

NOT IN THE COMBINE!

NO CONSOLIDATION HERE!

The big companies are after us. The small dealer must go—that's the idea is it? Let us see. "The worm will turn." We have too much at stake gentlemen to give up without a fight and for that matter we don't intend to cry "quits." Not by a long shot. Here are a few pebbles which we hurl at Goliath. This looks as though we were here to stay. What do you think about it?

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KOYUKUK COUNTRY PRAISED

By John Hewitt Who Was There Two Years

Says it Will Be Second to Klondike in Wealth—New Creeks Are Being Discovered.

There has not been a single individual who has arrived from the Koyukuk this season who has not brought the most encouraging reports from that far-off district, and Wednesday evening still another party reached the city on the steamer Monarch, and they too, confirm the previous reports published.

When attention was first attracted toward the Koyukuk in '98 and the following year, there came at once the inevitable stampede, and as a natural consequence many flocked to the new diggings wholly unprepared to struggle against the hard conditions found in every new camp, and particularly when that camp is as remote as the Koyukuk, and the next year many of the same stampedees returned with nothing but curses on their lips for the new country, solemnly averring the whole thing was a fake and that the Koyukuk was practically barren of the gold they so eagerly sought. Some, however, who were not so easily discouraged, stuck by the country, undergoing many privations and frequently being on short rations, and they are now reaping the reward due to their perseverance. Men of years of experience who are extremely conservative in their statements, and who have spent the past two years in the Koyukuk, do not hesitate to say that that district will eventually become a producer second only to the Klondike. The gold bearing area is beyond all question as great in extent as its older rival—the Klondike—and while it is possible no creeks will ever be found which in richness will equal our own Eldorado, yet those already located have proven to average as well and in some instances even better than many of the producers of this district. There are today a dozen creeks tributary to the south and middle forks of the Koyukuk which have been sufficiently prospected to know that they will pay wages—\$15 per day—or better, and there yet remains a vast extent of territory to be explored which may prove equally as rich. In the party which has just arrived from the Koyukuk is John Hewitt, who is en route to his eastern home on a visit. Mr. Hewitt has been in the Koyukuk for two years and is thoroughly conversant with conditions as they now exist there. In speaking of his dis-

trict he is very conservative, and to questions put to him by friends as to whether they should make a try in the Koyukuk, he invariably replies that he never advises anyone as to what they should or should not do, but the country is good enough for him and he asks for no better.

"I left Coldfoot," said Mr. Hewitt, "September 1, traveling down the Koyukuk in a small boat to Pickett's landing at the mouth, where I caught the Monarch coming up. On the way down the river the City of Bradford and Redlands, two small steamers, were met headed for Bettles, each with from 15 to 20 miners and their outfits aboard. I am going outside on a visit, but will be back over the ice in February and will return to the Koyukuk via the Chandelier. The past year has been really the first season that our camp has turned out anything much better than grubstake, and considering the difficulties we have to contend against I think we have made a good showing. You see all work is done in the most primitive old fashioned way the same as it was here in '96 and '97. We have no thawers, no boilers or hoists, and no pumps except those of the Chinese variety, commonly called a China pump. We thaw entirely by wood fires and an excess of water has in many instances compelled the abandonment of holes which may or may not have been on good ground. Last winter was the first attempt made at winter mining, the attention of the miners heretofore being directed entirely toward shallow ground which could be worked from the top. There was but one claim drilled—on Gold creek—and it proved a success. The ground was but 14 feet deep, but quite a dump was taken out and it suited up this spring fully as well as was expected. Four other lays have been let on the same creek for the coming winter, all on the basis of 50 per cent. From the showing made on Gold creek at the clean-up this year the lay men were evidently content to take lays for next year on a 50 per cent. basis, and ground that will go \$15 a day and better or lay men after giving up half their clean-up is better than the average in any country. Concerning the chances for work, I should not think it good judgment for anyone to go to the Koyukuk and depend solely upon securing employment. There is enough summer work to keep 200 to 300 men busy, not taking into account those who spend the season prospecting. In the winter time there is little or no work to be had unless one takes a lay and works upon their own responsibility. There is plenty of deep ground there and it is only a question of time when we are able to get machinery, and it will be worked as extensively as the shallow ground.

"Emma creek has turned out about as well this year as any of them. McMemo on 3 and 4 below discovery has ground that has paid him as high as \$200 to the shovel. He has some spots that are extremely rich. Gold Bruch has also done well, the majority of the claims worked aver-

aging \$40 to the shovel. Myrtle creek has lost none of the prestige gained a year ago and will make no small contribution to the total output of the camp. A number of new creeks are being opened up this summer. Union creek comes into the middle fork about 12 miles above Emma creek and has lately been the scene of all kinds of excitement. On Gillespie's claim the biggest nugget the ship has ever produced was picked up just before I left. It weighed \$599 and was as handsome piece of gold as I ever saw. Garnet, Jim and Clara creeks are showing up well. Jim creek is the latest discovery. It is a tributary of Glacier creek which comes into the south fork. The gold is very coarse, \$10 nuggets being quite common.

"There is but very little litigation in the camp and, in fact, but little trouble of any kind. There is a United States Commissioner located at Coldfoot who is also mining recorder, notary public and coroner. His name is D. A. McKenzie. He has held court several times and I believe has done his best to do justice to all who are brought before him.

