

GOLD.

A mining manager is wanted for the Golden Age Company, North Mount Cameron.

A meeting of shareholders in M'Donald's lease will be held at Captain T. H. Urquhart's office, Patterson-street, at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

The adjourned general meeting of shareholders in the Olive Branch Company will be held at Mr Corrie's office at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

Application is made to register the Prince Consort Company, Beaconsfield.

The prospectus of the South Queensland Company is published. The Company is formed to work 23½ acres situated at Mount Wilson, Golconda goldfield, upon which the Queensland reef has been cut, and at a trial crushing 13 tons yielded 8½dwts. gold to the ton. Out of one hundred promoters' shares fifty are offered to the public at £12 10s each, out of the proceeds of which £225 will be placed to the credit of the Company.

The p.s. Avon, which arrived yesterday from Ringarooma port, brought up a box of specimens from the reef in the Imperial Co.'s claim (Creelman's lease), which can be seen at the manager's office. A passenger informs us that some excitement exists over the North Tasman Co., in consequence of the second reef found on the Royal Tasman claim being proved near the former's boundary, and evidently running into it.

NINE MILE SPRINGS.

Prince of Wales.—The mining manager reports striking gold in the reef 20ft from the level, and about 20ft east of Davis's old workings. The stone is small at present, but gives very good prospects of gold both by washing the loose rubble and also by crushing the stone. A sample of the quartz has been forwarded to town, and can be seen at the office of the manager, Mr J. R. Kemp.

New Chum.—Mr R. H. Price received a telegram from the battery manager on Saturday evening, reporting about 160 tons quartz crushed for the week, giving a return of 518oz amalgam from plates and ripples.

Golden Era.—The mining manager reports the reef in the stopes continues about the same. He will again commence driving the levels to-day (Monday).

West New Chum.—The mining manager telegraphed on Saturday that he had crushed 107 tons stone during the week, and had scraped 275 ozs. amalgam from the plates and ripples.

Pinafore.—The mining manager reports on 23rd inst. :—"There has been a cross-cut driven south 41ft., through a stiff sandstone country. I have also opened out north of the shaft, and struck track of reef 4ft. from the side of the shaft, carrying some pyrites, but no gold as yet."

There is only 10ft. driven on it as yet. Since the directors visited the mine there is a decided improvement, the reef now being 6in. wide. I will continue to drive on for some distance, and if the track continues, it would be advisable to go a little farther north, and sink a fair prospecting shaft, and timber it up."—*Mercury.*

AVOCA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The tin and gold fever are still raging, and we are getting quite into the legitimate business re mining affairs, as to-day a claim (gold) has been jumped not far from the township. Prospectors are out in every direction, and no doubt we shall soon hear of other finds. The prospectors at Ben Lomond have until now experienced some difficulty in getting supplies, but Mr C. R. Foster has started a store there, and Mr Miller follows suit to-morrow; the road is a good one from Avoca, so there will not be much difficulty in getting their stores up. A butcher's shop and bakery are also to be erected. Visitors are very numerous, and our little township wears quite an air of business.