

The Nugget Circulates From Skagway to Nome

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DIFFICULT TRAVELING

Involved in Reaching Duncan's Landing

Grub is High Owing to the Rate Charged for Hauling Freight.

"Stewart river may have frozen over very level, as the Nugget stated some time ago, but it is a bad river to travel for all that," said Engineer Barwell, who has recently returned from a trip there to run base lines for Duncan and Clear creeks for the government. "It is bad travelling," he went on, "for the reason that it seems to me the worst river in the world to drift. On the Stewart myself and Dominion Land Surveyor Rinfret were breaking trail through the snow drifts all the way up, and we had a pretty tough time of it."

"There is a good deal of travel on the river but you break a trail to-day and you have to break it again tomorrow, because of the constant drifting."

"We arrived at Gordon's Landing fourteen days from here, and then came one particularly cold day. I went out in the morning and consulted the thermometer—one of those thermometers with red spirit in it. The spirit had fled. I brought it inside the tent and thawed it out. It then registered 58 below. I don't know how true that was but I thought that if it could have registered any lower it would be all that much more nearer the truth. From calculations that I made later I think the true figure that morning was 67 below."

"We kept the fire warm that day, but the next was equally as cold. We had to get out, however, so we mushed on to Duncan. There myself and Mr. Rinfret mapped out and divided the work each should do."

"The next day, in that terrible weather, I went back to Gordon's landing for our supplies, and voted. When I got back to Burpee's it was with the intention of going to work the next morning, but it was again too cold. Not only that, the river had overflowed in the night and there was a dense fog all along the valley. It was impossible to run base lines or any other lines. I had to wait for clearer weather. However, I managed at last to complete my work, and while it took me fourteen days to get in to Duncan I returned in eight days."

"Coming out I met all sorts of teams on the road, for they are short of supplies in Duncan. I had to come out because of the shortness of grub, as the expense of freighting was enormous. Fancy paying 85 cents per pound, for instance."

Mail in Tomorrow

It is learned by wire that Haultier, driving the White Pass stage with nine passengers, which left Whitehorse last Tuesday, left the Yukon crossing yesterday morning. Hobo Bill, who started out with a special stage the next day with six passengers, was catching up to him, and passed the crossing last evening. He will therefore be here early Monday morning.

The Wallerton Telescope says Ontario, has already been pretty well used to provide railway accommodation for the west, and it is, therefore, refreshing to find the people of Manitoba coming out in opposition to any more aid being given to transcontinental railways. They demand further railway competition, but hold that the government should take the matter in hand and provide the increased accommodation by the Intercolonial."

TRAVEL IN COMFORT

Weld's Stage and Express

Dawson to Gold Bottom
Leaves Dawson 9:00 p. m.
Every Day in the Year.
Office 124 Third Ave. Phone 116

Good Dry Wood!

A. J. PRUDHOMME
211 Harper St., Nr. Free Library
Phone 214-A

MOOSE IN PLENTY.

Chief Isaacs Will Send a Band of Braves to Thirtymile

Corporal Piper got in last night from a trip to Thirtymile. On the way up he passed a number of Indians from the Moosehide reservation who were bringing down three moose they had killed in the Thirtymile district. They said that the moose was more plentiful there than ever before. When this was reported to Chief Isaacs today he hurried to start out another band of hunters to that district.

"Tennessee's Pardner" — Auditorium.

GAMBLER IN FIRE HALL

Chief Stewart, of the Forks Exonerated

Charges That Gambling Was Permitted Fall to Ground for Want of Evidence.

There has been quite a to-do at the Forks in regard to a charge that gambling had been indulged in in the fire hall. It was generally talked about around town and the matter was brought to a head by William Kleinberg, one of the proprietors of the Havana cigar store and club rooms, filing a complaint with Overseer Dalgleish. Fire Chief Stewart at once demanded an investigation.

In accordance with this demand a committee of investigation was appointed, consisting of Overseer Dalgleish, Charles N. Bell and W. Schroeder, and this commission proceeded to take evidence.

