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## QUARTZ OF THE DISTRICT.

Lillooet is all right and the chances are that the district on the whole will prove one of the richest in the province. With the showing in the Bridge River section in some places would demand the attention of the whole country. The few properties in the Bridge River which have had any development whatever none show up exceedingly well.

On the Bend'Or a large quantity of ore is on the dump, and the workings in such a shape that they can procure more to keep the bins filled. No. 1 tunnel is in about 500 feet. A ten-stamp mill is on the way up at present and should be on the ground in a few weeks. The well-known manufacturers the Wm. Hamilton Mfg. Co. is putting on the plant and their men have been on the ground for some time preparing the mill site and to have everything in readiness. A substantial dam has been put in from which the mill will receive its powers. During the coming summer the results of the first run will be made and will probably be a good one, as the ore is very rich.

The Lorne group of claims have caused considerable attention of late as they have always been considered one of the best groups in the district. Last fall an option was taken by Mr. C. F. Law who shortly afterwards put a gang of men to work to sink a shaft on the ledge. At a distance of 75 feet the ledge was found to be very rich and samples taken from the bottom of this shaft and placed in a furnace fairly bulged out with gold. On the surface the rock was exceedingly rich and it continues through the ledge. A mining engineer has recently inspected this property for the syndicate and will make his report shortly. All the men have been laid off but expect to be put on again in a week or so as there is no doubt but what the bond will be taken up. The property will be further developed during the year and the necessary machinery will be installed as soon as the property is in shape to receive it. Last season the original owners erected an arastra and crushed about thirty tons of rock in this crude way of mining and secured in the neighborhood of \$1,000 it being estimated that at least 50 per cent of the gold was lost. The Lorne is no doubt a good property and the present bondholders are men of experience and capital and will work the property for all its worth and it is hoped that in a short time that their will be shipping their bullion.

The Brett group on McGillivray creek, on Anderson lake, although very little has been heard of it lately is showing up in fine shape. The work has been going on since last fall on the large ledge and a tunnel about 250 feet run from which samples of free gold can be found at that distance. On the upper ledge an open cut has been made which exposes a fine ledge with free gold showing across

the whole face. This week Col. G. T. Rives and R. B. Skinner of Vancouver, secured a bond on the property and will in a few weeks if everything is satisfactory continue work on a larger scale.

The Gilfoil claims near Seaton lake, about twelve miles from town, are under bond to C. F. Law, and promises to be one of the salvations of the district. The work is going on steadily and the tunnel is now in about 125 feet and the chances are good for opening up a large body of ore. Assays from the ore gives gold and copper in good percentage. It is intended shortly to ship a carload of ore to the smelters at the coast for a test.

Cayoosh creek which has been deserted for some time, although having some fine ledges, will in all probability have some work done this season, operating one of the properties on a large scale.

Lillooet though a little quiet the past winter has the best of chances for the coming year. With the present indications this section promises to be one of the best mining districts in the province.

Mr. R. Hoey drove to Pavilion today.

T. C. Clarke of the 17 was in town for a few days this week.

T. A. Brett returned from McGillivray creek Thursday afternoon.

The full ten inches of water was turned into the water pipe this week.

It is reported that a picnic will be held on the 24th of May near Cayoosh creek.

Geo. Hurley and Wm. Abercrombie visited the latter's deer ranch about 8 miles down the river on the Lytton road Thursday.

Col. G. T. Rives left town this morning via Lytton. He will return in a few weeks to see about working some of the properties which he has an option on.

Maggie McDonald, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonald, who has been ill for several months, is now able to be out again though not entirely recovered.

Col. G. T. Rives, a well known mining man in this section, returned to town last Friday evening from Vancouver via Lytton. The colonel spent most of the winter in California, and has recently been looking at properties up the coast. He has secured bonds on properties in this section and will leave for the coast in a few days to complete further arrangements for the working of some. The colonel will most likely be in this section all summer and the working of the properties he has secured means considerable for this place.

