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In different parts of the country, a heavy sultry atmosphere is being experienced. It is desired to have the weather cleared so any kind of required may be gotten.

The secretary of the Grand company, has awarded a section of six cottages to

NOTES.

March 10.—(Special).—have been received here, snowed by which, and another man lost, with a third man, came down without a and caught them all, and were hauled to the mine to be buried. The body was quickly recovered and buried.

FORKS NEWS.

The Smelter—Practical in C. P. R. Rates. B. C. March 8.—(Special). The Westinghouse company, has arrived here to the plant at the Grand Forks.

Other sections are close to the lack of availability of stopping ground, in Central camp, is a serious anomaly of having on account of too much, but the miners expect work to have been let off available ore bin has been stopped down in the room to

local capitalists, including Commodore Biden, T. M. Holland, is commencing a proposition for process recently discovered, by which fine gold is extracted from bench

Within the townsite west bank of the Kettle bar, every shovelful of ore from five to 20 colors out in the ordinary pan. The prospect is so successful, it will be of great benefit to the district and a short while until the companies operating in the neighborhood on similar lines, number of bars equally rich be operated by this com-

pany, who recently, whilst in liquor, wounded his brother, who has been committed for trial.

With a view to the small well known Pathfinder little Bertha, a north fork of the Kettle river, progress.

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FROM OTHER CAMPS

Mining News From All Over the District.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN BOUNDARY

Mining Items of Interest From the Boundary, Ymir, Slocan, Golden, Revelstoke and Kamloops—Report on the Kamloops District.

With the approach of spring the activity of the camps in the districts of East and West Kootenay and Yale is developing rapidly. News is received daily of new propositions being entered upon in almost every nook and corner of this huge mining region. Everything seems to point to a successful season.

IN THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Work on Many Properties—Recent Strikes Reported—Prosperous Conditions.

In the Buckhorn the main shaft is down 215 feet, and the crosscut at the 100-foot level is in 150 feet.

The annual meeting of the Mountain View Copper company was adjourned from last Monday to next Monday at Eholt.

The shaft on the Sunset, in the Similkameen, is down 140 feet in rich copper ore. The crosscuts at the 100-foot level are in 40 feet.

A good strike of copper gold ore is reported from the Quartz mineral claim, Summit camp, owned by Henry Snibley and William Ludlow.

Four men are now at work on the Bruce mineral claim near Midway. The prospect shaft, started earlier in the year on the upper outcropping of ore, is being deepened.

The machinery has arrived and is being installed at the Pathfinder mine, on the north fork of the Kettle river.

The tunnel in the John Bull is now in 20 feet.

It is expected operations will be begun about the first of April on the Onix mine on Deep Creek.

Thomas McDonnell has returned from Spokane, where he successfully floated the Lone Star Mining company, whose property joins the Review.

The work on the Ah There in Deadwood camp is giving results greatly in excess of the expectations of the owners.

From present indications this will be one of the big properties of the camp. The control is held by local capitalists.

As soon as the amalgamation of the two companies is complete, the Winniepeg will be developed from the shaft on the Golden Crown, which is on much lower ground. By this a far greater depth can be attained on the Winniepeg ground with the same amount of labor and expenses.

The ore shipments at the B. C. mine, in Summit camp, for the past week amounted to about 40 tons, five carloads being sent to the Trail smelter. The total shipments to date are 1,800 tons. The work of installing the new hoisting plant is being pushed forward rapidly.

Work is to be resumed at an early date on the Yellowstone claim, in Providence camp. The claim adjoins the Lake and Crescent and is owned by H. H. Shallenberger and associates.

Sinking has been resumed on the Butcher Boy in Deadwood camp. A hoist has been installed, and the shaft will be continued down to at least 150 feet before crosscutting is attempted. In Spokane the shares of the Butcher Boy Mining company have been in demand at figures ranging from four to five cents per share.

The Rambler mine, in Summit camp, closed down Tuesday on account of not being able to cope with the inflow of surface water. As soon as this stops running work will be recommenced. The shaft is down 70 feet, and all in ore of good grade.

From the well known Josie property, now being developed in Summit camp, comes news of a strike of ore said to be as good as, or better, than anything yet discovered in that camp.

Thus far the B. C. mine has shipped sufficient ore, over 1,600 tons, to pay for all development done since the present owners took hold. The work of installing the new machinery is progressing and some 60 men are now employed.

The Morrison Mining company has made application to be allowed to disincorporate. The company says it has sold the "Morrison" claim, in Deadwood camp, on the Kettle river, and has no debts. Geo. T. Crane is president and O. F. Oliver secretary.

The Grey Eagle Gold Mining company has made the final payment of \$18,000 on the Tip Top claim in Phoenix camp. C. Scott Galloway, P. Dillon and L. Ostroski were the former owners. The property adjoins the Knob Hill.

The owners of the Review mine are having a cyanide test of their ore made by Gress Bros., of this city, preparatory to the installation of reduction works at the mine. The high grade ore of the Review, as well as the probable inexpensive mode of treatment, places it among the best properties in the Boundary country.