First the lawyer of the complaint was called, Mr. Kleinberg. He had never seen any gambling himself in the fire hall, but he could produce, he said, several witnesses who had seen gambling going on there. He then called several witnesses, all of whom failed to bear out his statement.

It was stated that the informant of Mr. Kleinberg was A. E. Alexander, the proprietor of the Damfino cigar store, but he swore according to the words that he has adopted as a sign of his business. He admitted stating that card playing was allowed in the fire hall but he never said that the men played for money or that there was any gambling going on there.

From this evidence the commission of enquiry had nothing to do but find for the defendant, and made a declaration entirely exonerating the chief from the charges against his department.

Bobby Burns' Ball

The Arctic Brotherhood will celebrate the anniversary of "Bobby Burns" birthday by giving a grand ball in the A. B. hall on Monday evening, Jan. 26th, which will be the only opportunity for the people of Dawson to display their full dress costumes this winter.

The committee is composed of members of the St. Andrews society and Arctic Brotherhood, which is alone sufficient guarantee to make this ball a grand success.

Admission by invitation only. Tickets, \$7.50 per couple; extra ladies, \$1.00 each. Tickets can be secured from J. L. Sale & Co., Rudy's drug store and Dr. A. F. Edwards.

At Auditorium

Tonight will be the last time that the public will be given an opportunity to witness the play Tennessee's Pardner now running at the Auditorium. The piece is one of the best that has been presented at the theatre during the winter and is well worth seeing.

Curling Records

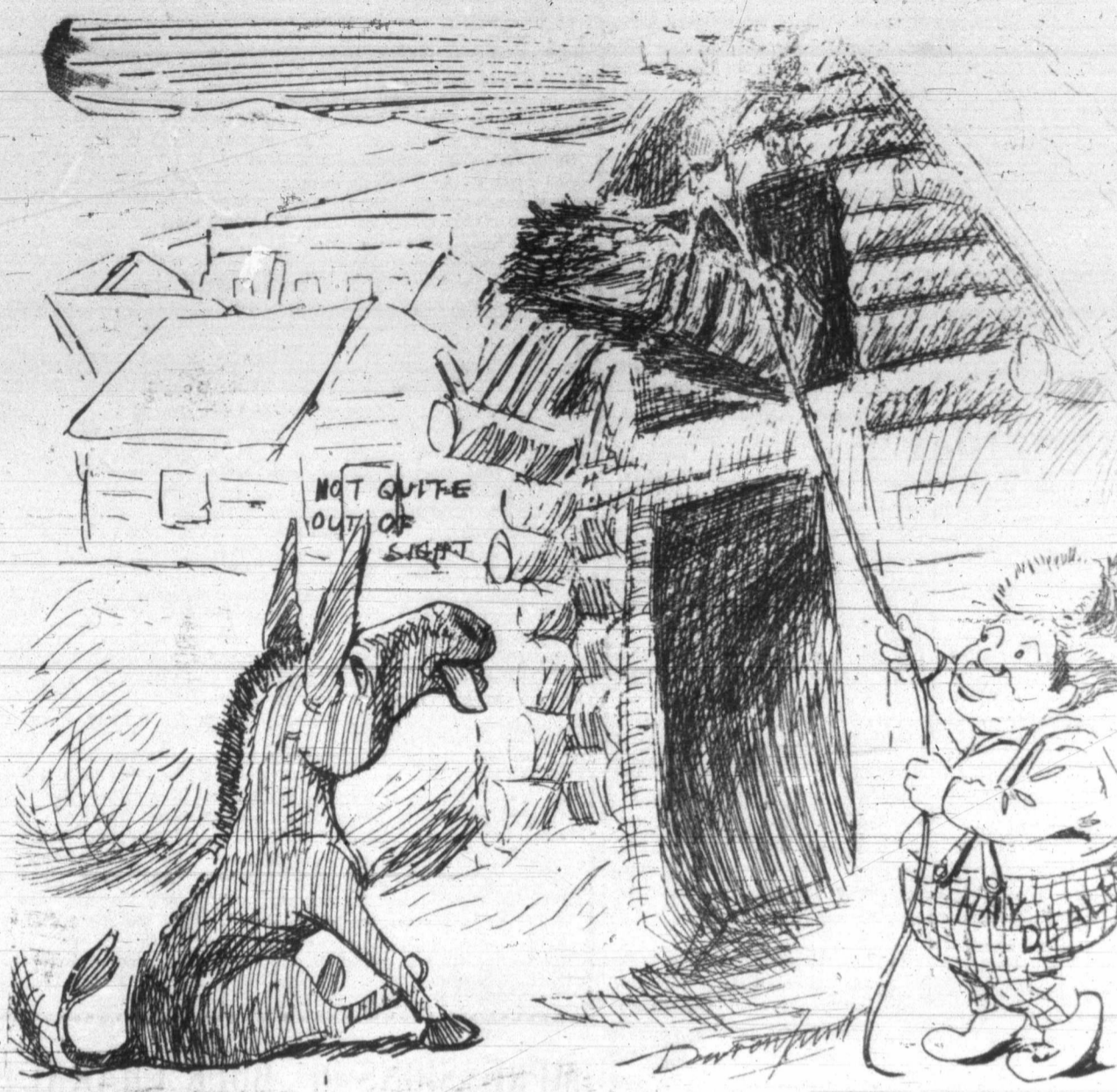
At the curling rink last night Cuthbert's rink defeated Wilson by a score of 14 to 13. Cornell and Richardson also played, the former winning by 19 to 13.

