

MARCONI SYSTEM IN ALASKA

Is a Probability of the Very Near Future.

Company Is Already Organized—Victoria Man First to Inaugurate Scheme.

A general system of wireless telegraphy is proposed by Seattle and Victoria capitalists to connect this city with the cities across the straits, Nome City, St. Michael, Skagway and Juneau on the Alaskan coast.

The project has been under consideration for some months and at the present time the backers are negotiating with Chicago, Ill., firms for the necessary equipment.

From Seattle to Nome is something like 2,000 miles. To connect the two places with a cable would be an inconceivably huge task.

Then the wireless system, it is claimed, costs less and in many other ways has advantages which would insure its success.

Rumors of the impending installation of a wireless system of telegraphing between Seattle and the Alaska ports have been in circulation for the past three days, but no names will be mentioned as to the financial backers.

Yesterday a dispatch from Chicago first verified the story in the following words: "Chicago, Jan. 7.—Alaska and the United States may soon be connected with a line of wireless telegraphy.

The proposition to establish the company with its up-to-date method of dispatching news and messages was first brought to the attention of local capitalists by Robert Hutchinson of Victoria, W. E. Hall, F. W. Kelly and D. T. Jones, whose residences are not known.

Mr. Hutchinson has been following with intense interest the news of Marconi's endeavors to signal across the Atlantic without wires, and being quite familiar with the general idea, having been carrying on experiments himself for some time—he set to work to evolve a similar scheme on a smaller scale for the purpose of proving whether it was really practicable, as claimed.

In his little workshop Mr. Hutchinson constructed a wireless telegraph system of his own. Following out the general principle, which is well known to all competent electricians, he put together a contrivance which answered all the purposes of communication with wire connections.

For the first time the discovery was applied in the Northwest, and at various distances ranging from one to two miles ready communication could be had at two separate points. The experiments at first were carried on by Mr. Hutchinson, assisted by Messrs. Hall, Kelley and Jones and it was not until they had assured themselves of the success of the experiments that they approached the Seattle capitalists with their scheme to connect this city with Alaska points in a similar manner.

On Dead Man's Island, which is a considerable distance up the sound from this city and near Tacoma, a pole twenty feet in height was erected. At the end, what is technically known as a "sky plate," was attached. It consisted of a piece of copper about a foot square. This was attached to the end of a pole by a strip of fibre, to prevent the magic current from turning off into the damp wood.

An insulated wire connected the sky plate with the receiving instrument, which was presided over by Mr. Hutchinson during the trials.

In a launch which was plying out on the bay, at a distance of from one

to two and a half miles from shore, were Messrs. Hall, Kelley and Jones, with the transmitting instrument. It was connected, also, with a wire to the top of the pole, where a contrivance similar to the copper plate on the shore pole was placed.

Communication was kept up from all directions and under all stages of weather and climatic conditions. The fact that the telegraphing was just as easy against the wind as with it showed to the minds of the experimenters, so it is claimed, that the scope of the sound waves is limitless—This is what Marconi alleged and apparently proved with his successful Atlantic experiments.

After the eminently satisfactory tests the gentlemen concluded that the system was all that was claimed for it and the results of their tests were equally as handily as if it were summer time.

The negotiations with the Chicago firms have been under way for the past week or more. The result of the correspondence so far is not known, but there will be no lack of money to finance the scheme properly.

Such a proposition as is now under way would be of vast importance to the entire Northwest and Alaska, rendering immediate information of great happenings, wrecks, quick returns on proposed business deals, etc. Its cost would amount to an unusually large sum, considering the circumstances, but would undoubtedly prove remunerative.

A close investigation locally develops the above facts, but the names of the financial backers of the company, which will probably file incorporation papers at Olympia soon, as well as matters of vital importance to the exact plans arranged, cannot be secured at the present time. The scheme, as detailed, however, comprises a general idea of what the financiers have considered in their specifications sent to the Chicago firms.

The next step was the enlisting of capital for the project of establishing wireless telegraph systems between the cities around the straits, and this was subsequently merged into secondary importance by the idea of connecting such points with far away Alaska.

