

MINING NEWS.

GOLD.

A meeting of the Kohinoor Company will be held at the office of Mr R. H. Price this evening, for the formation of the Company.

A meeting of the Phoenix Company will be held at the Mechanics' Institute at half-past seven this evening, for the formation of the Company, adoption of rules, election of officers, and transaction of any other business that may arise. The Phoenix Company has been formed out of the amalgamation of Star of the South and Tasmania Extended Companies at Beaconsfield, the amalgamation having been made for the purpose of enabling more extensive operations being carried on than was possible under the old arrangement. It is hoped that a good number of shareholders will be in attendance to-night, and also that the operations of the new Company will be attended with success.

A meeting of the Waverley Company will be held at the office of Mr J. M'Kenzie on Friday afternoon, for the formation of the Company.

The following half-yearly meetings are announced :—Deskford, Queensland, Exhibition, North Extended Tasman, Who Can Tell, and Caledonian, on July 28th ; Royal Tasman and South-West Chum on July 29th.

A meeting of shareholders in J. and W. Barrett's lease will be held at Ryan's Hotel, Beaconsfield, to-morrow evening.

A mining manager is required for the Gladstone Co.

The prospectus is issued by Mr G. A. Fulton of W. I. Thrower's and T. Hickson's leases, known as the old Industry, in the vicinity of Lefroy. The Company is being formed into 50 promoters' shares, 25 of which are offered to the public at £25 per share. Full particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

A call of £1 per share has been made in the Rock Shaft Company, payable on the 23rd inst.

The second call of one shilling per share has been made in the Britannia Company, payable on the 23rd inst.

Shareholders in the Ifracombe Company are notified that unless the first call is paid forthwith, proceedings will be taken against those who have not paid it.

GLADSTONE.

Royal Tasman.—The mining manager reports under date July 16 :—The tailings dam is nearly completed. In No. 2 shaft the reef is hard and solid, showing gold, and making a good deal of water where broken inio.

Lady Tasman.—The mining manager reports under date July 16 :—The shaft has been sunk for the week 9ft. the total

reports under date July 16 :—The shaft has been sunk for the week 9ft., the total depth being 42ft. The opening sets are in, and I will start to drive on Monday. The water has greatly increased since last week.

North Tasman.—Under date of July 16 the mining manager reports :—The tunnel has been extended 16ft. for the week. The total distance now driven is 260ft. No. 2. shaft has been sunk 9ft. for the week with two men. The depth to date is 26ft. All the timber is on the ground for the shaft.

North Extended Tasman.—The mining manager reports, under date July 16th, having sunk the shaft a further depth of 7ft. for the week, and put in the opening set to start driving on the cross-cut. The total depth of the shaft is 63ft 6in. He will open out at 60ft., leaving 3ft. 6in. for a well. Whilst sinking the last 10ft. he cut through a very soft pipeclay intermixed with quartz, forming the tracing of a lode on the line of the Royal Tasman reef, and underlaying to the west. The quartz was getting thicker as he sunk, and water making under foot. He intends driving west, as he confidently expects this to be making into a lode in that direction.

Progress.—The mining manager reports under date July 15th :—I have sunk the shaft a further depth of 6ft., the total depth being now 69ft., and timbered. I also have one man cutting on the line of reef, and expect soon to cut it.

Royal Mint.—The mining manager reports, under date July 15th :—The tunnel is in 163ft. 6in., the country consisting of hard, blocky sandstone. The winze is down 53ft. 6in. The stone still continues strong, and is 6ft. 6in. in width, showing gold and very little water. The contractor for the battery is getting on first-rate. Most of the frame-work for the house is up, and he is now busy with the engine horses, making tables, etc. We have got 30 loads of stone delivered

for building the boiler in. All the machinery is up from the Port except the boiler.

Fly-by-Night.—The mining manager writes on the 16th inst. :—I have driven the eastern cross-cut a further distance of 10ft. for the past week. The total distance from the shaft is 53ft. I am now under the bed of the creek in a fine slate. The country is according to the surface bearings. I have about 50ft. further to drive to the line of the Royal Tasman reef.