Will care for one or two good dogs for their use during the balance of the winter. Apply Nugget office.

FOR SALE—Very cheap, interest in creek claim No. 143 below lower on Dominion. Inquire E. C. Stahl, this office.

The Nugget's stock of job printing materials is the best that ever came to Dawson.

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HAY ON THE RISE.

HOW DOES QUARTZ PAY

Last Year's Record of Rossland Mines

Principally Low Grade Copper Ore That Have to Be Sent to a Smelter.

Rossland, Dec. 31.—Today closes a year that has witnessed marked advances in the mining industry of Rossland camp, and the incoming year looks up big with promises of further strides, as compared with which the closing year's record is insignificant. The reductions in freight and treatment rates, and the application of concentration to the huge deposits of low-grade copper-gold ores, for which the camp is famous, will work out the fulfillment of the New Year's promises.

A revision of the statements of ore shipments sent out weekly, and the conversion of the figures from wet tons to dry tons, quite substantially reduces the aggregate tonnage, yet the total remaining is greater by a big figure than the aggregate for 1901. In a nutshell, the Rossland camp shipped to various smelters in 1902 no less than 325,525 tons of ore, having an estimated gross value of \$4,347,300. The totals for 1901 were shipments, 279,133; estimated value, \$3,700,000. The increase in tonnage is, therefore, 44,392, and in estimated value of ore shipped out \$647,300, this being explained by the fact that the grade of ore exported was substantially higher than in the preceding year.

The record of Rossland camp, with respect to ore production, since the inception of the mining industry here shows consistent growth and expansion. Commencing in 1894, with a tonnage of 1,858, valued at \$75,000, the magnificent total of 1,244,576 tons, with an estimated gross value of \$21,237,510, has been piled up.

The Le Roi, for the first eleven months of the year, produced no less than 33,076 ounces of gold, 145,440 ounces of silver, and 6,697,022 pounds of copper. The profits announced by the management of the Le Roi mine and smelter for the months of May, June, July, August, September, October and November amounted to \$525,548.33. The mine distributed \$463,150.90 in wages to its Rossland employees, and \$396,478.31 to its employees in the smelter at Northport.

