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THE LORNE GROUP.

Mr. Chas. F. Law, of Vancouver, who a few months ago secured a bond on the Lorne group of claims on Cadwallader, returned to Lillooet last Monday evening. He has just returned from a trip to Montreal and Toronto where he had been interviewing capitalists to invest money in this section. He secured the necessary means for the Lorne proposition and will start at once opening up the property, backed by a strong syndicate. The work to be carried on will be to sink a compartment shaft, four by six feet, one hundred feet deep, lagged and timbered. It is expected the shaft will be completed in about three months. J. R. Williams will have charge of the work and left yesterday with a gang of seven men from town. About one ton of supplies have been purchased and is being packed in by Indians. Prospecting work will also be done on other portions of the group.

The Lorne group is composed of three full claims, the Marquis, Lorne and Golden King. Last summer the owners did quite a bit of surface and prospecting work on the Lorne vein, and also built an arrastra which they ran for a month with fairly good success. The Lorne vein is about 4 feet wide on the surface and shows up in excellent shape and with rich rock. The arrastra was run for about thirty days in all, running about a week at a time, and the results were a saving of about $1,000 out of 30 tons of rock crushed. The tailings were all saved as it was estimated that only 50 per cent. of gold was saved by this primitive method of mining.

The Lorne is a first-class property and everyone who has seen it has been perfectly satisfied that it will become one of the best properties in the district. The people in whose hands it is at present intend to go to work and thoroughly open up the property in such a shape that when it is necessary to put in machinery they will have sufficient ore on the dump and the workings in such a shape that the work can go right ahead without a stop.

Mr. Law is a man of practical experience in mining and knows what is necessary for a working of this kind and will have the affairs conducted in proper shape. The opening of the Lorne means considerable for this section and with the advent of such a strong syndicate in our midst as the one Mr. Law represents means that it will only be a short time until others will become interested in the Lillooet district and make known to the world the richness of the country.

Mr. Law will remain in town for a few days to see that everything is properly arranged for working before leaving for the coast.

Bend 'Or Machinery.

About 1,800 pounds of machinery for the Bend 'Or mines arrived in town during the past week and was taken out to Seaton lake. The steamer Minnehaha was to leave to-day for the Mission with the first load. Arthur Noel has about fifty horses and a number of sleds ready and as soon as the freight arrives will take it at once to the summit, keeping the whole thing as clo e together as possible. After reaching Jack's Landing clear sailing will be had if the weather continues as at present. The work of moving the machinery will be pushed ahead as fast as possible, and if no unforseen accidents happen the machinery should be on the ground in six weeks or a couple of months. Fred Appleyard will take the machinery up the lake and Mr. Noel will take it the rest of the way himself.

Bend'Or Mill.

R. H. Wood who had charge of building the dam and preparing the mill site at the Bend'Or mines arrived in town last Friday evening and left on the stage next morning for a short visit to Vancouver. He has everything in readiness for the arrival of the machinery and will bring back with him a few millwrights to help him complete the work.

The Ida May.

The ledge on the lower tunnel at a distance of one hundred feet has been struck on the Ida May property. The ledge is about three feet in width and shows up good quartz. Work will discontinue on the tunnel and t e work of sinking on the ledge in the upper workings will be commenced with the intention of sinking on the ledge for a distance of 50 feet. The work will be continued with seven men working day and night shifts.

A Bold, Bad Man.

A row in the "unwashed" circles took place Tuesday evening and the result was that one man had a very sore head the next morning. A dusky maid of sage brush, with whisky, was the cause of the trouble. A gun was brought into play by the bold, bad man and being on the war path, he ran up against the wrong men, and when attacked, retaliated very "hammerously" with the bad man's gun. The affair was soon brought to a close by the injured man being taken home, and the next day he received medical attendance to his injured cranium.

A poor man lay dying, and his good wife was tending him with homely, but affectionate care. "Don't you think you could eat a bit of something, John? Now, what can I get for you?" With a wan smile he answered feebly: "Well, I seem to smell a ham a-cooking somewhere; I think I could do a little bit of that." "Oh, no, John, dear," she answered, promptly, "you can't have that. That's for the funeral."

REFORM NEEDED.