Royal Standard.—The mining manager reports under date of July 16 :—The north level has been extended five feet, the total distance from the shaft being 55ft. The appearance of the stone is un-

the total distance from the shaft being 56ft. The appearance of the stone is unchanged, it being very good and solid. No. 2 shaft has been sunk 15ft., making the total distance 23ft.

No. 1 North Royal Standard.—The mining manager, under date the 16th inst., reports:—The drive to the east has been extended 16ft. The ground is cutting hard and the water heavy. I expect to get the reef by the end of next week.

No. 1 South Royal Standard.—Under date July 16, the mining manager reports:—During the week the cross-cut has been further extended 9ft., making the total distance from the shaft 15ft. 6in. I must be close to the reef, as the cross cut is making a little water in the face.

Golden Age.—The mining manager reports under date July 15th:—During the week I have commenced sinking the shaft on the No. 2 reef. Several small quartz spurs have been cut, all of which are gold-bearing. I hope to get two shifts with this shaft on Monday. In No. 2 shaft I have completed the chamber and cut 4ft. across the course of the reef. I hope to obtain improved prospects by driving.

MUSSEL ROE.

Grand Flaneur.—The mining manager reports under date July 16:—The shaft has been sunk 6ft. 6in. since last report. The total depth is now 67ft. 6in. from the surface.

Blue Bell.—The mining manager reports under date July 16:—I have sunk for the week 6ft., the total depth being now 48ft., of which 45ft. is timbered. The ground is the same when I last reported, and making a great deal of water.

LEFROY.

Planet.—The mining manager reports on 16th inst.:—I have driven 20ft. for the week, making total distance driven from the shaft 32ft. Nothing fresh to report in the face, but at 14ft. from the shaft I passed through a gold-bearing leader about 4in. wide. I think when we are satisfied with the drive we are putting in, it will be as well to drive along the leader a bit, as it may improve in size.

New Chum.—The mining manager writes on the 16th inst.:—I am happy to say that the mine still continues to look first-rate, gold showing in all the faces. The total length of the western level is 122ft., and the reef is 3ft. wide. The eastern level is in 94ft., and the reef 18in. wide. The total depth of the shaft is 54ft. This week in sinking I have been enlarging the shaft while sinking for the plunger, and also for the opening set. The machinery is all working first-rate.

West New Chum.—The mining manager reports under date July 16th:—The breakage has been repaired, and the mine was dry on Friday last. The erection of

breakage has been repaired, and the mine was dry on Friday last. The erection of the pumping machinery is being pushed forward.

Great Extended West Chum.—The mining manager reports on 18th inst.:—The shaft was sunk 16ft. for the week, making a total of 250ft. I will sink 10ft. more for a well, and then open out at 250ft.

West Chum Extended.—The mining manager writes on the 18th inst.:—The eastern drive is in 140ft., making 14ft. driven for the week through black slate country, with quartz leaders all through it.

South-West Chum.—The mining manager reports, under date July 18th:—“During the fortnight the contractors have driven 29ft., making the total distance from the shaft 54ft. in the northern drive. There is no material change since last report.”

East New Chum.—The mining manager reports, under date July 18th:—I have extended the east drive a further distance of 10ft., making the total distance from the cross-cut 122ft. The country is about the same as when last I reported.

East New Chum Extended.—The mining manager, under date July 16th, reports:—I have extended the cross-cut 11ft. for the week, making the total distance driven from the shaft 109ft. There is no change to report. I have extended the drive along the leader west 8ft., making the total distance from the cross-cut 55ft. I have started to-day to drive east along the leader.

United Chums.—Under date July 18th, the mining manager reports:—The contractors are down 104ft. with the main shaft, and sinking is favourable.

New Native Youth.—The mining manager writes on the 18th inst.:—I have more stone a head in the western drive at the 320ft level. The stone in the eastern stopes is 6ft wide, showing a little gold. I have sunk the Excelsior shaft 12ft for the week.

Queen's Birthday.—The mining manager reports on the 16th inst.:—I have sunk the shaft for the week 7ft, making the total from No. 2 plat 20ft. The water is very heavy and is still increasing. I have also extended the cross-cut north 12 feet. In driving I have cut two well defined reefs in this part of the mine from 5 to 6 inches wide, and about 11 feet apart. I have seen gold but not sufficient to drive on, and am continuing the drive. I have the water dammed back for twelve hours in the level, and bail the next twelve hours, during which time I drive the north cross-cut.

