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THE LILLOOET-LYTTON ROAD.

The long expected tenders for the completion of the Lillooet-Lytton wagon road are now being advertised in this issue. The specifications and conditions of contract can be seen at the government offices ot Lillooet, Lytton and Ashcroft and forms obtained. Tenders will will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signature of the tenderers and the agreement appended to the form of tenders to execute a bond in the penal sum of $400 signed by two responsible parties, who must be satisfactory to the deputy commissioner of lands and work.

The time given for receiving the tenders is very short and probably more would have tendered had they had time to consider the matter after receiving the specifications.

The portion remaining unfinished of this road is a little over two miles and will principally be all rock work and it is expected that only a short time will be taken in completing it. When this work is finished Lillooet will be about 42 miles distance from a railway which will be a great convenience to travellers coming and going into Lillooet. Along the road are a number of ranches whose owners have been promised for several years this road, and it is hoped that it will be realized shortly. The tenders are called for the tenth and shortly after that date it should be known who has the contract.

With work fairly started and good crews of men engaged, it should not be any more than six weeks or two months until wagons and stages are running through to Lytton carrying freight, passengers and mail.

Bridge River Notes.

Work is going on near the mouth of the South Fork on the ground owned by Glenn & Richardson. At present Chas. Glenn, T. Walters, W. McAllister and J. Olsen are working, sinking shafts to tap bedrock. Good results are expected from this ground.

Dan Hamilton is still working away on the South Fork near the mouth and has done pretty well this winter. Dan put in good time and deserves credit for the way he has stuck to the placer ground.

Jake Patterson and Dan McLeod are doing first rate near Glenn & Richardson's ground, and have secured some of the yellow metal.

S. T. Harris, manager for J. Dunlop at Pauchton has about completed his residence and will shortly occupy it. The garden around Dunlop's has all been put in and a good crop of all the necessary vegetables will be had during the season.

Grant White has also his place across the creek from Dunlop's, under cultivation, and is going into ranching on an extensive scale.

The trail in some places is in very poor condition and with a few dollars expended should put it in good condition. Over Mission mountain the trail is in pretty good shape, the machinery moving over it improving it considerable.

J. B. McPhail is in charge of the Big Horn Ranch.

Messrs. Young and Coughlan are camped near the Lorne and are expected to arrive in Lillooet in a few days. They are both owners in the Lorne group.

John Collum, (Sucker Creek Jack) has been on the sick list with a bad attack of rheumatism and as soon as able will make a visit to town.

The Bend'Or Machinery.

Word brought to town this week report that Arthur Noel was successful in moving the machinery for the Bend'Or stamp mill up Bridge river, from near the Big Horne ranch to Sucker creek. Four boats were used being loaded with about two tons each and taking two days to make the trip up the river, a distance of 38 miles.

From Sucker creek to the mine, a distance of about ten miles, considerable trouble will be experienced. Most of the small boxes and pieces will be packed in by horses and the heavy pieces will be taken in on the go-cart.

R. H. Wood at the mill site is rushing the work and will be prepared to put the machinery in place as soon as it arrives at its destination.

Working on the Fraser.

Mr. H. L. Southard who spent some time last year on the Fraser river prospecting the banks, 9 miles from Lillooet near the Fountain ranch, has returned from Pennsylvania, where he went last fall from here.

Mr. Southard was thoroughly satisfied with the results of his prospecting last season and will this year devise some means of working on a larger scale. The banks along this place has yielded quite a lot of gold and Mr. Southard is confident, when worked on a scientific and practical scale to yield good returns. An eastern company is interested in this proposition and will expend enough money to work the ground in good shape. Mr. Southard will shortly have a small house erected near the ground where he will take up his residence.

He is accompanied by his niece, Miss Tessu from Wonderly, Penn, who will remain in this section for some time.

The Pioneer Claim.

Harry Attwood and H. Downs are at work on the Pioneer claim and will have the arrastra in shape to commence work shortly. The Pioneer is owned by W. F. Allen and H. Attwood, who did considerable work on it last season, besides building an arrastra. They have rich rock on the dump and should be able to make a good run.

FERRIES FOR BRIDGE RIVER.

In another column will be found an advertisement from the deputy commissioner of lands and works calling for sealed proposals, up to noon of Saturday May 20th, from persons who may desirous of establishing, operating and maintaining a ferry at Jack's landing across Bridge River, and the mouth of Sucker creek across Bridge river. The privilege is to cover a term of five years, and to extend for a distance of four miles above and four miles below the point of crossing. The proposals must state the capacity and kind of ferry intended to be established and the mode of operating it the amount of tolls to be collected and any other particulars bearing on the subject.