The War Eagle and Centre Star mines which are essentially Canadian companies, have entered on a new era of activity during the year, after

having suspended shipments for more than half of the twelve months. Two important announcements marked the resumption of shipping operations from these two mines. One was that decidedly favorable smelting rates—the most advantageous in the history of the camp—had been secured for the ores of the two mines, and, secondly, that patient investigation and experimenting had resulted in the evolving of a process of concentration whereby the companies could realize a profit from all ores containing values in excess of \$5 per ton. The tonnage of such ores in the properties under discussion, and in Rossland camp as a whole, is practically inexhaustible, so that it will be seen that the inauguration of milling, as promised by the War Eagle and Centre Star companies, is vitally important to the future of the camp. The two mines are now shipping largely to the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail, and are completing plans for the construction of a concentrating plant on a larger scale than the one now in use at Silica, near this city.

In the case of the other Rossland mines, advances have been made in some instances, while in others—notably the Kootenay mine and other properties of the Rossland-Kootenay Company—the forthcoming year will see development that will place the properties on a parity with the largest mining industries of the Kootenays.

Reference to the record of 1902 would be incomplete without mention of the discoveries at the Velvet mine which have altered the entire outlook for the Sophie mountain section of the camp, and which have already borne fruit in the announcement by the Trail Creek Mining Company of London, Limited, that the Victory Triumph mine will be reopened in the spring, and equipped with a milling plant to handle the magnificent body of concentrating ore already blocked out.

Residents of Rossland camp are looking forward to a prosperous and busy year.

"Is that feller your dad?" asked the new boy, from the other side of the line fence.

"Yes," said Tommy, glaring defiance at him. "Only my dad ain't a feller. He's a Tucker."—Chicago Tribune.

In the Japanese mint the X-rays are used to detect the men who secrete stolen gold by swallowing it. The Flowery Kingdom is bound to keep abreast of the times in the use of modern inventions.

TYPEWRITER

Remington Type Writers, and supplies for same, Billiard Chalk, Valentin, Hotel Registers, and all other hard to find articles—at Smith's Book Store, King street.

WANTED—To borrow on good security, \$1500. Address D. Nugget Office.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

Where is Frank Egan?

The Seattle friends and relatives of Frank Egan would like to hear from him or of him. Frank was a contractor in Seattle with Denny Howard, and came in here in '98. He was well known here but two years ago he disappeared and it would be an act of kindness to his many friends, both here and in Seattle, to write the Nugget where he was last seen, so that he may possibly be traced.

Wireless Telegraphy

Victoria, Jan. 10.—Marconi is preparing to install a wireless transcontinental service through Canada. Two of his experts passed through here yesterday on their way west, to arrange for a series of tests in the Rockies. Winnipeg is to be the halfway house of the system.

Marconi Company Coming

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Montreal is to be the centre of business operations of the Canadian Marconi Company, which proposes to establish commercial offices in every city, town and village in the Dominion, and will in all probability reach out to Alaska, and as far as Cape Nome.

To Pardon Prisoners

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 26.—The directors of the Connecticut State Prison have decided to recommend in their annual report the parole of life prisoners who have served 25 years under supervision of the board of pardons.

MAIL STAGE OUT

Merchant's Line Stage Takes Out Seven Passengers.

The Merchants' Mail and Express Company's stage left here at one o'clock today with the following passengers: W. L. Powell, Fred Brooks, David Kay, Ben Venuti, Captain Martineau and J. McLaughlin. The stage also carried 135 pounds of surplus mail not carried by the White Pass stage.

Bishop Pughham seems to have put his foot down and determined to carry no more mail matter than his agreement with the government actually calls for. But the public will not be inconvenienced by this in any way. In the government contract with the Merchants' line that line is not only to carry all the second class mail, but all the surplus first-class mail. The stage which went out today, therefore, carried 137 pounds of first-class mail, in accordance with its contract. By these two mail contracts the public ought to be, and are being, well served this winter.

The only cloud on the surface at present is the lack of an order from the United States postal authorities to the postmaster at Skagway to forward all second class mail, but probably this has been set to rights by this time.

