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LOCAL NEWS.

The Fraser is keeping unusually high for this season of the year.

Joseph Copeland is kept busy doing threshing for the farmers down river.

Mr. D. Fraser is on a pleasure trip to the coast cities.

Church of England service will be held next Sunday evening at 7:30, by Ven. Archdeacon Small.

Most of the workmen engaged on the Lytton-Lillooet road arrived in town yesterday.

Mr. Twiss, who has been doing assessment work for Vancouver parties, on some McGillivray creek claims, returned to the coast Wednesday.

The mines in the Bridge river section seem to be showing up better than ever. Late arrivals report new strikes being made by parties doing their assessment work.

Lillooet needs a barber. Whether there is trade enough to justify a good man starting in business here, is a matter of doubt with some, but a barber we need, nevertheless.

More interest is now being taken in the Fire Mountain mines. The recent sale of several groups of claims seems to have stimulated mining affairs in that vicinity. Parties in this town have lately been offered good figures for their properties near Skookum-chuck.

Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Gardner, who has been compelled to go east for medical treatment, there will be no service in the Methodist Church for a few Sundays. Mr. Brandon will have charge of the Sunday School during Mr. Gardner's absence.

With the Transvaal and Philippine troubles, the Dewey reception at New York, the Shamrock and Columbia yacht race, and last, but not least, the next ball team the Lillooets will tackle, our citizens have something to engross their attention since the wind-up of the Dreyfus trial.

Kamloops wants to play Lillooet a game of baseball at the former burg. It's usual for those looking for honors to tackle the champions on their own ground. If Kamloops ballists fear their absence would hurt their fair, let them bring it along with them as a side attraction.

From reliable reports we learn that the bonds on all the properties secured by the Bend' Or people, recently, will be accepted by the company in the course of a few days. Through this deal the Bend' Or people will have acquired some of the best free-milling claims in the country.

The construction of the big gold dredger at Lytton is now rapidly progressing. Some delay was incurred through the tardiness of mills in furnishing lumber, but the builder, Mr. G.A. Draghan, now hopes to keep his men busy all winter. Mr. Cobbledick, the prime mover in this great dredging scheme, has been at Lytton for some time, but, owing to ill-health, is at present making Vancouver his headquarters.

There was a special gathering of the "Clams" at the Sign of the Ram's Horn, near Seaton lake, last night, at least we were so informed by the Secretary, a frisky little chap in mutton-chop whiskers, whose invitation we "Kind-er" declined. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

In reference to an item which appeared in these columns last week, on the feasibility of removing the present obstructions to navigation between Seaton and Anderson lakes, we would say that this same project was favorably reported upon by the Sappers and Miners during the days when the highway to Cariboo was through our town; and, but for the ultimate selection of the Yale route, the obstacles referred to would have been removed at that time.

When our victorious baseball team arrived home last week, they met with an enthusiastic welcome by the entire population of this town. The old people seem to have taken as much interest in the game as the younger element. One old chap, who could not distinguish a baseball from a watermellon, was observed listening to a detailed account of how the game was won, interjected with all the technical phraseology of the baseball fiend, not a syllable of which could he understand. But he knew that Lillooet won some kind of a contest, and that was sufficient excuse for the celebration he inaugurated.

Col. McCollum, host of the Sucker creek dispensary, favored Lillooet with a business visit during the early part of the week. When Jack comes to town, these days, he is invariably after good whisky and plenty of it, not for himself, but for the numerous and capacious gentlemen who occasionally celebrate in his vicinity. It can be safely asserted that, when Jack is observed in Lillooet, there is a scarcity of whisky on Sucker creek. This trip he took in a pack train of twenty animals, pretty well loaded, so we shall probably not see his sunburned countenance again for at least three weeks.

