

## GOLD.

The directors of the Golden Gate Co. have accepted the tender of the Tasmania Company for the purchase of the Golden Gate claim at Beaconsfield, together with the stores, tools, firewood, and the Company's interest in the plant, for the sum of £6000.

The s.s. Flinders, which sailed for Melbourne yesterday afternoon, took 896 ozs of gold, valued at £3600. Of this 696 ozs was forwarded by the Commercial Bank, and 200 ozs by the Bank of Van Diemen's Land.

A private letter from Gladstone, dated May 27th, states that all the timber arrived on the Royal Tasman claim on the previous Saturday, 21st May. Another flood had been experienced, and rain was still falling, but the dam and bywash had stood firmly. The writer says, there is now no difficulty in seeing gold in the stone in No. 2 shaft on the parallel reef—"there is no Pope about it."

A meeting of shareholders in the Just in Time claim, Back Creek, was held at the office of Mr A. Reid last evening, Mr T. Hogg in the chair. It was resolved to form a company under the name of the Just in Time Company, with a capital of £10,000 in ten thousand £1 shares. The rules of the Deep Lead Co. with the necessary alterations were adopted, and Messrs A. Webster, T. Hogg, H. W. Douglas, J. McCrackan, J. Reid, J. Clark, and F. Dynan were elected directors; Mr Graeme A. Fulton was appointed manager, and Messrs N. Weetman and A. Hayward auditors.

Applications are made to register the Mount Cameron and Ringarooma Companies, Mount Cameron.

Shareholders in the Little Wonder Co. are requested to pay up their calls and save legal proceedings.

A first and second contribution have been made upon the shares in the Laura Reefs Co., now being wound up, payable at the office of Mr J. F. Hobkirk, up to 15th June, after which date legal proceedings will be taken.

## NORTH MOUNT CAMERON.

*North Extended Tasman.*—The mining manager reports on 27th instant:—The shaft has been sunk a further depth of 19ft, making a total depth of 28ft. The sinking is hard, and having cut heavy water I am opening out at 25ft, leaving 3ft for a well. Several leaders two and three inches wide have been cut in the shaft, charged with pyrites. The sandstone has a regular formation, with seams of blue slate alongside the leaders.

*Golden Age.*—The mining manager, under date 27th May, reports:—The level is now driven 23 feet from the shaft, and the stone on the hanging wall side of the reef is of good appearance. The shaft

and the stone on the hanging wall side of the reef is of good appearance. The shaft is now sunk 61 feet from the surface and timbered. The water is getting stronger, doubtless owing to the late heavy rains.

*North Tasman.*—The mining manager reports on 27th inst.:—I have nothing of importance to report this week. I have extended the tunnel 16ft, making its total length 361ft. The shaft on No. 2 reef has been sunk 10ft for the week, and I expect to cut the reef in it before long, as I am getting the same formation as the Royal Tasman did in sinking. In the tunnel I am getting more water and softer ground during the last few days.

*Royal Tasman.*—The mining manager reports on 28th inst.:—Since my last the tunnel has been extended 11ft, making its total length 70ft, and we are now close to the reef. On No. 2 reef the shaft is sunk and timbered 22ft; the reef is the same size, but showing more gold. The housing over the machinery is progressing well, considering the wet weather we have had.

*Progress.*—The mining manager reports on 27th inst.:—I have completed the cutting on the boundary of the Grand Centre without finding any indication of a reef, so I have now started sinking on one of the three leaders that I cut, as I am of opinion they will make into a large body of stone, and I have got a small prospect in one. I have sunk 8ft only, having been hindered by the wet weather.

*South Mint.*—The mining manager reports on 27th inst.:—The shaft is down 28ft, and partially slabbled to the bottom, but not close timbered, as the ground does not require it. It is only during the last three days that I have had two shifts at work, and when able to get two more men will put on three shifts. The weather during the week has been very boisterous, and I am told it has been worse than has been seen on the Mount for many seasons.

*Royal Standard.*—The mining manager reports on 27th inst.:—During the week the cross cut has been driven 5ft, making its total length 23ft. Here we cut the foot wall. I have sent a sectional plan of the reef to the office of the Company. I have driven south on the reef 4ft and north 3ft on the hanging wall side. You will receive per Avon samples of stone from the cross cut.

*Fly-by-Night.*—The mining manager reports on the 28th inst.:—I have sunk the shaft 11ft for the past week, making a total depth of 43ft from the surface. The country gone through is sandstone with quartz intermixed.

