

British Columbia.

Kootenai.

Manager J. C. Eaton, of the White-water, reports a marked improvement in the lower returns, but he is enthusiastic over what are known as the upper workings, or the carbonate tunnel. This tunnel was in between six and seven feet in soft ground when the first good assay was secured on September 10th. Since then the tunnel has yielded 10th tons of ore. Smelter returns from five of them aggregate \$10,000 net; a car now in transit is expected to yield \$3,000 and a second car, now out at the mine, is expected still holds its value. The ore body still holds its value and continues to give better returns.

Ninety feet of the Eldon tunnel has been completed and they expect to reach the 200-foot point by the end of November. They have also completed a new trail from the mine to the Wellington wagon on the east and expect to be shipping by the first of the new year. G. O. Buchanan is making extensive improvements in his already large saw mill plant in this city. A new complete single mill has started up last week increasing the capacity of the plant from 20,000 to 70,000 shingles daily. Within a week additional machinery will arrive, which when placed in position, will double the capacity of the mill, making it capable of turning out 60,000 feet of lumber daily. The buildings also are to be enlarged. In addition to this a complete factory plant for all kinds of wood-working has been ordered. Mr. Buchanan informs the Kootenai that the demand for lumber has been enormous this year. A supply of logs which it was estimated three months ago would run the mill until January 1st, are now so low that a temporary close-down may result if a drive now en route from Bonner's Ferry, does not arrive soon.

Nelson.

There were 55 locations recorded at the Nelson office during the past week. The Nelson Electric Light Co. have declared a dividend of twelve per cent. per annum. J. A. Whittier, of Kaslo, manager of the Goodenough mine, was in Nelson during the latter part of the week and stated that the mine never looked better. A carload of ore valued at \$600 per ton has just been shipped and it is proposed to still further develop the mine by opening up another level. Earl P. Stanley, a well known mining engineer of London, Eng., is in Nelson with a view to the various interests that he has here. Mr. Stanley states that since the money standard has been settled by the Americans that there will be a great influx of English capital into British Columbia which will aid in the development of the Kootenai mines. Mr. Stanley says that people are looking for high grade ore and plenty of it. It is impossible as yet to give the exact limitations of this district or to describe it accurately, but it may be said to include the Silver Bell, Lily May, Curlew, Blue Bird, Hattie Brown, Red Eagle, Mayflower and probably the Hill Top, Little Bess, Alie, and other claims in that vicinity. The assays recently had from the Mayflower, Red Eagle and Silver Bell are quite surprising and leave no doubt of the richness of the ore in those claims. A peculiarity is that the chief element of value in these ores is silver. They also carry some lead. All of them carry gold.

J. D. Farrell is in Rossland once more looking after the affairs of the Iron Horse company. He has been in the Sloan for some time past, where he has very extensive interests, being a part owner in the Idaho and several other companies pretty closely identified with the management of that mine. He brought down with him a specimen of antimonial and ruby silver ore, taken from the slopes of the Idaho, which is the handsomest thing in its line that we have ever seen from the rich Sloan. A recent assay from this slope gave returns of 27.75 ounces of silver per ton. This is the highest assay but one ever obtained from the mine. In its early history a sample taken by G. W. Hughes went 6,730 ounces. On the 7th of October the Idaho divided \$20,000 among its fortunate owners and we learn from Mr. Farrell that another dividend of a like amount will be declared to-morrow. The Idaho is not incorporated and so these dividends do not show in our stock reports. The amount of ore in sight warrants the belief that a like dividend will be paid monthly for some time to come. D. B. Bogie and A. R. MacDonald have secured an option on two very promising properties, the Victory and Triumph, on Sophie mountain, close to the international boundary line and on the slope towards the Sheep creek. They are about six miles from Rossland, due southwest of the town and within two or three miles of the Red Mountain railway. It is the intention of Messrs. Bogie and MacDonald to incorporate a company at once to acquire and work these claims. A large amount of stock in the projected company has already been subscribed locally, so that there is little room for doubt that the option will be taken in due course.

