

**GOLD.**

The manager and most of the directors proceeded to Beaconsfield on Thursday and yesterday to be present at the cleaning up from a crushing of the Tasmania Company. A telegram received last evening stated that 1550 tons quartz had been put through the Tasmania Co's battery, and the amalgam obtained was— from plates and ripples 2,870z, from boxes 2925oz, making a total of 5512oz, which had not been retorted when the Telegraph-office closed. The result of the crushing will therefore not be known till to-day, but it may be safely predicted at over 1800oz gold. From the usual crushing of alluvial at King and Eastman's battery 261oz amalgam were obtained. The gold will be brought up to town to-day, but the directors, having a quorum present, held a meeting at Beaconsfield last evening, and declared a dividend (the 30th) of 3s per 30,000th share, payable at the office of Mr R. H. Price to-day. The last cleaning up took place on 2nd inst., and the last dividend was declared on 7th inst., so that the directors have run a short crushing to give the shareholders a New Year's gift. The total amount of this dividend is £4500, and the tax payable on it £168 15s. The Company have now declared in 39 dividends a total of £160,250, or equal to £53 5s per share on the old issue, and making 15s per share paid since the increase of the capital from 3000 to 30,000 shares.

The application for registration of the Great Leviathan Company, Beaconsfield, appears in another column. This Company is floated on the claim formerly known as the No. 1 West Tasmania (Quigley's lease), and was got off in a few hours yesterday forenoon. At a meeting held in the afternoon, at the office of Mr H. J. Dean, it was decided that the capital should be 18,000 shares of 5s each, 3000 of which, fully paid up, are retained by the promoters. Messrs H. J. Dean, C. H. Bromby, A. Corrie, J. Ritchie, and J. L. Newbury were elected directors, Mr Newell Harper was appointed manager, and Messrs N. Weetman and H. C. Littler auditors.

The prospectus is issued by the Bonanza Company, which it is proposed to form to work a ten acre section at Beaconsfield lately held by the Corio Company, and adjoining the Tasmania and Leviathan Companies claims. Ten thousand out of 20,000 shares are offered to the public at 3s on application, and £750 of the proceeds will be placed to the credit of the Company. Messrs H. Turner and F. Cobham are the brokers.

Legal proceedings will be taken against all shareholders in the Exhibition Company whose calls are not paid by 7th January.

Mining managers report as under :—

**BEACONSFIELD.**

*Cosmopolitan*.—Dec. 29—Our leaders two inches thick, tried prospects and got colour gold from each, this is encouraging. The lode in the Leviathan is not sufficiently driven upon yet to enable me to form an opinion as to how far our interests may be affected thereby.

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**LEPROY.**

*West New Chron.*—Dec. 2—I started the battery at four this afternoon, it is working well.