

STEVENSON BANQUETED

Friends of Departing Banker Honor Him

Speed the Parting Guest and Bid Him to be Careful in Seattle.

It was just a little gathering of a few of the best of them, an informal blow-out which the title page to a handsome souvenir menu card characterized as a "Farewell to Steve." It happened Saturday night in the banquet room over Lewin Bros. adjoining the Northern cafe, and began shortly before midnight and ended well, some time afterward. It would be hard to have found a more representative lot of men of a more congenial and convivial bunch of good fellows all intent upon giving "Steve" one farewell taste of high life before he departed for that prosaic village marked on the maps as Seattle. The menu was a novelty in several ways, something of a conceit that can be preserved as a souvenir of the occasion. On the first page was the photograph of him in whose honor the dinner was given wearing the same sad, sweet smile so familiar to all who have experienced the delicious sensation of hearing him say "certainly, what security." The menu was a marvelous work of art showing the exquisite tastes of those whom even Lucullus might have envied. Be-

- Oysters.
- Champagne.
- Salad.
- Champagne.
- Turkey.
- Champagne.
- Ice Cream.
- Champagne.
- Coffee.

More Champagne. The inner sheets contained a list of the guests and on the back was the inscription "Say au revoir but not goodbye."

Music by the band. The tables were arranged in the form of a horseshoe with H. T. Willis, chairman, in the center and the guest of honor on his right. Fremuth's orchestra furnished the music which added not a little to the jollity. Songs were of frequent occurrence, patriotic and otherwise, principally otherwise, the prime favorite being the Zero Club anthem and an original version of "Ireland was freed when England was a pig."

Bill Young dropped in late and received an ovation as a reward for his temerity in breaking into the game at such an hour. W. L. Walsh, the well known composer of "Why do we work," sang "Tit Willow" as only an ideal Ko-Ko could have done. Upon arriving at the last course on the menu, Chairman Willis called the house to order. "We are assembled here to pay our respects to our old friend Mr. Stevenson who is soon to leave us. We are all sorry he is going and particularly myself as our relations of the past four years have not only been close but extremely pleasant. He and I together were the first of our lot in Dawson. I shall not set out a speech as I understand that speeches are not to be allowed, besides I am no speech maker. We have no set program, but intend to have a few songs, some stories and then you may cut loose. There will be no toasts beyond one which is customary in all British countries. Gentlemen, I propose the health of the King," which was drunk standing with the singing of the National Anthem.

While still standing the crowd in honor of their guest sang "For he's a jolly good fellow," followed by three cheers led by Chief McKinnon. Dick Cowan responded with the "Wandering Minstrel," and R. P. McLennan told a dog story which tested the credulity of his listeners for he upon conclusion was at once assailed with that popular chorus "You're a liar."

Chas. Macpherson sang "Tim Tootin'" and "We want to join the army." Billy Sims delivered a Free Kirk sermon in excellent dialect and Frank Johnson gave a couple of his French-Canadian stories that never fail to make a hit. Jack Patterson told a story and at the suggestion of Father Walsh, J. H. Rogers was requested to give his "Reminiscences of how I met Governor Ross on the steamer Susie." Chas. Barwell sang

"Little Tim Geo-gee" and "Captain of the Pinafore," during both of which the orchestra was conducted with great proficiency by Professor Lithgowski.

The next stunt was perhaps the most important of the evening and consisted in the presentation of a handsome timepiece to Mr. Stevenson, the gift of his many friends. The watch is a split second stop watch and contains a tiny chime which strikes the hours, halves and quarters. The case bears the monogram "P. C. S." The presentation was made by Mr. Walsh who said:

"I have been asked at the last moment to make this presentation to you and am sorry I was not notified before. It would require weeks of preparation to do ample justice to your many good qualities. This has been sprung upon me as a surprise and I can only trust to being inspired by the beauty of my subject. Everything around us is lovely and beautiful, but there is a sad side to it all. You are leaving us. You a youth in the prime of your manhood. I might say in the spring-time of your glorious youth, you are leaving the rural simplicity of Dawson and going—going where? God help you, to Seattle. It is hard for a man such as you, one who has been raised from your simple, rural surroundings where vice is unknown and planted feet foremost in that awful hot bed of iniquity—Seattle. We claim to be your friends here that when you find yourself surrounded by the allurements such as Seattle tempts with you will not stray from the paths of virtue and rectitude which has ever characterized your residence in Dawson. If you are tempted turn your face to the north and think of the friends who are constantly praying for your welfare. This little token which I now give you will remind you of those who you have left behind, those who in your four years sojourn here have learned of your many good qualities. I have the greatest pleasure in presenting you this watch in behalf of your friends here assembled and I hope when you look at it in later years it will remind you of those who join with me in wishing you every success."