A numerously signed petition has been forwarded to the Indian Department, Ottawa, requesting the privilege of erecting suitable steamboat wharves on the shores of Seaton and Anderson lakes At present there is no steamboat accommodation whatever, and the rapidly increasing trade in that vicinity necessitates the erection of some kind of landing and shed for the safe handling of freight. The sites desired are all on Indian reserves, but as the Indian will derive as much benefit from these landings as the white man, there should be no difficulty in obtaining permission from the Indian Department. It is proposed to erect a small shed and wharf at each of the following points: Mission, the foot of Anderson lake, and both head and foot of Seaton lake. We hope to see the early construction of these much-needed wharves.

WAR THIS TIME!

Seizure of a Gold Train by by the Boers.

Westminster Defeats Shamrock Team in Both Games —Yacht Race is Declared Off—Sapperton Orphanage Burned.

[Special to the PROSPECTOR]

New Westminster, Oct. 6—Boers made seizure of gold from train to Cape Town, amounting to £500,000. Boers have left laager at Volksrust, moving towards the frontier. The situation is extremely critical at present. An unconfirmed report from London is in circulation that the time given British troops by the Boers to withdraw from the Transvaal border expires tomorrow afternoon, and that failure to comply will be considered tantamount to a declaration of war.

New Westminster, Oct. 5—The yacht race is again declared off on account of insufficient wind to allow them to complete the distance within the time limit. The next attempt will be made on Saturday.

New Westminster, Oct. 5—Westminster again defeated Toronto in lacrosse. Score: Westminster 7, Toronto 3.

New Westminster, Oct. 5--The Sapperton Orphanage was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon. No lives were lost.

New Westminster, Oct. 4.—In the great international yacht race, today, the Shamrock won, but owing to the time limit having expired before the yachts finished, the race was declared off.

New Westminster, Sept. 4 — In the lacrosse game between New Westminster and Toronto, held on the Exhibition grounds in this city, today, Westminster won. Score, 7 against 2.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 5.—The latest despatches received here indicates the certainty of war between Great Britain and the Transvaal. The opening of hostilities is hourly expected. There is great activity among the Boers. Burghers are gathering in large numbers near the Natal frontier, where they expect the first engagement will be fought. The Transvaal government officials have requisitioned 700 horses, provisions and general equipment for the Burghers. Horses were even requisitioned from the streets and the stables, and the town was depleted. The first raad command of 6,000 men have started for the front, and the Johannesberg corps of 750 men is following. In the meantime business is stagnant and the exodus of the Outlanders continues. British forces are steadily moving nearer to the frontier. Hussar scouts have advanced to Dannbranse, beyond Glencoe, in the direction of Lang's Nek, on the main railroad. The British camp at Glencoe is situated on a stony koppje with strong breastworks of stones on top.

On the outskirts of town, near the bridge, there is a system of hydraulic in full blast that, for general utility and force, is hard to beat. The almond-eyed gentlemen who are doubtless making a small fortune out of this system of mining are as busy as bees, working both night and day shifts; but they have an innocent way of evading any question asked them in regard to their mine, quite admirable, and peculiar to the Chinese. One crafty old duck volunteered the information that they sometimes made as high as 90c. per day. We quite believed him. That they are making a good thing out of their hydraulic work there is little doubt, but the Chinese miner never did, and never will, let the public know his business.

We hear that the Kamloops baseball club have challenged our lads for a contest during the coming exhibition. As an inducement they promise a valuable silver cup and a side bet of any amount between $300 and $1,000. The Kamloops men propose to confine themselves entirely to the residents of that district for players, but will allow Lillooet to join hands with Ashcroft in the selection of a team. This is liberal indeed, and would impress one with the idea that there must be some extraordinary baseball manipulators skipping around the sagebrush of the lake city. Ashcroft has some good men to pick from, but we think our Lillooet boys a match for Kamloops any day. However, that will be a matter for the lads to settle between themselves.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

General Mercier, persecutor of Dreyfus, received from Liverpool a copper kettle, as a prize for being the biggest liar on earth. He deserved it.

The Dominion Government has perfected arrangements to send 1200 men to the Transvaal should their services be required.