"I judge there will be about 300 gold-miners winter in the Koyukuk, and with those who have gone since I left, and others who will arrive before the close of navigation there will probably be 75 to 100 more. The stores insist they have 300 tons between Bettles and Bergman, and if that is true there will be plenty of provisions for all, though the bulk of it will doubtless have to be sledged up 100 miles over the ice, as it was last year. It is unfortunate the stores are not nearer the mines. Coldfoot is practically in the centre of the district and Bettles, presumably the head of steamboat navigation, is 40 miles below, while Bergman is still 80 miles farther down the river."

A discovery was made on Porcupine creek a day or two after Mr. Hewitt left, but the extent of it and how well it pans he does not know.

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Mrs. C. W. Thebo and Miss Thebo have returned to Dawson for the winter.

PIPE ORGAN DEDICATED

By Grand Concert at St. Mary's Last Night.

The inaugural concert given at St. Mary's church last evening, when the new pipe organ was officially put into commission, was a musical treat which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all present.

The attendance was not as large as the excellent programme given would justify, but that may be largely accounted for by the fact of it being the same night as the ladies' night at the theatre, which attracted a number who otherwise would have gone to the concert.

The programme was without question the most classical ever given in Dawson, and each number was rendered in a manner creditable to the performer and pleasing to the audience. The new pipe organ has a clear, rich and full tone, and fills the church with a sweet volume of music which is a pleasure to hear and is sure to give the greatest satisfaction to all.

The programme was as follows:—"Dead March" (Commemoration) Pres. McKinley) Handel
 Mr. Arthur Boyle.
 "The Chapel"—Male Chorus. Nevin
 "Ave Maria"—Violin Obligato. (A. Fremont)
 Miss Catherine Krieg, Prima Donna
 Tivoli Opera House, San Francisco.
 "Entre De Procession"—Organ Solo
 Mr. Arthur Boyle.
 "Benedicta Es"—Solo and Chorus
 Mr. Frank Clayton.
 "My God, my Father, while I Stray" Corporal Cobb.
 "Maria Mater Gratiae"—Solo and Chorus. Verlussen
 Mrs. J. D'Aulnais.
 "Angels Serenade"—Violin Obligato (A. Fremont) Bragg.
 Miss Catherine Krieg.
 "Romance"—Organ Solo Ivo
 Mr. Arthur Boyle.
 "Sanctus"—Tenor Solo and Chorus
 Gounod
 Mr. J. D'Aulnais. Solo
 and Chorus. Gounod
 Mrs. A. Boies.
 "Hallelujah Chorus"—Organ Solo Handel
 Mr. Arthur Boyle.
 "God Save the King"

ECHO OF SCANDAL

Having Its Origin in Judge Noyes Nome Court.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 16.—In the United States circuit court of appeals today, with Judges Gilbert, Ross and Morrow on the bench, the following decision was rendered in the case of S. H. Anderson, appellant, vs. O. Jose Comptos, appellee, in the matter of the contempt of Dudley Dubose.

"We are of the opinion that the findings of fact and judgment heretofore entered herein, are in all things correct and are hereby reaffirmed, and the United States marshal for the northern district of California is hereby directed to execute the judgment heretofore entered herein forthwith."

This is one of the cases arising out of the Noyes-McKenzie scandal. Dubose, an attorney, advised O. Jose Comptos to disregard a writ of supercedas of the court of appeals, for which he was sentenced to imprisonment in the jail of Alameda county, Cal., for six months. After serving two months Dubose applied for a rehearing and was admitted to bail. The above decision of the court denies the rehearing and Dubose will have to serve the remainder of his sentence.

The court adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late President. Ex-Judge Dudley Dubose was taken to the Alameda county jail tonight by United States Marshal Shine to serve out the remainder of his sentence.

Miss Eversole, well known in Juneau and Skagway society, is in the city for a few days.

JUDGMENT AWARDED

Prima Donna Miss Krieg Against Chas. Meadows.

Miss Catharine Krieg, prima donna, late of the Tivoli theater, San Francisco, who came to Dawson with Chas. Meadows of the Savoy theater, brought suit against Mr. Meadows this morning for \$50 back wages and \$97 fare from Dawson to San Francisco. Miss Krieg claimed that Mr. Meadows agreed to pay her fare to Dawson while Meadows claimed that the understanding between them was that she should pay her own fare. Meadows also stated that her back salary was forfeited by her refusal to take the part assigned her in the play this week. The drama is fast in Miss Krieg's line, as she is strictly an operatic prima donna and she therefore refused the part and demanded her money. As Mr. Meadows was of the opinion that she had forfeited her salary according to the contract by refusing her part he naturally refused to pay her.

Magistrate Macaulay held that as she had demanded her money before resigning her position she was entitled to her salary but the evidence was not such that he could give her judgment for her fare. He therefore gave judgment in her favor for \$50.

Alex. Pantages, formerly manager of the Orpheum, is back again from a brief trip to Nome.

Nothing Doing.

Interest in field sports which at this time of year should be at its height, seems to be more slack than any time of the season. The weather of the last few days has given an impetus to sports and the players should take all the advantage possible.

This is the time of year when ball playing is in vogue but up to present there has not been a game yet towards arranging for a game. One of the football players was this morning that the present weather would be allowed to go on soon it became rainy and slippery players would awaken from lethargy and would then have wallow in the mud.

There are plenty of football players here to arrange a series of games should be done before the season is too late.

\$25 Reward.
 Strayed or stolen from the low Sulphur creek, one red and white cow with a V shaped mark on each ear. It is believed that the cow is in the vicinity of Bettles Gulch, where she has lately been seen. This is an opportunity for the police at Eldorado Park to find where.

TIM P. CROWLEY
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G. J. Gregory has gone out on the winter.

Mrs. Fernand de Journal and children left for their eastern home last night on the Canadian.

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