

\$616,000 IS PRODUCTION OF MANHATTAN DURING THE YEAR JUST PAST

Mines and Mills Are Showing Much Activity---Steady Production of Yellow Metal Now Assured.

The exploration and development of Manhattan mines in the past two years has been carried on almost entirely by leasers, who, without capital of their own and unable to obtain it from outside investors, have been dependent upon the local treatment of their ores for funds to carry on their work. The exact production of Manhattan during that period is not known, but figures supplied this week by the courteous management of the Manhattan War Eagle Mining & Milling company show that the company's custom plant, known as the War Eagle mill, has in the past twelve months treated 11,500 tons of ore which have yielded gold bullion to the average of nearly \$28 a ton for all the ore treated by this company. These returns do not indicate the total gold production of the camp, which, it is safe to say, were increased by \$300,000, the output of the placer workings, but they will prove a pleasant surprise to those interested in the steady progress of the camp. The War Eagle mill consists of 10 stamps of 1050 pounds each, a tube mill, Dorr classifier and complete granite plant. Its average capacity is from 50 to 55 tons a day, which is now being increased by the addition of a Bryan mill. The plant has been most successful in its treatment, practically recovering nearly all the values in the ore, the tailings, after cyaniding, rarely assaying over 50 cents a ton.

Strike It Rich in Tip-Top.

H. L. Ross, who holds a lease on the Tip-Top claim, owned by the Seyler-Humphrey Mining company, recently granted a sub-lease to S. McAvoy and Tony Piela, who commenced work on a shallow shaft sunk on a fissure vein in lime, to a depth of 20 feet. Two rounds of shots opened up some ore carrying very promising coarse gold on the cleavages of the rock. The shaft will now be sunk to the 50-foot level and a drift run at this depth to the contact of the lime and porphyry. The Tip-Top claim adjoins the April Fool on the west and covers a well defined contact of lime and porphyry, which has never yet been intelligently prospected.

On the War Eagle.

Malcolm L. Macdonald, the well-known mining engineer of Tonopah, commenced work this week on the War Eagle claim on which he recently secured a lease from the Humphrey brothers. There are known to be two veins on the property on which considerable shallow prospecting has been done and some high grade ore discovered. The present operations, under the superintendency of Jack McCrimmon, are also in the nature of prospecting for a third vein and also to determine the most favorable place for the sinking of a permanent working shaft.

Lease Looks Good.

The lease on the Big Pine operated by Kelly, Hoffman, Light and Zeigler gives every indication of becoming a good producer in the near future. The shaft is now down 50 feet in a body of highly mineralized schist carrying values from \$6 to \$50 a ton in irregular seams and patches showing that only greater depth is required to reach the permanent values. This lease is only about 200 feet from the Kendall lease on the Jumping Jack and is no doubt on the same ore body.

Rupp-Nelson Lease.

The Rupp-Nelson lease on the Big Pine and Gold Crater still shows encouraging values in the north drift on the 180-foot level, the streak of high grade ore still holding out. This is doubtless a leader to an ore shoot found on the surface, 35 feet distant. In the south drift on this level the ore values are improving.

Lease on Consolidated.

L. L. Mudgett and associates of Tonopah will next week commence

active operations on a lease they have secured from the Manhattan Consolidated Mining company. This lease covers the main working shaft of the company in which a big body of milling ore has been opened up. The block of ground owned by this company on the Silver Pick claim covering the extension of the vein on the Vucanovitch lease, has also been leased to a Tonopah syndicate which will commence work shortly.

On Gold Crater.

At the Royston-Jones lease on the Gold Crater, a drift is now being run east and west on the 100-foot level on a contact vein which carries most encouraging values, but the permanent pay shoot has not yet been discovered. The Gold Crater is one of the best located claims in the camp, adjoining the Crescent, Big Pine and Jumping Jack and covers the extension of several known veins. The present leasers are connected with the Belmont mill at Millers and are confident that development work will uncover a body of payable ore.

Big Four Lease.

The main working shaft of the Steen-Pouk-Cicala lease on the Big Four is nearing the 350-foot level, and although sunk in the footwall, 12 feet from the main ore body, carries values and an average assay as high as \$21.60 has been obtained, indicating that on the next level the average mine values will be maintained. The shaft on the Tarash lease is nearly 100 feet deep and still yields good values from small stringers. It will be sunk to the 150-foot level before crosscutting.

Looks Like Bonanza.

The water at the Ferguson-Gillan-Piourd lease on Union No. 4 having been lowered, the vein is now being drifted on at the 70-foot level. At this point it is from 2 to 2½ feet wide and grab samples from every bucket raised on Wednesday assayed \$82.50 a ton.

Foreman Fraction.

John Vucanovich and partners are still taking out splendid ore on the Foreman fraction. Ore is being stoped on the 75-foot level and drifts are being run on the vein on the 100-foot level, from this point it is intended to sink the shaft to greater depth.

Resume on Union.

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Mining and Millings company, operating the Dexter Consolidated lease on the Union No. 9, is now preparing to stop ore on the 300-foot level. The sinking of the main incline shaft has been interrupted by the heavy flow of water, which will necessitate the installation of a larger pumping plant to control it.

White Caps Milling Ore.

The White Caps Mining and Milling company is now milling its ore dump of about 350 tons at the War Eagle mill with every indication that the result will be highly satisfactory. At the lease the electric transformers are being set in place and mining will be resumed shortly.

Kendall Lease.

The work now being done at the Kendall lease on the Jumping Jack continues to be most encouraging. The ore body recently uncovered is being tapped and prospected on the surface and maintains its width and value and gives every promise of permanence.

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