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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

From Tuesday's Daily.

THE JESSUP "SCOOP"

The cleanest, neatest most cleverly executed "scoop" that has occurred in Dawson in many a day, stands to the credit of the Nugget in connection with the disappearance of E. E. Jessup.

On Saturday night an outline of the facts in the case was presented in the columns of this paper and it was stated that the details would all be published in Monday's issue.

With this information in their possession, and with a period of 48 hours in which to run the story down, our two contemporaries, the morning and evening editions of the News, were neither one able to find out a single fact in the entire case. We did not suppose that the morning edition of our bifurcated contemporary would discover any clue to the story.

The well known antipathy of the Sun against publishing anything that has not previously appeared in one of the other local papers accounts for the failure of that journalistic sonnet to secure anything in connection with the story in question.

But from the evening edition we had hoped for better things. It is true the story was known only to some half dozen persons, but for the News, whose system of wireless telegraphy covers the greater portion of that nature should very easily have been overcome.

But our contemporary was not equal to the emergency and was compelled to go to press without the slightest inkling of the greatest newspaper coup of the year.

The Jessup case has occupied the attention of the public for a matter of nearly six weeks, during all of which time the police and detectives have been endeavoring to secure some trace of the missing man. The first tangible evidence in the entire case was furnished through the columns of this paper, and that evidence must undoubtedly lead to the discovery of the missing man's whereabouts.

It appears to us that the theory of foul play has been effectually disposed of by the discovery of the documents, fac similes of which were published in this paper last evening. There is no doubt as to the accuracy of the facts as published. Jessup or some man representing himself as Jessup appeared at the 16 mile road house on the 28th of September. For the accommodation given him at the road house he turned over to the proprietor grants for three claims which he owned. Later he proceeded down the river after giving the road house keeper an anonymous letter to be mailed at the Dawson post office.

These are the main facts in the case which the Nugget presented yesterday after giving its contemporaries 48 hours notice in which to secure the story for themselves.

The theory has since been advanced that the man who appeared at the road house was not Jessup—but the murderer of the missing man, who thus boldly represented himself as his victim for the purpose of allaying suspicion. A more reasonable theory has been offered to the effect that Jessup wandered off during a fit of temporary insanity.

In any event, it should not be difficult, in view of the light thrown on the case by the Nugget yesterday, to determine the actual facts.

The many words of commendation

which have been showered on the Nugget for its enterprise in connection with the case are gratefully appreciated. The people of the community expect the Nugget to be first in the field with the important happenings of the day, and the Nugget fully realizes its responsibility.

THE U. S. ELECTIONS.

Nearly all the States in the Union in which elections have occurred this year have declared in favor of the policies of the Republican party. Even New York city, which for so many years has remained in the grip of the Tammany tiger has thrown off the yoke and issued a declaration of independence.

With the exception of a few states in the South which are perennially and constitutionally Democratic, the entire Union, or at least that portion of it in which elections were held, has renewed its allegiance to the principles so firmly established and so unwaveringly followed by the McKinley administration.

The verdict of the recent elections points conclusively to a republican victory in the national election of 1904. As nearly as anything can ever be foretold in politics, President Roosevelt will succeed himself in the executive chair.

The Conidine murder case is in progress in the superior court of King county, Washington. The newspapers of Seattle have so thoroughly tried the case in their columns that it is a wonder that it has been found possible to secure a jury. Very few have any sympathy for the Conidines. If the jury responds to the pressure of public opinion, the case will certainly go against the prisoners.

Rich Gold Said Reported.

Ashcroft, B.-C., Oct. 19.—What may prove very important news has arrived from Horsely, to the effect that rich placer ground had been struck near the headwaters of Horsely, and in a section where no white men have ever explored before. The report is authentic to this extent, that news was sent down by a thoroughly reliable mining man of Horsely. The letter reads as follows:

"Just a line to say that a party just in from the headwaters of Horsely reports a rich find on a large creek some eight or ten miles beyond where any white man had ever been, at least there is no sign. They panned out considerable gold and brought it with them. Their grub gave out. They will return again before snow falls too deep, and make more locations. Every able-bodied man is going. The best evidence is the gold brought down, which I saw and weighed some of it. Bob Campbell, who is an old Barkerville miner, says: 'It's a second Williams creek. The benches are rich, but they could not get bedrock in the creek, but got a good prospect everywhere, they panned. Parties are going up and I will wait here until they return, when I will know more about it. Caribou may surprise the people yet.'"

A special from One-Hundred-and-Fifty-Mile house to the Journal says a crowd is leaving there this morning for the headwaters of the Horsely. R. T. Ward, just in from Horsely, says it is believed to be all right, and the strike genuine, as reported.

Col. W. J. Fife to Wed.

Tacoma, Oct. 19.—Today County Treasurer Reed gave reporters an item to the effect that his deputy, Col. W. J. Fife, had gone to California on a two weeks' vacation. That was all, Mr. Reed said. Other held more than Mr. Reed did. What they said was that Col. Fife went to California to get married. His prospective bride is Mrs. Mary C. Duboce, widow of Col. Victor Duboce, of the First California regiment, which did valiant service during the war in the Philippines. They will be married next Friday at noon, in the First Congregational church, of San Francisco, by Rev. George E. Adams. October 25 was selected for the wedding because it will be Col. Fife's birthday.