The calling for proposals for ferries at these two points is a step in the right direction, and the government will receive many blessings from the people having occasion to cross at these points. At both places a kind of a ferry has been in use during the past year and the one at Sucker Creek created considerable dissatisfaction on account of the exhorbitant charges made by the man running the boat.

Several tenders will most likely be put in although the government is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. With the acceptance of the proposals it is hoped the successful tenders will proceed at once with the construction of the scow and have things in shape as soon as possible for the travel into the Bridge River district.

Overland via Lytton.

Professor Odlum who passed through Lillooet a couple weeks ago on his way to Cariboo, writing to the Vancouver World an account of his trip from Lytton says:

"We passed over the new road and trail on our way to Lillooet. Excepting a few miles at and near the Big Slide, the road is a credit to the men who made it, and to those who keep it in such good order. It is generally reported that the government is going to construct the part that was postponed last year, viz, that at the Big Slide. If the report be true, then the people will rightly give a hearty support to the government; if not then the government should have censure. As the finance minister, the Hon. Mr. Cotton, is soon to visit all the roads north of the C. P. R., as far as Barkerville, a laudable purpose, it is then most likely that at an early date the Big Slide road will be undertaken and completed. This would indeed be a real boom to the Fraser river people all the way to Pavilion mountain, if not even farther north. I trust the hon. finance minister when examining the few miles of road yet to be completed will consider the advisability of putting over the Fraser two short suspension bridges instead of attempting to cross the Big Slide from below. This plan would receive aid from Ottawa, open up the west side of the Fraser to Lytton and be permanent work. It would cost the country less in the long run and give greater advantages to the people.

Another note on the roads. In my humble opinion it would be wiser to keep four men employed on repairs the whole year in the 44 miles north from Lytton than to let numerous patches get out of order, and even dangerous, with the necessity of employing many men at greater cost for a few months of summer. By the first method, at a smaller cost, the roads would be good 12 months. By the latter at a greater cost, the roads are good for only a few months of each year. And I may say no cabinet minister is qualified to act with an adequate knowledge unless he has traveled over these mountain roads and trails. What I have here suggested is my best judgement and the result of visiting almost every public road in British Columbia.

We arrived at the little town of Lillooet the evening of the second day from Lytton and found that quite a number have already gone into the Bridge River country. I have examined a lot of good gold or and am of opinion that Bridge River will surprise many who know too much, as well as many who do not know enough. If there were water handy and in quantity, the benches of Lillooet would pay well for extensive working.

A Sad Mistake.

A man residing in a neighboring town suffered much inconvenience of peace of mind last week. Holding a position where he had occasion to refer accounts etc, to the other offices in different towns the accident happened by placing the wrong missive in the envelope directed to this particular office. It seems he had received a bill for work done by certain parties, and to them he acknowledged receipt of same in a very nice manner. As it was necessary to have the bill endorsed he wrote an accompanying letter in language rather severe and strong referring to the work done and not too complimentary to the parties, to his brother officer.

The letters were both sent away and in the course of a few days it was discovered that the letters were each addressed wrong, the parties receiving the letter ment for the other office, which contained their full pedigree. Moral.

Flag of Truce.

Manila, April 30.—The Filipinos will seek peace. Colonel Manuel Angueli and Lieut. Jose Bernal, chief of General Luna's staff, entered General McArthur's line bearing a flag of truce. They are en route for Manila by train to confer with General Otis regarding terms of surrender.

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LILLOOET, B. C. FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1899.

Next week we will print the report from this district, published in the annual report of the minister of mines.

The first opportunity the streets should be cleaned up by some of the government boarders. Occasionally there are cases where people stay in the jail a few days eating grub, when a little exercise would not hurt them in the least. Corral a few of the class who inhabit chinatown and make them work or take a cultis coolie.

The citizens of Vancouver and Ludgate are having a hot time in regards to the lease of Deadmans island. The probabilities are that a mill will be erected as the city are now interviewing the dominion government to turn the island over to the city so that it may have control of it and to let Ludgate build the mill.

