

Grim Messages From the Dead.

Returning Followers of the Edmonton Trail Report Party Lost in the Hills.

Suicides Born of Desperation—Cold and Starvation Claim Many Victims.

Grim indeed are the tragedies marking like milestones, the Edmonton route to the Klondike, which perhaps a thousand or more people started full of hopes a year or two ago, but which has not yet delivered one of those who trusted to it the northern gold fields.

Each of these has some particular case of death or dire distress to report as having come under his personal observation—the stories merge, however, into a common record of failure, sickness and death.

One party of twelve headed by L. M. Hutton and Jack Payne, of Vancouver, and including three men named Dunn, Taylor and Leighton, with seven companions, all from the coast, were on neighboring states of Washington or Montana, are known to have perished in the mountains.

In the meanwhile the Hutton-Payne expedition and party, which started without Indians. They kept the trail until they had reached the divide which Mr. Balfour did not believe the Indians would have crossed.

LABOR VOTE. The organization in the mining classes. Special.—A new has been organized to take the place of the old one.

TRoubles. But are soon likely to be. The Grand is apparently opposed. The Toronto district is working more than ever.

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Settlers Choose A School Site

Lake District Residents Have Another Meeting, Without Cause for Lawing.

The Trustees' Selection Not Approved by the Interested Heads of Families.

The duly qualified electors of Elk Lake school district had another special meeting yesterday, at the call of the pro tem trustee board—the business being to select a site for the new school to be built by the government.

WHEELMEN COMING. A Thousand Seattleites Will Visit Victoria Two Weeks From Today.

Mr. A. T. Ambrose, editor and proprietor of the Seattle Argus, and one of the Queen City's most ardent sportsmen, arrived in the city yesterday and will remain here for several days.

SHORT-LIVED RATE WAR. Cheap Travelling on Upper Yukon Stopped by Order From the Coast.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The steamer Humboldt arrived in port this morning with the news of a decision by the board of directors of the Yukon Navigation Company.

When the \$30 rate was quoted by the Canadian Development Company at Lake Bennett, there was a wild outcry for every one had been expecting to pay from \$15 to \$20.

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The Opinion Of an Expert.

Sir James Poole Gives Some Advice Respecting Harbor Improvement.

Liverpool Harbor Managed by Men Who Contribute to the Revenue.

Sir James Poole's experience as a shipping man and a member of the harbor board of Liverpool led the Colonist to think that his opinions upon the improvements proposed at this port would be of value, and the matter was mentioned to him.

Death Stalks On the Trail. First Passengers of the Season Down Stikine Bring Alarm-Ing Report.

Forty Dying of Scurvy, Fever and Frostbites at Mud Lake. Twenty-nine of the thirty passengers who arrived in Victoria early this morning, as passengers by the C. P. N. Company's steamer Danube are direct from the scene of famine, sickness and death on the Stikine trail.

When the pioneers of the death brigade reached the trail a few weeks ago, and presented the true and terrible condition of affairs on the trail, a party was immediately organized to take from among the bodies of those who have gone down under the privation of the awful winter.

LEFT ALONE. It's the loneliest house you ever saw. I don't call it living, all at all, but since my mother went away.

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A NEW BARBER LAW.

Timely Suggestions Offered to the Kansas Tonsorial Examiners.

From the Kansas City Star.

While the barber's bill, recently passed by the legislature and now before the governor, is a step in the right direction, it is not a complete solution of the problem.

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Will Warn Local Mariners.

Instrument Which Will Notify Observers of Approaching Storms.

Mr. Denison the Inventor Installing It at the Government Wharf.

Victoria has a novel automatic tide gauge and barometer now in operation on the government wharf that will in course of time, or just so soon as the valuable records are available and can be used for study, bring the science of weather forecasting to a degree it has not heretofore attained.

A few days ago a representative of the Colonist called on Mr. Napier Denison, inventor of this instrument, who kindly explained its mechanism, but the wonderful results obtained from its records, which are opening up new fields for scientific research.

This theory has been well received by the scientific world, and has led to its author receiving many encouraging letters, including ones from Prof. Dargatzis and Lord Rayleigh.

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High Court Instituted.

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