

Mr. Weir, who was in connection with the Fowler-Thompson deal, has gone to Spokane and when he returns the deals mentioned previously will be consummated. It is proposed to put a steamer on Kettle River between Midway and Cascade City.

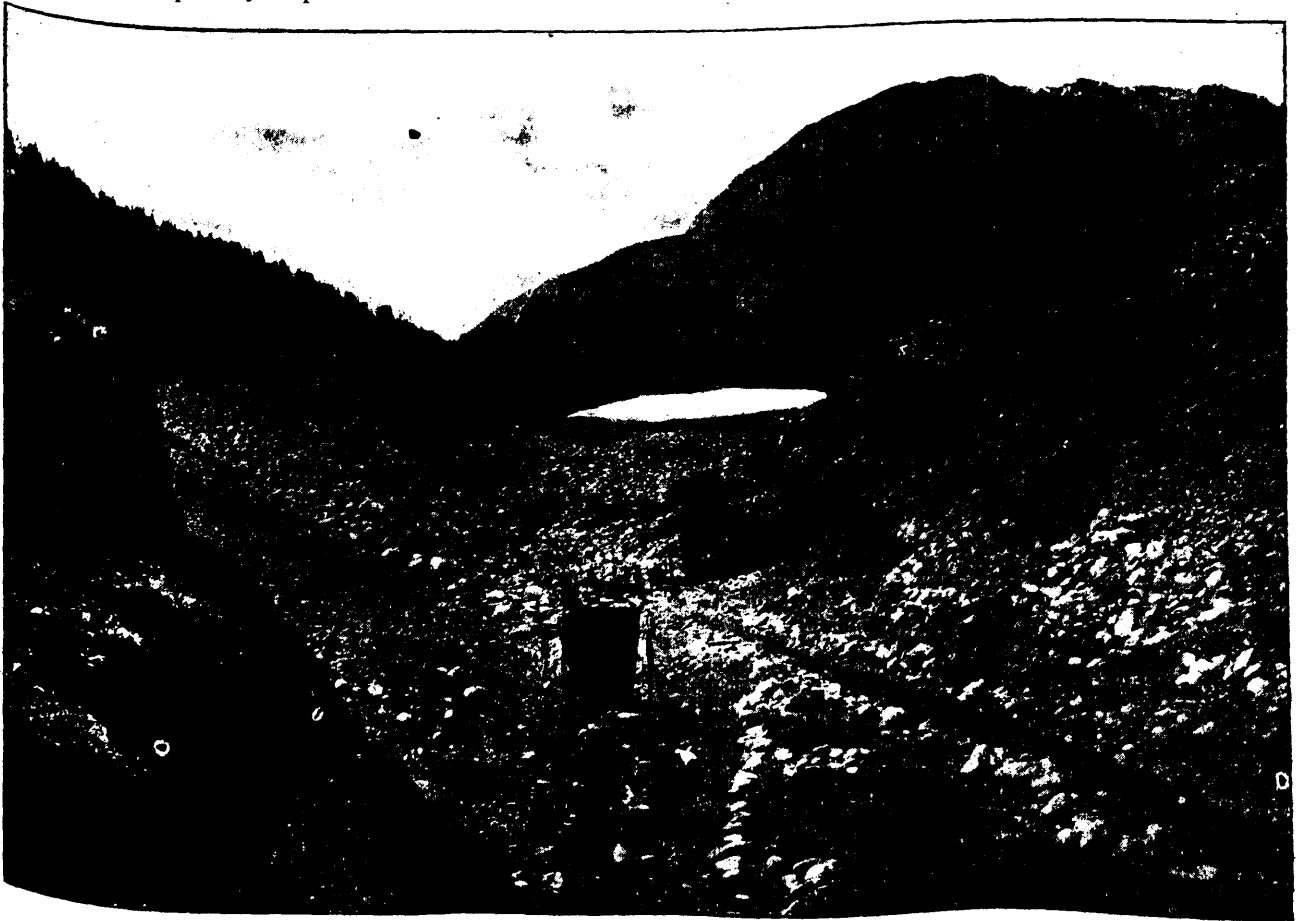
#### CARIBOO.

It is reported on good authority that a strike of unexampled richness has been made by Col. Lightner at the Cinnabar Mine at Savonas. The ore was rich enough anyhow, going as high as 65 per cent., but it is stated that some ore in the new strike will go as high as 80 per cent.

Senator Campbell of San Francisco, who is to superintend the work of constructing the hydraulic elevators for the Cariboo Mine, is expected up the first of April, and will probably be accompanied by Mr. Ward, the manager of the mine. The work of construction will be prosecuted as speedily as possible.

plant will be built and will be in operation in July or August. It is with gratification we note such men as Mr. Bellamy becoming interested in dredging on the Thompson and in this immediate vicinity.

Nearly 20 years ago, on the Fraser River, occurred a landslide into the river on the west side, about ten miles above Lillooet, which completely dammed the river for about 20 hours, till the water raised sufficiently to overrun the obstruction of earth and gravel and wash it down. A similar one occurred some miles below Ashcroft on the Thompson River and the water was raised so high that it backed clear up and onto the Ashcroft flat. It is quite possible that the water of this portion of the northwest at one time found its outlet by way of the Okanagan and Columbia Rivers. Some huge slide, such as those of recent date, may have occurred which threw the waters away from the old channels and out to the sea through the new ones. British Columbia offers a fine field of study for the geo-



VAN WINKLE BAR, LYTON.

It is probable, says the *Ashcroft Mining Journal*, that a number of Puget Sounders will try luck in Cariboo this summer. A number of rivetters have gone to the Horsefly to work on the pipes for the hydraulic lift.

H. R. Bellamy, a mining man of good qualifications, who has had experience in different quarters of the world, is now engaged in exploring on a lease of 8,000 feet of ground in the Thompson River, 4 miles west of Savonas, near Deadman's Creek. The benches and bars of the Thompson have yielded a great deal of gold, and Deadman's Creek has produced considerable, the gold in the creek being coarse. He states that the prospecting has given satisfactory results. The ground will ultimately be worked with a scoop-dredge. The prospecting is done from a scow, and will be continued for about a month. If at the end of that time his pros-

pecting shall have been satisfactory, a fine dredging logian, who can find rare traces of primeval times all through the mountains and valleys. Traces of old water courses occur at most unexpected places and often times far up the coulees, hundreds of feet from the water level, is found an old, dry channel, which only lacks the flowing water to make the river, as the old banks, bars and washes are plainly visible.

#### EAST KOOTENAY.

The Fort Steele *Prospector* is a curiosity in journalism. It is type written by the editor, who also composes the ads. From it we learn that mining affairs are fairly brisk in that section.

Work is being pushed on at the Dardanelles and the tunnel on the International placer claim is in 207 feet.