

KILLED BY INVESTIGATION.

Reported Rich Find on Stewart Proved a Fake.

Interested Dawsonites Investigate and Find Report Wholly Without Foundation.

The report circulated a few days ago from an unreliable source to the effect that new and rich discoveries had been made on Stewart river, 300 miles from Dawson, has turned out to be a fake pure and simple. Some parties here who took a lively interest in the report began to investigate its merit with the result that a telegram was received last night from the station at the mouth of Stewart to the effect that prospectors who had just arrived from the point where the rich discoveries were alleged to have been made pronounce the report false and wholly without the semblance of foundation. A few knowing ones in Dawson who always look wise and pretend to be "dead next" every time a new discovery is reported have been, by mysterious side remarks endeavoring to give credence to the report, but investigation on the part of those who would like to be "dead next" in case there is anything to get next, to has proven that nothing was lost to those who did not rush off on the 300 mile journey over hill and dale to the scene of the alleged rich find. The story that one Suttle, in a burst of confidence, informed friends who afterwards betrayed that confidence, makes a very pretty and plausible story, but it has failed to stand the searchlight of investigation.

Until there are some changes wrought in existing mining laws as now interpreted and applied in the Yukon district, those who incline to stampede to formerly unheard of places may curb their impatience, as there is little danger of anything new being discovered until the eagle eyed prospector is once more abroad in the land, and at present he is in some other land.

What England Will Do.

We do not want to shout before we are out of the wood, but it is impossible, says the London Spectator, to shut out wholly from one's mind the consideration of what is to be done when the war is over.

It would, of course, be most unwise to go into detail at the present moment, but one or two general propositions may, we think, be laid down which should be kept in view by the nation. To begin with, we must remember that the cry raised by Mr. Morley and others as to the terrible difficulties with which we shall be faced, even after we have conquered the Transvaal, is based upon a delusion.

Mr. Morley apparently forgets that after the war, and when the unhappy people who have been driven from their homes into Johannesburg have returned, the Transvaal will be one of the most British parts of South Africa.

Mr. Morley talks as if the difficulty would be to maintain the Uitlanders in the position of equity we have won for them. In reality the difficulty will be to arrange that the Boer minority shall have a reasonable amount of influence on the government of the country. Granted that we win, we shall, of course, as soon as the last sparks of war have been trodden out, begin to reorganize the state.

We shall, no doubt, do that by ultimately establishing the freest possible form of government known to the empire—taking care, of course, that the Boers' rights as to representation and the concurrent use of their language are fully guarded and protected, for we are not going to turn the Boers into Uitlanders.

Our object is to establish racial equality, not racial predominance. Perhaps the best way of insuring that the Boers should suffer no disparity of

treatment from the recently emancipated Uitlanders would be to merge the Orange Free State with the Transvaal, and thus make the disparity of numbers in the case of the Dutch less conspicuous.

But that is obviously a matter not to be decided offhand. All that we want to insist on is that as far as the Transvaal is concerned, to talk about holding down an unwilling province by military rule, and forebodings as to our failure are nonsense.

For Registering.

According to a report of the meeting of the citizens' committee with the members of the Yukon council it is probable that an effort will be made to find out the number of British subjects of voting age in the district in the near future. It is stated that the police will be instructed to start out on a general census taking tour for that purpose. It has been suggested to the Nugget that a more effective way to obtain the desired information would be to open registration books at the various police stations in the district and invite all British subjects to call and register. As they are almost a unit on the question now being agitated, that of securing local representation on the council, there is no doubt but that every man knowing himself to be entitled to vote would make it his business to call and register.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 33.5 degrees below zero; and no material variations had occurred at 9 o'clock this morning. At noon the thermometer registered 31 degrees below.

Mail Expected Tonight.

Postmaster Hartman expects mail from Skagway to arrive some time tonight. It was reported as having passed Selwyn yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, and as it has not been reported from Stewart today it is probable that it passed that place at an early hour this morning before the residents were astir. It is not known how much mail is in the consignment due tonight.

Postoffice Employees.

In the article which was published in yesterday's Daily Nugget the reporter quoted Postmaster Hartman as saying that the "postoffice employees were idle during the greater part of the time which intervenes between the arrivals of mail." This was incorrect. What should have been said is that if the clerical force in the office were increased the additional clerks would not have anything to do during such intervals.

Report of the Probst Benefit.