## MCGILLIVRAY CREEK.

Wm. Brett and T. A. Brett who have been in town lately from McGillivray creek, report that the Brett group is showing up better than ever and have some fine samples of free gold which they got out of the tunnel at a distance of about 250 feet. They have also made an open cut on the upper ledge which is very rich and will continue work on both places. This week parties have been up looking at the group with the intention of taking the property over if satisfactory terms can be made. The owners are confident of having a good thing and are satisfied with the present showing.

Considerable work has been done on this group a tunnel about 250 feet and an upraise was put in during the winter and this spring and the upper ledge prospected. The chances are that the property will turn out first rate.

Colonel G. T. Rives who visited the property this week returned Thursday afternoon. He inspected the property and secured samples which he is taking to the coast with him. The colonel has taken a bond on the group for himself and R. B. Skinner of Vancouver. The terms of the bond have not been made public but it is understood that it is similar the one recently held by Mr. Skinner, in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

## The B. X. Company.

The British Columbia Express Co. have issued a neat folder with map and time tables of the route traveled by its stages. It gives stations and time of arrival on all routes and will be a great convenience to the public. The company's stage carries the mail from Ashcroft to all points in Cariboo and Lillooet besides passengers and express. Good time is made on this, the longest stage route in the world and everything possible is done to accommodate passengers. Special conveyance are supplied and with good drivers and horses with relays quick time can be made. The head office is at Ashcroft, with J. B. Leighton superintendent and John A. Bremner as secretary treasurer.

## Murder at Kamloops.

Philip Walker, a well known resident of Kamloops was murdered last Saturday by an Indian named Casimir. No motive can be seen for the deed beyond the fact that the Indian had been drinking freely.

The murdered man was splitting wood in front of his house when the Indian passed him. Walker accosted Casimir who answered him, and then deliberately turned and fired two shots from a rifle into his body. He expired in about ten minutes, but before passing away made a statement accusing Casimir of the deed. Dr. Clarke held an inquest on the body on Monday, the

verdict of the jury being that the deceased came to his death by bullet wounds from a rifle held and fired by the Indian, Casimir, and that Casimir is guilty of wilful murder.

After committing the deed of which he is accused, Casimir, made good his escape. He remaining in hiding until Wednesday morning, when news was received that he was on the reserve. An armed posse immediately started out to effect his capture, and found him at the chief's house. When called upon to surrender he at first refused, but was finally persuaded to lay down his weapon on condition that the deputies would do the same. Casimir was on the point of giving himself up when he saw himself covered with a gun and he turned to his hiding place. He then attempted suicide but the gun missed fire, after which he gave himself up.

Mr. Walker was 36 years of age at the time of his death. He was a native of Ontario, came to this province in 1886 and worked for J. T. Edwards for several years, whose eldest daughter, Maggie, he married in 1893, after which he went ranching on Campbell creek. Lately he has been employed by Cameron and Milton. The remains were interred in the cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, a large number of friends being in attendance at the funeral.

J. Letai'en is ploughing Mr. D. Fraser's yard and will put in a crop of vegetables etc.

R. H. Brett has a stock of oranges and lemons on hand, call and secure some before all are sold. \*

From the appearance of some of the gardens in town, it looks as if the principal crop will be rocks. Some having fenced in all the rocks so that the small boy can not get at them.

O. A. Harthorne will leave the first of the week for Cadwallader where he will spend the summer doing work on his claims. Mr. Harthorne has some good property and is satisfied to hold on and develop them himself.

The stableman at Hat Creek house last week was severely injured by a horse kicking him with both feet, striking him in the chest. He suffered considerable pain by the bleeding of his lungs but from reports received this week state that he is improving some.

The dredger is still working away very successful and is now in pretty good shape. Gravel is still being put through the sluices and the cleanups always shows considerable gold for the work. The dredger has been moved ahead again and is still working on Horse Beef bar.