The committe appointed by the Dominion Alliance to prepare for the bringing of the result of the prohibition plebisite before Parliament for recognition have met and agreed to a resolution which will be introduced next week. It will call on the Government to pass a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicatns throughout Canada, providing however, it shall only be operative in such provinces as confirm its acceptance by a popular vote of the people.

The bond on the Lorne group which will not be taken up, as was confidently expected, will no doubt discourage a few interested in this section. The Lorne has rich showings and a quantity of good rock on the dump which will be put through the arrastra and the owners will be able to make good wages for the time. To the outside world it may probably stop a few coming in and discourage them, but let the people of the town and those holding claims get to work and prove their worth so as to dispel any bad notions that may have arisen. It is surprising and regretful that this particular property has not come to the front as was expected by all, the assays were not satisfactory to the people holding the option. The owners will most likely go ahead and run the arrastra during the coming summer and it is hoped that good results may be obtained. On account of this property not being taken it does not necessarily condemn the whole district and it is hoped will not be taken in that light. There are other properties with first rate showings which will go ahead and redeem themselves.

No Danger of Floods.

The usual spring prophicies of a flood on the mighty river are being made and extensively discussed. All the climatic causes have been and are being canvassed, and the majority of them, especially those who have taken their opportunity for many years to closely observe the varying effects of the seasons as they pass upon the volume of water in the big river, are of the opinion that under ordinary conditions of temperature there is not the slightest danger this spring of a flood, or in fact anything in the water line more serious than ordinary high water. It is advanced in support of this comfortable theory that the snow, in the mountain regions, which for twelve hundred miles are drained by the Fraser, has for several weeks been slowly but surely melting and when the hot weather comes on in earnest the greater part of the mountain snow, the fountain head of the flood, will have been dissipated and the great danger past.—New Westminster Sun.

An Eight-Hour Day.

Mr. Beattie in the dominion house last week has introduced a bill to determine the length of the working day for workmen and laborers. The bill provides for an eight-hour day. If an employer violates it, he renders himself liable to a fine not exceeding $1,000 or six months' imprisonment of both.

Tenders for Ferry Service.
Lillooet District.

SEALED PROPOSALS, addressed to the undersigned, will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to noon of Saturday, 20th May, from persons who may be desirious of establishing, operating and maintaining a ferry at each of the undermentioned places, viz:

1st. Across Bridge River, at Jack's Landing.
2nd. Across Bridge River, at the mouth of Sucker Creek.

The privilege is to cover a term of five years, and to extend for a distance of four miles above and four miles below the points of crossing.

Proposals must state the capacity and kind of ferry intended to be established, and the mode of operating it, the amount of tolls to be collected, and any other particulars bearing on the subject.

The department does not undertake to accept the lowest or any tender. W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 25th April, 1899.

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Notice to Contractors.
LILLOOET AND LYTTON ROAD.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Tender for Lillooet and Lytton Road," will be received up to and including the tenth proximo, for the execution of certain works required in the completion of the above road.

Specifications and conditions of contract can be seen at the Government Office at Lillooet, at the office of A. Stevenson, Lytton, at the office of J. Burr, Ashcroft, and at the office of the undersigned, on and after the first instant.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signature of the tenderers, and the agreement appended to the form of tender to execute a bond in the penal sum of four hundred ($400) dollars, signed by two responsible parties, who must be satisfactory to the undersigned.

The department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 27th April, 1899.

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Canadians have just cause to feel a thrill of pride in the story of the arrest of the Indian who killed a worthy citizen of Kamloops.

Canada is the only part of this continent so completely under the sway of law and order as to be the scene of a demonstration which did credit to British Columbia and the whole country.

The murder surrendered, stepped into the constable's buggy and was driven to jail in broad daylight. Partically the whole population of Kamloops and neighborhood witnessed the arrest, and followed the prisoner to the jail. Not a threat was heard, and the Canadians at Kamloops showed their faith in the institutions of their country by leaving the murderer to the law.—Toronto Telegram.

One Result of Home Industry.

Four years ago last January, George Borthwick and his brother-in-law, M. P. Gordon, started a small cigar factory, renting quarters in the Masonic building. At that time the active staff consisted of Mr. Borthwick, one hired man and a boy. Today the Inland cigar factory employs thirty-five hands, men and boys, occupies a fine brick block of its own, and has all it can do working day and night to fill its orders. The monthly pay roll of the factory exceeds $2100 and upwards of $750 are paid monthly into the Dominion treasury in the shape of inland revenue and customs duties. The daily output of the factory is now 6000 cigars.—Sentinel.

