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Points Between Summit and Whitehorse Only Benefited By the New Tariff.

The important fact pertaining to the recent reduction of freight rates by the White Pass Company, as published in Monday's Nugget, the news having been received by wire from the outside, is that such reduction applies only to the local tariff between the summit and Whitehorse and does not affect in the least the through rates to Dawson. To the present time no agreement has been reached relative to the through rate and it still stands at the same figures in effect last season. The amount of freight handled between the points named and that for Dawson is so infinitesimal by comparison that the lowering of the local rates will not result in any perceptible diminution of the revenues of the company. That the through rates will be materially lowered before navigation there can be no little doubt, but it is an arrangement yet to be made.

It is stated by local representatives of the company that while the government has the power to regulate to some extent the rates established on the railroad it can do nothing as to those on the river. A navigation company operating steamers between here and Whitehorse could charge for the service a dollar a pound and the possessor of railways would be powerless to afford any relief. The fact, however, that there are several lines of steamers making connection with the railroad and consequently competition, the possibility of the White Pass people ever attempting a cinch game in that respect is entirely out of the question. Though there should be no reduction made in the White Pass through rates with the present lowering of the local tariff freight can be landed here much more cheaply than ever before, though to accomplish such it would be necessary to ship over an independent line of steamers from Whitehorse down.

At the local office of the White Pass Company the information is given out that nothing further is known of the rates other than what has been learned by the news dispatches. The new tariff referred to has not been received nor are they aware of the probable changes which have been made in the classification. Last season the different classes were designated by letter while this year figures are employed.

Feasted and Feted.
 Harold Herr, proprietor of the Bank Cafe, who returned yesterday morning from a trip outside, was feasted, feted and banqueted to a finish by a number of his friends last night. The party, which numbered 14, occupied five boxes at the Auditorium, witnessing the production of "The Old Kentucky," afterward enjoying a dinner at the Bank at which speeches, toasts and songs were indulged in ad lib. The guests of Mr. Herr who participated in the evening of jollity were—Harold Herr, Jack Pragnore, A. Browning, R. J. Dillon, Frank Mortimer, G. H. Walton, William Ask, P. A. Phillips, Roy Woodson, E. King, John Mullen, T. S. Sater, J. H. Duncan, R. Kemp, J. Garzelli, Robert Bogle, O. E. Packstrom, Sam Taggart, George Travis, Joe Field, H. Barnes, George Parsons, M. A. Piuska, Robert Wick, R. C. Cook, C. A. Pauley, A. Closs, Colonel MacGregor, R. L. Lallico, Charles Miller, F. T. Dixon, Mackinson and Percy Margetts.

New Members Initiated.
 The membership of the Arctic Brotherhood was again increased last night by the addition of six cheerleaders who successfully braved the perils of a trip over Chilkoot. They were A. J. Mangobs, David McQueen, Wm. Dobil, H. S. Congdon, R. J. Goldberg and H. W. Newlands. United States Consul H. D. Saylor was made an honorary member of the brotherhood. At the next meeting some proposed changes in the ritual will be considered.

Martha Washington Ball.
 Mr. Murray Eads, proprietor of the Standard Theatre, is making arrangements for a grand fancy dress ball in honor of Martha Washington's birthday to be held on Friday night of this week at the Standard Theatre. All of the ladies as well as a large number of men will attend, dressed in eighteenth century costumes and

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In conversation with Chief Isaac of the Moosehide Indians on last Sunday a Nugget representative was informed that the Indians have now on hand only sufficient meat and other provisions to last them for three weeks and that at the expiration of that time he knows not how "my people" will live. Isaac says that early in the winter his hunters went to Twelvemile creek and killed five moose; that a short time ago they returned to the same hunting ground and found nothing, although they hunted far up the creek and all over the surrounding country. When the hunters returned empty-handed gloom pervaded the village and now the gaunt wolf of hunger and famine is stalking in their midst.

One thing Isaac says has served to greatly deplete their caches has been that the Moosehides have had many visitors this winter, including the Peel and Fortymile Indians, and that the visitors were all hungry and ate freely of the Moosehide stock of grub. Unlike Bill Nye's mule, Isaac does not blush at thought of his ancestry, but he joins that animal in mourning for the future of his race.

A Glorious Victory.
 Oh, yes! the 28th of January, 1902, was a great day in the history of the Liberal party in this most western section of Canada. The wave of Liberalism which arose previous to 1896 and carried Sir Wilfrid Laurier into power in that year took a good while to reach here, but when it did come it made a clean sweep. In the political history of the Dominion of Canada there is no record of a greater victory. It is a triumph almost without parallel for the fighters who stuck to their principles through the dark days, both for the party and the country, from 1878 to 1896. We have wandered a long time in the opposition wilderness and it is natural that we should feel somewhat elated at the thought that we have at last succeeded in the object for which we have striven for so very many years. George Riley will be the first Liberal member to represent the constituency of Victoria in the Dominion House of Commons. We know the electors, as well as their representative, are to be congratulated on the result of the election. Mr. Riley has labored for a long time in the cause of Liberalism. His devotion to his party has been entirely disinterested and unselfish. At the end of his term of service we are confident we shall be able to assert without fear of contradiction that his attention to the cause of his constituents was quite as unremitting as his assiduity in the cause of Liberalism.

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