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WATER ROLLER OF THE PAST

"Water Bill" Again in the City

Spent the Last Two Years in Following Up Stampedes in Nome and Valdez

...back into the city yesterday... man who at one time was... talked of personage who... stepped foot on the golden shores... Klondike, one who received... after column of advertising in... coast and eastern papers, one... reporter on the Examiner... Francisco it would cost him... dollars a minute to inter-... him, and the reporter fell dead... who in the winter of 1897... every egg in the camp in or-... to eat out a rival who was seek-... the smiles of a fair dame then... an engagement at one of the... theatres, so the story goes... so many adventures who... ago burned up money... and who was a passen-... the Columbian was... Gates, otherwise known as... "Water Bill," one of the great-... rollers Dawson ever knew or... Klondike ever produced... present is Bill's first visit to... of the hot times of the... in two years. Asked where he... been in that time his answer was... laconic...

...here a couple of years ago... struck the camp at Nome where... remained some weeks, but it did... look good to him then... every-... above ground as fact... would be... was in litigation and buying a... was the same as buying a law-... one being indissoluble from the... Before the close of navigation... drifted back to California where... winter was spent and the next... found him with the stampede... for the Valdez country and... he has remained practically all... time ever since. Bill regards the... as being a country with a... future before it, the copper... being sufficient to work won-... as soon as there is an outlet to... for the ore or mat... in case... impelled where mined. The quan-... are inexhaustible and the ore... enough gold to pay for the... and smelting, leaving the cop-... values clear velvet. The gold will... from \$8 to \$22 to the ton.

...The thing that assures the future... the Valdez copper country to a... extent," said he, "is the fact... many very wealthy people have... hold of the propositions. Sen-... Clark, of Montana, to my per-... knowledge has had five different... there at different times and... all dipped in very liberally. The... too, is going to prove an ex-... country. The ground is shall-... and easily worked from the top... extensively it is no one knows as... creek has never been crosscut, but... have seen ground there that would... from 17 to 53 cents to the pan."... Other values that will soon be de-... in the same section are the... fields in the Kyak district about... miles south of Valdez. Prospe-... in that vicinity gather the spec-... on top of little ponds, strain it... through a cloth and burn it in the... same as the kerosene purchas-... at the stores. One well has... sunk that is really a gusher and... others are preparing to further de-... the find this season. The oil is... to make an excellent illuminant... will burn if poured out on a... block or a stone. There is but little... and experts pronounce it far... superior to that found in California... last winter there was quite a... stampede from Valdez to the Tanana... but there in speaking of the Tanana... portion about Fairbanks is not... referred to, that being considered on... the lower river. By the Tanana is... about the extreme upper reaches... within a few miles of the foot of... through the mountains. A strike... was made on some tributaries of... Tanana at that point late last fall... how extensive it is or how good... is somewhat of a mystery, rather... The railroad at the head of... which was Captain John Healey has... fallen through and again been re-... organized, but whether the last ven-... there will be any more successful than... the first is largely a matter of con-... diction.

...here on a little private... business of his own, the nature of... which he will not divulge to anyone... He still has property in the Klondike... that requires his attention occasion-... ally and there is a scheme up his... sleeve which if it materializes as it... is expected to will again put him in... possession of money to burn. He will... remain here two or three weeks.

To Take Duplicate Set. Glasgow, June 9.—The Anchor line steamer Colombia, which sails from here for New York on Saturday, will take a complete duplicate set of racing spars and duplicate mast for the Shamrock III, Sir Thomas Lipton, which is to be fully equipped in case of an emergency.

Draught beer Rochester Bar.

KEYSTONE MACHINE

Travels Under Its Own Steam

Leaves the Dock Today, a Horseless Vehicle, for 69 Below on Bonanza.

The Keystone drill which so attracted the attention of Government Engineer Beaudette when on his trip to California last winter and who subsequently strongly recommended its adoption by miners in the Klondike for prospecting purposes, one of which was recently purchased by the Klondike Consolidated Gold Fields Company, arriving several days ago, will be given an actual test as to a portion of its qualities this afternoon. The machine has been set up in the freight yard of the White Pass Company and was this morning ready to have the fires lighted. The work of getting the drill ready has been entrusted to the chief engineer of the company, which made the purchase and it is a credit to his ability to say that though he had never before seen a similar machine with the assistance of a catalogue he succeeded in getting everything in readiness in a very short time.