EDITOR THE PROSPECTOR,—Sir: It is the duty of the government to protect persons and property; and it is also the duty of the government to protect citizens from all local nuisances; and it is the duty of society to protect every child who resides within its proper jurisdiction from all external influences which tend to violate its body and corrupt its mind. I go still further. It is the moral duty of society to protect every child from obscenity and profanity. These are poisons to the mind as much as miasms are poisons to the body. What right has any one to use obscene language or utter profane oaths in the presence of my child, or you child, or any child? No one will pretend that he has or can have any right to mar, deform or maim anyone's child in the body. Why is he allowed to mar and deform its spiritual nature? A person who is profane or obscene in his daily walk or conversation is a moral leper in society. His touch is degredation; his breath is contamination. He should no more be allowed to associate with children than the animal suffering with the "rinderpest" should be permitted to remain in the pasture with the rest of the herd.

There is a place in our town known to the "boys" as the Pest House or White Onion. How long is the present tenant to be allowed to carry on his infamous profession?

A man by the name of Job is mentioned in the bible as having great patience. The people of Lillooet must be possessed with twice Job's patience to tolerate the "Pest House" nuisance. If the Pest House tenant does not change his ways, he will probably be treated in the same manner as panders are in other parts of the country, viz:—A liberal coat of tar and feathers; and ridden out of town on a rail. CITIZEN.

The Steamer Minnehaha.

The steamer Minnehaha which has been on the ways at the Seaton lake sawmill for the past few weeks, was launched yesterday afternoon. The Minnehaha is owned by Fred Appleyard and was built by Messrs. Duguid & Miller. She is 40 feet in length with a nine foot beam, and is a very neat little craft The engine is five-horse power which handles the boat with ease. The boat is well built and the builders showed their skill and fine workmanship on this piece of work. The launching was witnessed by quite a number of people from town and took place in the afternoon. The boat when near the water's edge was let gently into the waters of Seaton lake where she sat very prim, the admiration of all present, who showed their appreciation by cheers. The engine was in place before launching and the boiler and other necessaries were quickly put in place by the numerous willing hands around, and inside of an hour of striking the waters steam was up and about twenty people took a short spin around the lake on the steamer Minnehaha. On arrival at the landing three cheers and a tiger were given for the success of the new boat.

The enterprise shown by the owner in putting on such a steamer is appreciated by all interested in the welfare of the country. The means of travel over Seaton lake has been a dread to many going into Bridge river or McGillivray creek, as a long and hard pull in a boat was to be encountered or go over a miserable and dangerous trail along side of the lake. The getting in of supplies to the numerous camps along the trail will be greatly lessened by being able to take them to the Mission without the hard work heretofore experienced. For the present the Minnehaha will be able to handle the freight, but it is hoped that in a very short time the traffic will be increased so that a larger boat will be on the run and that Mr. Appleyard will receive his reward for making civilization nearer in travelling. Success to the Minnehaha is the wish of all in Lillooet and Bridge river.

Local and General News.

The skating rink has been slightly demoralized this week again on account of the warm weather and snow.

Chas. F. Law returns to Vancouver on tomorrow's stage, and will visit Lillooet again in the course of a few months time.

C. "Mike" Grant arrived in town on last Monday's stage and is employed at THE PROSPECTOR office as master mechanic.

George Doherty arrived in town from the Ida May mine the first of the week and will remain in town for a few days before leaving for McGillivray creek where he owns some good properties.

The gang of men leaving Seaton lake last Thursday morning for the Lorne had an exciting time. There were three boats loaded with grub, etc., and the men, and they had a close race as far as could be seen up the lake by the spectators on shore.

The residents of the west end of town are occasionally put to a little inconvenience by tredging through several inches of water across the roadway. The water always seem to overflow on a dark night. Pedestrians after striking it have to wade through with a pleasant smile and remarks.

The Rev. J. H. Bastin will hold Church of England service in the school house at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning followed by the holy communion. Through the indisposition of the Rev. Archdeacon Small, the service, as announced in last issue, had to be postponed until the 12th.

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LILLOOET, B.C. FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 1899.

Hon. J.F. Hume, will be opposed in the Nelson bye-election by A.S. Farwell, who was defeated by Hume at the general election. Mr. Hume's chances for re-election are good.

The Provincial Government intend passing legislation, at an early date to amend the Municipal Clauses Act, to provide relief in the matter of qualification for mayor and aldermen.

The Nelson Tribune says; "The Semlin government is what this province has long needed. First, it is attending strictly to business; second, it is hurting the feelings of the class that imagine they are rulers by divine rights."

The estimates were to be brought down in the provincial legislature on Tuesday and will be anxiously waited for in Lillooet to see what has been awarded to the district, after the recommendations from several people in this section.

