

THE WEEK IN KASLO

Ore Receipts, Chiefly From Payne and Ruth, Totaled 471 Tons.

WELL FIXED FINANCIALLY

Civic Auditor Reports on the City's Income and Expenditure—Arc Lights Turned On—Two Public Meetings Called.

KASLO, Jan. 8.—[Special.]—The ore receipts at the Kaslo station of the Kaslo & Slocan railway show a slight falling off during the past week, owing doubtless to the absence of the operating miners from their work during the holiday season. The following are the returns for the week ending January 6:

Payne group	40,000
Jackson group	30,000
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This makes in all slightly over 471 tons. The Payne, Jackson, Last Chance and Slocan Boy, send their ore to Pueblo Colorado. That from the Ruby Silver goes to Omaha, and the others ship to the Puget Sound Reduction works at Everett. A portion of the ore from the Ruth and that from the Goodenough were first run through the sampler of the Kootenay Ore company in this city before being forwarded to the smelter works.

Manager J. G. McGuigan of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining company, who is down from Cody reports that the preparatory work on the concentrator and tramway are now well advanced towards completion, both only awaiting the arrival of some minor parts of their machinery. He hopes to have all in readiness for work by the 20th instant. As a large force has been constantly at work at the mine during the season, the property will materially add to the ore shipments from this port as soon as it is ready to send forward its accumulated output and daily production.

The Harding divorce case instituted at Spokane, which to some extent, incidentally involved the ownership of the Gibson and Palouse mineral claims, has been amicably arranged. While in Kaslo the other day Mrs. Harding met her husband and mutual explanations were made, which resulted in a better understanding between them and an adjustment of their marital difficulties. How the financial claims were adjusted was not given out. Mrs. Harding has returned to Spokane.

The City's Finances.—The civic auditor's report upon the city's finances was presented to the board of aldermen at a specially called meeting on Thursday evening. The financial position is shown to be sound and the outlook encouraging. The civic income for the year from various sources, exclusive of the proceeds of debentures sales, has been \$711.81. The amount of cash on hand at the close of the previous year was \$260.38. The aldermen have therefore had available for the year's expenditure \$972.19.

They have expended \$384.30, leaving on hand at the close of 1896, the sum of \$587.89. New streets have been graded, and former existing streets materially improved. Sidewalks have been extended and widened, and other improvements made as necessary warranted. New hose and a modern hose cart have also been purchased. The present council has also paid off \$1,278.96 of the indebtedness of 1894, over and above the receipts on account of that year, and also \$2,010.69 of the indebtedness of 1895 over and above the receipts on account of that year.

The indebtedness of 1895 is entirely paid off. There remains due of debts contracted in 1894 the sum of \$1,191.15, chiefly consisting of amounts that are still in dispute, such as unpaid notes given in purchase of a charter which was pronounced illegal by the supreme court.

The waterworks account shows that there has been received from the sale of loan debentures the sum of \$22,680, and there has been expended for construction to the end of the year the sum of \$17,267.78, leaving a balance for the completion of the system of \$5,412.22.

The general balance sheet shows that the assets of the city are in excess of its liabilities to the amount of \$7,273.63. The assets include the various available properties acquired by the city.

Boatock Will Visit Kootenay.—It is announced here that Hewitt Boatock, M. P. for the Yale-Cariboo-Kootenay district, will visit the various places of great importance in southwest Kootenay before returning to Ottawa to resume his legislative duties. He is desirous of becoming intimately acquainted with the needs of every part of his constituency.

Kaslo Wants the Senatorship.—It is understood that in the event of the appointment of Senator McInnis to the lieutenant-governorship upon the retirement of the Hon. Edgar Dewdney, the claim will be made to the Dominion government that the growing importance of the Kootenay country entitles it to a representative in the upper house of parliament. Should the claim be recognized by Mr. Laurier a prominent politician of Kaslo whose conversion to liberalism was coincident with his advent into the country will, it is said, be an aspirant for senatorial honors.

Local Brevities.—The near approach of the completion of the waterworks system has led to the introduction of a new industry. The Kaslo Plumbing and Heating company has been organized and will open for business next week.

A public meeting has been called by the mayor for this evening to discuss municipal matters. The challenge thus thrown down will doubtless be promptly accepted by the malcontents and a lively scrimmage of words is expected.

Another public meeting has been called for Monday evening of all those interested in the establishment of a

hospital in this city. The want of such an institution is urgent and the call will doubtless meet a prompt response and a generous one.

Workman were engaged all day Friday in fitting the arc lamps to the arms, so that before this item is before the readers of *The Miner* Kaslo's streets will probably be lighted by electricity. The dynamo and machinery at the power house have been ready for some time and the arc lights have been tested there.

Personals.—Herbert Cuthbert, western manager of the British Canadian Gold Fields company, the other day, while at Nelson, acquired the Sunset mineral claim, and immediately gave directions for retimbering the shaft, and will let contracts for further development as soon as this is completed. It is thought to be a valuable property.

David Glass of Rossland was in Kaslo on Friday, and met many former eastern acquaintances.

