

GOLD.

By the s.s. Mangana, which cleared for Melbourne yesterday, the Commercial Bank shipped one box of gold containing 2552 ounces, valued at £9890.

Telegraphic intelligence was received in town yesterday by Mr R. H. Price, from the mining manager of the New Chum Company, Lefroy, to the effect that he had struck the reef at 8 o'clock that morning, 68ft 6in from the shaft, and showing gold freely. Having a lot of ground to square up he could not send further particulars, but these will be received to-day.

A meeting of shareholders in the Hopeful Company was called for last night at Messrs Hartnoll and Ferguson's offices, Brisbane-street, for the formation of the Company. Through the inclemency of the weather it however lapsed, but it is called again for this evening.

A special meeting of the Golden Gate Company is called for the 18th inst., to consider the financial condition of the Company and the desirableness of making further calls, or disposing of the claim-plant, and assets.

GOLCONDA.

Long Tunnel (Panama Reef).—The mining manager, Mr J. S. Gibson, under date May 4, reports:—"We have been driving along the reef, and are getting very good stone."

LEFROY.

Golden Era.—The mining manager reports on the 5th inst.:—"The eastern level is in 130ft. I have discontinued this level and commenced to extend the stopes, and have started to drive a cross-cut north. At 110ft east from the cross-cut I cut the wall, showing signs of another vein of stone. I will drive it about 25ft. The western level is in 86ft, and water is coming very freely from this face. The stone is about one foot thick, and the ground is soft. I am putting up a rise to connect the old workings, which will give a good current of air to sink with. I will start sinking as soon as possible, and stope out the backs at the same time. On completion of the crushing for the Queen's Birthday Co. I will commence delivering stone to the battery."

West Chum Extended.—The mining manager reports on the 5th inst.:—"The reef continues about the same size, but appears to be making out. The walls are widening out, and soft slate, intermixed with quartz leaders, is amongst it."

New Native Youth.—The mining manager writes:—"The battery has only been running one shift, but having stone on hand I will start two shifts next week. The mine continues about the same."

LISLE.

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(From our own Correspondent.)

I have not sent you a report for some time past, as there was really nothing to say. Things have been so dull here that with the exception of a few claims which had water, work has been suspended, and numbers have been obliged to leave for other places. Had my frequent suggestions as to thoroughly prospecting the neighbourhood for reefs been adopted, things might have been different. It is true attempts have been made to prospect, but as they were not carried out systematically or persevered with, they soon fell to the ground with the result that might have been anticipated—nothing. Some time ago, however, Titmus and party started to prospect both sides of the Lisle for reefs, and I may here observe that Mr Titmus deserves great credit as being the only business man on Lisle who possessed sufficient energy to take the matter up vigorously and with sufficient perseverance to continue it, and I sincerely hope and believe that his efforts will be crowned with success. In the western range this party after obtaining gold in the stone out of the first shaft and meeting with other encouragement sufficient to induce them to obtain a prospector's protection area of fifty acres, commenced sinking a second shaft for the underlay to cut the reef at a greater depth, and this they expect to do very shortly, as they have only a few more feet to go. In the eastern range they are putting in an open cutting, and if necessary will put in a tunnel to cut the reef supposed to have fed Donnelly's terrace and have met with many inducements to proceed with the work. Here also it is expected that they will meet with success very shortly. I am not myself sufficiently acquainted with reefs to be able to form an opinion, but I have obtained that of an experienced reefer, who, having inspected both places, considers them good "spees," and has no doubt that if the reefs are struck they will turn out payable ones. Should his surmise prove correct, good days are yet in store for Lisle. At the present stage, however, it is impossible to form a true estimate of them, but you may depend upon receiving the earliest intimation should they turn out as they are fully expected to do. For this place also a prospector's protection area is held.

Other parties are, I believe, also prospecting the neighbourhood, but as no information has been supplied me, I am not in a position to state what success they have met with.

Lisle, May 4th.