

GOLD.

We were yesterday shown some nice samples of gold found about eight miles from Table Cape near a tributary of the River Hellyer. They were brought to town by Adye Douglas Esq. The gold is coarse and scaly, of rich quality, and in appearance bears a great resemblance to the smooth flatted gold found at the Pieman. One of the pieces weighed one and three quarter ounces. We understand that the country where the gold was taken from is very rough, but it is evidently well worth prospecting.

A call, the sixth, of 6d per share has been made in the United Chums Co., payable on 8th December.

A list is published of shares in the Star of Beaconsfield Co., which have been forfeited for non-payment of calls, and will be sold by Messrs Hartnoll and Ferguson, on 7th inst., without reserve.

Mr Shirley notifies that transfers from him in the Rising Star Co. will be sold if not lodged before 8th inst.

The mining manager of the East Golden Era Company, who was in town yesterday, received a telegram to the effect that stone had been cut in the drive. He left for Lefroy last evening to inspect the new find, and will telegraph full information to-morrow.

The directors of the West Chum Extended have ordered from Melbourne a new engine and boiler, which will be erected at once on the Company's claim, Lefroy. Application is invited up to Wednesday next for a competent quartz mining manager, and notice is given to defaulting shareholders that all shares upon which calls remain unpaid on Wednesday next will be forfeited and sold by auction.

A tender has been accepted by the directors of the Great Extended West Chum for the sinking of a main shaft 10ft x 3ft 6in in the clear.

A telegram was received in town yesterday from the mining manager of the Who Can Tell claim, Salisbury, to the effect that a heavy body of water had been struck that morning.

A meeting of promoters of the Strachan Company was held at the office of Messrs. Collins and Unsworth yesterday, Mr F. Pan'ou in the chair. It was decided that the capital of the Company should be £12,000, in £1 shares issued as paid up to 10s. Mr F. R. Unsworth was appointed legal manager, and the rules and regulations of the Rob Roy Company were adopted as those of the Strachan Company with the necessary amendment. The following directors were elected:—Messrs. T. Hogg, J. Doyle, B. Hart, R. Harris, D. Collins, W. Fletcher, and T. Carr. Messrs. N. Westman and A. Haywood were appointed auditors.

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BEACONSFIELD.

Tasmania—Dec. 1—At open cutting, reef is 45ft wide, showing good gold; the stone in stopes and levels shows fair gold, good progress being made with the erection of engine at Golden Gate, also with laying of new tramway.

Florence Nightingale—Dec. 1—Water lowered down to 15ft below No. 2 level. Dally's United, water lowered 7in since yesterday. The mining manager wired this afternoon, water lowered to-day 5ft, and at Dally's 9in.

LEFROY.

New Native Youth—Dec. 1—Have an improvement in the western level, ground getting softer; the stone is getting larger, and showing a little gold, the north drive continuing about same; am rising on it; also putting up rise in the western level.

New Chum—Dec. 1—The reef where struck is a foot wide. The mining manager has got squared up and started to drive in it east and west, and expects the stone will soon open out.

BACK CREEK.

East Try Again.—Dec. 1—I made inquiries according to instructions, and find that sinking the shaft by wages will be cheaper than by contract. I therefore started sinking a new shaft on Monday morning, about 50ft N.E. of the No 2 shaft, so that when the reef is struck it will be handy to connect with the present workings. I think we shall be able to sink 50ft or 60ft before we open out, and then it will look more like work than working at such a shallow level. I have to report

that the drive has been driven 5ft for the week, making a total of 33ft from the cross-cut. The reef was 3ft thick when we ceased operations. The new shaft has been sunk 10ft, logged, and a windlass erected.