Three cheers and "He's a jolly good fellow" followed and then it was Steve's turn.

"Gentlemen, I am up against it. No one ever accused me of being a speaker and I now for the first time can sympathize with those who have been in the same position I now find myself in. I used to think it a good joke, but it's different now. I look around this table and see she familiar faces, some of whom I have known the past four years, and I tell you, fellows, it makes me feel badly to think of breaking it off so suddenly. But I am not going to make a funeral out of this dinner. When I came inside four years ago I understood we were to have a liberal allowance and I thought I should be able to save some money in the two years I expected to stay here. (Loud cheers.) But you see one can never tell. One thing I will say and that is I never hope to meet a cleaner cut lot of fellows anywhere on earth than here in the Yukon. I can't thank you enough for what you have done for me and I don't know what I have done to deserve it all. Show me a better country or a better lot of fellows and—the chief has just told me to cut it short and I'm glad of it. Gentlemen, I thank you once more."

"Skipper" Norwood told a story and was greeted with "You're a liar." Mr. Gemmett was positively eloquent in his oratorical flight and the only consolation he derived in the departure of his friend was that he "some time would meet Steve in Seattle and he was sure he would be able to guide him to the nearest Y. M. C. A. rooms."

D. A. Cameron paid a high tribute to Mr. Stevenson and attributed much of the phenomenal business of the bank to his personal popularity. J. C. Noel eluded more encomiums in his usual eloquent and inimitable manner, assuring everyone that Mr. Stevenson was a perfect gentleman as he once had discounted his note.

The orchestra was toasted in its turn and Mr. Fremuth was called upon for a reply. Instead, he played a solo.

The catering of this one of the most successful dinners ever given was by Griffin of the Northern Cafe who had the valuable assistance of G. L. Johnson, a new chef of extended reputation recently from the outside. The affair broke up at a late hour by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The list of guests, nearly all of whom were present, was as follows:—Commissioner J. H. Ross, Mayor Macaulay, H. W. Newlands, I. Rosenthal, E. A. Mizner, Frank Berry, Captain Cosby, J. B. Pattullo, Emil Stauf, F. N. Johnson, W. H. Fairbanks, Tom Kirkpatrick, John Lind,

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J. J. Hill an Owner

Victoria, May 23.—The Crow's Nest Pass coal mines, in which 125 men lost their lives last night, are owned by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., in which James J. Hill of the Great Northern owns a controlling interest. The property was originally owned by Victorians, and became valuable through the completion of a branch line through the pass by the Canadian Pacific railroad.

Eastern Canadian capitalists became interested and developed the property and erected many coke ovens to supply the smelters of Kootenay. Last year Hill bought a controlling interest and is now building a branch line from the mines to main line of the Great Northern in Idaho.

The company has developed mines on Coal Creek and on Michel and Morrisey creeks. The ones from which the greatest amount of coal is being taken are Nos. 1, 2 and 3 on Coal creek, in the latter two of which the explosion occurred. The mines have always been considered dangerous, the means of keeping them free of gas being inadequate.

Most of the miners are foreigners, but there are a few who formerly worked at Naaimo and some Scotch miners. No Chinese or Japs are employed. The minister of mines has not as yet received any official information as to the disaster.

Box Car Car Robbery

Spokane, May 22.—A bold robber met with partial success last night in an attempt to hold up about 20 men who were riding in a box car on the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway. When the car was a short distance east of Hilliard he appeared at the end door and ordered all the men to come out, firing a shot into the car to emphasize his command. The men stampeded to the side door, pushed it open, and, though the train was in motion, all sprang out and escaped.

A man who was on top of the car says he was held up and lost \$85 at the hands of the robber. After the crowd had fled the highwayman entered the car, searched their blankets and got away. Two men arrested in this city for an attempted holdup are under suspicion for the box car robbery.

Found a Whale

William Byers, Jack Kerney and Jack Davidson, of Ellamar, recently left here for a trip to Glacier Island. They went in a row boat, and when within a half mile of the island came upon a dead whale. They towed it ashore, and upon investigation it was found to be a right whale. The animal produced 2500 pounds of whalebone, which they can readily sell for at least five dollars a pound. This will net each one in the neighborhood of \$4000. It is just like getting money from home. The slabs of bone will average eight feet and a half in length.

Mr. Byers owns the blubber, which he will try out for the oil. What is left will be used for fox feed.—Valdes Prospector, May 22.

