

Intercolonial Mining News.

New South Wales.

Mining at Drake is very brisk, everybody appears to be in harness and making good wages. The last crushing of 20 tons stone by Hancock and party, of the Nil Desperandum Reef, yielded 36oz gold. Kay and Quinlan, of the Dodger claim, crushed 10 tons for 12oz 18dwt smelted gold. Williams and Wann, of the Pig and Whistle claim, crushed 17 tons for 10oz 15dwt gold. The All Nations Tribute Company has just cleaned up a large parcel of stone for over 1oz to the ton. Hooton and Parker, from their claim near Pearman's tunnel, are raising some good stone, and have about 13 tons ready to send to the mill. Kahl and Dowling are sinking on a vein about 5in wide, and are raising 2oz stone. M'Aulay and Martin, on the Lady Mary line of reef, have at a depth of 30ft struck a reef about 2ft wide. It is well defined, and carries fair gold.

Dempsey and party, Wyalong, who hold a tribute in White Reef, are raising splendid stone from the stopes at 150ft level. This party averaged over £13 per week per man for the last crushing.

From Cobar we hear that very rich stone has been struck at Berribungie.

A telegram from the "Hill" under date September 23 stated that Junction mill last week treated 426 tons crudes, returning 85 tons concentrates, and 46 tons slimes of fair silver, and good lead contents. The dispatches for the week comprised 1272 tons, including 433 tons second grade sulphides locally to Block 14.

Hanlan and party, half a mile south of the Happy Valley, Gulgong, have struck gold on their prospecting claim. The reef is 2ft wide, and the gold is confined to the rubble. A rush set in, and a great quantity of ground was taken up.

The Stringy Bark prospectors, Gulgong, abandoned their claim last week, when a rush set in. A 3oz nugget was unearthed at Little Stringy. It is said that £1000 has been refused for an eighth share in the Happy Valley claim.

Several miners have arrived at the Maclean to try their luck on the Upper Clarence Gold Fields. Everything is quiet there just now. Thirty-three claims are still working, the majority of which are paying wages. The Government prospectors have finished prospecting in the vicinity of M'Aulays lead, and have commenced prospecting between Broadwater, Woodburn, and Evans River. They have completed five lines marked out without finding a payable lead. The output of beach gold from Maclean for last month was 14oz.

The Pinnacle Gold Mining Company is making extensive preparations for working its property, situated between Grenfell and Forbes. One tank

Key Excerpt

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situated between Grenfell and Forbes. One tank of 3000 yards is ready, and another of 10,000 yards is in course of construction. There will be a 30-stamper battery, driven by a 40-h.p. engine, and a winding engine of 14-h.p. The reef at the 180ft level averages 14ft. Twenty-five men are now employed, but it is said the manager expects to be able to put on more shortly. A large number of buildings are being erected, and quite a township is springing up, including a hotel, boarding-houses, two stores, butcher's shop, and a number of residences. Other good reefs exist in the neighborhood.

The weekly escort left Braidwood on September 25 with 738oz gold, which is a considerable increase.

The Great Eastern Reform Claim, Peak Hill, crushed 49 tons stone for 27oz gold last week, and Mead and party, of the Emu Claim, Beasley's Paddock, treated 150 tons at the Crown Battery for 107oz retorted gold. The concentrates are expected to yield a further 10oz.

The Mount Gahan Company's battery, Pambula, was working night and day last week on the Falkner Company's stone. The contractors ceased sinking the Mount Gahan shaft temporarily.

A rush set in to a place on Buddigower Station, fourteen miles south-west of Wyalong, last week.

The prospectors were down 30ft, and had driven through 20ft of pebbly wash. Gold in a payable quantity was washed, and many claims were pegged out. When further washing has been done something more definite will be to hand.

A rich shute of gold has been struck in the Band of Hope Claim, Solferino, and some rich specimens have been shown. The discovery was made in the winze at the 40ft level, close to the property upon which Bassett is erecting his battery.

Morris and Green, Bucca Creek, near Grafton, crushed last week 25 tons for 28oz gold. Their reef is 18in wide. The stone was taken from the 57ft level.

The escort which left Hillgrove last week took away 1001oz 18dwt bar gold; also 297oz 3dwt from Metz. The total for the fortnight equalled 1229oz.

An important development occurred last week at the Barrier Mine, Wyalong. A shot put in at the 235ft level dislodged a large quantity of reef, disclosing the richest mineralised stone hitherto discovered in the claim. The rubble, on being washed, gave excellent prospects of free gold, in one instance one dish giving an estimated yield of 12oz to 14oz per ton. The discovery has caused a considerable amount of excitement. The White Reef, the adjoining mine northwards, is also on good mineral at the 210ft level south of shaft, while the northern drive at the same level shows free gold.

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The Happy Valley Syndicate, Gulgong, opened out last week at 180ft. and broke down a rich body of quartz 2ft wide, showing coarse gold. Sixty-

four ounces of specimens were obtained, estimated to contain fully one-third gold. No doubt now exists that this reef caused the richness of No. 5 Happy Valley claim, which averaged 15oz per load.

Last week a cake of gold weighing 120oz was banked at Grafton. The gold was obtained from 50 tons stone from the Blue Mystery Mine at Lower Bucca Creek.

A Mudgee telegram says: Reece and party are reported to have struck a rich patch of alluvial gold in Daddy's Gully, Hargreaves. From the first washing they obtained two nuggets, weighing 6oz 7dwt gold.

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