

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The Nugget Representatives Encounter Some Blizzards.

Storm Bound at Tulare With a Party of Inbound Passengers Among Them, O. W. Jackson of the N. A. T. & T. Co.

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Six miles above Tulare.
Leaving Stewart on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, our correspondents proceeded on their journey. Mr. Allen's ankle still pains him severely, necessitating his being hauled on the sled almost the entire run for the day. A remarkable run, however, we think, was made, considering the weight carried, namely, from Stewart to Tulare, a distance of 49 miles, and we were congratulating ourselves in having overtaken De Villa (French) and his party, notwithstanding the delay at Stewart. Pete has three sleds, five in the party, and 15 dogs.

A more perfect day for travelling could not be imagined and a most excellent trail. With out even a coat, in the cold bracing air, we were following the best dog team that ever went over the trail. What faithful animals they are! The handsome little leader Rover, as soon as they are hitched up, seems to inspire the others with his enthusiasm, and with a merry ringing bark, he seems to say plainly "Master, we are ready" and away they go, rendering it difficult to keep pace with them, even while holding on to the handles of the basket sleigh. Not a whip is carried, not a word is spoken to them from morning until night to urge them along, while the distasteful word "mush" is one entirely unknown to them, and how grateful they are when giving them a little rest, one step to their sides and with a kind word encourages them. We had high hopes of making a long slide down into the second century of the mileage of our trip, but imagine our surprise and disgust on awaking this morning to find the stay-it ornament of last night, a lowering, cloudy, gloomy aspect, and a blizzard in full charge coming from up river. Nothing daunted, however, we ventured forward, but with the most severe wind pelting the lifted snow into our faces, and in many places we were utterly unable to find the trail, do what the faithful dog team could. Drifts to 15 feet high were encountered, while from the sides of the craggy mountains poured down tons upon tons of snow in slides, making it at times quite dangerous. To come the distance of six miles from Tulare here, required three hours, so that you may know some difficulties were encountered. It was impossible at some points to even look up or see ahead, and as the storm continued to increase, instead of abating, we have been compelled to tie up here.

Shortly after our arrival here, in came Mr. O. W. Jackson and party of five, inbound from Skagway, and they put up for the night. Mr. Jackson is connected with the N. A. T. & T. Co., and reports things as lively on the outside. Capt. J. J. Healy is now in full control of N. A. T. affairs, and that gentleman will return to Dawson on the earliest boat by way of St. Michael.

You will, however, undoubtedly feel Mr. Jackson's full story, on his arrival in Dawson, which will be in about a week, as they are only making about 20 miles a day.

We were singularly fortunate in making this station of the Arctic Express Co. for we found here an old friend, Mr. E. R. Crouch, who is a most courteous and competent agent, and his station is well stocked with provisions of the very best. There was nothing could be thought of, that was not done by Mr. Crouch to make the stay of our correspondents comfortable and pleasant. As a chef he excels, as a landlord he is thoughtful, as a host he is par excellence.

By rigorous treatment Mr. Allen's injury continues to improve, and while the writer also got a rectangular twist on his ankle yesterday, nevertheless, if the weather gives us any kind of a show we're on in the morning again.

As undoubtedly many will be coming out over the ice, they will naturally look to the Nugget for information as to what accommodations they can have en route, and the Nugget always tells the truth.

Around the Nine-mile house, located nine miles above Sixty-mile. The house is across the river, requiring two miles of extra travel, while the table is entirely non-commensurate with the charges. The uniform charges are \$1.50 per meal and \$1.00 for bunk and excellent other than above noted. At Tulare meals are \$2.00 and the house hard of access with a sled. The following will give a fair idea of the condition of the trail, including the last six miles in a blinding snow storm:

From Dawson to this point is 118 miles, made in 51 hours and 15 minutes, divided as follows: Dawson to Ainsley, 20 miles in 4 hours 10 minutes; Ainsley to Indian River, 10 miles in 2 hours; Indian River to Reindeer, 8 miles in 1 hour and 25 minutes; Reindeer to Sixty-mile, 12 miles in 2 hours and 15 minutes; Sixty-mile to Nine-mile, 9 miles in 2 1/2 hours; Nine-mile to Stewart, 18 miles in 4 1/2 hours; Stewart to Thistle, 20 miles in 4 hours 15 minutes; Thistle to Tulare, 18 miles in 6 hours; and Tulare to Arctic Express, 6 miles in 3 hours. SAT.

Laid to Rest.
Obsèques over the remains of Colonel Parker were held on Sunday at Pioneer hall, and the occasion called out a large concourse of sorrowing friends. W. T. Perkins conducted services both at the hall and grave from the Masonic ritual, and several appropriate musical selections were rendered by a male quartette.