A detachment of Royal Artillery reached Victoria on the 30th ult. They are accompanied by a brass band of eighteen pieces.

The highwayman has made his appearance in Atlin. Last week a stage-load of passengers were held up and made to contribute the usual fee.

The steamer Dirigo, just arrived from the North, reports another earthquake in that vicinity. New strikes on Wolf and Fox creeks in Atlin are causing excitement, and a stampede is looked for.

The steamer Scotsman, of the Dominion line, is a wreck off Belle Isle. In attempting to land, twelve ladies were drowned. The crew of the vessel behaved badly, in some cases looting the passengers' baggage.

The Dominion Government telegraph line to Dawson is now open and ready for business. Through messages can now be forwarded from Skagway at the rate of $4 per ten words, and 20c. for each additional word.

Recent arrivals from Cape Nome confirm the reports of the richness of the placer mines in that country, but predict trouble there this winter if half the present population do not seek other climes. Already there is a scarcity of provisions and fuel.

Rossland had a narrow escape from fire the other day, but the prompt action of the fire department confined the flames to a comparatively small area. A gale of wind was blowing, and, for a time, the city had a narrow shave. A dozen small buildings were consumed. Loss, about $5,000.

G. W. Otterson, of Del Oro Co., Omineca, brings news of the suffering of two miners on Mansen creek trail in July. Their names are Constable, of Chilcoten, and Roncee, of Edmonton. They got on the wrong trail and were four days without food. They had killed and ate their dogs and had laid down to die when found.

Officers and men of the Vancouver battalion are anxious to be drafted for South Africa. Few have expressed themselves as unwilling to be among the first draft of Canadian troops. The officers, however, will not be interviewed, since Gen. Hutton's reminder to Col. Hughes that he is liable to a heavy fine for his announcement in this connection.

The Princess of Wales one day visited a butter fair in Yorkshire, and she said to the president of the fair: "I believe, sir, that the best butter comes from Denmark." "Oh, no, madam," replied the president, "the best butter comes from Yorkshire, but the best Princess comes from Denmark." Who says an Englishman doesn't know how to pay a compliment?

No Roman conqueror or victorious king or prince coming home from a successful war, ever received such a magnificent ovation as overwhelmed Admiral Dewey when he reached New York on the 29th ult. It is estimated that over three million people reviewed the pageant from shore, and that a quarter of a million were afloat.

The old steamer Boscowitz, one of the oldest vessels on the coast, was sunk off the mouth of the Skeena river the other day, with a heavy cargo of canned salmon on board. She surprised her owners last week when she steamed into Victoria harbor for repairs. The Boscowitz has had a long and most useful career, and although several times wrecked, she has always resumed running shortly afterwards.

The telephone system of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster has been acquired by a syndicate of eastern capitalists, who, besides improving the service, will establish a long-distance telephone between Victoria and the mainland. The syndicate, a short time ago, purchased the property of the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Company, which includes the systems of the Terminal and Royal cities.

Late and reliable reports point to the fact that the lower Yukon is so uncertain for travel, that banks in the interior will not depend upon that route any longer this year for bullion shipments, and that it is a settled fact that within a few days the final shipments of gold dust from Dawson will be made by way of Skagway. These will be unusually heavy—record breakers for this route—and be accompanied by a heavy guard. The lower river widens out so that the fall rains, which frequently prevail near the coast near its southerly course, affect only the upper river, and that portion is navigable for several weeks longer than the lower Yukon.

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LILLOOET.