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The session of the dominion parliament at Ottawa is quite interesting and a lot of chewing the rag is being done.

It is reported that Indians are trapping fish in Lake creek. If such is the case the matter should be attended to at once. It is against the law and some information should be made. If the trapping of the fish continues it will be a hardship later on when the creek will be entirely devoid of trout.

Lillooet post office has been put on the list of offices to receive dutiable goods, and R. H. Brett the postmaster, this week received the necessary papers and instructions from the customs department. The convenience of a customs office at Lillooet will be greatly appreciated as from now on anything coming through the customs will come direct to Lillooet.

The future of Lillooet as a mining district looks exceptionally bright and in a very short time more attention will be drawn this way by outsiders, owing to the richness of the different sections with yellow metal. If properties with the showings that are in Bridge river district were in some localities a stampede would be made. In Lillooet work is going steadily on and in a short time the district will have some paying mines.

Work has not commenced as yet on the Lillooet-Lytton wagon road to complete the few miles to make a through thoroughfare from Lillooet to Lytton. From the chief commissioner of lands and works information has been received that tenders would be called in a short time. The work should not be delayed as it means much for people along the road and at the ends. By all means call for tenders at once and complete the work. There are enough men in this neighborhood who could be hired and who are willing to work. Get a move on and have the remaining few miles finished now that the appropriation has been made.

The recent cold-blooded murder at Kamloops last week should put the authorities on their guard as to Indians receiving so much freedom in the securing of intoxicants. The direct cause of the murder was no doubt due to whisky. The Indians throughout the province are able to secure whisky in a very easy manner, and the practice should be stopped. The provincial officers do considerable to prevent the Indians from being supplied with whisky, but there are numerous Indians which are let go by without finding who supplied the whisky. It would be a good thing if a severe sentence was administered to any person guilty of such an offence and give them the full extent of the law. If the Indians will not tell who supplied the whisky, impose the sentence upon them.

Says the Rossland "Record," on the enforcement of the eight-hour law, in the working of metalliferous mines in the Province: "The 'Record' is betraying no confidence when it takes the liberty of setting the mine owners and the uneasy press of this province at rest, regarding the determination of the miners to insist upon the enforcement of the eight-hour law. They would be foolish and weak-kneed to recede from the position they have taken, after going to the trouble and expense of securing the passage of the bill, which they believe just the right. Those opposing the law had as well make up their minds to obey it, and the sooner the Government puts it in force all over the Province, the better for all concerned."

The Montreal Witness, which has won the reputation of being a very independent supporter, indeed, of the present liberal government, at Ottawa, thus sums up the Yukon fuss-and-feathers of the Tories, in a nut-shell: "The country is tired and weary of the discussion about the Yukon management. There were irregularities, but they were greatly exaggerated. Officials were, no doubt, to blame, but it will be admitted that the circumstances were extraordinary. In any case, that the government acted, on the whole, wisely, is now hardly questioned by the opposition leaders themselves. Every one is satisfied that an investigation by so good a man as Mr. Ogilvie, will suffice in the case of the officials."

Just how any person can secure a license to sell liquor at present outside of any of the incorporated municipalities is a problem which is bothering a number who are desirous of entering the hotel business. At the recent session of the legislature a new act was passed which came into effect on the first of April. It provided for the constitution of license districts and for the appointment of license commissioner who should pass upon applications for liquor licenses. So far the license districts have not been proclaimed, nor have the commissioners been appointed, so that although the act is in force it is impossible to secure a liquor license under it. Another circumstance which may tend to complicate the issuance of liquor licenses through the province is the fact that there is no repealing clause in the new act. The province has therefore two liquor license acts but the necessary machinery is lacking by which a license could be secured under either one of them.—Nelson Tribune.