The whole affair is mounted on wheels and furnishes its own power in moving from place to place, being geared as a traction engine and guided by the engineer, the machine in its entirety weighing seven tons. As soon as Mr. Turenne, manager of the company, gives the word steam will be raised and under its own steam it will be moved from the spot at the rear wharf where it was set up out on the street and up the Bonanza road to claim 69 below discovery where the first work laid out for it will be performed.

The drill was made in Pennsylvania and very naturally the importer expected to receive the benefit of the recent order in council which admits machinery of this class free of duty, it being intended solely for mining purposes and can not be purchased anywhere in Canada. When clearance was sought this morning it is said Mr. Turenne experienced considerable difficulty in convincing one of the customs officials that his machine should be entered free, the latter objecting over the remote possibility of the machinery and the drill being used for some purpose other than mining. When taken to headquarters, however, it was quickly decided that the machine should be entered free, and so it was.

It was originally ordered for the purpose of testing the ground of a concession owned by the company on Clear Creek, which ultimately will be its destination, but before being dispatched to such a remote point 69 on Bonanza will be investigated and the paystreak located. The drill proper is a heavy hollow disc of iron about six inches tall and the same in diameter, the lower or cutting edge being sharpened. It is attached to a stem of steel four inches in diameter to which as depth is attained more joints are added, the stem and drill being encased in piping to prevent the sides caving, additional joints being also added to the pipes as they are needed. The force to drive the drill downward is obtained from a walking beam to one end of which the stem is attached. The core is brought up by means of a vacuum pump and it can be investigated or if in gravel panned whenever so desired. The use of these drills is very general in California, when intending purchasers wish to prospect a piece of hydraulic or placer ground. A hole six inches in diameter can be sunk very quickly to any depth desired and as the core is saved an absolutely safe test of the different strata of gravel passed through can be made and the labor and expense of digging a shaft as ordinarily done here is saved to a large extent. About the middle of July the drill will be removed to the Clear creek concession where it will remain for some time making as near a perfect test of the ground within the concession as it is possible to make.

Hotel Arrivals FAIRVIEW—J. B. Pattullo, I. Rosenthal, John Giant, Frank Mortimer, N. Mercier, C. Mercier, A. J. Morris, Lahy, Cleveland, Geo. Ferguson, J. M. Dollar, R. J. Ogden and wife, J. Cordson, T. J. Oshen, T. H. McCain, E. M. White, J. A. Elwell, W. C. Lowden and wife, M. A. Harding, W. H. Campbell, Joseph Schuman, James Palmer, J. Barrette, T. C. Hasler, J. J. O'Neil, W. G. Stoney. EMPIRE—D. C. McKenzie, W. G. McLeod, C. J. Quinn, A. B. McDonald, L. McKinnon, P. G. Charles, Tim Currie, A. Merrill, Mrs. Thompson, Angus Beaton, Mrs. B. T. Beady, E. LaFrance, Mrs. McDonald, Geo. E. Lee, J. A. Stone, J. W. Cook, Barbara Lorenz. KLONDIKE—Henry Dawson, Mrs. May La Tour, Master Robert La Tour, Cass Garbutt, Mrs. Delarm, John Martin, Emil Peterson. Draught beer—Low Bonington Hotel—Cliff Bollong, proprietor.

Lochinvar Leary

"My, but I'm tired," remarked Lochinvar Leary, when he had given his order. "I've been house-hunting all day." "Didn't know you'd lost one," put in the bartender. "Didn't you? I suppose you meant that as a joke. But it ain't one. I really did lose a house, and I've been hunting for it all day long. Fill-up that glass again and I'll tell you how it happened."

"First thing I did after striking town was to buy a couple of the cheapest building lots I could find. I erected a sumptuous residential palace on 'em." "Folks said I was foolish to build such a magnificent dwelling in such a poor part of the city. But I've always held that it's the house that makes the neighborhood, not the neighborhood that makes the house. I felt that things would surely blow my way if I waited long enough. As it turned out, however, I blew things away. But that's getting ahead of my story."

"I was in the second month of my sojourn at Zepheria that it happened. I noticed, just before I lay me down for my afternoon nap, that the sky seemed to have taken on a sort of yellowish tint, and that the air was chillier than it had been, but I didn't attach any significance to that at the time."

"I remember that my slumber was sort of troubled, and I had a vague feeling in my dreams that considerable things were doing in the thunder and lightning line."

"You know how you feel going upstairs in the dark when you think there's just one more step, and there isn't? Well, this bump I speak of was just as if you'd calculated on at least three steps that weren't. It woke me."

