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MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1901.

## WILL GIVE MORE LIGHT.

The expedition of the United States geological survey which recently passed through Dawson has undertaken a work for the summer which undoubtedly will have important and far reaching results. The country which it is proposed to explore embraces a vast area concerning which, as yet, very little accurate information has been secured.

It is the purpose of the present expedition to examine the country carefully with respect to its important topographical features and at the same time particular attention will be given to geological formations.

The general line which the survey will follow runs from Fort Hamlin across country to Bergman on the Koyukuk. Thence the party will proceed up the Alaskan river. From that stream a portage will be made to the Kook river, which stream will be followed down to Kotzebue sound. The entire country to be traversed by the party has already been demonstrated to be of more or less value from a mineral bearing standpoint and it is probable that additional light will be thrown upon the situation as a result of the work outlined for the present expedition.

The wonderful possibilities of Alaska have scarcely been realized as yet. Its enormous area and valuable resources are understood by very few people. The United States government until recently has been woefully backward in giving its big northern territory the recognition to which it is justly entitled and as a consequence it still remains to a large extent an unknown district. As time progresses, however, more and more attention is certain to be turned in that direction. The gold discoveries already made will attract a constantly increasing stream of immigration, and in a few years Alaska will be in process of settlement by a permanent population, just as is the case at the present time with the Yukon territory.

The fact that Uncle Sam is gradually awakening to a realization of the facts as they actually exist is now apparent. Such expeditions as the one in question will serve in an admirable manner to pave the way for the coming of the prospector and settler.

## GIVE IT SUPPORT.

It is the intention of the local hockey players to ask the public to come forward and assist in sending a Dawson team to the outside during the approaching winter.

The purpose for which the project has been undertaken was explained in a recent issue of the Nugget. The Dawson team will make a strong effort to wrest the famous Stanley cup from the Winnipeg team—now the champions—and it is the conviction of those who are interested themselves in the matter that no considerable difficulty will be met in carrying the undertaking to a successful issue.

The Nugget is quite prepared to believe that Dawson can furnish a hockey team which will acquit itself most creditably in a contest with any of the crack Eastern teams. There are available men in this city who have played with a number of the outside championship organizations and the fact was clearly demonstrated last winter that they have in no respect lost their cunning.

It must be admitted that a big task is involved in transporting the men required to the outside and for that purpose and for the additional expenses

which will be incurred, a large sum of money will be needed. But Dawson is accustomed to doing things on a large scale and we have no doubt that the undertaking can be, and will be, successfully financed.

Public support should be given to the movement. As an advertisement of the Klondike country generally nothing more effective could be suggested.

## MUST COME DOWN.

Rents for store buildings in Dawson are entirely too high. Tenants from one end of town to the other join in making complaint and it is fair to assume that when such universal objections are entered, reasonable ground therefor must exist. Generally speaking, landlords in Dawson demand too high a rate of interest upon their investment. In the ordinary course of events they are disappointed if the full amount invested in realty is not returned in rentals during the course of two or three years—which means a rate of interest entirely out of proportion to the profits of the tenant.

When Dawson was a frontier town of uncertain existence it was quite justifiable that investors should seek to turn their money within the quickest possible time. Profits in all mercantile lines were enormously high and big rentals did not intimidate anyone who had goods to sell.

Since that period, affairs in Dawson have undergone a distinct change. Competition in all lines of trade has reduced profits to a comparatively low margin, and the same close principles must now be applied to business in Dawson as are observed in any large trade center. Rents, on the other hand, have not experienced a reduction in any way proportionate to the new conditions.

Property owners still demand high rentals, which in a few instances have served to drive their tenants out of business. The time is at hand when the pressure must be relieved or the goose which lays the golden egg will be killed.

## DEATH OF CAPTAIN COX

## Former Popular Skipper Dies Suddenly at Victoria.

Mr. Thomas Shaw, of the Marine Iron Works, yesterday received from his wife who was at Skagway a telegram announcing the death of their son-in-law, Capt. Clarence N. Cox, a former well-known and popular Yukon mariner. His death was evidently very sudden as Mrs. Shaw had left Victoria only a few days before for Skagway en route to Dawson to join her husband. The steamer Islander left Victoria 48 hours later and in the meantime Capt. Cox's death had occurred. On hearing the news at Skagway Mrs. Shaw telegraphed it on to Dawson but returned to Victoria on the Islander. His death occurred on June 2d.