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

A fine body of copper-gold ore has been opened up on the Early History claim in South Deadwood camp. The body is eight feet in thickness and of good grade. Its nearness to the B. C. Copper company's smelter will add materially to its value. The Early History joins the Little

Ruth claim, and is only a short distance from the Buckhorn.

R. McCulloch has returned from a three months' trip to Washington and Idaho. Mr. McCulloch, with H. H. Shallenberger, will begin development work in West Copper camp upon the Klondike and Nordac claims, both of which have large surface showings of copper ore. Mr. McCulloch and Frank Rosenhaupt of Spokane intend starting work upon the Vesuvius in Deadwood camp as soon as the surface water has run off.

The Enterprise, in Long Lake camp, will be started up at once after a close-down of several weeks. A fine body of ore was encountered on this property, and a full equipment of machinery will be installed so that it may be thoroughly developed and put upon a shipping basis. The ore is high grade, containing a high percentage of tellurides.

Work has been started on the Athelstan claim in Wellington camp, a property which has not been worked for some time. It is owned by the Mack Bros. of Spokane, and has a good showing in the shaft. A hoist is secured, the necessary force engaged, and once more active development is the order of the day at the property. The Athelstan is located about a quarter of a mile below the Winniepeg, the main wagon road running close to the old shaft house.

An extraordinary special meeting of the shareholders in the King Mining company will be held on Thursday, April 5, for the purpose of authorizing a loan of \$15,000, and another meeting will be held on April 23 to confirm the resolutions adopted at the first meeting. The proposed loan is for the purpose of buying a compressor of five or seven drills for the Oro Denora mine. Development has now progressed so far that the mine is a proved success, and machinery is needed to carry forward the work speedily and economically.

The shaft on the Jewel mine is now down 330 feet, and drifting will commence at once at the 310-foot level. The compressor has been installed, and is now in good running order. The superintendent of the property, Mr. Gilbert Mahon, intends going to Republic, Wash., to watch the installation of the new mill on the Republic mine, and decide whether the same method of treatment can be used to advantage at the Jewel.

The Strawberry mine is situated on the north fork of the Kettle river, about midway between Greenwood and Grand Forks. Two shafts have been sunk on the property, one 70 and the other 55 feet deep. At the former about 50 tons of high grade ore are on the dump. At the bottom of the latter a crosscut has been run 54 feet, of which 28 feet is in ore, which is principally arsenical iron and chalcopyrites, giving assay values as high as 24 per cent copper, with smaller values in silver and gold.

H. H. Shallenberger has confirmed the report that he had bonded the Morean claim in Deadwood camp to the Buckhorn Gold and Copper Mining company. He said that he was unable to give out any particulars of the deal. The claim is the south extension of the Buckhorn mine, and is developed by a surface trench 10 feet in depth and 50 feet in length. A prospecting shaft was sunk to a depth of 18 feet. An application is now being made for a crown grant.

The final payment has been made on the bond of the Banner claim, owned by the Grey Eagle Gold Mining company, the new corporation organized by the Miner-Graves syndicate to operate the Grey Eagle, Banner, Tip Top and Triangle fraction, all of which properties adjoin the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and War Eagle. For obvious reasons the amount involved is not given out for publication, but it is thought to be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The owners were James Marshall and Thomas Koderick, and the payment was made through the Bank of Commerce at Greenwood.

The British Columbia Copper company who are the owners of the Mother Lode mine, in Deadwood camp, Greenwood, and the development of whose property has been so great that it required the installation of a larger plant for handling their immense ore bodies, have just signed a contract in New York with the James Cooper Manufacturing company of Montreal for a complete Ingersoll-Sergeant equipment, consisting of a Cross compound steam, compound air, Corliss air compressor.

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work has been put in on the long tunnel which is being driven to tap the shaft. In 30 days two shifts drove 91 feet, or over three feet per day. The tunnel has now been driven a distance of 300 feet, and will reach a point below the shaft in the course of less than 200 feet more. A raise will then be made to connect with the shaft. Some very good ore is being encountered in this tunnel, about two feet being high grade shipping ore, and six feet of milling ore. The ore which is now being shipped is taken from the levels at the 25-foot and 50-foot east steps. The upper level is being stope

down to the surface, the shipping ore being found with a width of two feet right at the grassroots. The west drift at the 50 foot level is in a distance of 76 feet, and the east drift at the same level a distance of 30 feet. In the former the ore chute is widening out considerably, as might be expected from the fact that in a surface cut about 150 feet to the west the vein is exposed with a width of nearly 20 feet. In each of the drifts, the shipping ore averages about two feet in width, while the average width of the milling ore is about five feet. The smelter returns show that the higher grade of ore has an average value of over \$40 per ton, while the milling ore runs about \$10.

THE SLOCAN.

Returns From Sandon and Nelson—News of the Molly Gibson—Noble Five Shuts Down.

The mine exports for the month of February from the port of Nelson were as follows: Lead bullion, \$20,304; gold bullion, \$30,776; other exports, \$1,160; making a total of \$61,240.