*Royal Mint.*—The mining manager, Mr J. G. Payne, reports under date the 27th inst.:—The tunnel has been extended 18ft for the past week, the total distance from entrance being now 75ft, and timbered 60ft. The country is hard

distance from entrance being now 75ft, and timbered 60ft. The country is hard sandstone. I have commenced the winze, have got it logged up and windlass fixed, and commenced sinking to-day. The reef at present is 4ft wide, with a good strong body of stone, and appears to widen as we sink. It is underlaying pretty sharp into the hill, consequently it will give us a greater height of backs from the tunnel. We are getting on well with our tramway cutting. I expect the whole of the machinery will be out to-night. We are getting the timber in for the engine houses, and Hicks's men are getting on with the excavations for piles.

#### MUSSEL ROE.

*Imperial.*—The mining manager reports on 27th instant:—We are continuing sinking No. 4 shaft, but the weather was so wet that I had to suspend sinking for five days this week. It has been blowing and raining nearly all the week, and the weather has only just taken up to-day.

*Blue Bell.*—The mining manager reports on 27th inst.:—"I have driven during the week 18ft—10ft west and 8ft east—making the west drive 22ft from the cross drive, and the east drive 18ft from the cross drive. There is very little change in the western drive during the week, but in the eastern drive the country is very much broken, leaders of quartz from 6in to 9in thick coming in from the head wall, intermixed with slate about three inches thick. There is about 18in

of quartz in this drive. The water is just the same as last reported." The contractor for the erection of the machinery reports on 27th inst.:—"The weather has been very wet and stormy, and this is the first fine day we have had this week. I am putting the stamper boxes on the piles and will have the horses up in a few days. The iron for the roof is landed at the Port, but not carted up to the mine yet."

#### BEACONSFIELD.

*Prince Consort.*—The contractors have started to work again at the extension of the drive, but I have nothing fresh to report for the week.

*Lefroy.*—The mining manager reports on the 28th inst.:—"I have finished the truck road for removing the mullock from the shaft. The contractors have sunk 13ft for the week, without any additional water in bottom of shaft. The directors have purchased a portable engine for winding, and will have it in position against the contractors have finished the contract they have taken."

*Little Wonder.*—The mining manager reports on 28th inst.:—"The shaft is down 203ft, and I am raising water at the rate

of 400 gallons per hour. The country is promising."

*Florence Nightingale.*—The mining manager writes on the 30th inst.:—"The stone in the stopes continues about the same as last report. I have driven the cross-cut 12ft, making a total length from shaft 24ft."

#### BLUE TIER.

*Gladstone.*—The manager reports on 28th inst.:—"The company will resume operations on Monday, the directors having decided to prospect the supposed Victoria lode, which was cut in the tunnel at a distance of about 50ft from the large reef. This supposed lode has in past reports been termed the "hard bar," and where cut in the tunnel is 16 or 17ft thick. It underlies to the eastward, and is rather flat, and in these respects is identical with the Victoria. The stone carries a good deal of pyrites, and a small piece crushed a few days ago gave a very good prospect of fine gold. Operations for the present will be confined to thoroughly testing this lode, and it will be driven along in the direction of the Victoria workings, and pricked occasionally to ascertain the quality of the stone. The work on the reef had to be given up for the present, the great influx of water in the winze and the foul air in the drive completely mastering the men."

#### LEFROY.

*East New Chum.*—The mining manager, under date 30th May, reports:—"I have extended the south drive 8 feet for the week, making 71 feet from shaft. The ground still continues hard. The north drive is driven a further distance of 5 feet, making a total of 94 feet from shaft."

*East New Chum Extended.*—The mining manager, under date 28th May, reports:—"I have extended the drive 6 feet for the week, making the total distance driven from shaft 35 feet. There is no change since the last report, except that the water is increasing."

*United Chum.*—The contractors are down with the main shaft 38 feet, and have timbered 35 feet. They have had a hard sandstone bar to contend with, but have good ground in the bottom of the shaft.

*Golden Era.*—The mining manager reports on 30th inst. that the shaft is down from last level 60ft, and the water increasing. After sinking a few more feet he will open out.

*West Chum Extended.*—The mining manager reports on the 30th inst.:—"I have driven 12ft west for the week, making a total distance of 69ft. The ground came in hard and cut the reef clean out, but it showed again on Saturday in the top of the drive, with softer ground, and water coming very freely. I started the eastern level in the middle of the week,

eastern level in the middle of the week, and have driven 6ft, making a total of 61ft. The cross course that is in this level is coming round again. I am still raising stone from the stopes, and have about 8in of solid stone, showing gold, and about 6in of rubble alongside of it.

*East Golden Era.*—The mining manager reports on 29th inst.:—I have sunk the shaft a further distance of 9ft, making a total depth of 103ft from surface; country more settled, composed entirely of slate. I was obliged to discontinue all work on Thursday night, owing to one of the horses knocking up.

