

## BIG THREE.

**MASBOUT.**—Tunnel No. 2 has been extended 8 feet and is now in 800 feet and a crosscut has been started from a point near the face of this tunnel running to the right. This crosscut will prospect all the ground north of the tunnel for a distance of 250 feet and should tap another ledge on the property of which there is a very good showing on the surface. Crosscut No. 3 was extended 14 feet and is now in 167 feet. The course of this crosscut has been changed to a westerly direction and will hereafter follow the ledge. The vein as found in this crosscut is in a very broken and mixed state about 5 feet wide. Winze No. 2 was extended 10 feet and is now down 214 feet. The showing in the bottom of the winze is the same as reported last week. Crosscut No. 1 from tunnel No. 3 is extended 26 feet, now in 175 feet. The raise is now up 2 feet and in about three weeks will connect with the winze. After that connection is made, the ground at mouth of this crosscut will be thoroughly prospected.

## GRANBY SMELTING CO., VICTORIA.

The tunnel on this property has been extended 27 feet during the week and is now in 269 feet. It is expected that the Victoria ledge will be met within 40 feet. At the present time they are working through mixed ore the same as in last report.

## MAJESTIC.

The tunnel on this property which is now in 163 feet has up to the present been only run for prospecting purposes. The ore, however, has shown so well, that the management has decided to strengthen and widen this tunnel and make it the main, permanent working, from which drifting, crosscutting, etc., will be carried on, the work so far having convinced the engineer in charge that the property can be successfully worked from this tunnel.

## VIRTUE COLLATERAL.

## GOOD NEWS FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS.

There is good news for the shareholders in the Virtue Company. Two very rich strikes have been made in the Cumberland mine on ground altogether outside that which was supposed to contain the rich ore. One of the strikes was made on the 300-foot level north and contained free gold and a heavy copper stain, the other was made on the winze on the 200-foot level, north.

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## CRIPPLE CREEK NEWS.

## MACHINERY ON DANTE.

The Johnston shaft on the Dante will shortly be equipped with a powerful plant of machinery. The shaft house will be remodeled and a new ore house will be constructed. This is in accordance with the plans agreed upon when Manager Nat Wil on took charge. The plant installed by the Jerseyville leasing company on the Grace Greenwood, on Gold Hill, has been purchased by the Dante Company. The work of removal will be commenced at once. The machinery consists of an 85-horse power boiler, 45-horse power engine and a six drill compressor. It has been in use but a very short time and is practically new. As soon as the machinery can be set up Manager Wilson will work the Dante for all that's in it.

## THE BURNS WORKING.

The Carl and McDonald lease on the Burns, of the Acacia Company, will resume work in the morning. Operations have been temporarily suspended on account of bad air. This has been remedied and the mine is now thoroughly ventilated.

## ANSTIE'S BIG HOOSIER STRIKE.

Cripple Creek, Aug. 4.—There is no disputing the fact that Lessee Anstie, of the Hoosier, has the biggest strike made in the camp for many a moon. That fortunate operator is from a conservative estimate taking out over \$2,500 worth of ore every twenty-four hours. He asserts that during the present month he will ship mineral of the total value of \$80,000. He is now taking out 25 tons daily, averaging by assay values 10 ounces to the ton but by carload lots he is modest enough to claim only half. The ore body from which this rich mineral is coming was found in the south drift in the bottom or 300-foot level. The width of the big pay vein is five feet and everything broken is dumped into the ore bins. Outside the ore house there is not enough waste in sight to fill a narrow gauge car. The same high grade mineral first found in the winzes above is also present but the streak is wider. It varies from 12 to 24 inches and is richer than ever. The ore body, Mr. Anstie declared to-day, has been proved up for a distance of 80 feet. For the first fifty feet the values were below in the floor of the drift but in the last 30 feet values have spread until the full breast of the drift now holds the richest mineral. Thirteen men are now employed upon the mine but as stoping ground is opened the force will be steadily increased. The hunt for the ore shoot in the third level has been a long and costly one, but Anstie declared he would find it if it was in the ground. He has accomplished the task and cannot help making a big fortune. To-day the lessee estimated that he had ore in sight to maintain the present rate of production for the next three months.

Cripple Creek, July 31.—The figures of the gold production for the month of July shows that ore was marketed of a gross bullion value of \$1,135,730.

The total will be a surprise to many who have asserted that the output would show a marked decrease compared with the preceding month. The holding-up of the out-

put is due entirely to the mills, in which every wheel has been turned to advantage to relieve the congestion.

A significant feature is the increase in the average value of smelting-grade and mill-ore. The latter grade alone shows an increase of \$17.10 a ton. The increase in the smelting grade is rather due to the very high grade mineral sent out of the state to Omaha and Kansas City smelters.

Should a settlement of the differences between the smelter men and their employees be adjusted without delay a remarkable increase may be looked for during the month of August. One feature, however, that may prove a stumbling block is a car famine. A number of shipping mines have an enormous tonnage that is broken in the drifts or stored in ore houses. It cannot be shipped unless the railroads double their exertions.

The following are the figures on the output, as obtained from the mill managers and other sources:

National Extraction Company, Florence, 1,600 tons of an average value of \$38 to the ton, \$60,800.

This plant treated double the tonnage, or an actual increase of \$40,000 in value.

The Metallic Extraction Company, of Florence, handled 8,200 tons of an average value of \$25 to the ton; total value \$205,000. This mill has a reserve of 7,000 tons of ore stored.

El Paso Reduction Works, Florence, treated 3,930 tons of average value of \$26, making a total bullion value of \$102,180.

The mill of the Beam Company at Florence, just put in operation, was responsible for 200 tons only, which had an average value of \$15 a ton. Total value \$3,000.

The Colorado Ore Reduction Company of Arapahoe took care of 2,350 tons averaging \$30 a ton, worth \$70,500—an increase over June of \$50,500.

The big plant of the Colorado-Philadelphia Reduction Company at Colorado City reduced 8,500 tons of bullion worth \$280,500. The ore had an average value of \$33 to the ton.

The Gillett engaged in cleaning up for a few days, but now closed down, small treatment, plant and placer product amount to about \$10,000.

The smelters handled 4,750 tons averaging \$85; total \$403,750. A summary of the output is as follows:

Plants.	Tons.	Value.
District Mill (1) .....	3,350	\$70,500.00
Florence Mills (4) .....	20,930	370,980.00
Colorado City Plant....	8,500	280,500.00
Smelters .....	4,750	403,750.00
Small Treatment, Plants, etc.....	.....	10,000.00

Total for July.....29,530 \$1,135,720.00

Total for last year..... 8,360,262.50

Grand Total for the  
year to date ..... \$9,495,992.50

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