

STRANGE PREMONITION

Dr. John Duncan Had Fears of Islander Wreck.

A strange and extraordinary premonition of impending disaster has just come to light in the death of Dr. Duncan, who was one of the victims of the Islander wreck. Dr. Duncan was not a man given to superstitious whims, nor did he believe in signs, dreams or anything else which had for their purpose the penetration of the future. He was singularly free from the idiosyncrasies so common to this day and age and was regarded by all who knew him as being a man of unusually good sense and judgment. With the arrival of the last mail, however, it is learned that while in Skagway the evening prior to taking the Islander Dr. Duncan must have had some presentiment of a possible fatality. Whether he was inspired by Fate or in some other manner forewarned will never be known as he made no mention of his thoughts or actions to any of his friends, but the fact remains that before taking the boat which led to his death he made his will setting up his estate to the most minute detail, enclosed his papers in an envelope which he directed and mailed to himself at Victoria. And straight off to Victoria after the disaster bore his body to the letter which contained his last will and testament. This was subsequently received at the postoffice and upon opening the mislaid and ascertaining its contents it was then learned the disposition the decedent had made of his estate. It seemed like a voice from the dead and who can say that in the last hours spe it on land he did not receive a silent warning which had been heeded he would have escaped the frightful calamity which consigned so many to watery graves.

Coldburst at Juneau.

Related advices from Juneau state that at the time of the very hard down-pour Thursday afternoon there was a genuine coldburst over the upper part of Lemon creek and the adjacent country which very nearly flooded that neighborhood. Lemon creek rose three feet in 15 minutes, and its total rise was nearly five feet before the flow subsided. The Lemon Creek Company lost about 50 feet of water flume at a point where a

timber jam raised and smashed down it in passing. Owing to the substantial character of the work the dams and headworks of the company and its sluice boxes were not damaged. Their loss will be two or three hundred dollars in material, and several days' work by the whole force were required to repair damage before sluicing could be resumed.

Such a rise of water has never been known on the creek, says the Daily Dispatch. It all seemed to come in about half an hour. As the men at the Lemon creek company's property stood watching their dam they could hear a tremendous roar up the creek, and in a few minutes they saw the rush of water coming, several feet high, like a tidal wave. It took out foot logs of several years standing, and timber jams that had 12 years' growth of alder on them rose and went out. One of the company's foot bridges lasted about 10 minutes.

The White Pass Railway.

At the meeting of the White Pass Yukon Railway Co., which was held yesterday, the chairman was able to disclose a remarkably satisfactory state of affairs. The total profits which the directors had to deal with amounted to over £344,000, out of which an interim cash dividend of five per cent has already been paid, and the distribution of a 25-per cent bonus has now been decided upon. This gives the shareholders a return at the rate of 10 per cent since the inception of the company, and the chairman was able to hold out the prospect of an interim dividend in the autumn in the neighborhood of 10 per cent. That a railway enterprise such as this in the far north untrammelled with natural and climatic difficulties of all kinds, should in so short a time be able to show such solid prosperity reflects the greatest credit on those responsible for this unique enterprise. Up to the end of July the gross receipts show an increase of over £50,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year. Up to the end of May the earnings from passenger traffic alone showed an increase of 77 per cent.—B. C. Review.

From the Dead.

A sealed bottle has been picked up at Bristol Bay, Alaska, telling of a disaster 21 years ago. In the bottle a note, barely discernible, on account of the fading ink, was found which read as follows: "July 24, 1879.—The schooner Albert wrecked in Unimak pass; 18 hands on board. Storm still raging. (Signed) 'C. M'CLLOUD, 'Ship's Master.'"

SATURDAY'S BALL GAME

It Was Not by Any Means a World Starter.

The Civil Service baseball team which obtained such a easy victory over the Lawyers a short time ago found itself playing against different material when it met the Gandolfo team Saturday afternoon. There was quite a large crowd gathered at the barracks ground to witness the game and although the afternoon was a little raw, the interest never slackened and the crowd remained until the close of the ninth inning.

