hoisting from the shaft. On or about the 1st of April a carload will be sent to the smelter for a complete smelter test. This property is owned by Messrs. A. Belgrave, A. S. Montgomery and Warren Miller. They also own a number of properties in and around North Burnt Basin. The Harlam is located a mile and a half from the railroad, and a wagon road could be constructed for about \$300 with a good grade.

SUMMIT CAMP.

Ore Shipments From the Mines to Trail Smelter.

Greenwood, B. C., March 17.—(Special.)—The ore shipments for the past week from the mines in Summit camp to the Trail smelter, amounted to 40 tons; the total shipments to date were 1,800 tons.

THE PEORIA.

Eight Tons of Splendid Ore to Be Shipped for a Smelter Test.

The management of the Peoria Mines have sent orders to Whitewater for eight smelter test. The ore has been met in a drift on the Cody claim. A crosscut was made from the main shaft at a depth of 30 feet from the surface, and the ledge met at a point 40 feet from the shaft. Drifting was then proceeded with for 100 feet along the ledge, and a test is now being made of the ore extracted.

Former tests of ore from these mines averaged \$350 in silver and as high as 60 per cent lead. The smelter returns of the present shipment will be published as soon as they are sent in.

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The shaft on the Sunset is now down 140 feet, and shows a marked improvement in the ore with each foot of depth gained. At the 100-foot level the vein has been crossed 25 feet one side of the shaft and 15 feet on the other, all in solid ore without showing the walls.

A five-pound specimen from the bottom of the shaft was broken in two pieces, one of which was sent to the coast for careful analysis in the department of the minister of mines. The other piece was assayed at Princeton, with the excellent results of nearly \$3 in gold and 18.50 per cent copper.

UKANUGAN FREE GOLD MINES.

The Company is to Be Reorganized and Made Assessable.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Ukanugan Free Gold Mines has been called to meet in the office of the company in this city on Tuesday, April 3rd, at 4 p. m. for the purpose of sanctioning the reconstruction of the company. The object of reconstruction is to modify the constitution of the company, and in particular to enable it to make the shares in the company assessable to a limited extent. It is proposed that the new company will have a capital stock of \$200,000 divided into 2,000,000 shares of the par value of ten cents each. Of these shares 1,000,000 will be divided amongst the present shareholders, and the remaining 1,000,000 shares will be placed in the treasury as a reserve fund. The 1,000,000 shares will be issued at eight cents paid up, the balance of two cents to be payable by assessment as follows: One cent on surrender of the old certificates and issue of new ones, and the balance in three months from such date. The first call of one cent will realize \$100,000, which will be used in payment of the company's liabilities, which amount to \$13,020.13. The balance, together with the last call of one cent, will realize another \$16,000, which it is proposed to use in increasing the capacity of the mill and to install water and electric power. The directors are satisfied that the proposed modifications will be advantageous to the company and to the shareholders. Counsel has advised that such modification can only be effected by reconstruction. At the above mentioned meeting the resolutions necessary for carrying out the reconstruction will be proposed. The resolution for the winding up is merely part of the machinery advised by counsel as being necessary for effecting what is desired, and will not involve any disturbance since the new or reconstructed company will at once step into the shoes of the existing company.

THE PYRITIC SMELTER.

The Gager People Have Sold to Andrew Laidlaw et al.

It now looks as if the Gager people had disposed of their pyritic smelter scheme in Grand Forks to Andrew Laidlaw and associates, says the Grand Forks Miner. Lloyd A. Manly telegraphed on Monday from Ottawa to T. W. Holland, secretary of the Grand Forks Townsite company, stating that Andrew Laidlaw of Spokane had just completed the organization of a company in Quebec for the purpose of establishing a Loder pyritic smelter at Grand Forks.

Mr. Laidlaw, the dispatch adds, will be in Grand Forks shortly to look after the matter, and will then prepare a shipment of five carloads of ore to Leadville, Colo., where a pyritic smelter is in successful operation.

The Loder pyritic system is said to be the cheapest known system of smelting, effecting much saving by utilizing the sulphur in the ores to produce a great part of the heat for their reduction, and doing away with the preliminary roasting which in the ordinary process requires a large part of the time used in the operation of smelting.

Mr. Laidlaw is quite well known here, having acquired some first-class mining properties in various parts of the district, and some time ago went into the smelting business will be heartily welcomed by those who know him as a hustler and successful mining operator.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

It Was Observed by a Performance at Miners' Union Hall.

HALL CROWDED TO THE DOORS

Even Standing Room was at a Premium—The Performance was a Great Success in Every Particular—The Singing, Dancing and Other Features.

The musical and specialty entertainment held last Saturday at the Miners' Union hall, was one of the most successful events of the kind which has ever taken place in Rossland. The program was carried out with a success and a thoroughness which did abundant credit to those who had the management of the affair in hand. There was not a hitch in the performance during the entire evening, and had the encores, which were called, been responded to, the audience would not have been able to get away from the hall until considerably after midnight.

The public, however, had a very reasonable quarrel with the managers of the entertainment from the fact that tickets were not placed on sale during the two or three days previous to the holding of the entertainment, and that people were, therefore, unable to reserve their seats beforehand.