W. A. Campbell announced on his return from the Slocan country on Thursday last that he proposed leaving almost immediately for Chicago and New York.

Major J. Lynch Montgomery and John L. Kellack, part owners of the profitable Whitewater mine, and officially connected with the recently organized Washington Mining company, are in Spokane this week on business connected with the latter company.

MACHINERY FOR PHOENIX

Work Will Be Suspended Until the Plant Can Be Installed.

The Management Well Pleased—A Good Chute of Pay Ore Is Discovered in the No. 2 Shaft.

J. W. Witherop, president of the Phoenix Gold Mining company, arrived from Spokane Thursday evening, and called at The *Miner* office yesterday to say that it had been determined by the company to put machinery on the Phoenix at once. This machinery will consist of a compressor, boiler, hoist and pump. Mr. Witherop said the water had become so bad that the work on the mine had to be abandoned for the time being.

He also stated that a very good chute of shipping ore had been found in the No. 2 shaft, but that the vein seemed to be an underground water course, which, by the way, is not a bad sign, for it indicates a rich vein. The rock in which the vein runs is exceedingly hard and development work by hand is very slow.

Taking everything into consideration it appears to the company that machinery is justified, by the showing already made by the mine, and that it is demanded for the farther economical development of the property. The contract for the machinery will probably be let in a few days.

There are now three feet of clean ore of good grade in the drift of the Red Mountain. The drift is 43 feet long. The ore is still high in copper.

THE OLD FLAG GOLD MINING CO., Ltd.

Incorporated Under the Laws of British Columbia, Companies Act, 1890.

Capital Stock 1,500,000 Shares.

Par Value \$1.00 each, of which have been set aside as Treasury Stock 500,000 shares. Fully paid and non-assessable.

Head Office, Rossland, B. C. Mine, South Slope of Lookout Mountain.

Trustees for the first three months are: C. M. Carpenter, President; Robt. Dixon, Treas.; J. E. Crane, Vice-Pres.; W. J. Whiteside, Sec.

Directors: C. M. Carpenter, Robt. Dixon, J. E. Crane, J. B. Henderson. Solicitors: Elliott & Whiteside. Bankers: Bank of Montreal. Harry Gager, Mining Engineer.

The Old Flag Gold Mining company is the owner of the Eureka group of mineral claims, consisting of the Eureka No. 1, Triumvir, Ramerada, Old Flag and Omelia, situated on the south slope of Lookout Mountain, in the celebrated Trail Creek mining district. Good surface showings of gold have been found on each, assaying from a trace to \$5.00 in gold, \$5.93 in silver and from 14 to 17 per cent (\$8 to \$34) in copper.

This property was purchased on the report of Mr. Harry Gager, mining engineer, on the Eureka No. 1. The following is his report in full:

Report on the Eureka No. 1 Mineral Claim.

LOCATION.—This property consisting of one full claim, fifteen hundred by fifteen hundred feet (200 x 100), is situated on the east slope of Lookout Mountain about seven (7) miles below and south of Trail, B. C., and one (1) mile west of the Columbia river, at Poulton's landing near old Fort Sheppard and from two (2) to two and one-half (2 1/2) miles north of the International boundary line, Trail division, West Kootenay district, British Columbia.

FORMATION.—The general formation consists of granite, diorite and syenite, with dykes of porphyry running parallel with the granite, the trend being almost due south and south.

VEIN OR LODES.—The vein or lode is of the same character as those found near Rossland, known in a general way as "iron capping," the gangue consisting of diorite mixed with quartz, carrying iron pyrites and iron pyrites and copper chalcopyrite, more or less on the surface. This cry there is a small outcrop near the hanging wall which is well mineralized, but in bunches. This is a good indication of what may be expected upon development, as samples taken from the outcrop show values of \$5.00 to \$5.93 in gold and from 14 to 17 per cent, copper and also some silver. The principal outcrop is about eighty (80) feet north of the discovery, and is very strong.

showing it to be fully fifteen (15) feet in width, and it shows for fully thirty (30) feet in length, being comparatively free from side rock or drift for that distance. This outcrop stands out boldly from the walls, under an almost perpendicular bluff. The surface is slightly oxidized, the entire footwall showing from a trace of gold and copper to \$2.48 gold and one and one-half per cent copper, which is a good showing for surface.

Small particles of native copper have been found near the hanging wall at this point. The ledge shows to be in contact with granite and porphyritic granite.

In my opinion, the ledge here is broken over, and the dip, which is now at an angle of about forty (40) degrees to the west, will change when development work is done to an angle of perhaps from sixty (60) to seventy (70) degrees. The general dip of the formation would indicate this.

WORKINGS.—The only work done on this property at the present time is a small open cut at the place of discovery, and a cut made at the principal outcrop as assessment work. This cut was made through the foot wall and into the ledge for a short distance.

GENERAL REMARKS.—This is in my opinion a most promising prospect, and upon development it will prove a very valuable property. The surface showings of many of the principal mines in the district and in the vicinity of Rossland were not as good as this, and like them it will require development to demonstrate its value.