*West New Chum.*—The mining manager reports on 30th inst.:—During the week No. 3 cross-cut has been driven 1ft, making a total distance from shaft of 63ft. The ground is still very hard. The shaft men are still preparing to fix the plunger. I am still stoping the reef between No. 1 and No. 2 levels; the quartz is small. The winze in No. 2 level is down 21ft. The boiler is nearly built in.

*Caledonian.*—The mining manager reports on 30th inst.:—During the week I have extended the drive west three feet. There is a little change in the ground, but the lode is the same as last reported. I have risen up 19ft against No. 2 shaft, the lode being 18in wide. No. 2 shaft has been sunk 8ft in the past week, and I expect to connect it with the rise in a day or two. After that is done I shall put the men to drive on the run of gold, and drive east and west. I started the whip last Saturday, and it is in good working order.

*Chance.*—The mining manager reports on 28th inst. that the shaft is sunk to the required depth of 156ft from the surface, and he has opened out north and south at the 150ft level, which will give 86ft of solid ground between the levels. He has got in two opening sets of timber, and has driven on the south side for another set, which will be put in on Saturday. He will have both chambers finished this week, being now able to drive each way. The ground seems to be somewhat harder in the drive than they had in sinking the shaft.

*Great Extended West Chum.*—The mining manager reports on the 30th inst.:—I have sunk the shaft 10ft for the week, making a total depth of 154ft. The country is hard, but I expect a change soon. There is some stone coming in the shaft and the water is not much trouble.

*New Chum.*—The mining manager writes, under date the 30th inst.:—I am happy to say that the mine is looking much better than it did last week, all the faces showing good gold. The total length of the western level is 30ft, reef 3ft wide; the eastern level is in 29ft, reef 2ft 6in; depth of eastern winze 28ft, reef 3ft wide; the western winze is down

reef 3ft wide; the western winze is down 16ft, reef 4ft 6in; depth of shaft 44ft.

*Queen's Birthday.*—The mining manager writes on the 28th:—Since last report I have driven the eastern drive 16ft, making a total length of 141ft. The reef for the past week has been about 14in wide, and also well defined. I tried several dishes from the rubble of the reef, which gave a fair prospect of fine gold, but have not seen any gold in the solid stone. The length of reef I have driven through is about 185ft, and there has only been one break in the lode, and that was thrown by a strong horse of ground from the south wall. The water has got a little more troublesome for the last two shifts, and I think it impossible to sink the shaft any deeper without machinery.

#### GOLCONDA.

*Queenland.*—The mining manager reports on 28th inst.:—I commenced on

Thursday to clear the road for the company's tram, and find the steepest natural gradient is 2ft in 12ft for about 240ft. This I intend reducing, but have not yet determined how much. The remaining gradients will not exceed 1ft to 1ft 6in in 12ft.

#### BACK CREEK.

*Deep Lead.*—The mining manager reports on 28th inst.:—We are now down 87ft with the shaft. At 16ft we came into a change of country, from sandy drift and timber to a close grained basalt of a soft nature, quite distinct from the basaltic clay met with from near the surface to 50ft. It is very similar in appearance to some of the basalt in parts of the Black Lead, at Gulgong, in New South Wales. We have three shifts on, and the water is getting rather heavy for hand labour, but I anticipate we will be able to get down another 10ft without the engine. The engine is bedded, and the engineer is now engaged with the horses for the winding gear, and if the weather permits expects to have it finished in about ten days.

*Try Again.*—The mining manager reports on the 28th inst. that he has sunk 10ft during the past week and slabbled up, making a total depth from trace of 33ft. They are going through very promising-looking country, slate mixed with quartz leaders, from two of which he has obtained fine gold. The run of the leaders is north and south, which he believes will run into the reef. The country is getting harder, and more water is making. They have logged up and covered over the brace.

*All Nations.*—The mining manager reports on 28th inst. that the shaft has been sunk during the past fortnight 22ft,

ports on 20th inst. since the shaft has been sunk during the past fortnight 22ft, making a total of 46ft from surface, and all timbered. The country for the last 15ft is a blue soft sandstone, mixed with small slate bands and quartz leaders, dipping S.E. He is of opinion that the ground looks well for a payable body of quartz, and should the reef be cut in similar ground there is good reason to expect it of a rich quality.

*Holdfast.*—The mining manager reports on 28th inst. that he has sunk the shaft 9ft during the week, making a total depth of 44ft from surface, and timbered up. The country now being gone through is still about the same as before, sandstone and slate, with quartz leaders intermixed. The water is increasing, and this, he thinks, will retard operations at about 50ft.