No Decision Made

New York, May 23.—Bishop Farley, of Brooklyn, left at the Vatican a most excellent impression of his stay here when the Pope showed how highly he appreciated him, says a Rome dispatch to The Tribune. His candidature for the archbishopric of New York seems to be held in the greatest favor, but the Vatican will not commit itself, saying that any prediction is now premature, because of the importance of the see at New York and because of the complexion affairs in American may take after the Taft visit.

To Raise the Maine

Washington, May 22.—A bill was introduced by Senator Lodge today providing for the removal of the battleship Maine from the harbor of Havana and the recovery of the bodies of the American sailors who sank with the vessel. The bill appropriates \$1,000,000.

ANOTHER STAMPEDE

To an Unnamed Creek Near Dawson

And Emptying Into Yukon From Left Limit Above the City.

There was quite a crowd waiting to record before the doors of the recorder's office were opened this morning, which was evidence of a stampede, the first for some time now. It proved to be on the left limit of the Yukon, only three miles above this city. The discoverer is Hillier Brown, and his partner, Sam Thurber, recorded No. 1 above discovery. Both are well known miners and have been operating on E. dorado. They have only gone down a depth of from five to six feet, and the result at that depth is stated to be about three cents to the pan. Perron was prospecting over the same ground last year and believed the same white wash gravel would be found there as has proved so profitable to work on Bonanza and Eldorado. Fraak Slavin says his partner sunk a score of holes on this same deposit two years ago and got 20 cents to the pan.

On Saturday about fifteen stamped to the new ground, which has not yet been given a name, and yesterday there were some twenty-five more staking on it, but according to Sam Thurber there is room for five hundred to stake. This white wash gravel crosses the Yukon and extends towards the headwaters of the White river, and is said to be of great width. Its proximity to Dawson will probably lead to extensive staking during the next few days. Quite a number are believed to have staked in that direction today, and the current ferry is doing quite a business in consequence. Brown and Thurber will start a gang at work on discovery in a few days.

Police Court.

In Magistrate Starnes' court this morning a man named Vidosh was given judgment against G. G. Lemon a Bonanza claim operator, for \$25.95 for labor performed. As Lemon did not appear, judgment was given by default. The case of Alexander Patterson, charged by Carl Mackerick with assault, was continued until tomorrow. Banks versus Chas. Johnson for \$164.48 wages was continued until Wednesday morning.

End of an Old Romance

New York, May 23.—Thomas J. Crouch, 74 years of age, of Topeka, Kan., and Miss Mary Jane Lane, 68, of Buel, N. Y., have just been married here, says a Rutland, Vt., dispatch to The World. Fifty years ago Crouch and Miss Lane were residing in Buel. They were engaged to be married, but quarreled and the engagement was broken. Shortly afterward Crouch moved to Topeka. Miss Lane never married and recently her sweetheart of half a century returned to seek her hand.

Soldiers for the North

Washington, May 22.—The trans-

port Warren, now en route from Manila to San Francisco with troops and marines, will be repaired on her arrival and will take three companies of the Eighth infantry to Nome and the mouth of the Yukon, bringing back four companies of the Seventh infantry to ports on Puget Sound.

Gov. Ross at London

London, Ont., April 28.—Hon. Jas. H. Ross, governor of the Yukon, who is a former Londoner, is at present here, the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. W. McIntosh of King street. At noon today Mr. Charles S. Hyman, M.P., arranged a lunch in honor of the governor at the London club, where he met several of his old time London friends. He was seen for a few minutes this morning by a reporter, and spoke in praise of the great improvements made in the city since he left London. Governor Ross spoke very strongly of the necessity of the manufacturers of Canada devoting more time to the needs of the Yukon, where a market of six or eight million dollars is awaiting their trade. At present it is largely in the hands of Americans. Mr. Ross said that from advices which he had received within the last few days he estimated that more people would go into the Yukon this spring than at any other time since the great rush. He believed the spring output of gold would be slightly larger than that of last year, which totalled \$17,000,000. Asked as to the prospects for development of the Yukon, Governor Ross said that the efforts of the Dominion government to develop that region are meeting with gratifying success. They have made fairly large grants for the construction of roads and other public works which would be of great benefit. Mr. Ross said also that the government is considering a reduction in the royalty on the production of gold, which would greatly help in the development of the country. The measure passed to appoint a court of appeal and another judge would facilitate hearing cases. The increase in the number of members elected to the Yukon council was a matter of satisfaction to the people there, as was also the act by which local authorities were given power to control the liquor traffic. The prompt recognition of the Yukon's claim to representation in the Dominion house, as shown by the census, was another part of the government's action which gave great satisfaction in the north.

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