

WENT \$40 IN GOLD.

The Strike in the Golden Drip is of Great Importance.

FOUR FEET OF CLEAN ORE

The Ledge is 15 Feet Wide and Runs into the I. X. L. Ground—Joseph Dormitzer of St. Louis is the Principal Owner.

The strike on the Golden Drip, reported in yesterday's MINER, is much more important than at first supposed. The ore when assayed yesterday showed \$40 in gold. It is a beautiful free mill quartz, not showing to the eye as much mineral as the O. K. and I. X. L., but being quite as rich in gold. The two ore bodies reported at first were consolidated yesterday and there were four feet of fine looking ore in the face of the drift.

The discovery was made in an extension of a drift which has been run north from the main working tunnel. The drift was started on the ledge 122 feet from the mouth of the tunnel and was in 50 feet when the company now controlling the property began development. Since that time the drift has been extended 20 feet.

The ore was found in the footwall, and the vein seems to be running north into the I. X. L. ground. Both foot and hanging walls are perfectly clean and smooth. There are not two better walls in the camp. The ledge is about 15 feet wide, all of the vein matter, except the four feet of quartz, being of no value. The quartz has a good deal of talc running through it, and is very soft and friable. It would crush in a mill like chalk.

This strike puts the Golden Drip right at the front of producing mines in the north. It now ranks with its neighbor, the I. X. L., and its ore is as rich as that of another neighbor, the O. K. The three will probably constitute a famous group one of these days.

The Golden Drip was, until recently, the exclusive property of Joseph Dormitzer of St. Louis, Missouri, and he sent a good deal of money in developing it. The property was recently taken over by a company of which R. J. Bealey, of the R. J. Bealey company, limited, of Rossland, is president. Mr. Dormitzer owns much the largest part of the stock, which consists of 500,000 shares. Should the present fine showing continue the company will no doubt order a stamp mill and go to producing bullion.

ORE RECEIPTS AT KASLO.

Noble Five Will Soon Ship and Swell Total Still Higher.

KASLO, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Ore shipments over the Kaslo & Slocan railway still continue satisfactorily large. Should the present rate of delivery be maintained, as indicated at the present time, the output of the Slocan mines sent out by way of Kaslo will be much greater than during any previous season. The Noble Five Consolidated will begin to ship again in a few weeks, which will add materially to the district's figures. Results tell the tale of value and wealth. Figures do not lie in this case.

Considerable surprise was manifested by the mine-owners and mining men in Kaslo, when it was learned from THE MINER, on Tuesday evening, that the War Eagle was under bond, if not actually sold, to the Giesdram-Black stock syndicate for the sum of \$850,000. They could not understand why the owners were willing to let so valuable a property go at that figure.

PORT OF NELSON.

Statistics for the month of December—Collection Totaled \$33,423.69.

Through the courtesy of George Johnston collector of the Port of Nelson, we are enabled to give the following statistics for that port for the month of December, 1896.

IMPORTS.	
Dutiable Goods	\$124,143.00
Free Goods	32,890.00
Total Imports	\$157,033.00
Duty collected	\$4,423.69
Other Revenues	28.35
Total Revenue	\$33,423.69
EXPORTS.	
Gold Dust	\$250.00
Or. Laps-toss	145,294.00
Mattie, 1,146 tons	337,936.00
Total Min. e.	\$183,480.00
Animals and their Produce	30.00
Manufactures	1,652.00
Total	\$485,182.00
DUTY COLLECTED.	
Rosland	\$12,085.56
Trail	7,841.54
Kaslo	7,392.57
Nelson	5,395.65
Waneta	805.78
Rykert's	106.59
Total	\$33,423.69

COPPER GIANT COMPANY.

Organization Completed and Work to Be Started Immediately.

The Copper Giant Gold Mining company was organized last week by the election of H. B. Smith, president; R. J. Bealey, vice-president; A. E. Torelle, secretary-treasurer, and W. E. Merryweather, general manager. These officers were made trustees and John R. Reavis and B. H. Moore were also made trustees.

The property of the company consists of the Copper Giant and two adjoining claims on the southeast slope of Look-out mountain, opposite the town of Waneta. The ore found on the Copper Giant carries gold, silver and copper and the ledge appears to extend through all the claims. Development work is to be commenced immediately.

DEVELOPING THE ST. PAUL.

A Steam Drill Is Now at Work in the Main Tunnel.