Captain Clarence N. Cox first navigated the Yukon in 1899 when he brought the steamer Sybil up the river from St. Michael for the C. D. Co. He was master of that steamer that season as well as last year and was considered one of the best as well as one of the most popular men on the upper river. When Yukon navigation closed last fall Capt. Cox went to his home in Victoria where he shipped as master on a sealer for the winter, returning only a few days before his death. He had intended starting north in a few days to take command of the W. P. & Y. R. Co.'s steamer Gleaner, which will ply this year between Caribou and Atlin on the upper lakes.

Capt. Cox leaves a wife but no children. His wife, who has been an invalid for many years, was in Dawson a year ago, but becoming very sick, was sent by her husband out to their home in Victoria. The wire received by Mr. Shaw did not state the cause of the captain's death.

## Turn for Better.

Master Finan Delaney whose life was despaired of two days ago as the result of his being torn and lacerated by a savage dog, took a turn for the better Saturday night and is now believed to be in a fair way to recover. He is being carefully nursed at St. Mary's hospital and news of his condition having so materially improved will be thankfully received all over Dawson.

Why pay 50 cents for a plug of smoking tobacco, when you can get the Derby and Old Virginia for 25 cents, at all dealers.

Send a copy of Goetzman's Souvenir to your outside friends. A complete pictorial history of the Klondike. For sale at all news stands.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regius Club hotel.

Ladies' and gents' shoulder braces. Cribbs & Rogers.

## Slaves in China.

There are at a low estimate 10,000,000 human beings who are in servitude in the Celestial kingdom. China has 30,000,000 families, and this makes one slave to every eight families. The average is greater in South China, where nearly every one owns slaves. There is scarcely a Chinese family of means in Nankin, Canton, Macao, or Amoy but possesses one or more slave girls. Slave boys are less common, but the girls are found in every street and in almost every house.

Girls fetch from £2 to £20 and upward in South China. They are sold at any age from 3 to 15, and most commonly at 7 or 8. The prettiest girls are the most desirable, as in case of marriage or sale they will bring more to the family which buys them. Most of the slave girls are bought to work about the house. It is cheaper to buy a servant than to hire one, for if you take a girl of eight you can have her services until she is 15, getting eight years of work for nothing but her board and clothes, and then sell her for perhaps ten times your original price.

Theoretically there are no slaves in Hong Kong, as it is British territory, but in reality the city is full of them. They are the maid servants and nurses of the Chinese. Every small-footed lady needs slaves to help her about, and in the houses of the rich, where there are many daughters, it is not uncommon to find from 20 to 30 slaves in a single family.

Female slaves are often presents from one man to another, and not infrequently they form a part of the bridal outfit. They are commonly bought as secondary wives, and often as teachers.

There are localities in China where the girls are noted for their beauty. The cities of Yang-chau and Su-chau are as famous for rearing handsome young girls as Georgia in the Caucasus, from where rich Turks so often obtain their wives. There are persons in these cities who make a business of raising slave girls.

They search the country about for promising young girls and put them through a regular course of training. They have farms where the slaves are taught to sing, play upon musical instruments, and to acquire the other accomplishments which, added to beauty, will cause them to sell for high prices to the rich mandarins. These girls are chiefly the daughters of poor people or the daughters of slaves.

It is common for a man to purchase his wife. Indeed, there are more wives acquired in this way than in any other. Every man in China has a right to as many wives as he can maintain, and a secondary wife is cheaper than a hired servant. The first wife is the legal one, but the others have their rights, although they are practically slaves.

The man who is addicted to the opium habit will sell his children, and not infrequently his wife, to supply his appetite. Wives are sometimes sold by gambling husbands, being put on the turn of a card or the rakeout of the cash at fan-tan.

There are slave brokers in all the large Chinese cities. Their business increases at times of famine, and the starvation which lately prevailed in North China cause many parents to sell their children. With some it was a question of allowing them to starve or selling them. The result is that girl babies are a drug in the market.

Think of buying a baby for a shilling! This is the price which one of the infant asylums of Shanghai is said to pay for them. This is a philanthropic institution, and the children are bought as a matter of charity and religion. They are reared, surrounded by Christian influences, are taught all sorts of domestic duties, and when they arrive at the proper age are given respectable husbands.

The brokers, as a rule, do not buy babies. The cost of rearing them and the risks of death are too great. They prefer to have girls or boys of eight years and upward.—London Express.

