

## GOLD.

The p.s. Avon, which arrived yesterday from Ringarooma Port, brought between twenty and thirty passengers, from one of whom we have received the following particulars as to mining operations in that district. During Monday and Tuesday last heavy rains fell, causing the Ringarooma river to rise from 8ft to 10ft, completely cutting off all communication with the Mussel Roe district, and causing the want of the promised bridge to be severely felt. At the Mussel Roe, the Blue Bell Co. have their machinery on the ground, and are about erecting it and sinking a main shaft on the claim. The Grand Flaneur Co. have called for tenders for sinking a main shaft to a depth of 100ft between their two reefs. These reefs are in a hill; one is 12ft. and the other about 2ft. wide, with about 30ft. of sandstone between them, and as everything between the extreme outside walls of the two reefs carries gold, many persons are of opinion it would pay the Company best to make an open face in the hill side, erect a battery, and pass everything—reefs, walls, and intervening sandstone—through the battery, as it all carries more or less gold, and it is thought would average from 4dwts. to 6dwts. to the ton. At the Imperial Company active operations have been commenced. In the vicinity of the track between the Mussel Roe and North Mount Cameron, and about a mile eastward of the Ringarooma, prospectors have been finding surface specimens and pegging out claims, so that the area of the gold-field is widening, though its real value has been but little tested. At North Mount Cameron there is little to add to what has already appeared in print. On Dally's lease (Grand Centre Company) what appears to be the cap of a reef, between 4ft. and 5ft. wide, has been bared in a cross-cut, and they are now cutting into it. Gold can be obtained from the rubble and by crushing, but the manager is chary of giving any particulars till he has further tested the discovery. Pyke and party are cross-cutting upon their claim, which is to the north of Mount Cameron Creek, and in untried country. They have cut what is believed to be a reef over 4ft wide, carrying gold, and are now opening out upon it. Operation have been commenced on No. 1 North Standard, the mining manager having arrived by the last trip of the Avon. On the North Tasman Company, the mining manager has been cross-cutting for the second reef found in the Royal Tasman claim, and though there is more surface soil above it than he anticipated, he has found indications that the reef is underfoot.

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meeting of shareholders in the East Royal Standard Co., North Mount Cameron, will be held on Thursday evening for the formation of the company, adoption of rules, etc. The company is being formed to work three ten acre sections at North Mount Cameron to the eastward of the Royal Standard Co.'s claim.

A private letter was received in town on Saturday from North Mount Cameron, to the effect that the prospectors had got gold bearing stone in the Grand Centre claim.

By the a.s. Flinders, on Saturday, a similar boiler to the one recently imported

for the New Chum Co. was received for the Florence Nightingale Co., Beaconsfield.

The ketch Warhawk, with the crushing plant for the Royal Tasman Co., arrived at Ringarooma Port on Thursday, and was expected to be at the landing place next day. No time will be lost in getting the machinery on to the claim.

An amalgamation has been effected between the parties holding alluvial claims on the line of the rich reef recently discovered at Back Creek, and three sections applied for lease by Messrs Jas. Birkett, T. Adams, and Ellis, comprising 15 acres in all, thrown into one property, to work which a company, called the Try Again Company, has been quietly formed. Fifty out of 100 promoters' shares were offered to the public on Saturday morning at £50 each, £1000 of the proceeds to be placed to the credit of the company. The 50 shares were immediately taken up, and by Saturday afternoon were at a heavy premium. Mr Henry Edgell is the secretary, and a meeting of the shareholders will be held on Thursday next for the formation of a company. We may state that it will be the first company formed in Tasmania under the "No Liability Act" passed last session, the value of which is not yet properly understood here. Purchasers of promoters' shares are desired to call for their certificates at the secretary's office without delay.

The directors of the Lefroy Company, Beaconsfield, have accepted a tender for the sinking of the main shaft, 12ft x 6ft in the clear for the first 150ft, and they intend to sink to a depth of 300ft to 400ft before opening out. The mining manager, Mr Daniel, proceeds to South Australia, via Melbourne, on Tuesday, to inspect and report on machinery under offer suitable for this claim. The contractors will start sinking the shaft to-day, under the supervision of Mr R. Swainston.