It could not be said that either team played a scientific game—few numbers and costly errors were made by both sides and particularly by the Civil Service team to which fact alone was due the large score made by the Gandolfos. The batteries of both teams did excellent work but the fielding and base throwing showed a lack of practice which to the Civil Service team was most disastrous.

The four runs made by the Gandolfos in the first inning were scored as a result of wild throws and in fact most of the scores were made on the same errors.

The Civil Service boys are not disheartened by their defeat but have already challenged their opponents for another game to be played in the near future in which event they hope to have the balance of the score in their favor. The line up of the teams was as follows:

Gandolfos—Nelson, 2d b.; Traube, 1b.; Briggs, 3b.; Frew, p.; Durgan, r.f.; Church, l.f.; Brown, c.f.; Hicks, s.s.; McFate, c.
Civil Service—Bennett, c.; Harrison, p.; Brazier, 1b.; Boyer, 2b.; Watt, 3b.; Senkler, s.s.; Donald, r.f.; Young, c.f.; McLean, l.f.

WAS AVERSE TO GUARD

President McKinley Preferred Going Out Alone.

Washington, Sept. 7.—President McKinley was averse to a bodyguard or to restrictions on his movements, and was exceedingly informal and democratic while in this city. On many pleasant mornings he indulged in a half hour's stroll entirely alone through the southern portion of the grounds surrounding the White House. Very often he left the gate at the western side of the grounds and was joined by Comptroller of the Currency Charles Dawes, also an early riser, and together these two men would make the circuit of the Ellipse south of the White House grounds. Upon these occasions he was never accompanied by a bodyguard or a secret service man. It is said Mr. McKinley was warned that the strolls alone were dangerous.

Frequently Mr. McKinley drove alone about the city and its suburbs. Seldom the president himself handled the reins, but at no time was there ever a secret service man in attendance, either near or at a distance. The close attendant in the secret service force that the president had was Mr. George Foster, who constituted his personal bodyguard. A few days ago a Washington Post reporter, while at Buffalo, talked with Capt. Valleley, of the expedition force, on the precautions he would take to insure the president's safety. Capt. Valleley said he had picked men of the country under him, and that all the time the president was in the exposition grounds he would be surrounded by alert detectives, who would form a constant bodyguard, and ridiculed the possibility of danger.

Brady Wants a Boat.

Governor Brady has made an appeal to Washington to have a government boat placed at his order permanently to cruise on the coast, the better to control the Indians.

The governor's recent experience at Yukatat, where the Rush carried him, caused him to make the appeal. Whisky had been sold to the natives there and a drunken orgie followed, the mission station becoming so alarmed that they appealed for help. As reported at the time, several arrests and convictions followed.

Governor Brady's party vaccinated 169 of the Yukatat natives.—Alaskan. Brady was never known to ask for anything for Alaska that did not directly concern the Indians. He came to Alaska 25 years ago as a missionary and that is all he has ever been notwithstanding the fact that he has twice been appointed to the position of district gov. mor. As a failure, Brady is an eminent success.

Dr. Grant Returns.

Rev. Dr. Grant pastor of the St. Andrews Presbyterian church returned to Dawson Friday evening after three months' absence, which time he has spent in his old home in Toronto. Dr. Grant says that his time was so occu-

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Got Over the Limit.

The late Senator Sawyer of Wisconsin was a very generous giver of charity and of presents, which neither he nor the beneficiary would have cared to denominate as charity, though the gifts amounted to much the same. He told a friend one day that he was going to turn over a new leaf and try to keep his donations down to a limit that would not exceed \$1000 a month. Three months after he had announced this resolution his friend asked how he had made out.

"I started out pretty well," he replied, "and if I hadn't given an old friend of mine in Wisconsin who had struck hard luck \$10,000 last month I think I should have kept within the limit."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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Pass the Water.

Joseph Boyle has filed his notice of application for 5000 inches of water, equivalent to 7500 cubic feet per minute, to be taken from Rock creek at an altitude of 2000 feet above sea level and 800 feet above Dawson. The water is to be used on the Klondike concession known as the Boyle grant.

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