## English Electioneering.

Mr. Bouverie, who sat for the Kilmarlock burghs and was a well-known figure in the house of commons, referring in later years to such occasions, said that he remembered many exciting hustings scenes, but he thought that the Ayrshire nomination of 1832 was the greatest scene of tumult that he had ever witnessed. At Kidderminster, in 1837, such was the violence of the crowd at the declaration of the poll that Mr. Lowe narrowly escaped death from stoning, and found safety only

## The Garbage Question

OPPOSITE WHITE PASS DOCK.

by the circumstance that the master of the Grammar school, whose house was close by, unlocked a garden door, which the newly-elected member hastily entered, his head streaming with blood.

There will be those who can recall the altercation time after time between Lord Palmerston and a butcher, on the hustings at Tiverton, when the aged statesman, ever ready with reply effectually discomfited his opponent. At the nomination at Rotheray in 1863 the mill girls were, according to custom, set free from work, and maintained a continuous uproar, which prevented speakers from being heard. A piece of iron was flung at the hustings, and must have killed anyone whom it had chanced to strike. At the declaration of the poll on a later day a well-known inhabitant jerked the arm of a reporter all the time that the newly elected member was speaking, so that not one word could be taken down, and at the close of the ceremony the member and the reporter retired to a hotel, where the speech was redelivered in peace. At a nomination at Haddington, when Lord Elcho (now Lord Wemyss) and Mr. George Hope, of Fenton Barns, contested the county, a great disturbance prevented Lord Elcho from being heard on the hustings. He jokingly declared that he was in no hurry, as he was not going to London till night, and that he would meanwhile smoke a cigar. Having lit up, he threw the contents of his cigar case among the crowd, and a shower of stones was the response to his ill-timed generosity.—London Good Words.

## THE CRIMINAL CUCKOO.

He is the One Exception to the Kindly Nature of Birds.

Bad temper and cruelty are perhaps the most obvious signs of mental degeneration in the beasts. The larger monkeys, for instance, become as bad tempered as a violent man when they grow old, and many in their treatment of other animals are cruel as we use the word in regard to man. Among the carnivorous beasts the cat amuses itself by torturing a mouse, and the weasel tribe kill for sheer love of killing. No such cruelty is seen among eagles or falcons. Fierce as their tempers are, they do not torment other birds which they catch or kill for killing's sake. Good temper is general among birds.

Except the cuckoo, such a thing as an ill tempered wild bird is unknown. Nowhere in the race can a temper like that of the Tasmanian devil or the wild hunting dog or the Cape buffalo or the baboon be found. Even those which in spring are thieves and egg robbers are not mauvais coucheurs at other times. Good temper and good fellowship in society, a personal affection to each other to which the beasts offer no parallel, industry and independence, intense devotion and foresight in tending their young, with other very human and engaging traits of character, must all be credited to the race of birds.

Among these kindly and simple natures the cuckoo is a monster. Let there be no mistake on this subject. He unites in his life and character, from the egg to the adult bird, practices and principles to which the whole race of warm blooded animals offers no parallel. He is an outrage on the moral law of bird life, something so flagrant and so utterly foreign to the way of thought of these kindly beings that if he did not exist he would be inconceivable. It is not merely that he is a supplanter and a channeller. His whole nature is so evil that in the world of birds he is an incarnation of the principle of ill, an embodiment of vices which would if understood or adopted by other birds put an end to the existence of the race.—London Spectator.

THERE IS MORE MONEY in sight for the person who sells

## RAINIER BEER

Than for the other fellows. There's the keenest kind of demand for it because it is better. IF YOU HAVE A PERMIT, let us talk this over.

Seattle Brewing &amp; Malting Co.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

The refuse of the city is now being dumped into the Yukon from a specially built lighter which opens on either side when ready to unload, the lighter being towed out in the current where the garbage is precipitated. It looks as though this system will prove satisfactory and that the perplexing question as to the manner of disposing of the city's refuse is at last satisfactorily answered. But there is garbage and garbage. How about the worse than worthless trash which is now being foisted upon the public. Damaged goods (a steamer's load) rotten flour, mouldy hams, bacon that smells to heaven and the Lord knows what. But that is the least of our troubles. Tons upon tons of shoddy, worthless clothing has been foisted upon the market; stuff not fit for the apparel of a swine, rotten in texture and vile in construction. These goods are now being sold at "special sale prices" (heaven save the mark). Think of offering such stuff to the Dawson public.

Later.—We have just received word that the garbage lighter has sunk. Here is a misfortune indeed, but through the cloud of despair which now envelops us, a bright gleam of hope is shining which, if fulfilled, will give us joy. A new garbage scow may be constructed of sufficient size to carry all this worthless trash and the guilty parties may be compelled to cast the lot into the river.

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