The part of the program which the audience was most desirous of witnessing, was undoubtedly the national dances, in which a large number of local talent, too, had been secured. While the other numbers on the program were thoroughly good, this number easily eclipsed them all. The skirt dance, the country dance and the national dances took the spectators by surprise, and were easily the feature of the evening. In the skirt dance Miss Nellie Thomas made a decided hit with the audience, and in the Irish reel Miss Lillie Dyer satisfied the best expectations of her friends. Probably, however, the palm will be awarded to the little ones who took part in the national dances. Too much cannot be said of the gracefulness with which these dances were presented.

Among all the children who took part there was not one of them who did not thoroughly understand their part, which had been assigned to them. They went through the most critical manner which satisfied the most critical ideas of those who were watching them with close and appreciative attention. It must be said that the American national dance received the largest share of popular favor, not only because it was accomplished with greater perfection, but because the little ones who took part in it were younger, and on this account more interesting than those in the other national dances. Miss Majorie Nelson, Baby Egan, Master Willie Penrose and Master Willie Gillespie fulfilled their parts with a completeness of understanding which astonished and delighted the spectators.

Little Baby Egan, who is two and a half years old, was the youngest child among the performers, and her thorough self-possession and complete knowledge of her part gained for her the enthusiastic plaudits of the audience.

Miss Majorie Nelson, Master Willie Penrose and Willie Gillespie also secured a very considerable portion of applause. In the German dance Miss Nellie Foley was very engaging, and in the French dance Miss Ernestine Saucier and Master Gaston Lalonde gained the cordial plaudits of the house. This portion of the program was easily the best part of the evening's entertainment, and reflects the highest credit upon the children themselves and those who trained them for the performance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cassidy of the International, and Mrs. Frances Stewart and Mrs. Dutton Wanser gave a delightful and professional favor to the entertainment by their specialty numbers.

Mr. Frank Oliver gave an excellent rendition of "Kathleen Mavourneen," and Mr. W. J. Nelson charmed his audience, as he always does charm it, with his recitation of the "Old Folks," (as told by an Irish Fusilier). The individual numbers by Mr. Theo Symons, Miss Dora Purcell, Mr. J. Ryan, Mr. N. F. Kendall, Mr. B. C. Murray, Mrs. J. M. Fitzpatrick, Miss A. O'Connell and Mr. Alf Valade were all fairly good, and the length of the program alone prevented a response to loudly called for encores.

Mr. John Mathew's dialect recitations were received with the favor which they always meet with whenever this gentleman appears. The opinion generally expressed is that he is wasting his time by not going on the stage, where he would easily make a hit with the public.

The address by the Hon. T. Mayne Daly on Ireland's patron saint, was full of humor and sound good sense, and if Mr. Daly becomes a candidate for the legislature in the ensuing election he will undoubtedly obtain the vote of every person of Irish birth or extraction who is privileged to exercise the franchise here.

The very fact that a great number of those who attended the concert were willing to stand throughout the entertainment, indicates the merit which it possessed, and shows the success with which it was carried out.

HUNTING HEALTH'S "KLONDIKE."

Went Half Round the Globe and Missed It—South American Nervine Proved a Rich Find.

The wife of a prominent merchant in Western Ontario wrote last week saying: "To be so quickly and permanently cured of nervous debility and dyspepsia, after having suffered for nearly twenty years, and having traveled almost round the world in search of health, and to come back at my door, to find my cure right at my door," speaks words for South American Nervine; for, after having been treated in Canada and England and by specialists, I must say that this great remedy has saved my life." Sold by Goodhue Bros.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Standard mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About three miles east of Rossland, B. C., south of and adjoining the Royal George mineral claim. B. C. No. 29,047, Ida May Dunn, F. M. C. No. B. 12,831, Mike Sullivan, F. M. C. No. B. 13,156, T. W. Shipley, No. B. 12,996, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 10th day of October, A. D., 1899.

WM. E. DEVEREUX, P. L. S.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Columbia View mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On Record mountain. Take notice that I, O. B. N. Wilkie, acting as agent for R. W. Northey, F. M. C. B. 12,993, and R. H. Smith, F. M. C. B. 12,905, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 15th day of March, A. D., 1900.

O. B. N. WILKIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Maggie and Violet mineral claims situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About two miles south of Trail creek on Lake mountain, near the Southern Cross mineral claim. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (agent for John Gloyd, free miner's certificate No. 35,485 A), free miner's certificate No. 29,146 B, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 10th day of January, A. D., 1900.

KENNETH L. BURNET, 1-25-10

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Defiance No. 1 Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of Kootenay district.

Where located: On Trail creek in the city of Rossland, bounded on the west by the Spitzee Fractional and Fool Hen claims and on the south by the Fool Hen and Golden Horn claims and partly on the east by the Golden Horn claim. Take notice that I, R. E. Young (acting as agent for Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate No. 34,039 A and J. E. Poupore, free miner's certificate No. 10,849 A), free miner's certificate No. 13,446 B, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1899.

R. E. YOUNG, P.L.S.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Parker Fraction and Cecil Rhodes mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek mineral division of Kootenay district.

Where located: On the summit of Sophie mountain. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Arthur H. Greene, free miner's certificate No. 29,034, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1900.

J. A. KIRK.

WELL-TIMED

The Question of the Future it Should be Decided

ATTITUDE OF THE

A Calm and Judicious Consideration of Governor Macintosh's Affecting the Mine Owners' Works.

Editor Miner—It doubt many to learn from papers at a distance, that virtually under martial law special constables guarded streets, and that the atmosphere of the province, moved by the forced to improve His Work and to ask for the name magistrate who took upon awful responsibility of special