The old town of Lillooet has been the scene of many ups and downs to the miner. In the days of old, and gold, when the mines of Cariboo were first being developed, this little town was the scene of great commercial activity, being at that time the trade centre of the interior; but, with the completion of the Yale wagon-road, a few years later on, we were practically switched off the commercial highway to the mines, and Lillooet was left to her own resources. For long years after, Lillooet was the rendezvous of the placer miner, and for a long time the banks of the Fraser and its tributaries were made to yield the sole revenue of this district. Placer mining in those days paid well, and was, even up to a very few years ago, almost the sole occupation of men in this vicinity. Quartz mining was an unknown industry in these parts, and the few men who did venture in that occupation were looked on as harmless cranks. On Cayoosh creek and along the Bridge river, profitable mining was pursued; but with the continuous working of the same gravel, year after year, when the profits gradually diminished to ordinary wages, the placer miner began to look for other occupations. This lead to a search for quartz, with what result need hardly be recorded here. The discovery of the Golden Cache mine caused intense interest to be taken in the district of Lillooet, and the result was a great influx of prospectors, capitalists, and would-be millionaires, who clustered around the discovery post of the supposed bonanza like bees, set up their little stakes wherever they discovered a piece of white stone, and—what else did they do? They just awaited the development of the Golden Cache! True, the Cache had some rich rock, rich enough to excite the most conservative miner, and, for all we know to the contrary, may even yet be a good property, despite the fact that it has met with financial collapse. However, Lillooet profited to some extent during the Cache boom, but in the end it did more harm than any calamity that could have befallen the old town. Our mining industry was in the hands of stock speculators and a certain class of miners, some of whom could not distinguish a mine shaft from a gopher hole; and these were the first men to condemn the country in general after the Cache had failed to enrich them. Their initial experience with one mine was sufficient to call forth their most emphatic condemnation of a country hardly yet prospected, and capital, always a timid bird, was soon frightened out of our mining camps. Mining, at its best, is always speculation, pure and simple, and the man who has not the heart to stand adversity should keep out of it; in any case he should at least understand something about the business in which he is investing his money. All prospects are not always mines, any more than do all mines prove good investments; but, to to the man who understands his business there is as little risk taken in mining as in many other legitimate pursuits. However, the dark cloud of depression soon settled over our mining industry, owing to the Cache, and, for a time, this district felt the full weight of it. Men with promising claims felt discouraged, and, in many cases, abandoned them. Capital could not be induced to take an interest in any kind of a mining proposition, however good it seemed, and, as a rule, mining "experts" looked with suspicion on this district, and poor old Lillooet was thrown upon her own resources once more. Occasionally an "expert" would visit these parts, take a squint at some rock, but usually left with an adverse criticism in his pocket; the tide of public opinion being against this section as a mining field, it no doubt suited some of these gentlemen to keep in the "swim." But it soon occurred to a few of our miners that some of these condemned properties were rich enough to work without the assistance of outside capital, and within the past few months a most decided change has taken place in the future outlook for this section. We have made dividend-paying mines out of "condemned" properties, developed dozens of other claims showing free gold all through the rock, and demonstrated to the most skeptical miner that this district of ours is, notwithstanding all that has been said, one of the best fields for stamp mills, on the coast. In the Bridge river section we undoubtedly have the nucleus of a great mining camp, a section in which, before the lapse of another year, a dozen stamp mills will be heard pounding rock both night and day, and already the noise of the mill and arrastra is heard in those parts. Today the business of Lillooet is assuming a prosperous tone, and, small though it is at present, will keep pace with the devolopment of our mines, the prosperous future of which there can be little doubt. We want no mining boom; of that business Lillooet has had enough. Our own mines are good enough for our own miners to operate, and the reappearance of the mining-shark in our midst will not be hailed with any degree of cordiality. We would also remind a certain class of prospectors that their services are no longer required to help us stake out this district. This has already been attended to, on a grand scale, and irrespective of the proximity of ledge or "float." It is prospectors of this ilk who have hurt the district, and have, through their ignorance of mining, helped to lighten the pockets of many well-meaning people. After making a "location" they generally succeed in finding a mineralized specimen upon it, which, after assay, is termed an average sample of some great ledge on the claim. Very often this kind of false representation is the means of thousands of dollars being squandered in search of that which never existed. There is plain evidence of this kind of work already on view in this district of ours. No, we do not need many more of this stamp of men; but to the industrious, honest miner, Lillooet will give a glad welcome. If he cannot strike a good mine at the first attempt, he can at least make the rocker yield him as good results for his labor as he can obtain elsewhere. Although Lillooet has had her fair share of adversity, and all the ups and downs incidental to the inauguration and collapse of inflated mining booms, the citizens of this town have more faith in the future of their mineral district than they ever had, and the day is not far distant when others will join in the same opinion who, when they left here, promised "never to return." As in the olden days, when the rich placer mine made Lillooet a prosperous town, so, in the future, will the quartz mill work the same change in our financial affairs. It will now be in order for the local government to put the Bridge river trail in such a condition that men can get material to their claims without going to the expense and risk they are now compelled to incur, and it will not be long before we have lively times once more in Lillooet, as good as the days of old, forty years ago!