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PROGRESSING FAVORABLY

Injured Members Will Shortly Heal

James Smith is Thankful His Life Was Saved—Hospital Notes.

James Smith, whose fingers and thumbs were amputated a few days ago at the Good Samaritan hospital, is progressing favorably, and he said this morning, as he held up his bandaged hands, that he was glad to be alive. He was only going a short distance on the other side of the river when he fell and lost his mitts. After this he fell again into a snow drift, and a man came along and took him first to a cabin and then, finding his hands frozen, had him transported to the hospital. So Jimmy is regarding the loss of his fingers with great equanimity. He used to be known as "Diamond Hitch Jimmy," when the throwing of a diamond hitch on a pack animal was considered an accomplishment. That was in the Coeur d'Alenes, of which Jimmy was the discoverer.

Charles McFinnin, who is in the same hospital with a dislocated collar bone, is also rapidly improving.

A. L. Flugstah, who has tubercular swelling of the glands of the neck, is rapidly recovering.

Hans Jeppson, who was taken to the hospital on Thursday suffering from rheumatic fever, is much better.

A Tragedy at Paris

Paris, Dec. 31.—The body of a man was found under the Dundas street bridge this afternoon by some boys who were skating. The police were notified, and the body was cut out of the ice and show, and brought to McCannion's undertaking rooms, where it was identified at that of William Hunter, who left his home at the lower toll house on the Paris-Branford road last Friday afternoon to bring his son to the station, to catch the train. Mr. Hunter was last seen alive by T. Crotty in Paris that evening. His skull was fractured but there is no suspicion of foul play. It is presumed that his horse ran away and threw him out of the buggy and over the bridge. The fall would be 25 or 30 feet. An inquest will be held by Dr. Sinclair, coroner.

Best hot drinks in town—The Sideboard.

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BETTER WEATHER

Indications in Favor of Still Better When Moon Changes.

For the twenty-four hours ending at nine o'clock this morning the tablets of the official weather reporter, Sergeant-Major Tucker, read minimum 36 below; maximum 27 below. This is a relief, or would have been but for the keen north wind that has been blowing all the time. At any rate it was sufficiently moderated to lead a number of people who have been waiting on the weather for several days to start out this morning, both for the outside and for the various creeks.

CONTRARY REPORTS

Are Spread Concerning the Gusher

Has Broken Out in New Place and is Giving Much Trouble

Contrary reports have been spread during the past few days regarding the condition of the Eldorado gusher. It is learned today from a perfectly reliable source that while the gusher itself, that is so far as the stream from the shaft is concerned, is under control, there is still an abundance of trouble ahead. It appears that the water being unable to find its way through the filling and finally reached the surface by way of the abandoned workings on the claim.

The explanation is offered by those who are familiar with deep diggings that in filling the shaft a ledge may have been created a long distance from the bottom which would allow the water to rise to that extent without hindrance.

However that may be the fact remains that a live stream running upwards of a sluiceway of water is slowly but surely forming an immense glacier on the creek and has already done much damage and threatens to do more.

Plans are being made to cope with the new developments, but how successful they will be remains to be seen.

BANDMEN'S PETITION

Were Wrong in Stating That the Police Band is Cutting Rates.

In the matter of the petition, presented to the acting commissioner yesterday, on behalf of the orchestra of the city and setting forth that the police band was cutting rates, Acting Commissioner Wood said this morning that he had returned the whole matter to Major Cuthbert, the commandant of the post.

Major Cuthbert, when seen this afternoon, said the petition had not yet reached him but he could assure the signers of it that the police band and the police orchestra had no idea of cutting rates and certainly would not do so. He would make a reply to the petition on Monday.

ATHLETIC NOTES

The gentlemen having in charge the approaching hand ball tournament at the athletic rink have decided to have three tournaments, one February 15, one March 15 and the last on April 15, the entries to be open to members of the club only. Mr. D. A. Cameron, president of the club, has donated a gold medal to be awarded the competitor scoring the greatest number of points in the three tournaments, all being subject to such handicaps as may be determined upon. Entries for the present informal tournament will close on Monday next.