Victoria, at the bye-election last Thursday, elected the three opposition candidates for the provincial legislature. The vote was similar to that cast at the general election, which elected the same men. Both parties stand about on the same level in Victoria.

The Times, in its financial article yesterday announces that a Chinese 5 per cent. railway loan of £11,500,000, has been arranged unconditionally, guaranteed by China and specially secured on Chinese national railways. China has given Great Britain a pledge that these railways will not be alienated to any foreign power.

Macpherson's bill to amend the Master and Servant Act passed through its final stage last Thursday. Incorporated with this bill were four new sections regulating the expenditure of sums deducted from the wages of employees for the purpose of providing a fund for medical attendance. As the law now stands employes will have full control of monies thus deducted with the right to appoint their own medical attendant.

The Minister of Finance gave notice that the estimates would be brought down on Tuesday.

Refering to the retirement through disqualification of the members of the B. C. Legislature the Free Press says: "There is no Act on the statue book at Ottawa so strict or so jealously guarded as the Independence of Parliament Act, and it has been made more stringent since it was passed. Under it Mr. Corby lost his seat for west Hastings, because one of his clerks sold to the government some material for the manufacture of methylated spirits. It is easy to see that if these trifiing cases were not in breach of the Act there would be nothing to prevent large dealings. What is true of the Ottawa Act would be just as true of the British Columbia Act."

British Columbia will, in all possibility, receive good representation at the Paris Exposition next year. Arrangements are now being made by the board of trades of the coast cities to push the matter to a successful termination. The government has received some good advice from people having considerable experience in these matters and have been asked to place a sum in the estimates sufficient to enable them to make a decent exhibit at the Exposition. During the World's Fair, at Chicago, a few years ago, the government appropriated a sum for this purpose, but the allowance granted to each district was not sufficient to get a good exhibit. It is only hoped that the present government will grant a sufficient sum so as not to experience the same result. A hundred thousand dollars spent in a scheme of this kind would be a great advertisement for the province, and would be returned tenfold in a very short time. The mineral exhibit would be the principal one from this province, and it alone should receive a large sum to place one of the best mineral exhibits before the world. At the Exposition will be the monied men of Europe who will take a great interest in the mineral exhibit, and it stands us in hand to spend a sum of money for such a cause.

A commissioner or man in charge of the exhibits is being advocated by the Vancouver board of trade, which is taking an active part in this matter, and they have at present under consideration a man well up in mining and of experience to take charge of the province's interests at Paris. It is hoped that the government will make the necessary appropriation, and with the showing that can be made the results will be marvellous.

A Story of the Sirdar.

A story has come to the London correspondent of the "Western Daily Mercury" illustrative of the tenacity with which Lord Kitchener carries out his purpose. During his recent sojourn in this country he entered into personal communication with most of the great firms engaged in the manufacture of railway plants, with a view to securing the construction immediately of the bridge which is to span the Atbara. The answer given him by all the firms was pretty much the same—they were quite full of orders, and could not guarantee delivery before July at the earliest. To an ordinary official this would have been conclusive evidence that the plan would have to be abandoned. But the organizer of conquest in the Soudan is not an ordinary official. Finding himself balked in his project in England he immediately on his arrival to Cario cast about for a means of overcoming the difficulty. He found there in process of dismantling an iron bridge which had done duty on the Egyptian railway for some score of years or more, and finding this was still serviceable, he promptly annexed it, and it is already on its way to the Atbara to be erected over the river.

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In his characteristic way of putting things Max O'Rell says it is time for a new region to be started upon earth — the religion of Christ. Evidently he thinks the so-called Christianity of the past ninteen centuries has been very far from what real Christianity ought to be. The article in which he makes this suggestion, published in the current North America is pre-eminently socialistic in nature, and its termination is particularly characteristic of the author. Speaking of the death of a poor old woman who sold sweets to the children of Cowgate, in the Scottish capital, but whose largeness of the heart prevented her from ever letting a child who could not afford to pay her pass her basket without giving a sweet for love he says: "When that old woman arrived at the gates of heaven, there were more angels to meet her and take her to the throne of the Almighty than there would be for the arrival of all the dukes in Christendom. If there are social sets in heaven I guess that old woman is a leader of fashion among the four hundred there—or my idea of heaven is altogether wrong."

Hints to Advertisers.

Advertising is business news. It tells of things which are of great daily importance. It is of more account to the frugal housewife to know where she can get certain necessary commodities at a less price than usual than to know all the troubles in Siam or Alaska.

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The Queen's Counsel Bill.