The Inventor of Spectacles.

The Medical Journal says that the invention of spectacles is often attributed to Roger Bacon, who died in 1294. Further research, however, has shown that 1285 Savrino degli Armati, a Florentine, worked glass into the form of a lens as a help to vision. For him, therefore, may justly be claimed the honor of having invented spectacles. He died in Florence in 1317 and was buried in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore. On his stone is the following inscription:

"Here lies Savrino degli, inventor of spectacles. May God forgive him his sins.—A. D. 1317.

"Remember Bill Pluggett's weddin,' don't you?" asked the Oldest Inhabitant. "Say I do," answered his understudy, "they walked thirty miles to get the preacher to tie the knot." "Well, when Bill run away from her yistiddy, I hear he took the fast express."

Examinations for efficiency in the practice of assaying will be held in the laboratery of the Bureau of Mines on May 14th and November 20th. The examiners will be the Practical Mineralogist, Provincial Assayer, and Mr. H. Pellew-Harvey, who will act as special examiner for such examinations as may be held on or near the coast. Should the Minister of mines deem it advisable to hold examinations in other localities, he is authorised to appoint another special examiner from each such locality, who shall act in conjunction with the Provincial Mineralogist and Assayer. The examiners will not be salaried.

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AIDS TO PROSPECTORS AND MINERS.

The capability of the prospector, in regard to the requirements to correctly name different kinds of rocks and minerals is the greatest of his mineralogical knowledge. As certain rocks are found associated with certain ores and minerals in paying quantity, a knowledge of rock formations it essential to intelligent prospecting. Prospectors' manuals, guides and handbooks generally give a chapter or two on the determination of rocks and minerals. To the young prospector, or to one who has had but little experience in the practical part of mining, which is the sorting or extracting of ore, to him the mineral contents of ore bodies and veins are a serious puzzle and often tax the ability of those of still greater experience. Even experienced miners and prospectors, when in a new district or class of minerals with which they are not familiar, are often at a loss to give the correct names to the rocks and minerals met with. Two reasons may be given for such a seemingly unwarranted display of ignorance. The surface or altered condition of rocks and minerals due to weathering or atmospheric change and the close resemblance which many rocks and minerals have to each other. The study of such guides by prospectors and miners, along with elementary works on geology and mineralogy, is a good means of educating the memory to retain such necessary details in connection with their calling, which may at some unexpected moment advance their business interests. When such reading is practiced aloud it educates the ear to the sound of the names met with, and enables the memory to retain such knowledge better than if only the eye glances along the lines. As impressions made on the mind through the vision are more lasting, and at the same time create more thought than those made from hearing or through the medium of the ear, and as the eye is the chief organ which is used in the search for the detection of minerals, the young prospector can best gain acquaintence with strange and rare rock and minerals by purchasing a correctly named and classified collection of typical rock specimens and ores of the common and rare metals and minerals. A combined study of such reading matter, accompanied by the close examination of the rocks and minerals illustrated in a correctly-named collection, educates the eye and makes the description in print perfect and more easily understood and remembered. Such knowledge can also be gained by visiting museums and institutions where minerals are classified and on view, and, consequently, such exhibits have an educational value as well as the desirable object of developing the mineral resources of the country.—Mining and Metalligical Journal.

Great Mining Case.

Rossland, B. C., April 28.—The great trial of the Iron Mask vs. the Centre Star has been proceeding all the week before Mr. Justice Walkem. A large audience gathers daily, and the proceedings are followed with increasing interests. So far the Iron Mask people have made out a prima facie case of trespass and damage, and have rested their case there. The Centre Star has started in with its defence, and the evidence adduced, to-day, consists largely of proving the exclusive plans and model of the mine workings put in, and of identifying many samples of ore taken from different portions of the disupted ground and elsewhere. Next week, when the experts get into the box, an exceedingly interesting time is looked for. The whole rock formation of the camp will be gone into most thoroughly. The case will last for some weeks yet.

Mable — Pshaw! Why, you would marry the first man who would come along. Lillian—Oh, well; you wouldn't even wait for him to come along, if you knew where he was hiding.

"Do you mean to tell me" said the unfortunate litigant, 'that the whole property in dispute has been wasted in costs?' "I said it had been absorbed, my friend—not wasted," replied the lawyer. who had got the worst of it.