The hockey game between the Civil Service and City Eagles that was scheduled for this evening has been postponed on account of the cold. If the weather permits it will be played some date next week. There will be general skating this evening, however, though the hand will not be present. Music on Monday evening.

Preparatory to the skating race that is soon to take place, the rink was measured yesterday by Messrs. Macpherson and Barwell. It was found to be fifteen laps to the mile.

Wire Down

The old familiar sign is again hung up at the telegraph office. The line went down yesterday about half past twelve and is still out of working gear. The break occurred south of Iskut. It is hoped to have it in working order again by Monday.

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"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"

Will be Presented by Local Talent

Old Time Favorite Comedy Will be Offered to Lovers of the Play.

The gentlemen who are fringing for the production of "She Stoops to Conquer," by strictly amateur talent, that grand old comedy of Oliver Goldsmith's, say that the rehearsals are progressing: famously and the play will be ready for presentation early in February. It will be given two and possibly three evenings and the entire proceeds over and above the expenses will be equally divided between the Good Samaritan and St. Mary hospitals. Where the play will be given has not been decided, but it is expected an arrangement will be made for the Auditorium. Great attention is being paid to details and the scenery and costumes will be strictly in accord with those in vogue at the time the comedy was written, late in the eighteenth century. "She Stoops to Conquer" has long been one of the standard comedies of the English speaking world and is somewhat on the line of the "School for Scandal," Sheridan's masterpiece. The five acts are brimming full of keen satire and bright-witticisms and are entirely free from any semblance to the horse-play so common in the present day. There are fifteen characters in the cast, not all of which, however, have been assigned. Among those who have parts are Mr. J. H. Carnegie, Mr. D. M. Sanson, Mr. E. W. Ward, Mr. George White-Fraser, Mr. F. Stanley Long, Mr. R. P. Wilson, Mr. R. L. Cowan, Mrs. Arthur G. Smith, Miss Jones and Miss Miles. Mr. Carnegie, who is one of the most active spirits in the affair and is attending to the business end of it, has had much experience in amateur theatricals and will essay the role of "Young Marlowe," one of the leading male characters and one which he has played on several previous occasions. Mr. Sanson is also quite familiar with the script and is attending to the staging of the play. The principal comedy part, that of "Tony Lumpkin," will be in the capable hands of Mr. R. P. Wilson. Miss Jones will play "Miss Hardcastle," the leading feminine role, and will play it exceedingly well. She is a winsome young lady and those who have seen the rehearsals say that in the forthcoming production her friends will be astounded with the brilliancy of the success she is sure to attain. Incidental music specially suited to the theme and time of the play will be arranged and the performance taken as a whole will be artistic and finished as could be desired. The costumes will be specially hair and perukes of the period will form a most ensemble irresistibly pretty.

Fight Results Finally

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 28.—A Christmas eve fracas which resulted fatally is reported in this city. It took place at Queensboro, in the northern portion of Hastings county, at the close of a Sunday school entertainment. Two young men named Phillips and Caskey had some words, when the former, it is said, struck the latter a blow behind the ear, knocking him down and rendering him unconscious. Caskey never recovered his senses, but died on Christmas morning. His assailant is reported to have left the country. The young men belong to well known families.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 2

Ward comes from South Africa announcing the death of Capt. Vercoe, late of the military college. He was one of the staff at the college and resigned on account of ill health and went to South Africa, but the change was only temporary.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Phyllis Pechette and her wife Marie, an old couple living about two miles east of Gatineau, P.Q., were bound to death in their house on Wednesday night. Phyllis and her wife were about 60 years of age, and their family having grown up and married, they had been living by themselves.

Bozeman, Mont., Jan. 5.—Judge Llewellyn Augustus Loco is dead at his home here after a long illness. Judge Loco was a member of the constitutional conference in 1859 and of the Montana supreme court in 1894. He was born in Maine in 1837.

Job Printing at Nugget office.