stage from Spence's Bridge.

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

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

Peutieton to Camp McKinley, Sidley Rock Creek, Boundary Falls, Midway, Kettle River and Grand Forks, Taesday, Thursday and Saturday 7 a.m.

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

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

Vernon to Okanagan Mission and Kolowna, 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 Marens, Wash., daily except Sunday.

#### LEAVING PERRY CREEK.

On the advice of Mr. Hardman, the assaying expert, the Kootenay Land and Development Co. has thrown up the bonds on four claims in Perry Creek, East Kootenay. The customs mill there set up will also close down. Evidently the Creek is disappointing expectations.

### THE NOBLE FIVE.

A meeting of stockholders of this noted Slocan mine will, it is stated be held on the 30th inst. to consider, among other matters, a proposal to mortgage the property of the Company for \$150,-000, with a view to provide further capital for further purposes of extensive development.

# A COMPETENT EXPERT.

In another column of the CRITIC will be found the advertisement of Mr. Wm. Thos. Newman, of Kamloops, an expert mine valuator and assayer. Mr. Newman is a man of much experience in his profession, and is in particular well known in Toronto and other business cities of Eastern Canada.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S GOLD OUTPUT.

Last year's gold yield of Western Australia is valued at £272,750-a big advance on the figures of September, 1896, when the yield was worth £134,145. Increasing as is our gold yield, it seems certain that the like output of Western Australia for this year will very considerably exceed our gold output. But 1898 may and very likely will tell a different tale, to the advantage in comparison of our Province.



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