A young lady of very extraordinary capacity late addressed the following letter to her cousin: "We is all well and mothers got his Terrix, brother Tom is got the Hupin Kaugh, and sister Ann has got a babee, and I hope these few lines will find you the same. Rite sune. Yonr aphectionate kuzzen."

The new divorce laws of North Dakota will deprive the State of an industry worth half a million dollars a year to its principal cities. The Act provides that, after July 1 next, it shall be necessary for a person to live in the State for at least twelve months in order to acquire a legal residence. Heretofore, three months only were necessary, and, under that imitation, hundreds of variously distressed husbands and wives sought North Dakota as the shortest and speediest road to divorce. As only the class who were able to spend money freely were able to afford even the three months' "trip out west," the divorce colony has long been a very gainful benefit to local tradesman, and it was because of the large expenditures made by those visitors that the better elements of the community was unable to secure an earlier change in the law.

"What is your speciality?" inquired the visitor at the dime museum, addressing a man who was sitting behind a railing near the entrance, and appeared to be doing some figuring. "If you had happened in a little sooner," replied the man, "you might have seen me in my great weekly act of paying off the other freaks. I'm the proprietor."

A Deceiving Inspection.

Says the Victoria Times: The register of the Victoria Hotel bears the following inscription, which is apt to deceive the causal observer: "W. E. R. Notman and wife, Norfrom, N. Y." Robbed of its capitals and punctuation marks the inscription reads: "We are not man and wife nor from New York."

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Against a Mint.

Montreal, April 28.—At a meeting held yesterday of the council of the Canadian Bankers' Association the question as to the establishment of a mint in Canada for the coinage of gold was discussed and it was resolved that the council disapprove of the proposal for the following reasons:

First—Because the operating of a mint will result in a loss either to the miner or government according as one or the other is made to bear the expense of coinage.

Second—Because a better market for gold bullion is provided by banks than can be supplied by a mint.

Third—Because the intrinsic value of the metal is not enhanced by its conversion into coin, bullion being frequently preferable for the purpose of international exchange and settlement.

Forth—Because experience has demonstrated that paper is preferred to gold coin as a circulating medium, and bullion mined in Canada will not be refined in the country.

Fifth—Because the coinage of gold would introduce an element of uncertainty and disturbance in the currency system, prejudicial to the commercial and industrial interests of the country.

Loss of the SS. City of Kingston.

Tacoma, April 29—Steamship Glenogle of the North American Mail Steamship Company's Tacoma-Oriental line, crashed into the steamer City of Kingston about 4 o'clock last Tuesday morning off Brown's point, cutting the City of Kingston in two just abaft the boilers. The twelve passengers and Kingstons crew of seventy were saved through the pompt action of officers of the Glenogle and Kingston and two ships lying in the harbor, which lowered boats and assisted the people on the Kingston to reach the Glenogle. The Kingston is a total loss and the Glenogle is damaged. The hull of the kingston sunk immediately, but her upper works, cut in two, floated.

Wireless Telegraphy.

London, April 28.—Wireless telegraphy had its first practical demonstration this morning. The Goldwin Sands lightship was struck by a passing vessel and the crew utilizing a wireless telegraphy apparatus notified the land that their ship were in a sinking condition. Tugs were thereupon despatched to assist the lightship.

Old Lady—Little boy, you will never grow strong if you smoke that nasty pipe. Jimmy—Maybe I won't but de pipe will.

While his own picture of the Santiago fight pretend to show where Sampson lay, those of the board of navigation show where he was really lying.

The Methodist General Conference of Canada has decided to set apart a Sunday in October next for the making of collections in all churches under its jurisdiction, on behalf of a Twentieth Century Commemoration Fund of a million dollars, which the Methodist of the Dominion have determined to raise on behalf of their cause in general.

Montreal, April 29.—C. P. R. stock nearly reached par this morning on the local stock exchange, the price closing at 97¾, after opening at 95¼, an advance 3¼ points in an hour and an half. There was a regular scramble to get stock and 7,700 shares changed hands.

According to the Simcoe 'Reformer," the debate of the Yukon scandals cost the country $3,000 a day, which, for say, twenty working days, would be $60,000. And nothing to show for it! But then, the Tuppers must "blow themselves" at the country's expense in some way, even when out of power.