West Queen's Birthday.—The mining manager reports, under date July 16:—Since my last I have driven 9ft. west, making a total from the cross-cut of 29ft.

making a total from the cross-cut of 29ft. On Wednesday last I came on a strong cross-course, about 14in. wide, running about north and south, which cut off the track of the lode. On Monday next I will start and drive on this cross-course south, and try and find the reef where it made through. I will do this with one man, and put the other man to cross-cut the surface farther west, to try and find the reef in a more settled country.

Golden Era.—The mining manager reports on the 18th inst. :—The eastern level is in 14ft. The reef in the face is 12in. thick, and showing gold. More water is coming from the face, but the ground is getting much better going east.

Wandermere.—The mining manager reports, under date 16th inst. :—The contractors for sinking the shaft are making very good headway. They are down 28ft. and timbered. The sinking was rather hard, but in the last few feet a change has taken place, the sinking being in more of a slate formation and easier working.

Caledonian.—The mining manager reports under date July 16th :—"The 80ft. level west has been extended 9ft. The lode is looking very promising, and is nearly 4ft. wide." Intelligence was received by the manager yesterday, that the yield from the trial crushing of 13 tons stone, mentioned in our last issue, was 31oz retorted gold; which gives the very satisfactory average of 2oz 7dwts 16grs to the ton.

BACK CREEK.

Just in Time.—The mining manager reports under date the 16th inst. :—During the week we have driven 18ft south in a nice sandstone and slate formation, with small leaders, but not any gold in them, although I have every hope of coming on stone before long. There are reports that the Try Again have got gold, if so I cannot see how the Just in Time can fail to get it.

Try Again.—The mining manager, under date July 16th, has forwarded the following report, which the directors wish to be made public :—The drive in the south shaft has been driven 7ft. for the week. The total distance from the shaft is 52ft. The ground is slate, with an occasional leader. I have cut a quartz leader last night, full of mineral, but no gold. The water is a great trouble, and it is increasing every day. In the north shaft the cross-cut has been extended 13ft., and the total distance from the shaft is now 23ft. I have cut the reef. It is very much broken. It is evident to me that there is a break in the reef at this level. In the bottom of the cross-cut the reef is about 4ft. wide, and about 18in. at the top. I intend driving

about 18in. at the top. I intend driving along it to the west, and if the water keeps on increasing in the south shaft I shall be obliged to stop it and put the men to drive on the reef.

East Try Again.—The mining manager reports under date July 16th :—I have struck the reef in the shaft. It is a solid body of stone, running east and west within a point or two. I have got no gold in it. If I get gold I will wire. The water is very heavy. It will take a day or two to sink a well before I can drive into the reef to test it. What few bits I can get on pick and gad are full of mineral.

BEACONSFIELD.

Queen.—The mining manager reported by telegram yesterday that 570 tons of stuff had been put through the battery, giving a return of 62oz. 8dwts. of gold, or an average of nearly 2dwts. 4grs. to the ton.

Rising Sun.—The mining manager, under date of July 16, reports :—There is no change since my last. The winze is down 21ft., and the lode fully maintains its width.

Blyth's Freehold.—The mining manager reports, under date July 16, as follows :—I have sunk the main shaft 15ft. 6in. for the fortnight, and timbered the same. The total depth of shaft is 186ft. 6in. from the surface. The sinking is in slate. I hope to get down the 200ft. during the next fortnight. The water is increasing.

Lefroy.—The mining manager writes on the 18th inst. :—The contractors have framed and slatted 35ft. of the shaft since commencing.

SALISBURY.

Who Can Tell.—The mining manager reports under date July 16th, that the contractors are still proceeding with the shaft. The ground is much the same as when last reported. A new leader had been cut, which was heavily charged with mundic, and bearing strong indications of something better further down.

DENISON.

Royal Treasury.—The mining manager, under date the 16th July, reports :—Since my last the contractors have deepened the shaft 4ft., making the total distance from the surface 30ft. The water is increasing, but the contractors are determined to sink the 50ft. if possible.

GOLCONDA.

Queenland.—The mining manager reports under date July 16 :—If the weather continues fine the tram will be finished by next Saturday. I expect to resume crushing in a few days.