

stage from Spence's Bridge.

Nanaimo to Nanoose Bay, French Creek, Parksville, Errington, A. C. R. Tuesday and Friday 1 p.m.

Pentleton to Fairview, Osoyoos, B.C., Oro, Loomistown, Conconully, and Ruby City, Wash., on arrival of steam from Okanagan Landing, due Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Pentleton to Camp McKinney, B.C., Rock Creek, Boundary Falls, A. C. R., Kettle River and Grand Forks, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 a.m.

Spence's Bridge to 22 Mile House, Lower Nicola, Coutlee, Nicola Lake, Qulichea, Douglas Lake, Rockford and Stump Lake, Thursday, 7 a.m.

Vancouver to Eburne, Terra Nova, Lulu Island and Steveston, daily except Sunday, at 2.45 p.m.

Vernon to Okanagan Mission and Kelowna, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m.

Vernon to Lumby, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m.

Grand Forks to Midway, Boundary Falls, Greenwood, Carson and Maple, Wash., daily except Sunday.

A TRAVELLING CRITIC.

The round the world travelling correspondent of the Manchester Evening Times speaks very pleasantly of Vancouver and Vancouver, through which he passed on his return journey to London, making only the briefest stay in each city. He declares that the people of Victoria, as a result of the Clondyke gold discoveries, hope to see their city grow to a second Johannesburg, an event which he thinks may come to pass. The correspondent adds, however, that in competition for front rank, as a supply centre for the Clondyke, Vancouver should by reason of rail advantages ultimately take first place, with Victoria second, and Seattle, so long as Canada imposes duties, third. If, however, sheer misrepresentation can accomplish their purpose, the traders of Seattle will maintain their present preeminence.

THE EXCELSIOR.

On this promising free milling mine in the Lillooet district a 125 feet tunnel has been run disclosing rock containing much visible free milling gold. The directors are now placing 25,000 shares in the market with a view to running a second and lower tunnel.

THE CENTAUR GROUP.

It is stated that the Channe Gold Mining Company has this season done much good development work on the Centaur group of claims in the East Kootenay country. The properties run specially high in copper and assay returns are stated to have shown values up to \$250 a ton, most however running between \$25 and \$50.

QUEEN BESS GROUP.

This group of Slokan mines has been sold to a C. K. Milbourne for \$1,000,000, \$1,000,000 of which are to be payable in cash.

KASLO SHIPMENTS.

The statement previously forwarded of these shipments for September, as it would appear, under estimated them. Their value was \$317,337, and not \$293,377.

ROSSLAND SHIPMENTS.

The latest weekly shipments from Rossland total again a moderate aggregate, of 1295 tons. The Le Roi contributes 1200 tons, the Iron Mask 75, and the Cliff 20 tons.

DISCREDITED.

The Fort Steele Prospector doubts the report that the North Star mine has been sold to an English syndicate for \$1,000,000. If the mine is so rich as generally stated, the purchase money mentioned seems rather moderate.

A SATISFACTORY CONVICTION.

One condition of Vancouver city aid to the smelter refinery to be established on Burrard Inlet, is that neither Chinese nor Japanese cheap labor shall thereat be employed in supersession of the British worker. This is as it should be.

A NEW COMPANY.

Another well capitalised English company has been formed to develop gold mining in B.C., the Canadian Mining Syndicate, Limited, capitalised in £50,000. The English head office is at Huddersfield, Yorkshire, the chief office in this Province being located at Vancouver.

THE MONEY SPINNER.

On this mine, on Fire Mountain, near Harrison Lake, a large deposit of very easily workable free milling gold is reported. A tunnel is now in 100 feet and winze down 40 feet. Much visible free gold is reported and the directorate expects excellent results from the first milling, which will take place probably in December, a stamp mill being now in course of erection. It is stated that the ore vein has here been traced for a full length of 1500 superficial feet. There are other promising gold claims at Fire Lake in the same district and it is expected that there will ere long be quite a busy little mining camp on Fire Mountain. Until development is well advanced work in general must however be largely suspended in winter, as some of the claims are at an altitude of 3000 feet and far above the snow line.

THE POORMAN MINE.

Some very rich specimens of gold bearing ore from this Nelson mine are now on view in Vancouver. In it Mr. W. T. Wulffsohn, of the German Consulate, is reported to have secured a controlling interest for himself and associates.

THE ORPHAN BOY.

The purchasers of the Haskins and other controlling interests in this well-known free-milling gold claim have induced the aggrieved stockholders of the original company to abandon their civil action against Haskins and others. It is stated on good authority that on the formation of a new company with further capital, the interests of the old stockholders, who were so utterly disregarded by Haskins, will receive ample compensation, fully paid stock in the new company being granted them. An amicable settlement is likely thus to be made by buyers who mean thus to prove their bona fides in the matter, and it is freely stated that the persons most concerned are now quite happy. It is consequently to be hoped that a claim on which little satisfactory development work was done in the past may in the early future be worked to good advantage.

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