**Money in Raising a Family.**

That there is money in raising a family has been demonstrated by principal McNeill of the public schools at Victoria whose salary has been advanced from \$90 to \$100, while two of the lady principals remain at the former figure. The aggrieved ladies attended the trustees meeting last week to personally present a petition praying for equal rights, but the trustees were inexorable. Principal McNeill, they said, was married and had many children, and until the ladies could present similar claims for consideration, their applications must be tabled.

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**The Eight Hour Law.**

As a result of the representations made by the mine owners, the Provincial Government has definitely suspended the operation of the legislation prohibiting the employment of men underground in metalliferous mines for more than eight hours a day. The Hon. Fred. Hume, Minister of Mines, at Victoria, Saturday, said that it will stand suspended until the opinion of the miners, the other parties to be considered, can be heard.

Speaking on the same subject, Hon. Mr. Semlin said that the government proposed to proceed slowly, and to do nothing which would cause friction, either between the mine owners and miners, or between either class and the Government of the day. The Government would institute no proceedings for the present, or in any way seek to disturb the existing relations between employer and employee. Should the miners in any district ask for its enforcement their request will be granted. In such case, one month's notice has been assured the mine owners before the Act comes into force. The Government has instructed Inspector McGregor to this effect. The question of retention or repeal of the law, is a matter that will be left to the house at its next session.

**Rhodes Plays a Mean Part.**

A case now before the courts in London, arising out of the Jameson raid, discloses Mr. Cecil Rhodes in an amazingly mean-spirited attitude. A trooper named Barrows, who took part in the disastrous fiasco, was severely wounded and lost one of his legs. Like the rest of the rank and file he believed that they were waging legitimate warfare, and had the British Government behind them. He has learned differently since, and in consequence brought a suit against Rhodes and Jamieson for compensation for his injuries. The defendants have come into court with what they call a "demurrer" to stay the suit in its initial stages, on the ground that a man who has shared in a criminal act with another can have no redress for anything that has happened to him arising from his guilty conduct. The numerous fervent supporters of the "empire builders" in the press are evidently ashamed of such low juggling with words, for they have hushed up the case as far as they can in their columns. But as the Times is the official reporter it could not avoid printing at length the judgement on the point raised. Justice Grantham, who presided in the queen's bench court where the case was heard dismissed the demurrer with costs.

The story goes that, when Li Hung Chang was in England, an admirer sent him a specially fine bull terrier, intended to watch over the veteran statesman's declining years. The following letter — so the story goes — was received in acknowledgement: "My dear —, While extending my best thanks for sending me your dog, I beg to say that, as for myself, I have long since given up the practice of eating dog's flesh; but my attendants, to whom I handed the creature, tell me they never tasted anything so nice. Your devoted L."

**A True Statement.**

In the beginning God created the heaven and earth; then the editor, the liberal advertiser and the prompt paying subscriber—and it was good. Next day a fierce blizzard set in and he created the man that didn't believe in advertising and another that didn't take the home paper; then he rested. Then the devil go into the moulding room and created the man that takes the paper for years and didn't pay for it. After completing that sorry job, and having a few chunks of mud left, he made the excuse of a man who settles his subscription by instructing the postmaster to mark the paper "refused."

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## MINERAL EXHIBIT AT PARIS.

Speaking about the part British Columbia will take in securing a proper mineral exhibit at the World's Fair, at Paris, Hon. J. Fred Hume, minister of mines, has said, according to the Victoria Globe, that his department is now in communication with Ottawa on the subject.

Dr. G. M. Dawson, head of the geological survey, has written to the department of mines, giving some suggestions upon the exhibit that will be sent from this province. Mineral specimens must not be larger than from six to twelve inches, or its equivalent. In speaking of specimens of British Columbia ores now at Ottawa, Dr. Dawson remarks upon the almost complete absence of any coast ores. This is something that must be remedied, and the owners of mines on Vancouver island should do everything possible to assist the department of mines to secure the very best possible showing samples of building stone are wanted also. They should be in six inch cubes, showing different styles and faces if possible. Marble must be in slabs one inch thick and 18 inches by 12 inches in area, polished on one side.