No wires will be needed, and the destructive storms, which render telegraphing by wire an impossibility during the winter, will have no effect upon the new system. Messages can be flashed through howling blizzards and heavy rains with impunity and made known to the privileged few.

CHINA IS THANKFUL

Empress Dowager Sends Expression to President Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, today handed Secretary Hay the following edict transmitted to him by Wei Wu Pu at Peking, in a cablegram dated January 11, 1903:

"By order of her imperial majesty, the empress dowager, we submit the following edict:

"During the disturbance caused by the Boxers last year, the American commanding officers issued strict orders to their troops to exert strenuous effort to protect the buildings within the forbidden city. This was an act of friendship worthy of imitation for which we feel extremely gratified and grateful. We therefore instruct Wu Ting Fang to convey our expression of thanks through the secretary of state to his excellency, the president of the United States."

No Debate This Week.

Owing to the executive committee of the literary society not having had time to prepare a program for the meeting this (Friday) evening, the usual debate and literary feast has been postponed until next week. The question to be discussed then is: Resolved, That Trusts are of greater benefit than injury to the community at large.

Boundary Line Dispute.

In the gold commissioner's court today the case of Curtis vs. Rowland is being heard. It involves the side boundary line of No. 4 on eighty pps, Hunker, and the lower end line of No. 1 claim on the tributary which enters eighty pps on the left limit at No. 4.

Traveling Made Easy.

A miner employed on Hunker came to town yesterday afternoon using as a means of locomotion a scheme somewhat original yet strikingly efficient. He had strapped to his feet an ordinary pair of Norwegian skis about ten feet long, which in them-

selves when manipulated by an expert are very good things to get over the frozen snow pretty lively with. But they require some exertion on the part of the traveler. This the Hunker chap obviated by hitching himself so to speak, to a big raw-boned husky who pulled the human sled over the hard-beaten trail at a lightning express rate.

A Popular Cafe.

The qualifications necessary to succeed in any business venture are absolute honesty and full return in value for the money expended. No business man in Dawson has these qualifications more largely developed than Lon Griffin, the genial proprietor of the Northern Cafe, and to this fact may be attributed the success which has attended him during his entire business career in Dawson. The Northern Cafe is the most popular resort for ladies and gentlemen in the Yukon Territory. One call and you will be entirely convinced.

Six Voting Booths.

At the municipal election to be held next Thursday there will be six voting booths instead of five, as was the case at the recent election. The number is increased in order that voters may not be delayed any longer than necessary in casting their ballots.

MONTANA TRAIN ROBBER

Identified as a Notorious Character Named Curry.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 15.—A special from Helena to the Miner says: Harvey Logan, the desperado who was captured at Knoxville, Tenn., on a charge of having stolen bills of the National Bank of Montana, of this city, in his possession, and who made a desperate attempt to escape after a trial at Helena, is no other than the notorious J. Curry, of northern Montana. Logan's picture, which was received by the National Bank of Montana today, was identified to be that of Curry by T. A. Marlow, president of the bank, who knows Curry well. Mr. Marlow formerly employed Curry as a cowboy, and he says there is no doubt about the identity of the man.

The identification of Curry may have an important bearing upon his trial. Curry, or Logan, was arrested for having unsigned bills of the bank that were stolen in the Great Northern express train robbery in his possession. This was not considered a particularly good one by the detectives, and there is a possibility that he might be taken either to Wyoming or Montana for trial. If brought to this state he would be tried for holding up the express train. The authorities of the northern Montana have long been confident that Curry was implicated in the robbery of the train, and so have many of the detectives, and the fact that he was arrested at Knoxville with stolen bills in his possession, or in the possession of the man he was with, would indicate he had something to do with the robbery.

Will Return in March.

Recent advices received from Mr. Justice Craig are to the effect that he will not return to the city before the middle of March. Upon the opening of navigation he will be joined by his family, which consists of his wife and daughter.

Hockey Match Postponed.

Owing to the recent sudden death of Mr. C. G. Perkins the great hockey match between the Polar and Civil Service teams has been postponed until next Monday evening. Mr. Wm. Henderson of the N. W. M. P. has been selected to referee the game, which will be played on the Polar rink Monday night, commencing sharp at 8 o'clock.