"I rubbed my eyes and went to the window. I looked out and 'Good heavens!' I cried. Was I awake or dreaming? 'I pinched myself and looked again. I could scarcely believe my eyes. Instead of the familiar shanties and garbage piles characteristic of my part of town, I was now gazing out upon the swellest residential street in all the city."

"Was I in my own house? I turned and looked. I darted from room to room examining everything. It was certainly my house all right."

"Then I hurried down by the cellar stairs. My heart almost stopped at the sight that there met my eyes. How did this strange cellar get under my house? And that daylight flooding in through the ceiling at the far end, where did that come from? 'Further reflection was interrupted by a commotion in what was evidently the coal bin. A terrified face appeared over the edge. 'Is it all over?' chattered the face's teeth. 'It seems to be all over,' I said. 'All except that far corner there where the daylight's coming in. And I reckon we can cover that by moving over the house a little further.' 'What are you driving at?' The face gazed at me in wonder. 'Is the cyclone over?' 'Oh!' A great light began to dawn on me. 'Yes, that's all over.' 'The face heaved a sigh of relief and dragged the body and legs that went with it out of the coal bin."

"I started back up the stairs. My coalbin acquaintance followed. His surprise upon reaching the ground floor was even greater than mine had been upon entering the cellar. 'What in the name of the Russian consul!' he exclaimed. 'Where in—?' 'You're in my house, sir,' I informed him in my politest manner. 'You have the honor to be at present enjoying the hospitality of—' 'Your house?' he shrieked. 'Your house? Well, get yer durned old house out of here, then. It's trespassing on my property.' 'Sir,' said I, drawing myself up to my full height, 'by what right do you take it upon yourself to order Lochinvar Leary from his own dwelling? What's more, sir, I wish you distinctly to understand that your land is trespassing under my house. I'll give you exactly one week in which to dig up, said land and remove every spadeful of it from my premises. I have real estate of my own which I wish to move in.' 'Maybe that wasn't calculated to make him hot! Why, for about ten minutes there he'd have made Hades look like a midwinter ice carnival. 'Did he remove his blamed land? Not much. He took the matter to court and laid claim to my house on the ground that when he bought the land it included everything on it. What do you think of that for crust? 'Naturally I put in a counter claim that as I had bought the land on which my house stood, and as that at present happened to be his land, why, of course, his land was my land. 'There's no question as to how the case would have been decided if another one of those things hadn't happened along. The trial had scarcely been on ten minutes before a guy stuck his head in the door and yelled: 'Cyclone!' 'Say, it didn't take that court more'n about two instants to adjourn to the furthest corner of the

judicial cellar, and at that we didn't get there any too soon. 'When things had finally blown over we found that my house had been among 'em. It had once more been lifted clear, and this time had swept hundreds of miles out of the court's jurisdiction. That, of course, put an end to the trial. 'I set out to try and find my mansion, and managed to trace it as far east as Jefferson City, Mo. There I lost all track of it, and though I've been hunting far and wide ever since I haven't been able to get the slightest sign of a clue to it. 'You don't know of any one around these parts that's living in a lavishly appointed cross between a Queen Anne cottage and a Fifty-first, Congress lower house, do you? 'Cause if you do that person's living in my house, and his rent is five years overdue."

Railway Disaster Charleston, S.C., June 3.—An excursion train on the Atlantic Coast line was wrecked near Sumter this morning, the engine, baggage car and three coaches plunging headlong into a deep washout. Conductor Clements and six negro passengers are known to have been killed, and it is believed the fatalities will number thirty. Draught beer—Rochester Bar.

FIRST AVENUE SNAPS

Butler's Bulletin, Like a Country Paper Fills Long Felt Want

People on First avenue have a snap these days and even steamboat agents flock to Butler's Pioneer bulletin board for information regarding the whereabouts and progress of their own steamers all along the Yukon between Whitehorse and Eagle. These who have friends en route from outside points can keep tabs on their movements hourly from the date of their arrival in Skagway until they arrive in Dawson simply by keeping an eye on the Pioneer Bulletin board and the lists posted beside it. It costs nothing to get information at Butler's and what would necessitate a trip to the telegraph office can be had there in thirty seconds. Besides, the best and freshest draught beer in Dawson is not sold at the telegraph office and it is at Butler's, but no one is expected to buy beer because he takes a rubber at the bulletin board. The beer is for the people and the bulletin board is for the masses. WANTED—Bright, intelligent man or lady, to act as solicitor. Address R. J. Nugget.

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