The war talk in the Transvaal is still the sole theme of discussion, but, up to the present, that is about the only form of hostility yet displayed by Oom Paul.

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The Bend'Or Mine.

There is in the Bank of British North America, on Hastings street, a good-sized gold brick, says the News-Advertiser. It represents the first mill run of the Bend'Or mine, Cadwallader creek. Mr. J. M. Mackinnon, President of the Bend'Or Mines, Limited, was present during the run. He submitted his report to a meeting of the Directors here Thursday evening. Mr. F.M. Robertson, Secretary of the Company, seen on Friday, gave the following account of the meeting:

A meeting of the Directors of the Company was held Thursday to receive Mr. Mackinnon's report. It stated that the mill started running on August 23rd, at 3 p. m., and ran until 9 a. m. on Sept. 15th. After making deductions for unavoidable stops the actual running time was 20 days. The ore crushed during that time was 400 tons. We were obliged to only crush 20 tons per day in order to obtain better amalgamation, but from now on we will increase the amount largely. The actual result of the crushing was 383 28 ounces in gold, besides the amalgam refuse, the value of which is $176.13; the tailings are better being saved for future treatment.

After testing the values in the stopes, the company has no hesitation in claiming that the next run will average at least $30 per ton. The best thing of all in connection with the property is the striking of the lead in the lower tunnel. It was encountered at a distance of 236 feet in, and proved to be 33 inches in width. An average sample assayed $66 per ton. This 100 feet below the present working tunnel.

By Dog Sleighs.

The Canadian Development Company are making special arrangements for the handling of passenger traffic in the north quickly this winter. Mr. Maitland Kersey has just arranged for the immediate construction of a road from the Cariboo Crossing to Rink Rapids, to lead through the valley between the places named and avoid the circuitous route following the waterway to Dawson. The cut-off means the saving of 140 miles. Way houses will be built at places along the road at distances of 30 miles apart, and a first-class sleigh service will be operated with horses during the winter. From Rink Rapids to Dawson, dog teams will make the necessary connection, at what at the outside is expected to be a ten-day trip from Dawson. Four or five new steamers will be built during the winter for next summer's traffic. They will be three times as large as the boats now in operation.

Two Big Gold Bricks.

The first clean-up has been made by the Okanogan Free Gold Fields, and Mr. S. Thornton Langley has returned to Rossland with two bricks of gold, which are the result of the clean-up, says a recent number of the Rossland Record. The brick were lying on the desk in Mr. J. S. C. Fraser's office, in the Bank of Montreal, and looked very tempting. The value of the bricks has not yet been made public. The directors have declared a dividend of 5 per cent., equal to one quarter of a cent a share, which will be paid October 15th. Mr. Langley says the mine is looking very well, and many new leads of good ore are being encountered constantly. The company has five claims included in its property, all of which are valuable.

The British America Corporation have filed their defence in the big suit brought by Lyman F. Williams, of Spokane, for Spokane, for $602,620, or $2.30 a share, which it is claimed is still due on 262 000 shares of Le Roi stock sold to the British America Corporation.

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Suspended Publication.