The Queen's counsel bill was up for second reading, in the provincial legislature, but upon Mr. Eberts' request, Hon. Mr. Martin postponed the second reading until Monday.

The Queen's counsel bill provides that attorneys-general shall be appointed queen's counsel, that ex-attorneys-general shall also be appointed, and that the lieutenant-governor-in-counsel may appoint not more than two new Q. C.'s each year from among those who have at least five years' standing at the bar. In all courts the attorney-general for the time being shall take precedence and it shall be considered contempt of court for counsel not appointed to appear in court in any of the recognized insignia of a Q. C. The effect of this last section will be to bar Dominion Q.C.'s from wearing their silk gowns in provincial courts.

Fitzsimmons' Money Covered.

Syracus, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Tom O'Rourke announced here to-night: "I have forwarded to-night a certified check for $2,500 to New York to cover Fitzsimmons before the club offering the large purse. The referee and terms to be mutually agreed upon as soon as a club qualifies,

The Mightiest Factor.

London, Jan. 25.—Mr. Hamilton Brown, editor of the British Realm, received a letter to-day from Rear Admiral Dewey, dated Manila, December 18th, in response to a request for an expression of opinion on Great Britain's imperial policy. The admiral says: After many years of wondering I have come to the conclusion that the mightiest factor in the civilization of the world is the imperial policy of England.

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ASBESTOS.

Asbestos is a most remarkable mineral, being elastic yet brittle, a stone which floats, and capable of being spun and woven like wool. A strand weighing less than an ounce can be spun out to 100 yards of thread, and it is not surprising that the ancient believed it to be a vegetable and not a mineral. By them it was often used for shrouds for great men, some of which have been found. It also served for wicks in temples where the fires were never extinguished, being woven into a tube through which the oil rose, the wick itself remaining unconsumed. The same kind of wicks are used by the Greenlanders and Esquimaux in Labrador. Up to a very recent date practically all the asbestos that was used was produced in Italy. The Canadian asbestos was not put on the market till 1877, although its existence was known to geologists long before. The first mine opened was at Thetford, and the fibre from that mine is still considered supreme. The Italian asbestos is a variety of hornblende, but the Canadian is fibrous serpentine, and is properly called chrysotile. The chemical composition is not very different, but the Italian contains no moisture which the other does. In Russia enormous deposits of the mineral exists, but the quality of the fibre is inferior, and for that reason is not much in demand.

South Africa produces a small quantity, but the lead has now for many years been maintained by Quebec. The mining of the mineral is very costly, over 100 tons of rock having to be mined for every ton of the finished asbestos. This has laid a heavy burden on the proprietors of the Quebec mines, many of which are not well situated for getting rid of the waste. In the case of one mine it was necessary to build an incline tramway 3,800 yards long up which the loaded cars are drawn to dump the waste.

The asbestor of the eastern township is found in serpentine, and that of Ottawa county in serpentinous limestone It is also found in connection with the deposits of phosphate in Buckingham. Hornblende asbestos is also found in Quebec but is not yet utilized. It is found in irregular veins which are usually very thin, ramifying through the country rocks. In the last few years the discovery of asbestic has been made at Danville. This is a fibrous material which remains after the richer asbestos has been extracted and can be produced from quarries. being hoisted by cable and derrick, and on being raised to the surface is passed through rolls, over a picking table, and then through a Cyclone pulverizer with exhaust pans, and finally over a series of gigs and shaking tables, which separate the fluffy fiber from the stone. On reaching the end of the shaking tables it is sucked by a fan and poured out through a pipe to undergo compression, and it is then sacked.

The value of the material is from $8 to $50 per ton. Extended uses could be found for it if it could be produced cheaper. At present it makes the best packing for engines, and it is also largely used as a covering for boilers and pipes to prevent radiation of the heat. It has been used for the manufacture of paper and cloth. It is valuable in refrigerating chambers. In beetroot sugar refineries it is used as a filter. It also serves this purpose in chemistry, as acids destroy ordinary filter paper. It is utilised for the lining of furnaces and the packing of stoves, but its chief use in the future will be for wall plaster. A single coating of the asbesto is laid on without the preparations necessary for ordinary plaster, it being possible to put it on the bare bricks, and within a few hours will be hard and smooth. This will render the walls or ceilings on which it is put absolutely fireproof, also against rats and mice. Heat will not crack it and it keeps a room warmer than ordinary plaster. It has recently been discovered that sponge is not readily inflammable. A compound has therefore been made of finely divided particles of sponge and asbestos which is fireproof. In electricity it is much used on account of its heat-resisting and insulating qualities.