The contractors who have undertaken to run the 200-foot tunnel on the St. Paul have gone about their work in a business-like manner. They have secured

an upright boiler and put a steam drill to work. The tunnel is being driven very rapidly. The engine has been set up alongside the track of the Red Mountain railroad, and the tunnel is being run into the hill from that point on a level with the track of the railroad.

The main tunnel is now in 60 or 70 feet. The whole distance to be run in order to cut the ledge running north and south along the brow of the hill is about 250 feet. Another tunnel has been started a hundred or two feet farther down the track. This one cut a ledge at the very beginning, and the showing is very good.

NORTH STAR--SULLIVAN

Two Famous Galena Properties in East Kootenay District.

Former Has Already Shipped 5,000 Tons—Now Has a Great Showing of High Grade Carbonates.

Fort Steele Prospector: The North Star mine was discovered in 1882 by Joe Bourgeois and James Langell. The original locations are the North Star, O. K., Dreadnaught and the Buckhorn. This property was bonded to a Mr. Woods, of Quebec, who re-bonded it to the present owners. The resident manager for the company is Mr. Neil McLeod Curran. Mr. Isaac Williams is superintendent of the mine.

The mine has passed through the various stages of development and now has hundreds of feet of tunnels, drifts and shafts. As a shipper and producer this property, with the proper means of transportation, can compete with any mine in British Columbia. Last season the company shipped about 5,000 tons of galena, and we learn that 6,000 or 8,000 tons of rich carbonates will be shipped next season. The company at present owns, by purchase and location, some 12 claims.

The Midnight, located by Jay Usher, George Watson and George Hogarth, is the first extension of the North Star on the north. Considerable work has been done on this property, and Messrs. Watson and Hogarth are in Spokane completing arrangements for the sale of the mine to Montreal parties for the sum of \$20,000. The second extension on the north is the Big Chief, located by H. L. Ammie. There is a good showing of ore on this property; numerous cuts have been run and ore is found in all of them. The third extension on the north is the Eureka, located by W. Van Asdalen. There is also a good showing of mineral on this claim. Two cuts 30 feet in length, one shaft 10 feet in depth show mineral in places, and the ledge on this property can be traced for 700 feet to the creek. The owners of these claims, Messrs. Ammie, Van Asdalen and Grace, have a block of four claims, the Big Chief, Little Chief, Eureka and Geneva.

The Quantrell and Utopia have also a good showing of ore. These claims have lately been sold to a Scotch syndicate. The Stemwinder is owned by D. D. Mann and Wm. Wade. There is a showing of ore on this property, upon which considerable work has been done. The Dean and All Over are owned by R. G. Jennings, C. D. Porter and the Kansas City S. & R. Co. Quite a large amount of development work has been done on this property, which has mineral in sight.

There are some 35 claims located on the North Star hill, with indications of mineral on almost all. In fact it is the general impression among mining men that the whole mountain is a vast deposit of silver-lead ore.

Across Mark creek, and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of about a mile, we find a continuous line of locations until we reach the original locations of what is called the Sullivan group of mines. The first claims located were the Hamlet, Shylock and Hope, located by Messrs. Smith, Clever, Sullivan and Burdett, who have bonded the property to Spokane parties. There is a large surface showing of steel galena on these claims. On the Hamlet a shaft is down 30 feet, passing through 6 feet of carbonates, and the bottom of the shaft is now in solid galena. Numerous cuts have been made in various places on this property, and it is no exaggeration to say that in every cut there is galena, and when it is understood that these cuts extend over an area of several acres it would not be difficult for a person to realize that an immense body of mineral is underlying the glacial deposit on the surface.

On the Hope there has been uncovered a large body of rich galena. On the Blucher, which is an extension of the Hamlet on the south, there is a good showing of mineral. The Galore also has mineral in sight and gives indications of becoming a paying mine.

The Gift is an extension of the Hope on the north. Kidney ore is found on this property, also a small seam of galena.

There are some 30 or 40 claims located on the mountain; in fact the intervening ground between the North Star and Sullivan has all been located and galena is found on many of these locations and this vast silver-lead belt can be traced for a distance of about five miles.

Business is picking up, and the prospects are improving in this vicinity, a large number of mines have been sold and bonded on this mineral belt, and the indications are that many claims will be coming producing mines at an early day, and it is the opinion of mining experts that the Huckleberry and Sullivan mountains will become the largest silver lead camp in Kootenay.

MINING NOTES.