The Victoria Globe, after an eight months' struggle with adversity, has joined the long concourse of journalistic aspirants already anchored in the literary boneyard of B. C. The Globe was a very well conducted paper, and just why it could not eke out an existence in a city like Victoria, seems queer. Possibly a complication of political troubles was more than the Globe's vitality could stand.

Actual contact with the working of a mine and the extraction of ores does more for a man's mining education than reading scores of technical descriptions, and when the contact is aided by some previous knowledge of geology, mineralogy and chemistry, there is nothing in mining that cannot easily be understood. A few men of this stamp do more to help demonstrate the value of a mining district than a score of those theoretical gentlemen who have obtained their experience through books, whilst smoking their cigars.

Wagon Road to Dawson.

An order-in-council has been passed completing arrangements with the Yukon Overland Express and Transportation Company for the construction of a wagon and sleigh road from the head of Lake Bennett to Dawson City. Right of way and other privileges have been obtained from the government. The company will carry mails and will have stations fifteen miles apart.

Smallpox is getting a good start in the city of San Francisco. Already there are several well-developed cases.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. L. G. Burns is on a few weeks' visit with friends in Victoria. She left on the Lytton stage, Saturday.

Mr. P. Sherwood started for the North Fork early this week, and Mr. Jas. Rowbottom is on a business trip to the Blackwater district.

Messrs. Robt. Hamilton, J. M. Mackinnon, and F. R. Robertson, came in on a special from Lytton, Monday. Next day they left for the Bend'Or mine.

Rev. J. E. Gardiner is on a trip to Toronto. Ill health compelled him to seek medical advice in that city. We hope to see the rev. gentleman back home in the course of a few weeks.

Monday afternoon we were favored with the arrival of three stage coaches and three freight teams. Business is certainly on the increase. Bridge river seems to be the objective point of more than half the traffic heading this way.

Geo. Bell and Wm. Downs, who have been basking in the sunshine of baseball hilarity in the vicinity of Ashcroft, for a few days, returned home Monday. Mr. Downs proceeded to Clinton, yesterday, to superintend sporting events in that lively little town.

Chief Justice McColl, in company with Attorney-General Henderson, arrived on an Ashcroft special Monday evening Under the guidance of our police force they inspected the various points of interest in our city. They left again next day.

A dusky beauty, well under the influence of gin, made a street parade on her responsibility, the other evening, but unfortunately flopped into the willing arms of our police force. She regretted this very much and kicked accordingly, but ultimately reached the destination of the wayward. She contributed the usual assessment towards keeping up the dignity of our town.

The wagon road between here and Lytton is at last completed. Although stages have been making through trips for a week, it was not until yesterday when the men quit work, and a first-class job they have made of it. Passengers and freight will now have speedy transit, and the saving of quite an item in travel between here and the railroad. The completion of this much-sought highway will no doubt materially help the trade of this town and district.

We hear that there is a scheme on foot whereby a steamboat service will be established on Bridge river. The proposed run will be from Jack's Landing to Sucker creek, about 40 miles. If this is done—and there is every reason to believe that it will be—the Bridge river miner will eternally pray, etc. A small stern-wheel steamer could find a profitable trade, even now; but with the coming of spring-time, the Bridge river trade will keep a steamboat quite busy.

According to some of the coast papers, a Chinaman has made his appearance in their midst, in company with a buckskin sack containing $5,000 in heavy placer gold, which he claims to have obtained somewhere in the vicinity of the Bridge river section. A little thing like this should not surprise Vancouver papers. Bridge river and most of its tributaries are gold-bearing streams from which immense sums have been extracted. The country in that direction is, even at this late day, practically unexplored by the miner. Only the other day we saw a large sum of very heavy gold taken from the vicinity of Alexander creek. There is plenty of good placer ground in Lillooet district.

Horrible Murder.

