

## MINING NEWS.

### GOLD.

A correspondent at Lisle, who has been resident there for a considerable time, and who has a large mining experience, writes as follows:—"As an old Victorian miner of some 20 years standing, and a digger on Lisle for the last three years, it has often been a matter of surprise to me that no capitalist or mining speculators had turned their attention to this goldfield as a valuable one for the investment of capital, considering that its alluvial deposits have been the richest found in the colony, seeing that where such is the case rich reefs must necessarily occur. I am happy, however, to say that this long neglected but valuable field is at last attracting public attention, and that the decadence of Lisle is at an end, and the days of prosperity are about to beam upon it, for I notice that the whole of the Eastern Range, commencing from above Wheeler's claim to below the gorge, a distance of a mile and a half, has been taken up, and many of the claims are being worked with system and energy. The last claim taken up on this line is the City of Hobart, a valuable selection, as good and unmistakably reef gold has been traced into the western boundary. It is bounded on the north by the Defiance Gold Mining Company, a claim of very great promise. The approach and timber for the first 100ft in the cutting are now being prepared, and after the Christmas and new year holidays tunnelling will commence.

The following telegram was received today by Mr F. Cobham, from the mining manager of Blyth's Freehold Gold Mining Company:—"Struck stone in rise, lode small, with fair prospect of gold."

All shares in the Pactolus Company, on which the call is not paid by to-morrow, will be absolutely forfeited.

A general meeting of shareholders in the Star of the West Company will be held at the office of the manager, Mr A. Reid, at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

Mining managers report as under:—

#### BRACONSFIELD.

*Leviathan*.—Dec. 27—I resumed the sinking of the winze this morning, and am happy to inform you that the reef continues to look well. It is about 2ft 6in in width, with good prospects. I have also driven 18ft west on course of reef, where it also continues to look well, and I consider the prospects better than when we first cut it.

*Rising Sun*.—Dec. 26—I have to report that the driving in the tunnel is still improving. The contractors have driven 18ft for the week. I think 70ft more will bring us to the main lode.

#### SALISBURY.

*Pactolus*.—Dec. 24—The tunnel has been driven a further distance of 25ft, making a total of 299ft from the mouth. Should the ground continue as favourable as at present, we ought to strike the lode in the first week in January, 1882.

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#### PANAMA.

*Hokitika*.—Dec. 25—In one of my reports written about five or six weeks ago, I mentioned that I had cut a leader or rather a bunch of stone in the roof of the tunnel, and that I intended prospecting it before the Christmas holidays. I have done so during the week. I have put a cross drive from the tunnel north 12ft, south 32ft, total 44ft. I have also rose on it for 18ft, and stoped on it 25ft. I have got no prospects from any stone that I have tried from the above-mentioned workings. We have also sunk the shaft a depth of 28ft; total depth for the fortnight 46ft, of this 43ft is composed of alluvial deposit, so that at the date of writing this letter I am only 3ft in the granite.

#### LEFROY.

*New Chum*.—Dec. 25—The mine is looking very well, for the week have driven west at No. 2 level 10ft, reef 2ft 6in wide showing fair gold, also the stone in the stopes. At No. 2 level is showing gold freely. Have driven west 8ft, reef 1ft wide, the eastern level driven 6ft, reef 3ft wide.

*West New Chum*.—Dec. 25—During the week the shaft has been pushed on with, and I am now engaged opening at the back of the chamber, and will soon be ready for the opening sets. The west drive is in 256ft from the cross-cut. The ground is more favourable for the last few feet. The stopes are looking as well as last reported. The battery engine and boiler are having an overhaul.

*Band of Hope*.—Dec. 24—Since last report the shaft has been sunk and timbered off 16ft, making a total from the surface of 86ft. During the last 12ft there has been a great change in the ground, almost all the spurs running vertically, and being well charged with mundic and galena. There is a strong flaking off to the south of the shaft, with an underlay of about 1ft in 6ft. My opinion is that this will form the main back of the channel of country which the lode will traverse. The true course of this south wall is one point north of east and south of west. I am also of opinion that the lode will lay on the foot wall side of this channel of country. North of the shaft there has not been any increase of water for the past week, but the ground is still very troublesome. There is great difficulty in keeping the timber true with the shaft. The horses will be started on Tuesday next to keep down the water, so that the men will be enabled to commence working in the shaft on Wednesday morning. From indications I hope, ere long, to report something pleasant to the shareholders.—*Mercury*.

*Pinafore*.—Dec. 20—During the past week 21ft have been driven in the cross-cut, making the total distance from the shaft 350ft. No change to report. The leaders met with are mixed with slate and sandstone.—*Mercury*.