M. DeKeyser-Verbeist has made arrangements with the manager of the Gold Point Mining Company, of Quesnelle Forks, for putting in a large gold saving plant with a total capacity of some 2,000 yards daily This arrangement was made only after a very thorough test by Mr. Polleys' of the value of the machine as a gold saver. In the tests made by Mr. Polleys, with the fine gold of the Thompson river, there seemed to be scarcely any loss—in other words the saving was nearly 100 per cent. Mr. DeKeyser-Verbeist is naturally feeling much elated over the success of the trials, which certainly go very far towards confirming his claim that he has a remarkable gold saving machine; a combination of quicksilver, cyanide and electricity.—Journal.

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(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

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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.

Dated this twenty-second day of February, 1899.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

A B. X. special with a commercial traveler was in town Thursday.

A few parties are making arrangements to go out and do their assessment work.

F. Richardson is engaged in painting and decorating Mrs. McIntosh's residence.

J. F. Gibson returned to town this week from a trip up Bridge River as far as Sucker creek.

T. Whitmore went up Bridge river Tuesday morning on business, also taking the Bridge river mail with him.

Dr. Sanson spent a few days in town this week on professional business. The doctor makes regular trips to town once a month.

Arthur Phair and R. Hughes went up Seaton lake Tuesday and will spend a few days in the vicinity of McGillivray creek avoiding bears.

D. Hurley has now got a fence built along the street recently opened up next his residence. A. Richey has charge of the work and has made the most even fence in town.

J. McKivor has been busy the past few days putting in a flume from the main one to the street, where it empties into a barrel and is divided into three streams, to W. Duguids, D. Hurley and J. McKivor's gardens.

A number of towns in the country are making arrangements for the celebrating of Her Magesty's birthday, on the 24th of this month. It would be a good scheme for the citizens of Lillooet to get together and see about celebrating on that day.

Hon. C. F. Cornwall, county court judge arrived in town last Saturday noon and held court on Monday morning. The only business transacted was the naturalizing of a few Orientals, as the few cases before the court were withdrawn, The judge left for his home at Ashcroft Tuesday.

It is reported that Mr. Hughes will shortly leave this field where he has labored for the past few months. The Methodist conference meets this week and his successor will then be named, of course this is only a report and it is sincerely hoped by his many friends that he can be induced to stay another term.

One of the members of the Sons of Rest arrived from Ashcroft Wednesday and paid a fraternal visit to a few members of the order here. Seeing that the visiting brother had a little silver he was given a very warm reception and had the freedom of chinatown. He left again for Ashcroft Thursday not caring to be away any length of time from his own precinct. On his next visit if he has any cash, he will be elected to the highest office of the order, higher than the chief who resides in this section.

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An excursion up the lake on 17th and picnic at the Portage. Tickets $1 round trip.

Mr. O. O'Halloran was in town last Monday evening returning home next day.

A. McDonald, road superintendent is on a tour through the East Lillooet district.

The school kids exercised themselves Thusday afternoon by cleaning up the school yard.

F. H. Kinder is now working on the C. P. R. paint gang painting the company's houses along the line.

Emma Jane Marshall daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall has been ill the past week with a severe cold but is now on the mend.

The Seaton Lake Sawmill has been running full blast of late and has a large quantity of lumber sawed to accommodate the trade.

R. Hoey returned from a few days to Pavilion mountain Monday where he had been looking after his cattle which are in that section.

C. T. Diamond, book keeper for Arthur Noel went up Bridge River last Tuesday morning, where he will be for a few weeks with the machinery.

Word received from Major Burnett by Mrs. Burnett last week report him as much improved in health and will return home in the course of a few days.

The Indian Casimir, who was tried last week at Kamloops for murdering Philip Walker, was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on June 2nd.

The Kamloops Agricultural Association are making arrangements for their annual fall fair. Ashcroft will be around shortly and the dates will be named.

A. E. Leatham who went up Bridge River a couple weeks ago on a hunting exhibition with W. G. Manson as guide, is camped near Tyauchton and last week secured a mountain goat. They will move up on Cadwallader this week and hope to secure some grizzlies.

An Indian by the name of Kiyou died at the reservation on the top of the hill Thursday morning. He had been sick for some time his lungs being effected some. Kiyou is the Indian who was with Cleveland when he slipped over the steep precipice at the Golden Cache mine in the winter of 97.

The New Westminster Exhibition held by the Royal Agricultural and Industrial society have fixed the date for this year's exhibition, which will retain all its Provincial characteristics. It was decided that the exhibition shall open on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, and shall continue open until Friday, Oct. 6th at 10 p. m.

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