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**LAMOND** on Saturday from North Mount Cameron, states that the reef in the South Royal Standard Co.'s claim has widened out to 21ft, carrying good gold throughout.

**FURTHER CRUSHINGS FROM BEACONSFIELD,**  
3874 OUNCES GOLD, VALUE £14,528.

The directors and manager of the Tasmania and Florence Nightingale Companies proceeded to Beaconsfield on Friday, to be present at the cleaning up of the crushing at the Tasmania Co.'s battery from the Tasmania, Florence Nightingale, and Golden Gate claims, and returned to town on Saturday evening with the result, amounting to no less than 2cwt. 1qr. 16lbs. retorted gold, value £14,528. The cakes from the Tasmania and Golden Gate were lodged in the Commercial Bank, and that from the Florence Nightingale in the Bank of Van Diemen's Land. The particulars of the crushings are as follow:—

The Tasmania Company crushed 1690 tons stone, and obtained 7858oz. amalgam (4908oz. from boxes and 2950oz. from plates and ripples), which yielded 3422oz. 2dwts. retorted gold, value £12,832 10s, giving an average yield of 2oz. 12½grs. to the ton.

The Florence Nightingale Co. crushed 153 tons stone, and obtained 837oz. amalgam (321oz. from boxes, and 516oz. from plates and ripples), which yielded 346oz. retorted gold, value £1297 10s, giving an average yield of 2oz. 5dwts 5½grs to the ton.

The Golden Gate Co. crushed 192 tons stone, and obtained 175oz. amalgam (90oz. from boxes, and 85 from plates and ripples), which yielded 69oz. 3dwts retorted gold, value £269 18s, giving an average of 7dwts 4½grs to the ton.

In addition to these crushings of quartz, a crushing for thirteen days, at King and Eastman's battery, of alluvial wash from the Tasmania Co.'s claim yielded 36oz. 15dwts 14grs gold.

The Tasmania battery resumed crushing on Friday evening, 40-head being employed for the Tasmania Company, and 10-head for the Florence Nightingale Company.

#### NORTH MOUNT CAMERON.

**Royal Tasman.** — Mr Anderson mining manager writing under date Tuesday, March 29, reports that rain has been falling nearly all the time since his return to the claim. The War Hawk with the machinery on board had not arrived at the port up to date, so far as he knew, but westerly winds had prevailed for three days, and this would be favourable for her. He had sent poles down to the port to lift the boiler, and would go down himself to see all the goods landed in good order. He adds:—"I have made an inspection this day of the north shaft, and find it has been sunk to a depth of 50

feet it has been sunk to a depth of 50 feet from the surface. The average width of 5 feet has been maintained, and the reef has underlaid east into the hill about 5ft. (not a bad sign). The footwall is hard sandstone, and the hanging wall soft slate. I purpose starting a tunnel to cut the reef, and connect same to battery, when I get the machinery under way."

#### BEACONSFIELD.

**Albion.**—The mining manager reports that he has commenced active mining operations, and that the contractors are down 25ft with the shaft, which is being sunk on the Blyth's Freehold line of reef.

#### NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

**West New Chum.**—The mining manager telegraphed on Saturday that 180 tons stone had been crushed for the week, and 264 ounces amalgam scraped from the plates and ripples.

**New Chum.**—The manager received a telegram from the battery manager on Saturday evening reporting that about 75 tons of quartz had been crushed for the week, with a return of 345 ounces amalgam from the plates and ripples.

#### BLUE TIER.

**Welcome.**—The mining manager writes, under date the 1st inst:—I started the prospecting shaft and sunk about 6ft, in which I found quartz of a similar nature to that of the Victoria's first crushing. Finding the country harder than I expected, I started an approach for a prospecting tunnel, with the view of prospecting more ground in less time. The result has justified the trial, as we have now for a considerable distance the same nature of ground they had in the Victoria tunnel, a kind of clay or rotten reef that forms their footwall. We having the exact similar country may confidently expect the same result.

**Enfield.**—The mining manager, under date March 31st, reports:—I have sunk 6ft on the stone, and find it becoming more defined as I go down. The formation that it is in looks well. It has a very nice slate footwall, but I shall have to cross it before I can say what sort of hanging wall it has, and I think it would be well to go down some distance before cross-cutting it.