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HIGH GRADE ORE

Struck by J. Beaver on Diamond B.

Mr. J. Beaver, owner of the Diamond B. claim on Wolf Creek Mountain, three miles south of Princeton, reports striking a four foot chute of high grade copper ore in the shaft he is engaged in sinking on his property. The ore is massive yellow copper in a white quartz gangue, and from appearances will run between 12 and 15 per cent. in copper. No prospector in this district better deserves his good fortune than Mr. Beaver. He has persisted in working his property in spite of all discouragements, and while the claim has in the past improved wonderfully under development work, the recent find will make it rank among the best in this section.

With a railway running through this district Mr. Beaver declares he could mine and ship ore to pay the costs of development.

PROFITS ARE \$577,676.

Great Showing Made by the Le Roi in Seven Months.

The estimated net profits of the Le Roi mine for November are placed at \$75,000. The actual figures, which will be arrived at later in the month, will probably be slightly in advance of the estimate, which is on a conservative basis.

The returns of the net profits for the Le Roi, from May 1st, to November 30th, amounts to over \$577,676, as follows—May, \$66,932; June, \$94,302; July, \$108,348; August, \$79,487; September, \$68,607; October, \$85,000; November, \$75,000.

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION TO MIDWAY.

It is announced that the work of construction on the railway extension from Carlew, Wash., to Midway, is to be commenced forthwith, and preparations to supply the requirements of the men who will be employed on this work are already being made at Midway. This 15-mile length of line will be a link in the railroad coastwards, and it is believed that work on the road west of Midway will also be kept in hand this winter.

Jas. Hislop, P. L. S., left on Wednesday for a visit to his old home in Ontario
 E. J. Dunsmoor, the local pill mixer, left for Hedley City Wednesday.

THE SIMILKAMEEN DISTRICT

Is Attracting the Attention of Outside Investors.

A recent issue of the Vancouver Province contains the following:—

"The reports which come from the Similkameen country regarding the richness of that district in minerals is beginning to excite the liveliest interest among investors in the United States and Eastern Canada, and of late a very considerable amount of money has been expended in securing options on promising claims or securing them outright. Two years ago a large number of prospectors from the more settled mining districts of Kootenay spent the summer in examining the country, and the statements which they made at the close of the season regarding the extent and value of the mineralized region created no little excitement throughout the whole upper country. The labor trouble which arose very shortly afterwards, however, and the reluctance manifested by capital to consider the question of investment in British Columbia mines in consequence of it put a stop for the time being to any further exploration except by persistent and enthusiastic prospectors. With the settlement of all labor difficulties, however, and the revival of interest in our mineral country, large investors are again turning their attention to the less known portion of the Boundary country and to the Similkameen. This interest is stim-

ulated, too, by the prospect of a railroad through the region, which will make the working of the mines possible. But perhaps as much as the promise at an early day of a railway, the fact that free-milling properties with ore carrying very high value have been discovered is responsible for the desire to ascertain if the district is equal to the reputation given it by report. That the trustees of the Marcus Daly estate should have arranged to put in a forty-stamp mill at the Nickel Plate and to spend altogether about a half-million dollars in preliminary work, would seem to indicate that they at least have secured a splendid property and are satisfied of its immense value. For a long time, indeed ever since this mine was purchased by Marcus Daly, popular rumor has declared that it was extremely rich. His manager and workmen, however, were silent regarding its value, and the public was rigorously excluded from any of the workings of the property. It is only now when arrangements have actually been made for development and operation on a very large scale that the management has been induced to say anything regarding the richness of the property. The work which is being done on the Nickel Plate, however, will arouse inquiring attention, and we may expect to see great activity throughout that whole region during next season.

ON A VISIT HOME.

Messrs. J. E. and S. J. Bates of Aspen Grove, left on last stage for their old home at Vanceburg, Kentucky, for a brief visit with their parents. We wish them a bon voyage and safe return. No two men have done more to make the Aspen Grove camp famous for its mineral wealth than Jack and Sam Bates. Their indomitable energy and perseverance, fortified with sanguine dispositions, have at last been rewarded in the sale of the Portland group to a syndicate, of Terre Haute, Ind. Between beans and champagne there is a wide margin, but the boys have made it, and when they come home we hope they will bring one, at least, of those girls "born and bred in old Kentucky." Mr. J. E. Bates will only be absent thirty days, as his position as manager of the workings on the Portland necessitate his speedy return. We wish them every good fortune, as also all others who will open the mountain fastnesses to mining centres of property and wealth.

VOIGT CAMP.

Dell Stuart, Vice-President of the Mammoth Lodes Mining Co., of Portland, Ore., owning properties in Voigt Camp, Copper Mountain, and A. H. Hart a shareholder, came in Tuesday last on the stage and left for Copper Mountain the following day.

The recent strike on the R. S. Fraction in this camp has drawn considerable attention to it of late. Mr. Voigt has had a number of men at work stripping the ore, which is covered only by a thin layer of wash.

A very enjoyable little gathering was held at the home of Mrs. S. L. Allison New Year's Eve. Dancing was the principal amusement on the program. Messrs. Knight and Hitchings furnished the music.

Snowslides in the Otter Valley and along the Tulameen delayed the stage last week, making it three days late.

THE LATEST MOVE

In the Political Game in West Yale.

It is reported from Nicola that a meeting of the supporters of the Prior Government was held recently at Coutlee for the object of choosing a candidate to contest this riding against C. A. Semlin. Mr. G. B. Armstrong is said to have been the choice of the electors present. Mr. Armstrong is a general merchant of Lower Nicola and has been a resident of the Nicola Valley for a good many years. His candidature is not regarded very seriously by the voters in this part of the constituency.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Messrs. Johnston and Beattie returned Wednesday from a trip to the Nicola Valley for oats.

W. Wilson was up from Hedley City for a few days this week.

The Star was in error in stating last week that a dance was held Xmas eve at the home of Mr. E. P. Cook at Granite Creek. The dance was given by the bachelors of Granite Creek in the hotel at that place.

A. H. Wade, general merchant of Penticton, is reported to have purchased the general stock of Hine & Co., of Keremcos.

Alex. P. MacDonald and M. J. Quinlivan of Grand Forks, drove in from that place on Tuesday last. Mr. MacDonald says Boundary people are watching the Similkameen district with great interest, and lively times are expected here during the next twelve months.

W. A. McLean of Ashnola, returned from Penticton early in the week. Mr. McLean stated that while out he had received word that the meeting held at Nelson on Dec. 12th, for the purpose of amalgamating the Similkameen and Ashnola Coal Co.'s had been unproductive of results, the shareholders in the two companies failing to reach any agreement.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a renewal of a Special Licence to cut timber on the following land, situated in the district of post about 25 miles north of Carlew, West Yale, Similkameen division, commencing at a west post and running 100 chains north, thence 40 chains to the south 100 chains, thence 40 chains to point of commencement, thence all making about 400 acres.

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For Cook & Co.

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