

## A TRIP TO STEWART RIVER

Completed Last Night by E. J. Fletcher and Jas. Elliot

Who Have Been in That Country During the Past Three Weeks for the Ladue Company.

F. J. Fletcher of the Ladue Mill Co., in company with James Elliott returned last evening from a three weeks' trip to the Stewart river in the in crests of the Ladue Co., which interests were not of a mining nature.

Mr. Fletcher speaks of the country and what he heard from people met by the way in rather a conservative manner, and, inasmuch as he vouchsafes no personal opinion whatever, only telling of what he heard and saw, his experiences have a public value.

Regarding the mining outlook for Clear creek, he says but little, beyond the fact that opinions among the people there and engaged in the work are that the outlook for the coming season is bright.

Just at present mining operations are much interfered with by natural causes. There seems to be but little frost in the ground, and for that reason it is almost impossible to work because of the water. The creek is considered a summer digging.

Many people are moving and preparing to move towards McQuesten creek this coming spring, and quite a number are already there.

Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Elliot went by way of Dominion and Arkansas creeks, crossing the Arkansas divide into the Flat creek country.

Speaking of accommodations along the trail, Mr. Fletcher says they are, generally speaking, much better than he expected to find.

Starting from 25 below lower discovery on Dominion where there is a good roadhouse, a fair day's travel took them to the other side of the Arkansas divide where there is a hunter's cabin, run as a sort of stopping place.

At the mouth of Barlow creek on Clear creek the T. & E. Co., have a road house presided over by Mr. Crowell in whose praise as a host Mr. Fletcher is enthusiastic. The same company have another house on McQuesten creek. The gentlemen were up the Stewart river as far as Frazier falls, and while they consider the trail a very good one as far as the mouth of Clear creek, they are not loud in the praise of the thoroughfare beyond the mouth of Mayo creek, where it is said to dwindle into a snow shoe trail, practically impassable in any other way.

A party of hunters were encountered at the mouth of Moose creek, and along the Stewart there are enough cabins so that travelers can find fair accommodations almost every night.

People in that section of the country not actually engaged in mining on Clear creek, have widely differing opinions concerning it, some believing the creek to be all right and others holding the reverse idea of its value.

Mr. Fletcher says that while they were compelled to camp out much of the time they were not seriously inconvenienced by the weather.

### Farewell Party.

On last Tuesday night Miss Olga Anderson, assisted by Mr. Oscar Anderson, gave a farewell party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nerland, which was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Progressive whist was announced as first on the program and soon six tables were surrounded by merry players, all of whom seemed determined to capture first prize. At midnight the score cards were collected and after a short intermission the judges announced the following winners: Mr. and Mrs. Bucholz won the first prizes, while Mr. A. Anderson and Mrs. Phillips carried off the "boobies." After a few minutes spent in admiring the presents which were very handsome and unique, and all present had told how it happened, a sumptuous lunch was served, after which the room was cleared for dancing and it was in the "we sma'" hours of the morning when "Home, Sweet Home" rang out on the frosty air and all present, after saying "good morning" to host and hostess, departed for their several homes. During the intermission of dances, Mr. Harding rendered several selections on the zither which were highly applauded and much appreciated. Mr. Oscar Anderson rendered several vocal selections and Mr. Swan sang several Spanish songs, much to the delight of those present. Messrs. Swan and Conway discoursed soft, sweet

music on the mandolin and the guitar. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Nerland, Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Hemén, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz, Mrs. Derig, Miss Miller, Miss Olga Anderson, Messrs. Harding, Smith, McRae, A. Anderson, Swan, Conway, Miller, Thornton, McDougal, Puntello and Oscar Anderson.

### Science to Play a Part.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 29.—Papers were filed at St. Paul today, in a suit of the utmost importance, not alone on account of the money involved, but because of some scientific revelations that will be made when it comes to trial.

The suit is brought by H. W. Pearson, of this city, against J. J. Hill and the Great Northern to recover \$1,500,000. The coal lands in Montana involved are claimed to be worth \$14,000,000. They are held by Hill interests, and it is alleged were taken after discovery by Pearson under a contract by which Pearson was to have a share in the profits.

But it is the elucidation of a new geological theory which overturns previous theories that gives the suit its chief importance. Pearson, after 20 years' study, evolved the flood-wood theory of the formation of coal beds. He has tested this theory all over the world, and while keeping it secret, has by its use discovered new coal areas, notably the Stockett mines in Montana, and also on the Pacific coast. He asserts that the Hill interests secured thousands of acres under his direction, and are now mining 1600 tons daily. For a share of this profit he now sues.

