

TWO DANDY MINES

Payne and Whitewater Both Promise to Be Record Breakers.

HOW THEY ARE OPENED UP

Payne Has Seven Hundred Feet of Tunnels With an Average of 30 Inches of Ore—Whitewater Has 1,700 Feet, Averaging Three Feet.

SANDON, Feb. 3.—[Special.]—The Payne upper tunnel is in 500 feet with two and a half feet of ore the full distance. The lower tunnel is in 200 feet with ore from one and one-half to four feet wide all the way.

At present 40 tons a day are being shipped. A Blake rock crusher is to be put in which will do the work of a dozen men now engaged in breaking ore.

Yesterday the Animon, No. 3, N. P., and Alma, four claims on the North Fork of Carpenter creek, adjoining the Dolly Varden, were bonded to L. H. Bowman, who will form a company in Montreal to work the group.

The claims are in the dry ore belt, about eight miles from Three Forks. There is a 20-foot tunnel on one of the claims, the ore from which assayed \$332 per ton in gold.

There is a report going the rounds to the effect that the tailings of the Slocan Star will assay 22 ounces silver to the ton. This may be true, but the silver is so closely intermingled with country rock, iron and zinc, that it is impossible to save it by concentration and any other methods would hardly be profitable.

Work was begun on the Whitewater in October, 1895, and there are now six tunnels on the property with a total length of over 1,700 feet, mostly on the vein, and there is ore everywhere from two to five feet in width.

The No. 2 tunnel is in 200 feet, with about two feet of ore that assays 491 ounces in silver per ton. From the No. 2 there is a winze 110 feet, in ore all the way. Nos. 3 and 4 tunnels are connected by a raise, as are Nos. 5 and 6.

There is a good wagon road from the station to the mine, a distance of one and one-half miles. At present 30 men are employed, but only three of these are stopping and taking out ore.

Walter Bradshaw, formerly manager of the United States assay office at Helena, and Professor Parks, of Columbia college, are here looking for properties.

BEST CROWDED WITH ORE

George Hughes Finds It Necessary to Begin Shipping.

Daniel Simpson of Iron Horse Fame Has Bonded a Spring Creek Group—Kaslo Notes.

KASLO, Feb. 3.—[Special.]—Mild weather and slushy ice enforced a postponement of the carnival for Tuesday evening, and disappointed a number who had anticipated an evening of unusual enjoyment.

The old fire brigade was reorganized at a public meeting on Tuesday evening, with Mayor Green in the chair. Twenty-one names were signed to the roll and more promised.

J. Fred Ritchie, the prominent land surveyor and real estate owner of Rossland, spent last Wednesday in Kaslo. He came in by the Kaslo & Slocan railway from the Ottawa and Vancouver mineral claims, where he had been on a professional visit.

J. B. McArthur, president of the Rambler and Cariboo Mining company, was in Kaslo on Wednesday last, spending most of the day in the office of the company. Accompanied by the secretary he will leave for the company's property.

In the police court on Wednesday afternoon W. J. Sanders was charged by the chief of police with selling liquor without a license. It was said to have been a snapshot on the part of the chief, but it was disastrous for the victim, as it resulted in his being fined \$150, inclusive of the amount that should have been paid for a regular license.

There is still some activity in real estate, and the sale of good lots is frequent. The other day P. G. Nash, of Rossland, bought an eligible lot at the upper end of Front street, for which he paid \$800 cash.

The talk is revived that the early spring will witness the erection of an elaborately planned and commodious new hotel in this city. There is urgent need for another hotel, but it seems long in materializing.

will afford relief to the merchants in the way of wharfage, which has hitherto been charged. The C. P. R. have taken over the old warehouse formerly used by the C. & K. Navigation Company, and will afford free wharfage to its patrons.

George W. Hughes reported when here the other day, that the Best was in fine shape. They have more ore than they can conveniently take care of, so that he will ship a few carloads to relieve the ore houses, although it was intended to leave it until the completion of the wagon road to the property.

There was a report here on Tuesday that the well-known Mile Point mine at Ainsworth had been sold to English parties for a round sum, but closer inquiry failed to verify the rumor, or that it was contemplated.

Daniel Simpson, a mining engineer of Buffalo, N. Y., and Helena, Mont., already well known in West Kootenay, arrived in Kaslo on Monday evening last and began "hustling" at once. He has already arranged for the assignment of the bond upon the mineral claims of Texas, Cowtoy and Minnie, situated at the head of Spring creek, given to Charles L. Caldwell by the owners, A. T. Garland, J. Anderson, H. Matthews and W. V. Papworth.