We, the undersigned citizens' committee of the Matt Probst benefit fund beg leave to submit the following report as received from the committee of arrangements:

Receipts—Sale of seats, \$816.50; donation by N. A. T. & T. Co., \$25; total, \$841.50.

Expenses—Rent of Palace Grand opera house, \$100; printing, \$36; pianist, \$10; sundries, \$1.25; total, \$147.25. Net receipts, \$694.25.

Twenty-five tickets were sent to the creeks and returns of same have not yet been made.

The committee desires to thank those who so kindly volunteered their services in assisting in the program, the news papers for free advertising, the members of the fire department for their valuable assistance and also Messrs. Stengel and Tennant, whose indefatigable labors contributed so largely to the success of the benefit.

M. D. RAINBOW
EMIL MOHR,
O. W. ROBERTS.

Dawson to Nome.

The Nugget is indebted to Topographer C. G. Van Hook of Fort Egbert, for a concise and complete map of the intervening country from Dawson to Nome which he has presented through the Northwest Trading & Transportation Co., of this city, to which he sent a number of copies. The map is complete

in detail, giving all the stations and the distances between each. Mr. Van Hook gives the exact distance from Dawson to Nome, via the Kaltag cutoff, as being 1269 miles. According to this map there are ten stores on the route where general provisions may be purchased.

Next Sunday's Concert.

Messrs Zimmerman and Radcliff are arranging a grand sacred concert to be given at the Orpheum theater next Sunday evening. Vocal selections will be rendered by the best of local talent. A good orchestra has been secured; and daily rehearsals are now being held by the musicians. The promoters of the affair hope that next Sunday's entertainment will excel anything of a similar kind ever given in Dawson. Reserved seats are now on sale at Reid Co.'s drug store.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. S. Park is a visitor to the city. Mark Welch is a guest of the Regina. Erick Wickman is a guest at the Fairview.

John Loomis is stopping at the Fairview.

John Leteudre is a recent arrival in town.

N. R. Ward is spending a few days in town.

John Dockridge is registered at the Fairview.

C. H. Harris arrived from the outside yesterday.

R. Eskridge of Dominion creek is at the Regina.

William Houston left for Cape Nome on Sunday.

J. A. Segler is in the city on a few days' visit.

A. Annett is enjoying a short vacation in Dawson.

J. A. Laing, of Eldorado, is stopping at the Fairview.

Tom Cannone, of Eldorado, is a guest at the Fairview.

Ed Elliott came to town last night from the creeks.

S. D. McDonnell and A. D. McDonnell are visiting Dawson.

Con. Short of No. 26 Gold Run is in town on business.

H. S. Wallace returned to his claim, No. 6 above lower discovery on Dominion, today.

Frank Kinghorn is in receipt of a telegram from S. L. Dowell, who left here recently, to the effect that he reached Bennett in safety.

Mr. Milton Martin, who for some time past has acted as quartz claim recorder in the local recording office, has been appointed timber and land agent at Fort Selkirk.

H. Murray Mathews and J. Murray Mathews, who are connected with the T. & E. Co., arrived in Dawson yesterday. They are from Liverpool, Eng. Both gentlemen are registered at the Regina.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wheeler arrived in town yesterday. They traveled from Bennett with a horse and sled, and made the trip in 22 days. Mrs. Wheeler is a sister of Vergne Goist, who is employed on 16 Eldorado.

Many Coming In.

A gentleman, named Brown who arrived yesterday from Bennett is authority for the statement that there are at present fully 300 people on the trail, Dawson-bound, between here and Bennett. Brown came on a wheel, being 11 days on the road, and he says he passed fully the number above mentioned. Many of the travelers have dogs, while others are hauling their own sleds or packing small outfits on their backs. A number of the pilgrims are bound for Nome and will stop here only long enough to rest themselves and their dogs. Among those en route are several Dawsonites who went outside early in the winter and are now returning. Mr. Brown says the trail is almost as good as it could be made.

Theosophists.

The Yukon theosophists gave another of its intellectual weekly treats to a full house of thoughtful thinkers last evening at its hall in Second avenue, the subject of discourse, "The Moulding Power of Thought," was cleverly presented by Mr. Solomon, the speaker of the evening, who illustrated the subject with many interesting instances of the power of mind on the body, some of which came under his own observation. The subject was freely discussed by the

audience, and much agreeable mirth was induced from the various questions asked and answered.

The next meeting will be devoted to the imperishable individuality of the sub-human races.

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