A deal was closed this week whereby Clarence O. McConick, of Montreal, acquires a two-thirds interest in the Coxey on the basis of \$35,000 for the entire property. Richard Cooper, the original owner of the Nest Egg, notified us on Wednesday that the difference between him and the Nest Egg company had been finally adjusted. The Nest Egg company therefore owns a property which is fully paid for and is crown granted as well. Surface prospecting on the Hattie Brown was finished before the recent snowstorm and the work resulted in disclosing five veins running through the property, all of which justify development. The discovery vein has been stripped for 200 feet from the old workings and looks very strong and continuous. Work has for the time being been concentrated on a permanent working shaft which is being put down on the big north vein. This shaft is now down twenty feet and was started on well the day after the snow which is gradually giving place to a solid prichotte. An option has been given to D. D. Book & Co., of New York, on the High-

land group and the Union mine. The group consists of the Highland, Sierra Madre and Sacia, three claims lying on Rock creek, about four miles north of Sloan in a direct line. J. J. Hilliard, Leach, of Winnipeg, is down from Cariboo to see the property, organized by himself in the east, has acquired the Eureka group, consisting of the Eureka, Treasury, Shamrock and Tenderfoot. He has some very handsome specimens of quartz and gangue ore, from which assays have been obtained running up to 172 ounces in silver and 40 per cent in lead. Only a little surface work has been done on these claims, but the syndicate now has a force of men at work driving a crosscut tunnel to tap the vein at a depth of 100 feet. The vein shows about 8 to 13 feet in width on the surface, with about one half of it of paying value. The situation in the Columbia and Kootenai is very interesting at present. Manager King has resumed work in the main tunnel which is now being driven straight for the chute exposed in the Columbia tunnel, from which a carload shipped last week. Assays have been made of over \$50, and which will now be tapped at an additional depth of over 142 feet. On Wednesday he stopped work on the crosscut to the south, having passed through about 20 feet of mineralized ledge and the shaft was opened up a nice chute of solid ore four or five feet in width. A syndicate headed by Clarence J. McConick, of Montreal, this week purchased the Big Dog. The price is not made public, but it was a cash transaction. The main tunnel of the Red Mountain is in 200 feet. There are 226 feet yet to go to crosscut the north ledge. The rock is very hard and progress is slow up to date because of hand work. As soon as the machinery is installed they expect to make much better progress. The shaft on the north ledge is 50 feet deep and the vein has been stripped for a distance of 250 feet. The whole bottom of the Giant shaft is ore from which assays up to \$72 in gold have been obtained. Average samples clear across the bottom of the shaft went \$33 in gold. This is of the best shipping ore and the Giant shaft is one of the first mines to begin regular shipments over the Red Mountain railroad.

Rossland.

A very important strike has been made on the Palo Alto. There are now from eight to ten inches of ore in the shaft which is of good shipping grade. This ore was encountered Tuesday evening and assays made Wednesday showed \$24.50 and \$35.20 in gold. This leaves no doubt as to the nature of the ore. The shaft is now down 72 feet and the ore is on the hanging wall. The ledge is about four feet wide, the filling being about four feet of gangue, which is now going out and giving place to clean ore. The Palo Alto has had some ore from near the surface which carried high values in gold, but this ore has never before appeared in a solid, compact mass. There is every reason to believe that the whole ore has come to stay and that there will soon be plenty of it. The new rolling stock for the Columbia & Western railway is at Northport with the exception of some freight cars which were brought up to Trail during the week. On Sunday two steamers and a barge will go down to Northport and an effort will be made to bring up all the rest of the outfit at once. Besides a large number of freight cars there are two passenger coaches and an engine. On Wednesday the cable was stretched over the Columbia river at Trail and the ferry is once more in running order. There seems to be no doubt that Mr. Heinze has made up his mind to treat all sorts of ore at present produced in Kootenai in his smelter at Trail. We have it on the authority of one of the largest mine owners in the Sloan that Mr. Heinze has been figuring for the output of his silver-lead mines in 1897. Without going into details it may be said that the rate for freight and smelting charges fixed by Mr. Heinze is about 25 per cent. less than the best rate he can get from American smelters at present. It is also understood that Mr. Heinze is contemplating building a railroad from Trail to Robson this winter. The matter has been under advisement for some time, but according to the best information we have been able to get no decision has yet been arrived at. No one need be at all surprised, however, if work on the railroad is begun at any moment.