In the region which has been the seat of great volcanic activity as this has, and which is in consequence largely composed of serpentine and allied minerals, there is a fair prospect of success for those who search for this valuable mineral. In fact it has already been found in some localities in the district, and time will show whether it exists in workable qualities. It is certainly one of those minerals which the prospectors of Kamloops should be on the look out for. It must be remembered that it is apt to be very pockety and irregular. and that therefore there is more risk in mining it than in mining iron or copper or most metallic minerals.—G. F. Monecton, in Inland Sentinel.

The police force at Vancouver will be increased by six more officers.

It is reported that a couple from Lillooet are in Vancouver and will shortly be united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Town-killers are classified into eight separate bunches, as follows: First, those who go out of town to do their shopping; second, those who are opposed to improvement; third, those who prefer a quiet town to one of push and business; fourth, those who imagine they own the town; fifth, those who deride public spirited men; sixth, those who oppose every movement that does not originate with themselves; seventh, those who oppose every movement that does not appear to benefit them; eight, those who seek to injure the credit or reputation of individuals.

Cuban Difficulty Settled.

Remedious, Cuba, Feb. 3.—General Gomez declares himself favorable to the United States. He will take chare of the money to be used in the disbandment of the Cuban army and to relieve suffering. $3,000,000 is the amount.

During Lent.

Montreal, Jan. 29.—Archbishop Bruchesi will issue a circular letter, which is to be read in all the churches. It will deal with the coming Lenten season, and will announce that he has decided to relax many ordinary regulations, which usually govern the fasting season. The chief reason for this is the prevalence of grippe and and the consequent necessity for nouris hing food for the convalescent.

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Ottawa Notes.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The United States has formally apologized for the action of one of its custom officers at Detroit for forciably deporting a Canadian named Meagher who went from Essex county to Michigan last September.

The customs returns for January increased $148,000. The total increase for seven months is $2,322,000.

G. R. Maxwell, M.P., is here on business with the railway department.

The output for lumber in the Ottawa valley is most promising. Nearly the entire cut of the season is sold out.

Vancouverite Dead.

F. S. Duhig, of this city, received this morning the news of the death of his father D. D. Duhig. The latter gentleman went to the south some time ago and was in Los Angeles at the time of his death. He breathed his last at 10 o'clock yesterday. He was one of the best known of the old Cariboo miners, having came to this country in 1858. He traveled extensively and was very popular wherever he had lived. In Vancouver he had many friends who will mourn the loss of a warm hearted man. The deceased was 69 years of age.—World.

Another Klondike.

The strange story, says an American paper, comes of a discovery of a Klondike in Ireland years ago, before modern mining appliances were in use, copper, lead, and silver were profitably worked in County Wicklow; but, owing to the slump in the prices of those metals, most of the workings were deserted. It seems that, for the last year or two, peasants have made fairly good discoveries of placer gold, but have kept the matter a close secret, sending only enough gold to Dublin for their passing needs. The amount mined has increased to such an extent that about $125 weekly is being exported. This fact at length becoming known, a gold fever set in, and the Government has seriously set about looking for the source from which the free gold has come. Dublin geologists are of the opinion that a rich auriferous vein will be found. If this thing of discovering new gold mining grounds wherever looking for it kept up, the advocates of 16 to 1 will be out of campaign material, as silver will be the more valuable of the two metals.

The Exclusion Bill.

The Placer Mines Alien Exclusion Bill, passed by the Provincial Legislature, has had an excellent effect on our amiable neighbors south of the forty-nineth parallel. It has made them see and feel just how hard a thing "exclusion" is, sometimes, and they seem disposed to relax their proverbially unneighborly treatment of aliens, and particularly of their next door Canadian neighbors. The State of Washington, notes the Review in this connection, "has suddenly discovered that its laws are not just as to the treatment accorded aliens. A bill, proposing a constitutional amendment, has been introduced in the State Legislature, now in session at Olympia. At present, the constitution will permit aliens to acquire only mining lands by purchase. Other lands may be received by inheritance, or foreclosure of mortgage, but they cannot be purchased outright. In fact, under a recent decision of the Supreme Court in that State, an alien may not lease a residence or piece of business property in Washington. The proposed amendment would permit aliens to acquire tracts of land not exceeding 320 acres, and some of the Washington papers advise the removal of all restrections, placing an alien on the same footing as a native of the country. It is really surprising to note the great love for aliens that has been so recently awakened in the bosoms of our neighbors.