It is promised that work upon the claims shall commence as early as possible. The consideration is \$20,000, with a cash payment of 10 per cent. There is a tunnel already in a considerable distance upon the Texas.

C. L. Caldwell holds for himself and some Roseland parties an option upon the Cariboo also at the head of Spring creek. This property was formerly under bond to John A. Finch. Some promising discoveries have, however, been made since he threw it up. Ed. Craft and Guy Reeder are the present owners. The Caldwell syndicate has already done some work on the property.

COLVILLE'S LOWER HALF

To Be Thrown Open to Mineral Entry Very Shortly.

As This Territory Is Known to Be Rich in Minerals a Great Rush There Is Expected.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 5.—[Special.]—The south half of the Colville Indian reservation is likely to be thrown open within a few days to mineral entry. The news that some such action would be taken in this matter reached here this morning in a telegram to W. H. Ludden from Senator Wilson, asking him to see prominent citizens and wire their opinions as to whether the south half of the reservation should be opened to mineral entry or only to leases.

Mr. Ludden immediately interviewed a number of leading citizens, and they were unanimously of the opinion that it should be thrown open to mineral entry under the same conditions as the north half was opened. This was wired to Senator Wilson, and in reply a telegram was received stating that some action would be taken today.

Mr. Ludden stated that Senator Wilson had been working on this matter for some time, and he had no doubt would bring it to a successful issue. The recommendation, he said, will undoubtedly be tacked on to an appropriation bill as an amendment. There is every reason to believe that the south half of the reservation will be thrown open within a few days, or about the time of the year that the north half was opened in 1896.

Miners of this city are jubilant over the news, as the new territory embraces some of the richest mineral territory in the northwest, and there will be a grand rush to that section as soon as the bill passes.

MINING NOTES.

The last assays from the Iron Colt show values of \$16. The ore body from which these assays were taken is enormous.

The larger ore body opened up in the drit from the White Bear shaft proved to have an average value of \$14. The same vein on the surface and for 40 feet down assayed from a trace to \$2.

ROBBERED THE MAIL.

East Kootenay Has a Sensation—Miserable Captured. Fort Steele Prospector: The Fort Steele mail was robbed at Wassa on Sunday morning, between the hours of 12 and 4 a. m. The letter sack was enclosed in a large sack, which the robber carried into the brush about 300 from the wagon, where it was ripped open and the letter sack taken away by the robber. He was trailed to Fort Steele and captured within six hours from the time he did the robbing.

The robber proved to be Alexander M. Leitch, who has resided at Fort Steele for some months. His record has not been what it should be, and it reports been that he has turned several tricks that would have placed him behind the bars. Suspicion was turned toward Leitch on account of several forgeries that have been committed, as was supposed, by him, also the breaking into a building and robbing the till. He has been suspected of committing these acts, though nothing could be proven.

We also learn that he was caught tapping a till at Wassa. Constable Barnes has been watching him for some time and in 20 minutes after the arrival of the stage had captured his man and received \$1,100 supposed to have been stolen from the mail.

NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

Spokane Determined to Have the Finest Track in the Northwest.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 5.—[Special.]—At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Spokane Amateur Athletic club last night it was decided to construct suitable grounds for outdoor sports. A committee was appointed to select a site. The grounds are to include a first-class third or quarter-mile track for bicycles and foot racing. Inside of the track it is intended to lay out the finest baseball and football grounds in the northwest.

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Description of Property. The company owns the Trail Hunter and Cromwell mineral claims. The Trail Hunter is situated in the South Belt about 1 1/4 miles from Roseland and about 3/4 of a mile from the railroad on the Red Eagle. A strong iron-capped vein crosses the property and in the bottom of an 18-foot shaft there is a fine showing of ore. A wagon road has already been built to the property and development work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Assays \$20 per ton. The Cromwell is a full claim located on the North Fork of the Salmon River and joins the Lizzie B. and Porto Rico, two claims which were recently sold for \$63,000 and \$45,000 respectively. Assays have been obtained from the surface of the Cromwell running as high as \$140 in gold per ton. It is the intention of the company to push development as rapidly as possible and has placed the unusually large sum of 500,000 shares in the treasury for that purpose.

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