

## MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Mr T. O. Just held a special scrip sale at the Exchange Mart yesterday morning. There was a good attendance, and the following lots were disposed of:—40 Blyth's Freehold 9s 6d, 30 ditto 8s 6d, 200 Albion 1s 9d, 100 Gladstone 6s 3d, 25 West Chum £4 5s, 100 Prince of Wales 6s 6d, 25 Victoria £1 6s 6d, 200 Enfield 11d, 100 Queen's Birthday 3s 6d, and 1-24th promoter's interest in Cobham's lease, Blue Tier, £11.

Messrs Hartnoll and Ferguson's usual scrip sale will be held at their mart, Brisbane-street, at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

### GOLD.

From a gentleman who returned yesterday from North Mount Cameron we learn that Mr Anderson, mining manager of the Royal Tasman, has sunk the shaft between 30 and 40ft. The reef looks

splendid, gold being visible with the glass in any piece of stone examined. Mr Anderson has 50 tons of good stone paddocked. The Standard reef is also reported to be looking well.

A meeting of promoters of the Exhibition Company was held at Mr A. Reid's office on Thursday evening, when it was resolved to form a company to work the reef at the Goleonda, the capital to be £12,000 in £1 shares, paid up to 10s. The directors elected were Messrs Webster, Fairthorne, Chaffey, Jno. Fahey, A. J. Harrison, W. Aikenhead, O. Meredith, Westwood, and J. B. Curran. Mr A. Reid was appointed legal manager, and Mr J. Powell solicitor to the Company. Messrs Littler and Weetman were appointed auditors.

On Thursday last four of the directors in the South West Chum Company went down to the Nine-Mile Springs for the purpose of visiting the claim and deciding upon the site for the main shaft. They were accompanied to the ground by Mr Kitto, mining manager of the West Chum, and Messrs Hunkin and Moore, the contractors for sinking the first 100ft of the shaft. The bearings of the Chum line of reef were carefully taken, and of the shafts of the West Extended Company and the Great Extended Company, now being sunk near to the north and north-west boundaries respectively of the South-West claim, and a site was selected about 1½ chains from the northern boundary and in the centre of the claim.

The fourth general meeting of the Star of the South Amalgamated Company will be held on the 31st inst., at the Mechanics' Institute, the business being to receive the balance-sheet and reports, and to transact such other business as may be necessary.

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The ninth, tenth, and eleventh calls have been made on the shares of the Queen Company, payable on February 2, March 2, and April 2.

The manager of the Gladstone Company notifies that unless the second call of 3d per share, due on December 20, is paid on or before the 24th inst., legal proceedings will be taken.

A meeting of shareholders in the Lefroy Company, Beaconsfield, will be held at the office of Mr R. H. Price on Thursday next.

### BEACONSFIELD.

*Blyth's Freehold.*—The mining manager reports on 14th inst.:—"I have finished the crushing and cleaning up of the trial crushing. Fifteen tons of stone taken from the reef yielded an average of 10z 11dwt 5gr to the ton, and seven tons of stone from the leader yielded 10dwt 17gr to the ton. The reef is 2ft wide and well defined, carrying two good walls, and by all appearance will make much larger underfoot. The reef is 22ft from the leader, with a strong underlay towards it, and I expect them to make into one underfoot." The retorted gold from the trial crushing, weighing 27oz 3dwt 2gr, was brought up to town yesterday and exhibited in the window of Mr T. W. Thomas's establishment, Brisbane-street. The gold is, as we have previously stated, very coarse indeed. We understand that of the 15 ton lot intended to be taken from the reef, two tons were really from the leader, having got mixed up with it in the paddock, and it was found impossible to separate them. This has made the average yield from the reef crushing lower than it would otherwise have been.

### NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

*West Chum.*—A telegram received yesterday from the mining manager states that a decided improvement is visible in No. 1 drive west, the quartz now being nine inches wide, showing gold.

### BLUE TIER.

*Gladstone.*—The mining manager, Mr Campbell, reports as follows under date 11th inst.:—"The contractors are in with the tunnel 218ft. The reef is still improving in looks, and is getting more solid. We are not yet through it, and it has every appearance of being a strong body of stone, we being 5ft into it, and it now looks much better than when we first struck it." Since the above was written the contractors have driven upwards of 2ft, making the reef so far proved to a width of 7ft, without signs of the opposite wall. Gold is occasionally seen in the stone, and good prospects are obtainable by crushing.