The drift in the Sunset is now in 7 feet, and the vein has widened two inches since work was commenced. This drift was started at the 60-foot level, and three 8-hour shifts are at work.

The contractors are past the 99-foot level in the Butte and expect to reach the 100-foot level by January 15, when a 50-foot drift will be commenced.

A power drill is now running in the Alberta tunnel and good progress is being made. Air for the drill is taken by pipe from the Columbia and Kootenay compressor.

Arrangements are about completed for the placing of a power drill in the crosscut tunnel now being run on the Iron Colt. Power will be obtained by extending the pipe now supplying the drill in the Alberta tunnel.

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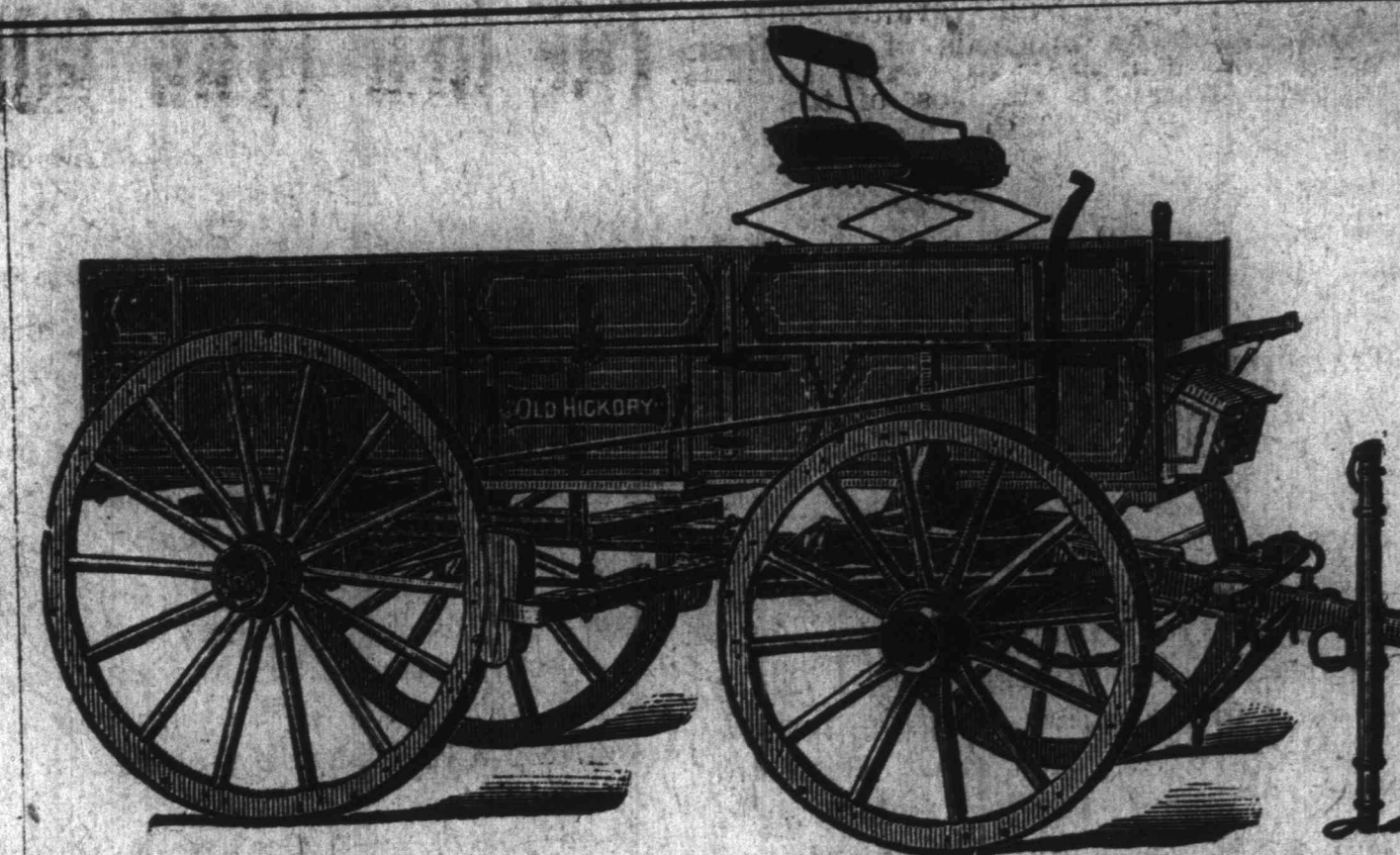
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