Colonel Fife served in the Philippines as lieutenant colonel of the First Washington regiment. He first met Mrs. Duboce there. Her husband was then living. Col. Duboce died about the close of the Spanish war. His widow has been living in San Francisco, where one of Colonel Fife's daughters has been residing for some time past. Col. Fife's home at Eighth and K streets has been newly fitted up for the coming of the bride.

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Stroller's Column.

Never in the history of the country have there been so many corners in commodities made as this year. Not \$7.50, that the river would not close that the people at large have known until after November 10th. Had they of these corners, for they haven't, as lost they might have been forced to none of the corners referred to have made a drive on their half sack of existed except in the minds and spuds and 25 lbs. of beans to liquidate a couple of chequos date their losses, but they won. With who are seeing ice in the river for their increased capital they became first time. Some time ago these new even more daring. Yesterday two



"IF OUR FIGURES ARE RIGHT, THEY'VE GOT TO COME TO US."

corners learned that there was apt to be a material rise in potatoes before spring and as they chanced to have half a sack in their cabin they decided to buy up all the potatoes in Dawson. In their minds they did it for that night and possibly the next world presented a rosate hue to them. After making a cool \$30,000 off their potato corner, the Napoleons of finance switched to onions. Sheet after sheet of good white paper was spoiled in figuring out the profits, and after a satisfactory price or rate ahead of that game. Tonight the



THE ONLY TIME THE STROLLER EVER INSPECTED A ROAD.

at which the cornered goods will be "let go" they invariably felicitate themselves by saying the one to the other, and to their friends whom they take into their confidence respecting their hot air deals. "If our figures are correct, the people are bound to come to us."

Not content with corners on potatoes and onions, these pluggers continued with a fervor that would have done credit to "Old Hutch" in his most halcyon days. Nothing was too big for them, as seated around their Yukon stoves in their cabin they proceeded to push the work of cornering. A pittance of \$40,000 was made on beans; the managers of the big companies were coming to them and on bended knees were imploring these modern Joe Letters to loosen up and make a "drive" on milk if only for a day. But they yielded not. "We bought our milk at \$9.25 per case and we will get \$27 or Dawson will take her coffee straight."

And the bright sun of prosperity beamed even yet more brightly upon the speculators, for in a moment of

joying the advantages of traveling on a road that cost the government a large sum of money. However, the Stroller is not a professional road inspector, never having inspected any but one, and that was railroad. He joined a traveling show company once that went broke 500 miles from Puyallup and then is when he inspected the railroad. Awant, unpleasant thought!

But why should not the people in the locality of 8 above on Hunker be pleased with their glacier? It is something not seen on every public highway. A person might travel all over the entire southern country and not slip up on a glacier. Besides, after the glacier on Hunker gets larger the government may tunnel it, and think what a boom a tunnel would be to the young and callow stripping who can afford to take his girl out sleighing. He would think nothing of driving from Dawson to 8 above on Hunker for a trip through the tunnel. It will be a great attraction. The tunnel will take travel that way and the road houses along the line will flourish like rampant potato vines. It will give gentlemen of leisure who hang around road houses waiting for a stranger to drop in and say "Boys, have something" a chance to keep soaked to the neck all the time.

By all means foster the glacier, and if the water does not come out of the

now, provided the White Pass & Yukon continues on the retired list as it is at present and the price for a common drunk remains at \$5 and costs and the corner on oats holds good?

Anyone hanging in a correct solution to the above can see the Stroller home from the next weekly prayer-meeting.

A good story illustrating the fear a large man may have for a small woman, especially when the small



HE FLOPPED UP AND FAINTED.

virgin soil at sufficient rate to make it grow as rapidly as desired, carry water and pour on it at night, for the sooner it becomes impassible the sooner you will get the tunnel. However, if you do not want the glacier and desire it removed, persuade "the most popular" man on Hoonker to sing to it. If it can stand that without moving out of hearing it is a stayer, so prepare to tunnel, for your glacier is with you until the robins nest again.

Conundrum.—If a young man who holds an official job can kick a dance hall girl into the middle of week-after-next and then have the kibosh put on things after the girl has had a warrant issued for his arrest and it has been served, and if the ice jam at Fortmile continues to backwater, causing several hundred cords of wood on the Dawson flat to be submerged, and if, according to the morning's morning, caribou are scarce on the headwaters of the Klondike, how much will a rabbit skin to roll the baby in be worth two years from

woman is his wife, is told on a certain smooth-faced Dawsonite.

A few nights ago the man in question made some excuse to his wife for coming down town, and as it was the first time he had been out for some time he concluded, like the busy little bee, to improve each shining hour. Midnight found him in a box at one of the dance halls and his companion had no difficulty in persuading him to buy a bottle of wine. One bottle followed another, and in the course of an hour the head of the family back on the hillside didn't care if he never went home.

At length the waiter appeared at the door of the box and thus addressed the man: "Is your wife a small, dark-haired woman?"

The question was not answered, for the man actually flopped up and fainted right then and there in the box. Two minutes later, and when he came to he was lying out in the hallway with a chunk of ice in each hand and another chunk on his neck. His collar was loosened and several fairies were fanning him.

"Where is she," he gasped as his eyes stared vacantly at the ceiling.

Then he was informed that the whole thing was a jolly and that the waiter had been put up to asking the question by a friend of his, another married man who was out on a similar lark and who, being in the adjoining box, had recognized his neighbor's voice.

But it was all off with the lark for that night and 15 minutes later a man was quietly sneaking into a cabin where a little dark-haired woman lay quietly asleep.

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