The most atrocious murder committed in Victoria, for many years, was brought to light last Saturday morning on the Indian reserve, just beyond the trestle, on the city side of the engine house of the E. & N. Railway. The victim was Mrs. John Bings, who, with her brother, J. Jordan, kept a bakery opposite the E. & N railway depot. The body was found by Officer Walker, and on being viewed by the coroners, Dr. Hart and Dr. Fraser, was removed to the city morgue.

The body was shockingly mutilated, stripped of every vestige of clothing, and resembled one of the victims of "Jack the Ripper," in Whitechapel. Finger-marks on the throat indicate that the woman was strangled. There are numerous bruises, but the chief injuries are of such nature impossible to publish, but show the poor woman had been in the hands of an incarnate fiend, who literally tore her to pieces in executing his awful work. Near the remains, on the bank above the railway track, were the hat, shoes, and stockings of the deceased, while other portions of clothing lay beneath the body.

All the indications point to a terrific struggle between the unfortunate woman and the murderer or murderers. She left home the previous night about eight o'clock, according to the recollection of her brother, with whom she was in partnership in the bakery business. She carried a shopping bag, and her purse containing the day's receipts was found near the railroad track, empty. Two gold rings which she wore are also missing. One of the many theories is that the perpetrator of the crime intended at first to rob Mrs. Bing, and meeting with a stout resistance became maddened and murdered and mutilated the body.

The deceased bore an excellent reputation, and came from Germany fifteen years ago. Her husband is an employee of the E. & N. Railway, and lived on Russell street, Victoria west. The police do not suspect the Indians, and believe the crime is the work of a madman, who must have done it with lightning speed.

From Omineca.

Mr. R. H. Hall, of the Hudson Bay Co., and Mr. C. Tetley, of Vancouver, who is the agent for the Cottonwood Colonial Co., near Quesnelle, registered at the Central on Tuesday night. Mr. Hall is on his way to the coast, after a tour of investigation through the western part of the province. In response to an inquiry as to the condition of the Omineca mines, Mr. Hall stated that everything was looking well as far as he knew. The 43rd Milling and Mining Co. had everything ready for an early start with their elevators next season, but would not be able to make more than a very short run this season. Col. Wright would leave for Quesnelle about the 2nd or 3rd of Oct. The St. Anthony Co. had done good work, and their plans were well along for hydraulicing. Capt. Black was working on Black Jack gulch with a canvas hose and a force of ten men, and reported as doing well. The pipe for his company's claim was at Stuart's lake. When Mr. Hall came through, a new strike of coarse gold on Robertson creek, a tributary of the Nation river, was reported, but Mr. Hall did not know of its extent or value. Of the Cottonwood mine, Mr. Tetley says work has been rushed along as rapidly as possible, and that hydraulicing will commence in the spring. Mr. Betts, the engineer, has done good work, but has met with difficult engineering problems. Mr. Tetley is in hopes that the flume will now stand all right, and that the next season may see some returns for the large expenditures his company has made. Both of the gentlemen left for the coast by Imperial Limited Wednesday morning.—Journal.

The Golden Cache.

Circular letters have been addressed to various citizens by Fox & Ross, the Toronto brokers, stating that with W. Chaplin, president of the Welland Vale Mf'g. Co., J. Hawley, of Vancouver, and others, they have formed a syndicate to purchase the old assets of the Golden Cache, consisting of five claims, air compressor, plant, and so on. Col. Rives' report was favorable, and that of Prof. Montgomery, who examined the property in August, was that there was about a million dollars' worth of ore in sight, the average value of which is from $12 to $14 per ton. The plans of the new owners are to install an entirely new and separate plant, capable of treating 50 tons of ore per day, to be increased later. The new capitalization of the company will be a million shares at a par value of $1 each, 500,000 of which are reserved by the syndicate and 500,000 placed in the treasury. The letter adds that it was the original intention of the firm to allot to the old shareholders share for share in the new company, on the payment of a certain amount, but circumstances have developed which prohibit this. There have been secured 150,000 shares for this purpose.

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