### The Six-Day Race.

The Orpheum theater is now converted into a race track where on Monday night next George Taylor, Louis Cardinal, Ralston and Marion will start on a six days' race. Cardinal gives all comers one mile start each night making six miles handicap in a week's time. The race will commence at 8 p. m. and continue for four hours. The following articles of agreement have been signed by the contestants:

First—Said Louis Cardinal to give George Taylor one mile start each night, and Louis Cardinal also invites everybody to enter the race under the same conditions. One hundred dollars entrance fee. Three prizes to be given as follows: All sweepstakes and 50 per cent to winner; second prize 30 per cent of gate receipts, and third prize 20 per cent of gate receipts.

Said race to run in the most suitable place in Dawson and to commence six weeks from date. Said parties hereby day down \$25 as forfeit money; balance of money to be put up before entrance of race. Entrance positively closed two weeks before starting of race.

GEORGE TAYLOR.  
LOUIS CARDINAL.  
N. MARION.  
W. R. YOUNG.  
E. A. SMITH.  
ED. RALSTON.

### Wonders of the Telephone.

"One never realizes the far-reaching possibilities and real wonders of the telephone till he installs one in his office," said a Dawson business man yesterday, as he hung the instrument up and sat wearily down in his desk chair and looked thoughtfully at the 'phone.

"What's the matter with the 'phone'?" was asked.

"Nothing; nothing at all. The 'phone is all right, only one hears things sometimes that sound queer, that's all."

"A few minutes ago I rang up one of the stores, and the first thing I heard was, 'As sung by Mr. Charles Hartley for the phonograph company of London and Paris. Click.' 'Say, my dear, don't forget to bring home that piece of goods I gave you to match, and be sure to remember about that roast of—Click.' 'Did they answer—Click.' 'Say, when are you going to call and fix that matter up. It's been raining!—That's where I had got to when you came in and I hung the 'phone up.'"

### America Will Be Represented.

New York, Jan. 25.—A special to the World from Washington says: The United States will be officially represented at the crowning of King Edward VII. It has not yet been determined who will make up the American delegation on that occasion, but it is quite certain that some representative citizens will be sent from the United States and that many of the American diplomatic corps and military and naval attaches in Europe will be sent to London upon that occasion.

### For Rent.

Office room in McLennan-McFeeley building. Heated with hot air. Apply McLennan-McFeeley store.

The Seattle Market has received over the ice dressed turkeys, fine veal, fresh halibut and Eagle brand of eastern oysters.

## LATE EAGLE CITY SUICIDE

George Curtis Was a Most Peculiar Man.

Disappointed in Politics and Love He Once Attempted Self Destruction in Seattle.

A late issue of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer has the following account of the life in that city, his former home, of George Curtis, who recently committed suicide in Eagle (not Circle) City, a complete telegraphic account of which was published in the Nugget shortly after the occurrence:

George Curtis, who recently committed suicide at Circle, Alaska, by hanging himself, was a Seattle man and was formerly a deputy under ex-County Auditor Beman. He was of a despondent disposition, and the news of his violent death occasioned little surprise to those who knew him well. Once while he was employed in the auditor's office he disappeared for two days, and it was believed he had killed himself. It turned out, however, that he had been drowning his sorrows in liquor.

Curtis came to Seattle from Butte, Mont., in 1890, with his wife. After a short stay here he secured a position as a clerk in the Monte Cristo mines. While he lived there his home life was not pleasant. On his return to Seattle the relations between himself and wife became further strained. One day Curtis had a street fight with a prominent young business man. No arrests were made. After this he obtained a divorce, alleging desertion.

In the spring of 1896 Curtis became deeply interested in politics and also fell in love. A beautiful young girl named Gray, whose home was in Montana, was the object of Curtis' affections, according to the story that came out when it was reported he had committed suicide in this city. Curtis was anxious to have Ed C. Whitmore, formerly of Kent, elected county auditor, having been promised a good position in that event. He thought that with this position secured his finances would permit of a second marriage. Whitmore lost in the election and this made Curtis despondent.

For some time previous to this Curtis had been interested in Christian Endeavor work at the Calvary Baptist church. It was said that his interest was stimulated by the influence upon him of Miss Gray. During her temporary absence from the city Curtis, becoming despondent over the result of the election, began drinking. When Miss Gray returned and learned of that fact she was much displeased. The story went that she refused to have anything more to do with him.