Shipwrecked Captain—"It's useless, I can't find my bearings.'

Anxious Passenger—"Perhaps you left them in your other coat."—Ex.

The children had written compositions on the giraffe. They were reading them aloud in the class. At length the time came for little Willie to read his. It was as follows: The giraffe is a dumb animal and cannot express itself by any sound, because its neck is so long that its voice gets tired on its way to its mouth.

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(FORM F.)

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Valentine day, February 14th. A full stock at the post office store.

Charles Noel will return from a few weeks' visit to Vancouver this afternoon.

Chinese New Year was duly celebrated by a number of Indians with the greatest of pleasure.

The ground has been covered the past week with a few inches of snow which fell Monday night.

Mrs. A. McIntosh will shortly visit friends at Pavilion for a few weeks taking a well deserved rest.

Wm. Cumming, jr., has been visiting with his parents in town for the past week having had an attack of lagrippe.

Rev. Archdeacon Small has been laid up at St. Luke's home, Vancouver, for the past few weeks, but is now able to be around again.

J. A. Ward and W. F. Ward arrived up from Westminster last week and will remain in this section for some time. They are brothers of Gib Ward.

Last Friday evening P. H. Divannah, G. Ward, E. Cairns, A. B. Ward and J. H. Smith arrived down from Cadwallader where they had been for the past few months.

The party of men who left town for the Lorne, under J. R. Williams, were: E. Cairns, J. McKiver, J. Arthur, W. Downs, T. Walters, J. Olsen, Geo. Bell, H. Howett and E. Ostrander.

The C. P. R. shops are being taken down at Donald and the men employed have been instructed to leave for Revelstoke to take up their duties again in the new workshops erected there.

J. P. Forde, formerly mining recorder at Cadwallader, and who has been residing in Vancouver for the past couple months, left last week for Rossland and will be connected with a survey party.

A few of the members of the minstrel show have received work out of town, and this will for the time being postpone the minstrel part of the entertainment. The second part will be carried on without a hitch on the 16th. A dance will be held after the entertainment.

A tenant was rudely evicted by the landlord from his palatial residence on Tuesday night. The law regarding tenants and landlords is very queer and it is reported that the Indians will boycott the landlord for treating the chief and spiritual adviser in such a disgraceful manner.

A communication appears in this issue headed "Reform Needed." It is a subject which will meet with the approbation of all, and we hope that the authorities will take a hand in this matter before the citizens will have to contaminate themselves by coming in close contact with these affairs.

W. H. Miller has been indisposed this week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Robb is expected back from her trip to the coast and Kamloops on Monday evening.

February 14th, is Valentine Day and we suppose the usual appropriate 5 cent valentines will prevail.

Archie Tharvage came down from Bridge River the first of the week and has spent the week in town.

J. N. Jensen will leave shortly for Vancouver on mining business. He will be absent a couple of weeks.

Miss Louise Letalien returned home to the Fountain ranch Wednesday after a few days visit in town with friends.

W. F. Allen, proprietor of the Pioneer Hotel has been on the sick list for the past few days but is now recovering.

Maggie McDonald, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonald has been very sick for the past week or so with rheumatism.

Rev. C. Ladner, of Kamloops, chairman of the Methodist church in the surrounding district will visit Lillooet in a few weeks time.

The Sunday school children are preparing a program for an entertainment to be held in the Methodist church at the end of this month.

Frank Sayer's has been appointed provincial constable at Lytton. D. G. Sutherland will probably leave for the Atlin country shortly.

The firm of Lee and Cumming general merchants, has been changed to Wm. Cumming. Mr. Lee having disposed of his interest to his partner.

A service will be held at Mr. J.N. Jensen's house on Sunday morning next at 10 o'clock, by Rev. R. Hughes, all in the immediate vicinity are invited to attend.

Henry Cargile left Ashcroft last week for the Atlin country for a short visit. G. L. Elkins has also gone to the northern gold fields, Mrs. Elkins having gone to her home in Portland.

On Sunday, February 12th, Rev. R. Hughes will preach on "War." The collection on this day will be sent to the missionary society. Special singing is being arranged. It is very probable that Mr. Hughes will be returning to England early in March in order to be present at the spring divinity examination.

Pacific time will govern all the legal matters after the passage of the Definition of Time Act, introduced by the honorable finance minister in the local legislature. This is intended to remove the difficulties experienced owing to the mountain time being observed in one portion of the province and Pacific time in another.

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