There is a district in the South Belt which is probably destined to make a sensation within the next few weeks for very high grade ore and plenty of it. It is impossible as yet to give the exact limitations of this district or to describe it accurately, but it may be said to include the Silver Bell, Lily May, Curlew, Blue Bird, Hattie Brown, Red Eagle, Mayflower and probably the Hill Top, Little Bess, Alie, and other claims in that vicinity. The assays recently had from the Mayflower, Red Eagle and Silver Bell are quite surprising and leave no doubt of the richness of the ore in those claims. A peculiarity is that the chief element of value in these ores is silver. They also carry some lead. All of them carry gold.

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CABLE FROM LONDON

Mr. Bayard, the American Ambassador, Ennobled by the Lord Mayor. Queen Wilhelmina of Holland It is Said to be Betrothed to an Italian Captain. London, Nov. 18.—The large lecture room in the City of London College was crowded last night when Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador, accompanied by the lord mayor, Mr. G. Fauley Phillips, who in turn was attended by the high sheriff, delivered the prizes annually awarded at this seat of learning. The Reverend Whittington and the Lord Mayor both paid high tributes to Mr. Bayard in presenting him. He was received with a demonstration from the audience to whom he delivered an eloquent address on "Liberty and the value of individual thought." James F. Flannery, M.P. for Yorkshire, thanking Mr. Bayard for the part he had taken in the ceremonies said the people here were convinced that the success of the Venezuelan negotiations were largely due to Mr. Bayard's personality. A Paris dispatch to the Daily Mail says according to Echo de Paris the Regent and Queen of Holland will spend the winter in Italy, where Queen Wilhelmina will be betrothed to an Italian captain of royal blood, who has won the Queen's affections. A dispatch from Paris to the Post says during a bull and bear fight at Fontarabie, Spain, near the French frontier yesterday, the bear broke his chain and scrambled among the audience, many persons were injured in the stampede which followed. The charges against Mr. James M. White, the retiring member of Parliament for Forfarshire, grows out of the fact that he is being pursued by the daughter of a Scottish nobleman for a breach of promise of marriage. The Post's Paris dispatch reports that a man disguised as a postman yesterday secured a bag of registered letters valued at \$3,400 from a mail car in the Rue de Allemanne and decamped. The Prince Regent of Bavaria has issued orders to officers upon all courts of honor instructing them that henceforth officers in the army refusing to fight duels on the grounds that they are opposed to the principle of duelling, must not be forced to resign as heretofore. The Manchester Guardian learns that the powers have agreed to guarantee a new Turkish loan of \$5,000,000 to assist the Sultan in carrying out his promised reforms in Asia Minor. The Caffars, of Genoa, states that Princess Elvir, Don Carlos' third daughter, has eloped with a Roman aristocrat named Fiechle, a married man. The Princess Elvir was born in Geneva in 1871.

ABOUT THE BLOOD. IS YOURS PURE? If Pure, You Are Safe—Otherwise You Are in Peril. THE KIDNEYS ALONE Purify the Blood—No Other Organ Can Do So. DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS Help and Heal the Kidneys When Weak and Sore.