Notice.

The Citizens' committee will hold a public meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 3rd, at 8.30 o'clock, in the Arctic Brotherhood hall, the balconies of which will be reserved for the ladies. All the opposition candidates are cordially invited to attend.

GLENCOE HULME, Secretary.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Regina Hotel—H. C. Kuth, Bonanza; R. M. Patterson, Hunker; Oscar Sarson, Dominion; John Ricker, San Francisco; Joe Dokes, Eagle; Hotel Flannery—Lockie Buiavach, Stewart River; J. T. Yeager, Dominion; C. C. Payson, Last Chance; H. D. Longfellow, Last Chance; Walter Carylie, Bear Creek; James McSweeney, Bonanza.

Fairview.—Mrs. Hover, Hunker; Thos. Weir, Hunker; H. W. Behrens, city; — Cheney, city.

Sheriff's Sale of Claims.

Acting Sheriff Eilbeck will sell at public auction to the highest bidder a 30x54 interest in the fractional hillside placer claim adjoining 51 and 52 below discovery, right limit, on Bonanza, belonging to Louis Weiss in satisfaction of a judgment for \$712 secured by Endleman & Co. against the defendant Weiss. The sale will take place Saturday, February 8.

All kinds of game at Bonanza Market, next Post Office.

Job printing at Nugget office.

RATES ARE ADVANCED

Board and Lodging at the Royal Hotel Doubled.

Acting Sheriff Eilbeck, upon advice received from Major Wood, has made a new regulation which will concern those who desire the imprisonment of absconding debtors under the capias act. The following notice, which is self-explanatory, is posted in the sheriff's office:

To the members of the bar of Dawson: I beg to notify you that in the future all accounts for the maintenance of capias prisoners will be at the rate of \$2 per diem instead of \$1 as heretofore. This is on advice from Major T. T. Wood, officer commanding N.W. M.P. of the Yukon territory, and is in accordance with instructions received from the department at Ottawa.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

J. M. EILBECK, Deputy Sheriff Yukon Territory.

Those held under the capias suit have heretofore cost the persons suing on the writ but \$1 per day for the maintenance of the prisoner, but from now on the price of board and lodgings at the Royal hotel will be doubled. As there is no known shortage in the food supply of the camp, the precise reason for such action is not apparent, unless it is to discourage the practice of locking up debtors who endeavor to get out of the country without paying their bills. In some parts of the Dominion the operations of the capias act are peculiar. The board of the prisoner being held must be paid in advance and when the sum deposited is exhausted it must be renewed before 4 o'clock of the last day, otherwise the debtor is given his liberty. A tender of a week's board one minute after a reasonable figure.

BENEFIT PROGRAM

To Be Produced at Auditorium Saturday Night.

The benefit to be given on Saturday night at the Auditorium bids fair to be a pronounced success. A splendid program has been arranged which will certainly draw a crowded house. All the boxes for the entertainment have been sold, and the seats are going at a rate which is very satisfactory to the ladies who have the entertainment in charge. The program in full is as follows:

- PART I. 1 Overture—"Martha" Flow; 2 Recitation Mr. Williams; 3 Song—"Every Nation Has a Flag But the Coon," (by request) Mr. R. Southard; 4 Song—"My Old New Hampshire Home" Harris; 5 Selection from "Ernani" Verdi; 6 Song—"The Sleep in the Deep" Petrie.

Mr. G. Noble.

7 Song—"The Clorindy Cake Walk" Miss Kate Rockwell and her Pippin.

PART II. 8 Selection from "Carmen" Bizet; 9 Duett—"Flow Gently, Deeply" Leves; Messrs. Turnbull and Carkeek;

10 Trombone Solo Lortzig (a) "The Holy City" (b) "In the Deep Cellar" Mr. M. Hobbs;

11 Song—"Merrily I Roam" Schleitfarth; Miss K. Krieg;

12 Song—"The Star of Bethlehem" Adams; Mr. McLeod;

13 Quartette—"Robin Adair" Buck; Messrs. McLeod, Miller, Cobb and Bozarth;

14 Characteristics (a) "The Palms" Faure (b) "In a Manger Rests a King" (c) "The Holy City" Adams; Miss Helen Jewel, assisted by the Candel Choir Boys;

15 Descriptive Fantasia—"The Fox Hunt" Voelker; God Save the King.

VISITED KIRKLAND

Seattle's Sleeping Suburb May Now be Re-Juvenated.