A wagon road can be made almost to the property at a small cost, and by that the ore could be transported to the smelter at Trail or Northport, Washington, by steamboat, or ferried across the Columbia river and loaded on cars at Waneta, B. C., and from there taken to the smelter at Nelson, B. C. or to the states via the Nelson & Fort Sheppard and Spokane Falls & Northern railway.

For shares or other particulars address: HARRY GAGER, Mining Engineer. (Signed)

The directors have let a contract for sinking a 100-foot shaft, under the direction and superintendence of H. Gager, Esq.

The directors have placed a small amount of the treasury stock on the market at 10 cents per share.

The shares of the company are fully paid and non-assessable. The by-laws of the company provide that the directors shall not contract any debts without having sufficient money on hand to meet same when contract is entered into.

When the mine is on a paying basis, and should there be any surplus in the treasury, shares exceeding 50,000, the surplus will be divided amongst all the then shareholders.

For shares or other particulars address: W. J. WHITESIDE, Secretary, SMITH, DEAN & CO., Brokers, ROSSLAND.

L. C. Crawford, Mining and Real Estate Broker.

I make a specialty of handling properties in Waterloo Camp. I have a number of choice groups and claims for sale on a stocking or bonding basis and on terms to suit any bona fide purchasers.

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PETTY CONFIDENCE GAME

Its Originator Skipped From Spokane and is Now in Rossland.

His Victims Were Physicians and Ministers so "Father Pat" Had Better Look Out For Him.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 9.—[Special.]—A smooth confidence man has been operating amongst the ministers and physicians of this city for several weeks past and just as the victims in their indignation were preparing to put him behind the bars, the fellow, seeing the storm cloud arising, took time by the forelock and folded his tent and is now seeking pastures new, presumably in Rossland. It was to warn others that the victims gave the facts to the public.

Oscar Jensen is the name of the man. He gives his occupation as an engraver. His victims admit that he is a good engraver but he does not work at the profession to any great extent. A sample of his mode of operation was given as follows by Dr. Cahnsac who fell a victim to the fellow's tale of woe:

"Jensen came to me several days ago," said Dr. Cahnsac, "and told me he had an opportunity of getting a job of engraving a lot of pew plates for members of Father Held's church, but his personal appearance and attire would interfere with his securing work. He asked me if I could fit him out in some decent clothes, and as soon as he received the money for the work to be done he would reimburse me. I took pity on the man and gave him a suit of clothes and overcoat, and fitted him out in good shape."

I have since learned that he sold the clothes I gave him and gambled away the proceeds.

"I have also learned that he has played similar games on Father Held, Rev. J. E. Sterling, Father Kauten, Dr. Penfield and a dozen other ministers and physicians, obtaining from each either chattels or money. Everything he got he gambled away. I caught him at the gambling table a short time ago and upbraided him for his conduct, and with tears and protestations of innocence he begged me not to prosecute him and he would pay me for what I gave him."

"I told him that if I saw him working anybody else's time, I would turn him over to the law. He kept on with his old tricks, however, as I have since learned, and I was urged by Father Held and others to cause his arrest and they would appear and prosecute him. Jensen, however, skipped out and I have no reason to think he has gone to Rossland."

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THREE GROUPS Comprising SIXTEEN FULL CLAIMS

On the Colville Reservation between Rossland and Northport, Wash.

Assays from the surface of a 20-foot ledge on the Empire Group on Grouse Mountain, gave \$2.65 in free milling gold; and surface assays from the Royal Gold group on Crouger Mt. gave a total value in gold, silver and lead of \$59.50.

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3. None of the properties more than three and a half miles from a railroad, and one group is only about 2,000 feet.

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5. One property only a short distance from Northport, the proposed smelter site.

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7. \$6,000 will be expended by the company before the treasury stock is put on the market, thus ensuring a good price for these shares.

8. Winter quarters are now completed, supplies in, and everything ready for rapid development which is now being prosecuted.

9. Negotiations are pending for the introduction of machinery and cheapest methods of ore reduction.

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Edward Pritchard, F. G. S., Consulting Engineer.

Head Office, Rossland, B. C.

Description of the Property.

The company owns the Annie Fraction and the Comet No. 2 mineral claims.

The Annie Fraction is situated between the California, San Francisco and Black Bear, the latter of which is the property of the great Le Roi Mining & Smelting company and is the first western extension of the Le Roi mine. The vein of the Le Roi can be traced through the Annie Fraction and men at work on this property have tapped an ore chute at a depth of 40 feet from which assays gave returns of from \$14 to \$20.

The Comet No. 2 is a full claim, 1500 feet square, and lies about three miles north of Rossland. It has two strong well-defined ledges running through it. A prospecting shaft now down 10 feet shows nothing but vein matter the whole mass being well diffused with copper and iron pyrites. Assays averaging \$6 to \$8 have been obtained from this showing.

Shares.

The entire capital stock of the company excepting treasury shares has been pooled. The company now offers 50,000 shares of treasury