Smelter products and concentrator products in the various stages are to be exhibited, and Dr. Dawson in speaking of ore, suggests that working mines should send ore from the lower levels with a statement of the depth.

Coal samples of important seams are wanted, the specimens to be two feet cubes.

Mr. W. F. Robertson, the provincial mineralogist, suggests that people who have good photos of mining scenes should send them to the department so that the best may be reproduced with a view to getting as complete a representation as possible of the mining districts of the province. The department, which is well equipped with photographic apparatus, will also prepare some large views for the exhibition.

The whole intention of this exhibit from British Columbia is not to unfairly advertise any district, or is it a competitive exhibit with the rest of Canada. The object is to work in harmony with the rest of the dominion in sending to Paris an exhibit that will give the people of the world the best possible idea of Canada as a mineral country.

Addressing a congregation, which included many Moonlighters, a priest in Kerry reproached them for the prevalent drunkenness. He thus concluded his sermon on the use and abuse of temperance: "It's whisky that makes ye bate your wives and makes your homes desolate; 'It's whisky that makes you shoot your landlords; and" — bringing down his fist on the pulpit with emphatic energy—"It's whisky that makes ye miss them."

A clergyman was very anxious to introduce some hymn books into the church and arranged with his clerk that the latter was to give out the notice immediately after the sermon. The clerk, however, had a notice of his own with reference to the baptism of infants to give out; accordingly, at the close of

the sermon, he rose and announced that. "All those who have children whom they wish to have baptised please send in their names, at once, to the clerk." The clergyman, who was stone-deaf, assumed that the clerk was giving out the hymn-book notice, and immediately arose, and said: "And I should say, for the benefit of those who haven't any, that they may be obtained of the vestry, any day, from 3 to 4 o'clock; the ordinary little ones at one shilling each, and special ones with red backs at one shilling and fourpence."

An official statement, just issued, shows England to be the greatest drinking nation in the world, a discovery which has astonished her people, who hoped she had fallen behind in the alcoholic race. Of beer, wine, and spirits, England's annual consumption per capita is given at 32.71; gallons; France's 28.79; Germany's 23.73; America's 13.48. The drinking of wine is decreasing in England, while that of spirits and beer are increasing.

A widower married a second time, and his choice was a wealthy lady about 50 years of age. When the bride and bridegroom returned home from the wedding, the husband introducing the wife to his children, said: "My dear children, kiss this lady, she is the new mamma I promise to bring you." After taking a steady look at the "new mamma" little Charlie said: "Pa, you have been cheated! She isn't new at all!"

Advocates of equal rights for women will be interested in what is said to be the late interpretation of the British Columbia alien exclusion law passed last January, to stop Americans from locating claims in the Atlin district, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The report comes from Skagway that women residents of the United States are not aliens in the meaning of the act, but that they do possess all the rights of British subjects in the placer mining district; and this report is backed up by the news and dozens of women are therefore rushing to the Atlin district to get the choice claims that are left. It is said to make no difference whether those women are married, and may locate property for their husbands, or others for their brothers or fathers or friends or grubstakers—the more women the merrier is the invitation of the British Columbia officials.

## St Patrick Was a Baptist.

In a paper on Scottish Baptists read by the Rev. D. Lamont at a Baptist ministers' meeting held in Denver, Colorado, recently, he stated that "St. Patrick was born in the fourth century at Dumbarton, one of the ten Roman British colonies in the kingdom of Strathclyde. His father was a member of the town council at that place. His teachings were of the Baptist church, and because baptism received and conferred by St. Patrick was immersion, is another proof of his sect. No mention is made of him by the Catholics until 170 years after his death, and he never received a dispensation from the Catholic church at Rome."

