

**GOLD.**

A private letter was received yesterday from a reliable source, stating that the reef had been struck in Blyth's Freehold at a distance of 20ft from the winze. The reef is two and a half feet wide, with splendid walls, and shows gold freely. There was a large demand for shares as soon as the news became known, and prices manifested a considerable advance. The legal manager has received no news from the mine, and he supposes that the mining manager is on his way to town with the intelligence.

Some samples of stone from the Royal Treasury reef at the Denison, which were brought to town on Tuesday by Mr D. Room, were on view yesterday at Messrs Hatton and Laws's, and attracted considerable attention. The stone was broken off by Mr Room at a depth of 8ft, and 1½ lbs roughly crushed yielded 4 grs of gold or at the rate of 12 ozs 9 dwt per ton. The gold is coarse and very rich. We are informed that it is intended to sink to a depth of 30ft, and arrangements have been made with the Queensland Company for a trial crushing of 25 tons, to be made at their battery as soon as that quantity of stone has been got out of the mine.

The first call, of 3d per share, has been made on the shares of the United Chums Co., payable on Tuesday next. The manager invites tenders for sinking a main shaft in the claim, to a depth of 200ft.

The following mining meetings are advertised for to-day:—Prince of Wales Co, at 8 p.m.; Duke of Argyle, at 7:30 p.m.; Mount Willson Co., at 5 p.m.; Ilfracombe Co., at 7:30 p.m.; West Chum Extended, at 8 p.m.

A call (the first of threepence per share) has been made on the shares in the Progress Company, due and payable on Wednesday next, April 6th.

A call (the first) of one shilling per share has been made on the shares of the Star of the West Company, Minnow River, due and payable on Monday, 4th prox.

**BEACONSFIELD.**

*Little Wonder.*—The mining manager reports under date March 29, that he has sunk 29 feet, making a total depth of 163 feet. No water has been met with, and he expects to get considerably lower without meeting water.

*Florence Nightingale.*—The mining manager writes under date the 30th inst.:—There is no change to report in the mine. The stone continues about the same size and quality. I hope to connect the rise and winze to-day.

*Tasmania.*—The mining manager reports under date the 30th inst.:—The stone in the lower tunnel is 11 feet wide, and still shows good gold.

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*Enfield.*—The mining manager reports under date March 29:—I have made a start to sink on the stone that was cut in the cross-cut. I think it would be as well to sink about 30ft or 40ft, and drive on it for a little. The stone has made a little bit more solid, and there seems to be a very nice footwall making it now of soft slate.

*Victoria.*—The mining manager reports under date the 28th inst.:—The tunnel is in about 540ft. We have got a deal more water since last report. The water ceased flowing from the old tunnel on Saturday, so we are draining the reef. Mr Hicks is getting on well with his work.

*Blue Tier.*—The mining manager writes under date the 29th inst.:—The battery did not start work again until Monday evening, and is now crushing the three shifts. I expect to clean up on Thursday.

**BACK CREEK.**

*Deep Lead.*—The mining manager, writing on 26th inst., reports that the shaft is down 36ft, and timbered up. The engineers have [the poppet legs fitted, ready for putting up, and have been erecting blacksmith's shop. A contract has been accepted for the cartage of a ten h.p. portable engine, winding gear, and other appliances from Launceston to the Company's claim, and the contractor is to start in a day or two.

**NINE-MILE SPRINGS.**

*Band of Hope.*—The mining manager reports under date March 26:—“During the week the men have been engaged driving south, but with no success as yet. I expect to drive some distance further before meeting with any stone, as all the leaders previously cut underlay to the south.”—*Mercury.*

*Pinafore.*—The mining manager reports under date March 26:—“Since my last the men have continued the drive south, and have cut numerous quartz leaders, and I thought it best to continue this drive a little further to see if there is a show for another reef, before determining the position of the deep shaft. If I should be fortunate to strike a reef further to the south, I will then put a shaft down to prospect the two.”—*Ibid.*