Seattle, Jan. 16.—The twenty-seven representatives of the Jupiter process of making steel, now in the city, will visit Kirkland today. John W. Pratt, representing some of the large property interests of that place, will take the party over the scene. These men are in Seattle for the purpose of picking a site for a steel works. The proposed factory would turn out 50,000 pounds of steel mining tools a day. It would employ 400 men. With time it would grow. It would get its crude iron from around Cape Horn. The men who hope to see its establishment in this city want favorable inducements for a site. To the end that such may come from across the lake, an effort is being made to get the people of Kirkland to act together on this matter, donate land and to sell as reasonably as possible.

For ten years the men who first built Kirkland and its idle steel plant

have held the property they first acquired. During these years they have paid heavy taxes on empty buildings, whose boarded windows and smokeless chimneys tell a mute story of disappointment and blighted hopes. All the time the owners have continued to hope for the day when the empty windows would redden from the glow of fires within and smoke come from the cold chimneys.

This sleeping village was founded by Peter Kirk. He was an ironmaster. He came from England. He had learned his business in a town where for three generations his ancestors had operated in the same line before him. He erected large buildings by the lake and equipped them fully for steel works. The Northern Pacific partially built a branch line to Kirkland. Things were just ready to start. Then came the panic of the early nineties. Kirk and his associates threw up their hands. They sold the expensive steel-making machinery to Canadian parties to pay back taxes on their property. They gave up all hope of starting the steel works for years. They still hoped, however, to see the plant in operation. It was with this idea that they continued to pay the taxes on the property from year to year.

Whether or not the dream of these men will come true has been a matter of frequent speculation. It is hoped by the property owners of Kirkland that today's visit may prove the means of awakening the place to the activity for which it was intended. They point out the fact that the buildings are already erected and that the possibility of transporting crude iron from the docks to the lake by the Seattle Electric Company's Madison street line is very easy. Thence it could be taken across the lake by the King county ferry.

A strong effort is being made on the part of those interested in the matter to secure the harmonious working of all property owners toward the securing of the old steel mill site at a reasonable figure.

Who is your tailor? Why, R. J. Goldberg. He cleans, presses and repairs my clothes at Hershberg's.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

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FOUND—Large brown and white Siwash dog. Apply Jack Brooks, Hotel Windsor.

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Quartz mines examined and reported on. Correspondence solicited.

Address. - General Delivery, Dawson

New Company Formed.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—It is thought here that there may be some connection between the reported dissolving of the contract between the Pacific Coast Company and Goodall, Perkins & Co. and the incorporation yesterday of the Western Repair and Supply Company. At the head of the

board of directors of this company is H. W. Goodall, of the firm of Goodall, Perkins & Co., owners of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, which is virtually a part of the Pacific Coast Company, and those who are named as stockholders and directors of the new company are closely connected with the large shipping interests of this port.

According to a statement by Capt. H. P. Wilson, who is named as one of the directors, the company is formed by the consolidation of two firms—the Lewis E. Spear Company, composed of Lewis Spear, president, and H. P. Wilson, secretary, and Madison, Bruce & Sellers, of which B. H. Madison is the president, and H. B. Madison the secretary and treasurer. The directors named are H. W. Goodall, J. W. Bennett, H. P. Wilson, J. H. Sellers and Edwin T. Cooper. Out of a total subscription of \$316,200, the sum of \$198,030 is provided by H. W. Goodall.

It is said the new company intends making a bid for a government transportation contract in case the army transports are taken off the Philippine run, but Capt. Wilson says it has no intention at present of doing any business outside of the port of San Francisco, but may in time extend its lines to other fields.

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Grand Sacred Concert Freimuth's Symphony Orchestra AUDITORIUM Sunday Evening, February 2

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