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In the course of his address in the house last Friday, Mr. Powell made the following remarks: "The high water mark was reached when Mr. Maxwell rose in his place—I was almost going to say, with a temerity that has been unequalled from the days of Herod the Great down to Robert Ingersoll—and said: 'You cannot hold this Government to its promises because the great Jehovah did not keep His. He promises nothing, and the man died 50 years afterwards and the Lord did not keep His promise even at that time. I am astonished that on the floors of a Parliament, and under a British constitution based upon the Christian religion and the scriptures, any such travesty and blasphemy should be given utterance to.'" There was a Turkish nobleman who was called to task at a promise he had made some years previously. He looked his critic sternly in the face and in a thunderous note exclaimed: "Am I an infidel dog that I should be the slave of my word?" Had the Rev. Mr. Maxwell but known this incident he could have used it effectively in his defence of Mr. Laurie without the slightest reference to Deity. Mr. Maxwell is quite a different being when preaching, or when you meet with face to face. In this plan he is genial to jollity, most reverent also. It is noteworthy that a member is about to introduce legislation forbidding preachers from the House of Commons. Doubtless its object is to save preachers from destroying themselves in this fascinating field of earthy glory.—Central Canadian, April 13.

**Will Introduce a Prohibition Bill.**

Ottawa, April 21—At a meeting of Prohibitionists in the house and members of the Dominion Alliance last night it was decided to introduce a bill in the House to give prohibition to those provinces that voted for it at the provincial general election. It would be, of course, under Dominion control and an enlargement of the Scott Act. Conservative refused to act on the committee.

A splendid lot of machinery for the Ashcroft water works have arrived from the William Hamilton Manufacturing Company, of Peterborough, Ont. It is a portion of the immense pumping plant to be installed on the Bonaparte for pumping water on to Boston flat and the surrounding section. The capacity of the first pump installed will be about 2,000 gallons per minute, elevated about 50 feet by electric power. This equals between 700 and 800 mine's inches of water and is a small river in itself.

**Four Hundred Lives Lost.**

By the Canadian-Australian mail steamer Aorangi, which arrived at Victoria a few days ago, the details were received of an awful storm on the Queensland coast last month in which 14 lives were lost, 87 vessels wrecked, and damage done amounting to \$1,000,000.

The Cooktown Sydney Telegraph, writing on March 13th, says: "The natives are buying their dead at Bathurst bay, where there is a forest of unken luggers masts. The silvery wave

sunk at five on Saturday night and Sunday morning, extending from Howicks group to channel Rock.

All the islands have been searched and all the disabled vessels towed to places of safety. The blacks on the mainland buried the white men's bodies, which were all mutilated by sharks. About 350 colored men and twenty whites are missing. Six schooners, sixty odd luggers and twenty diving boats were wrecked. The coast tribes acted humanly, but not all of the tribes would go near the corpses. The steamer Victory has gone seaward searching all the islands to the eastward, and the stermer White Star going northeast of the barrier. The channel lightship is supposed to have sunk at her moorings and that her men perished with her.

A newly-discovered mineral, which is of a lustrous black color, and which, as a fuel, surpasses coal and all other substances heretofore known, is described in the "Journal of Geology." It is found on the islands of Barbadoes, in the Lesser Antilles, where the natives call it "manjak." It is thought that manjak is petrified petroleum, great quantities of petroleum being found on the same island. It contains only two per cent, of water and fully 27 per cent of solid organic matter, thus surpassing in utility the best asphalt of Trinidad, in which 30 per cent. of water is contained, and which has been classed, so far, as the very finest fuel. Mixed with turf, it gives a heat far superior to any known.

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(FORM F.)

**Certificate of Improvements.**

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Take notice that I, William Gibson, acting as agent for the Alpha Bell Gold Quartz Mining Company, Limited Liability, free miners certificate No. 95643, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

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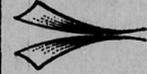
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P. Collins has now his place fenced in and presents a very nice appearance.