Curtis became still more dejected, and commenced to act strangely. Saturday, November 7, 1896, he left the auditor's office, saying he was going to find Auditor Beman. Sunday night he sat in his room until early in the morning writing letters. He was rooming at the corner of Sutter and Weller streets, at which place his friend, George Coryell, also lived. Coryell suspected something wrong and did not leave Curtis until after the latter had had breakfast.

After eating that meal Curtis went to a drug store on Jackson street, where he gave some jewelry to a clerk. He was about to explain the bunch of letters he had in his hand when the clerk was interrupted. Curtis disappeared. Nothing was heard of him for two days. In the meantime it was revealed that he had given away several presents, and in each instance had said: "Keep them as souvenirs." He had also told different people that it Whitmore lost in the election he would cut his own throat. On one occasion he had tried to purchase poison, and on another he was about to drink a bottle of poison in a drug store when a friend took the bottle away from him.

All these things gave rise to the theory that Curtis had killed himself. When he reappeared, looking much the worse for his spree, he was indignant that anyone should suspect him of contemplating self-murder.

During the Klondike rush Curtis dropped out of sight, and nothing more was heard of him until news came that he had committed suicide in Circle City. That the act was deliberate is shown by the fact that he spent several days settling up his affairs.

Robinson the tailor from Vancouver makes you the best suit you ever had. Prices moderate. Room 10, Hotel McDonald.

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## POLICE COURT NEWS.

The confines of the police court were filled with large quantities of loquaciousness this morning when Magistrate McDonnell took his seat, and Wm. Hedlard took his place in the prisoner's box, preparatory to explaining to his honor how it happened that he stood charged with having been drunk and generally disorderly yesterday on Fourth avenue. He said he was guilty, and was just launching forth into a minute description of how he became entangled in the meshes of the liquor problem, when the magistrate told him that the main fact was all that was required besides a trifling sum of \$5 and costs with which to appease the outraged gods of straight-walking, blindfolded justice. William was short and went out to the wood factory to square his account with the government at the handle end of a saw.

### Mrs. Nation Egged.

Kansas City, Jan. 25.—A special to the Star from Hope, Kan., says:

Mrs. Carrie Nation arrived here at midnight from Enterprise, determined to attack the two saloons in Hope as she had those at Wichita and Enterprise, but no committee of temperance workers met her, and this morning she said she had made up her mind not to damage the saloons here because she was alone. She refused to eat her breakfast here because she feared she would be poisoned, and instead talked temperance to a crowd that had gathered in front of the hotel.

At 10 o'clock she took a train for Ottawa, saying she would visit friends there and rest a few days. Her last injunction was: "Don't put too much stress on my resting too long." In the crowd that swarmed about Mrs. Nation in Hope were the proprietors of the two saloons here. When she started for the depot they escorted her to the train, one on each arm, the crowd cheering.

When Mrs. Nation left Enterprise last night a big crowd followed her to the depot, hooting and throwing eggs at her.

On the train en route from Enterprise to Hope Mrs. Nation talked enthusiastically to a reporter. A crowd of W. C. T. U. women, among them Mrs. Hoffman, the local worker who took part in Wednesday's raid and yesterday's street fight, saw her off at the depot.

"Good-bye, Mrs. Hoffman," she cried as the train started. "Keep up the good work; don't let them open the rum holes again."

She sat down alone in the coach and began examining her dress, smeared with eggs.

"I always thank God for the favors He does," she said to the reporter, and when asked what feature of the demonstration she was thankful for, responded promptly:

"That the eggs were not rotten."

Mrs. Nation began to talk and laugh as gayly as if nothing had happened. She had been cool and collected during all of her exciting experiences, both at Wichita and Enterprise, always meeting the sallies of the crowd that hooted

or pelted her with stones with a prayer or an exhortation on temperance.

### Suffer From Exposure.

Two sailors on the steamer Al-Ki, Claud Dye and Thomas McDonald, are in a hospital at Juneau suffering from the results of exposure, during the recent Alaska blizzard while that vessel was crossing Taku inlet on her last voyage from Lynn canal. It was bitter cold, a gale was blowing, but the two seamen had to face the danger and discomfort regardless of consequences. The result was that Dye's hands were so badly frozen that the Al-Ki pulled back and placed him in the marine hospital at Juneau. McDonald had his ears frost-bitten, and he, too, was left in Juneau. Dye was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances, and there appeared to be no necessity for the amputation of his hands when the Al-Ki left Juneau. Other sailors of the vessel were nipped by the cold during the blizzard but none were seriously injured.—P.-I.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Placer near Drug Store.

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