

GOLD.

The s.s. Mangana which left for Melbourne on Saturday, took 38 ounces of gold, valued at £150 shipped by the Bank of Van Diemen's Land. This item did not appear upon the vessel's manifest.

A meeting of holders of interests in the Blue Bell claim, Mussel Roe, was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of forming a company. Mr Jno. M'Kenzie, occupied the chair. It was resolved to call the company the Blue Bell, the capital to be £20,000 in £1 shares, issued as paid up to 10s. Mr O. Meredith was appointed manager, and Messrs D. Campbell, Jno. M'Kenzie, H. W. Douglas, Jas. Walden, Allan MacKinnon, Jas. Dee, and W. Gurr directors; the qualification of directors to be 100 shares. The scale of voting was fixed at one vote per share up to 500 shares, then one vote for each additional 50 shares. Messrs G. P. Hudson and D. Cocker were appointed auditors, and the rules of the Royal Tasman Co. were adopted with the necessary alterations. Mr H. W. Douglas made a statement with reference to the battery which had been purchased for the company. Three gentlemen had obtained the 10-head battery at Mathinna formerly owned by the Ben Lomond Co., and had entered into a contract for its removal to Launceston. The contract was being satisfactorily carried out, and a portion of the plant was now at the Corners. On arrival in Launceston it would be taken by the Avon and landed on the east side of Ringarooma Bay for removal to the claim. The battery was almost a new one, having been made by Salisbury and Armstrong. It had engine power sufficient to work 15-head, and do the pumping. It had as yet only crushed 170 tons of stone.

We are informed that the rough scraping of the plates at the battery of the Queensland Company, Golconda, for their first crushing now in progress gave 82 ounces of amalgam, the quantity of stone put through during the week being 60 tons.

An extraordinary meeting of share holders in the Star of the South Co. will be held at the Mechanics' Institute this evening, to consider the desirableness or otherwise of an amalgamation with the Tasmania Extended Co.

The general meeting of shareholders in the New Chum Co. will be held this evening.

The first general meeting of shareholders in the Chance Co. will be held this afternoon.

At a meeting of directors of the Royal Mint Co. on Saturday evening, it was decided to order at once a 15 head battery with a 20-inch cylinder engine, and also a

cided to order at once a 15-head battery with a 20-inch cylinder engine, and also a 24ft. boiler. The directors who visited the claim at North Mount Cameron recently consider that a tunnel should be put in and a battery erected without delay.

Applications are made to register the South Mint, Caledonian, Royal Standard and Grand Flaneur Companies.

A call of twopence per share has been made in the Nine-Mile Springs Miners' Prospecting Association.

Promoters' shares in the East Royal Standard Company are offered for sale by Mr Henry Turner, agent for the promoters. The claim consists of three sections equal to 30 acres. £500 is to be applied for prospecting the ground and fifty out of one hundred shares are to be sold at £20 each. It is stated that about fifteen shares remain on hand, and early application is necessary.

The half-yearly meeting of the Alpine Company will be held at Hobart this evening.

The directors of the Albion Company have decided to at once commence mining operations on the claim at Beaconsfield. They intend to sink a working shaft to a depth of 150ft., and then open out and drive for the reef struck on Blyth's Freehold. A call of threepence per share has been made on the shares in the Company, payable on Thursday, the 8th inst.

ANOTHER CRUSHING FROM BEACONSFIELD.

—TWO CASKS GOLD WEIGHING 1638ozs. 2dwts. VALUE, £6142 17s 6d.

The cleaning up of the four weeks' crushing at the Tasmania battery took place on Friday, and the gold was brought to town on Saturday evening and lodged in the Commercial Bank. Forty-five head of the battery had been crushing for the Tasmania, and five for the Golden Gate Company. For the Tasmania 1450 tons of stone had been put through, producing 3793 ounces amalgam, of which 1675oz was from the plates and ripples, and 2116oz from the boxes. This when retorted yielded 1549 ounces 12dwts of gold, valued at £5811, the average being 1 ounce 2dwts 1½grs to the ton. For the Golden Gate Company, 144 tons of stone were crushed,

yielding 220½ ounces amalgam, 106 ounces being from the boxes, and 114½ from the plates and ripples. This gave 88 ounces 10dwts retorted gold, valued at £331 17s 6d, the average being 12dwts 7grs to the ton. The battery was started crushing again on Friday evening, forty head being for the Tasmania, five head for the Golden Gate, and five head for the Florence Nightingale. The mine is still continuing to look well, gold to be seen

continuing to look well, gold to be seen in every face. At the upper tunnel in the eastern stop the reef is 30ft. wide, showing splendid gold in the whole of the face. The lower tunnel is being pushed on in the direction of this stone. This tunnel is now in about 1600ft. from the entrance. The mine is now well opened out in both tunnels, and any quantity of stone is at command. The directors have entered into arrangements with Messrs King and Eastman to crush the alluvial on the Tasmania claim at their battery.

The directors of the Tasmania Company met on Saturday evening, and declared a dividend of £1 2s 6d per share, free of dividend tax. The amount payable in dividends is £3375, and is the 29th dividend that has been declared by the Company. A total amount of £102,503 has been paid away in dividends since the Company commenced operations, or £38 per share. The tax payable upon the present dividend is £126 11s 3d.

NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

New Chum.—A telegram received by the manager from the battery manager on Saturday reported that 170 tons of quartz had been crushed, and the quantity of amalgam obtained from plates and ripples was 804oz.

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Florence Nightingale.—The reef in the western level is 3ft 6in wide, and in the eastern level, 3ft 2in wide; the stone is showing gold freely. Seventy tons of stone are in the hopper and delivered at the Tasmania battery, five head of which commenced crushing for this company on Friday night. The machinery is working well.

BLUE TIER.

Blue Tier.—The mining manager, writing to town under date Feb. 25, states that he has got a reef with about 8ft of solid stone in the face. It is not very rich, but there is a little fine gold right through the whole thickness of it, and at times very fair prospects are obtained.