Jos. DeShields improved his house this week by putting a veranda in front.

Country court will be held by Judge Cornwall next Monday in the court house at Lillooet.

J. S. Bell is having his residence put in shape, Joe Norton, the expert plasterer has charge of the job.

James McKivor has the garden in front of his house utilised and will have quite a crop this season.

Rev. W. W. Hardie, Presbyterian minister, held service last Sunday morning in the Methodist church.

Mrs. Robb, of the Hotel Victoria dining room has not been well for the past week suffering from an attack of la-grippe.

The vacant lot next A. McDonald property has been fenced in which necessitated some of the streets that have been fenced in opened up.

Miss May Swarts who has been employed by Mrs. Hurley for some time left Wednesday afternoon for her home down the river with her father.

A couple men arrived Tuesday noon with a band of horses from near Savonas. They had them in the Pioneer Hotel carral and succeeded in disposing of quite a number.

Constable L. G. Burns visited Pavilion last Saturday evening and brought back Tommy Dunn with him. Dunn was accused of supplying liquor to Indians and appearing before the Magistrate Monday morning and was fined \$54.

J. F. Gibson, Wm. McAllister, and Thomas Walters and wife left town last Monday morning for the South Fork of Bridge River. Mr. Gibson will return in a few days and the others will remain and will assist Glenn & Richardson in working their placer ground.

J. J. Taylor, the mining engineer of Rossland, who was up Bridge River, inspecting the Lorne group of claims for Mr. Law purchased the \$85 nugget which was recently taken out of the North Fork of Bridge River. He will take it to Kootenay and let them see what he has in this section.

A. Noel returned to town Tuesday evening after making a flying trip to his camp on Bridge River. He returned again next day and will move the machinery up the river as soon as possible. The boats are ready and the water is raising some and it will only be a short time before the freight is landed at Sucker creek.

Mrs. Hodge has been on the sick list for the past week.

Harry Brett will leave Tuesday with the Bridge river mail.

Wm. Cameron of Lytton spent a few days in town this week.

Mrs. D. Hurley was able to be out again this week after a severe illness.

Several small children have been ill during the past week but nothing serious.

The bar and dining rooms of the Pioneer hotel have been repapered and painted.

J. Fleckenstein a barber, arrived in town last Friday evening and has his shop next the Pioneer hotel.

Messrs. Maunsell and Tarbutt left last Saturday morning for the North Fork where they spend a few weeks hunting.

A thirty-three foot street will be opened up west of D. Hurley's house so as to give residents on Second street an outlet.

O. F. Law and J. J. Taylor, mining men and Dr. H. F. Burgess were passengers on the stage last Saturday morning for Ashcroft.

R. H. Brett had on exhibition Thursday some fine rhubarb, the second growth this season, which will take first prize in this vicinity.

E. Bell, Indian agent, returned home Tuesday morning after spending about a week in this section looking after the wants of the different tribes.

It is reported that six inches of snow fell in the Lac La Hache valley this week. The weather in Lillooet has been very changeable and the summer backward.

Reports from Vancouver state that Major Burnet passed through the operation successfully which he went down to have performed, and will be able to return again shortly.

The excursion up Seaton lake arranged to take place on the 28th, has been postponed until May 17th, when it is expected that the weather will be more favorable for the outing.

Prof. Odlum, from Vancouver, arrived in town via Lytton last Friday evening on his way to Cariboo. The professor has secured some good properties in Cariboo and is now on his way to open them up.

J. S. Bell and J. Benson, M. E., went up Seaton lake on the str. Minnehaha Tuesday returning the same day. They visited the Gilfoil property and report it as looking first rate, the tunnel being now in 125 feet. Having an aneroid with them then they found that the claims were 2200 feet above the lake.

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