Is your blood pure? If it is, you are safe for all the duties of your life, your eyes will be bright, and your thoughts cheerful. If pure, you will have good digestion, strong nerves, and your heart will beat as regular as a clock. If impure, your blood will carry its impurities to every nerve, tissue, joint, and to every organ of the body; it will carry the seeds of disease, decay and death. And there is only one way, one means by which it can be purified, and that is by healthy kidneys, acting day and night, and we are just right if we only know how to keep so. It does not matter how these impurities come, their effects are inevitable unless the kidneys are doing honest work twenty-four hours every day. We understand—there is no other organ that can do the work of the kidneys, and like the heart, they must keep right at it, tired or not. But they are too often overworked by their impudence in eating and drinking, by their indigestion, by their colds, coughs, and influenza, by their chills, colds, and rheumatism, and by their constant looking to, and signs of distress promptly heeded. Then, whenever they need help, give them the sovereign aid of the scientific discovery embodied in the kidney treatment of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

THE FAIR LITIGATION Attorney Delmas, Acting for Mrs. Craven, Withdraws the Pencil Will. An Arrangement Said to Have Been Arrived at Between Interested Parties. San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Yesterday before Judge Sisk, a new trial was granted for and against the pencil will attributed to the late James G. Fair. The alignment of parties is, or has been, very intricate. The pencil will was originally propounded by the children of Fair, but first of Charles L. Fair became convinced it was a forgery, and his counsel filed a contest. The daughters, Mrs. Oelrichs and Miss Virginia Fair, were for a long time neutral, and so far as the record shows to-day, they are on either side. This neutrality was due, however, or rather, to an idea of their counsel that the will would be put out of court in some more simple proceeding than an elaborate trial before a jury. The idea was that the case should be decided without a jury trial has been definitely abandoned, but as the record stands, it is not certain that counsel for the daughters would have any standing in court unless they should file a contest at the last moment. The proponents of the trust will, of whom W. S. Goodfellow is the principal, take no part in the present contest. They are, of course, opposed to the pencil will, but are holding their rights in reserve. If it should happen that the pencil will is proved in this contest, they shall have the right to come in with a second contest at any time within a year from the probate of the will. Mrs. Nettie Craven is not indirectly interested in the establishment of the

VICTORIA MARKETS. Retail Quotations for Farm's Produce Carefully Corrected.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes items like Oglvie's Hungarian flour, Lake of the Woods, Rainier, Snowflake, XXX, XXXX, XXXXX, Premium (Enderby), Three Star (Enderby), Two Star (Enderby), Superior (Enderby), Strong Baker's (O. K.), White Portland, Oats, Barley, Middlings, Bran, Ground feed, Corn, whole, Corn, cracked, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Potatoes, Cabbages, Cauliflowers, Hay, Straw, Green peppers, Onions, Bananas, Apples, Oranges, Pine Apples, Potatoes, Smoked blisters, Eggs, Butter, Creamery, Butter, Cheese, Hams, Bacon, Bacon, long clear, Shoulders, Lard, Meats, Mutton, Spring lamb, Pork, Chickens.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE. Resolution Passed by the French Chamber of Deputies Yesterday.

Paris, Nov. 17.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day adopted M. Ouilmette's (Radical) proposition to substitute universal suffrage for the municipal councils in the election of delegates who elect senators. M. Jourdan asked the government's promise to support the proposal in the Senate. M. Melin protested, saying that the government knew its own duty, they would place the proposal before the Senate, and would endeavor to obtain a compromise. Finally the order of the day in support of the government was adopted.

SHORTAGE OF WHEAT CROP. Will Force Many of the Small Mills to Close Down.

Tacoma, Nov. 18.—According to a wholesale dealer of flour in this city the shortage in the wheat crop and the consequent high prices prevailing in the grain market will have the effect of closing down many of the smaller flouring mills of the state. He says that only five of the largest mills, located at Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, will be able to run after a month or six weeks, when it is expected that the supplies of grain held by the small mills will be exhausted. The larger mills, such as the Centennial at Spokane, and the Puget Sound Flouring Mill at Tacoma, purchased enough wheat to last them eight months while prices were comparatively low. This effect will enable them to manufacture flour and to sell it at a price with which the small mills cannot compete. It is reported here that one flour dealer in Eastern Washington bought 8,000 barrels of flour just before the market began its strong upward movement. His profit on the deal stands to-day something like \$12,000.

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