

MINING NEWS.**GOLD.**

A cleaning up from another crushing at the Royal Tasman Company's battery (Gladstone), took place on Friday last. There were 595 tons quartz crushed, and 2274oz 15dwt amalgam were obtained, which yielded 611oz 1dwt retorted gold, value £2108, giving an average of 1oz 12½grs to the ton. The gold was brought to town per the steamer Avon last evening by the manager, Mr Owen Meredith, and lodged in the bank.

The amended prospectus is published of the Tasmania Silver Lead Co., to be formed to acquire and work about 190 acres of land at Mount Claude, Kentishbury, on which lease money, rent, and surveys have been paid. A report on the ground by Henry J. Chalmers, surveyor, also appears in another column.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Pinafore Co., will be held at the Company's office, Elizabeth-street, Hobart, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 4 p.m., when the business will be the appointing of a legal manager in the place of Mr E. W. Crawford, who is about to resign.

Extraordinary meetings of the Band of Hope and Invermay Companies will also take place at Hobart on the same day, for similar purposes.

An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders in the Deep Lead Co. is announced to take place at the Mechanics' Institute to-day, at 8 p.m. The business will be the consideration of a proposal from a Melbourne proprietary to purchase the Co.'s mine and plant.

A call (the third) of threepence has been made on all shares held in the East Try Again Co., payable on the 21st inst.

Mr M. Stackhouse has been appointed manager of the South Mint Co., Mr Alex. Corrie having resigned.

Mining managers reports as under :—

LEFROY.

New Native Youth.—Nov. 12. I am glad to say that we cut a reef last night running east in the north drive, at 110ft ; it is about 2ft wide, and shows gold fairly, but is hardly as rich as some of the specimens obtained from the wash before cutting it. I expect to get some better stone. It is only on the eastern side of the dike we have been driving, which still continues northerly, but is slightly turning to the west. [The manager received a telegram on Saturday evening reporting richer stone in the wash eastward.]

West New Chum.—Nov. 12.—During the week 225 tons of stone has been crushed in the battery, yielding 418oz of amalgam from the plates and ripples.

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GLADSTONE.

Deskford.—November 11.—I have to report that during the week the drive has been extended 8ft, making a total distance of 19ft. The country passed through this week has been hard and bad for blasting, being composed principally of sandstone and quartz mixed. We have just struck a slide letting out more water, and we are squaring up the drive to cut through it. I pricked into some quartz but cannot see much until we cut through the slide. We have been troubled with foul air, but I have had a windsail made and find it a great improvement.

CORINNA.

Lefroy.—The mining manager writes under date October 29, that he experienced great difficulty in getting men in the Pieman district, he having had to bring men with him from Bischoff. Good practical men cannot be got under £2 10s to £3 a week. He has let everything under contract. He had expected to find everything requisite for carrying on work at the local stores, but at the time of writing was quite out of powder for blasting, and had to send two men to Bischoff to procure both powder and fuse. There is not a man to be got on the Pieman to work on wages at any price, as all the men are out prospecting for gold on their own account, and will not accept work. At the time of writing, he states, they had driven through a very fine leader, and further states that he has never seen a better looking country for gold than that in which he is. The reef is about 14in. wide, and Mr Goldsworthy states that he has every reason to believe that a large body of gold-bearing stone is ahead of them. Also during his prospecting researches he discovered a fine piece of ground not far away from the company's claim, which he considers much better looking country, and on which he has discovered a reef which would, he believes, be well worth trying. It is about 18in. wide.