Sandon ore shipments for the week ending March 16th were as follows: Payne mine, 140 tons; Last Chance mine, 40 tons; total, 180 tons.

The Hewet, near Silverton, is shipping 150 ounces ore.

Work continues steadily on the Donnelly group, with prospects improving.

The owners of the Lone Star group, at Silverton, are driving a 180-foot crosscut, with which they hope to strike the ore body.

About 3,078 tons of ore were shipped from Slocan Lake points last year. The shipments from that district this year so far are: The Bouson, 60 tons; Hartney, 20; Emily Edith, 20; Vancouver, 20; Arlington, 160; Black Prince, 60. Total, 340 tons.

The Noble Five has paid off all hands and shut down all its workings. It is not likely that operations will be begun again to any extent till the tunnels are dry in May or June.

The Molly Gibson is being developed into one of the most promising mines in the Slocan district. The workings are now down 300 feet, and at that depth the vein is as true as on the surface. The ore holds its value, and the gold value is increasing. Thirty-five men are employed in the mine, and the payroll totals over \$1,000 a month.

EAST KOOTENAY.

News of the North Star—Records on the Black Bear and Old Abe.

The work on the Paradise will shortly be resumed.

At the Delphine the extraction of ore is being kept up, and by the time navigation opens there will be a large quantity of ore at the landing ready for shipment.

Southerly, and about four miles from the town of Kamloops, are located a group of mineral claims known as the Christmas, Noonday, Playmate and Klondike. The main development on this group has been performed on the Noonday, where a shaft 100 feet deep has been sunk, and drifts run at the 50 and 100-foot levels. The first drift has been driven about 44 feet. The lower drift the writer was unable to examine, because of the water which had accumulated at the bottom of the shaft. This work has been done by the local owners, and at the time of the writer's visit was suspended for the winter.

GOLDEN.

Rich Strike on Fifteen-Mile Creek—Good Luck Group Bonded.

The Florence Mining company, with a nominal capital of \$1,000,000, has been formed to operate the Lucky Jack, Lincoln, Bryan and Susie claims at the Burnt Basin, on the north fork of the Spillimachee, below the site of the Burns stamp mill. It is intended to erect a mill and establish the cyanide process for the treatment of the concentrates.

The machinery ordered by the Golden Placer and Quartz company arrived in Golden on Wednesday, and will be put in place at the mouth of Canyon creek immediately to operate on the deep alluvial deposits at that point. The machinery consists of the latest improved steam hoisting and pumping plant, and as soon as it can be put in place on the ground the work of sinking, under the direction of Mr. L. H. Estell, will be pushed vigorously day and night.

Ole Oberg, one of the contractors for the extension of the Certainty company's low level tunnel on its Fifteen-Mile creek property, was in town on Saturday with an exciting story. He reports that they had struck a new lead which was ten feet wide, carrying ore all through, with three feet of solid ore, and that the tunnel was now all in ore. No doubt the lead which has been struck is the No. 2 lead, which was crosscut last September by the No. 3 tunnel, but was found at that point to contain very little ore, though apparently it is well mineralized further down. Mr. Hagen, the company's engineer, has left for the mine to see the new strike and report the true position of affairs to the directors.

Mr. J. J. Hand has resigned his position as head timberman at the Colubia & Kootenay.

REVELSTOKE.

A Rossland Engineer Reports on the Lardreau Mines—Good Assays Obtained.

Mr. H. O. McClymont, M. E., has just returned from Lexington creek, a tributary of Fish creek, where he has been in charge of the operations of the Lardreau mines, limited. Operations were commenced on these properties about four months since. The first work done was the construction of a trail from Lexington creek up the side of Goat mountain to the Royal group. As soon as this was done the lead was exploited on the surface in several places, and the No. 1 lead was found to run through the three claims. There are three parallel leads on the property. No. 1 is a silver lead. No. 2 is an iron-capped lead, located 25 feet from No. 1 and higher up the mountain than No. 2. After the surface had been explored a tunnel was started on the Lardreau Queen for the purpose of tapping the ledge at a depth of 55 feet. It is a crosscut tunnel, and is now in 66 feet, the lead being met at 63 feet. The ledge is three feet wide and is principally iron pyrites and quartz. On the hanging wall there is galeña coming in, and evidently

displacing the iron. Three shots were put into the floor, and these disclosed the galeña. The assays made of the galeña ore show 94 ounces in silver and \$16 in gold. On the surface of the same ledge assays as high as \$48 were got, which included \$8 in gold. Mr. McClymont says the leads are strong and well defined. The veins are true fissure ones. In the Chief Joseph, which is located 3,000 feet south of the Lardreau Queen, at a depth of 60 feet, one that went 1,100 ounces in silver has been obtained. This property is being developed, and is likely to be sold to an English syndicate.

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The sales for the week ending yesterday by days were as follows:

Thursday	20,500
Friday	No sales
Saturday	17,000
Sunday	6,000
Tuesday	24,500
Wednesday	105,000

THE STOCK MARKET

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