The several societies of which deceased had been a valued member—the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and Free Masons—were all well represented, and the procession to the grave numbered upwards of 200 persons. The pall-bearers were also selected from the orders named. Considering the short residence here of the deceased, the funeral ceremony was unusually impressive and largely attended.

OUTSIDE BRIEVITIES.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10.—T. T. Geer was today inaugurated governor of Oregon.

DENVER, Jan. 10.—Chas. S. Thomas, democrat, was inaugurated governor of Colorado today.

OAKESDALE, Wash., Jan. 10.—The thermometer has registered 41 below zero within the past week.

VICTORIA, Jan. 10.—Captain John Irving, the veteran manager of the C. P. N. company at this place has resigned.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10.—The republican caucus today nominated Albert J. Beveridge for the United States senate on the twelfth ballot.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Gen. Ours reports from Manila that there have been eight deaths in the American troops since January 1.

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—The Illinois State Democratic committee has committed the party to Bryan and to the 16 to 1 silver movement.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 10.—The republican caucus today nominated ex-Congressman John Kean to be United States senator in place of James Smith Jr.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The gunboat Yorktown sailed today for Manila via Honolulu. She is the bearer of full instructions to Admiral Dewey and General Otis in regard to the situation in the Philippines.

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—H. Middaugh has resigned the superintendence of bridges and buildings on the Lake Shore & Eastern and goes to White Pass, Alaska, to accept a similar position on the White Pass & Yukon road.

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—Moran Bros. are being sued by D. R. Campbell & Sons for \$100,000, mostly damages for breach of contract in not having delivered three river steamers as per contract at the mouth of the Yukon last year.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10.—The supreme court today dismissed the Quay conspiracy case. "Boss" Quay had appealed to the supreme court against a charge of conspiracy with John S. Hopkins, cashier of the People's bank, to mislead the state funds. Hopkins has since suicided.

HONGKONG, Jan. 10.—The Philippine committee has broken off all relations with United States Consul Wildman. A writ was sent out today to recover \$47,000 which the committee claims was deposited with the consul as treasurer of the independence fund for prosecuting the insurrection against Spanish supremacy in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—No battle is expected in the Philippines. General Otis has been instructed to use gentleness in dealing with the insurgents who have been making threatening military demonstrations. It is believed now that while the uncertain situation may be protected it may be prevented from being precipitated into a conflict.

HELENA, MONT., Jan. 10.—This state is in a state of agitation with bribery charges. State Senator Fred Whiteside has given up \$10,000 which he claims was given him to buy votes for W. A. Clark, of Butte, for United States Senator. A point brought out before the investigation committee, was that Republican votes were only worth \$5,000 while Democratic votes were considered cheap at \$10,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The finding of several long splinters in the edges of the hole in the bottom of the battleship Massachusetts, today, has led to the belief that the ship struck the wreck of a large which sunk off Governor's Island several years ago, and that the damage was, therefore, not caused by her running too close to a reef in low water. The examination of the battleship revealed three large dents in the port side of the vessel forward. One of the officials said that the injuries were much more serious than had been anticipated. The three plates, he said, would have to be removed and replaced with new ones.

Gold Bottom is Good.

Gold Bottom is beginning to show very good according to the reports of Mr. Bruck, a part owner of Nos. 1 and 2 above discovery. In poked pans on bedrock on 5 above as high as 18 to the pan has been taken. Three holes on the same claim all show pay averaging about 15 cents with about four feet of pay gravel. On 5 above there are two holes into 15 cent pay. No. 4 above, owned by John

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McDougal, shows 6 feet of 12 cent gravel which still holds out in a 50 foot drift. The last strike is on the right limit, while the former strike on the opposite side of the claim, which would tend to prove the existence of two pay streaks, one on either side of the fault.

The contest on No. 2 has been decided in favor of the original stakers and Messrs. Bruck and Lumpkin will proceed at once to vigorous prosecution of work on 1 and 2 above. No 2 below shows a pay streak 40 feet wide with a picked pan on bedrock giving as high as \$8. The gravel from No. 1 above as far down as prospect is shallow summer diggings, being only about 11 feet to bedrock.

Outside Fairy Story.

The following was published in the Vancouver World nearly two months ago and shows the "yarns" some people love to write from this maligned and misrepresented land. The caption of "Explorers lost" and "The scientists who were searching in the far north for Andree said to be lost" was followed as below:

According to a letter received from Dawson Dr. Terzague, the French scientist, who included a letter for Andree with a balloon in Northern Alaska, and several of the party are lost. Terzague left here several months ago and went to St. Michael. His balloon did not fly, and he returned with several of the party for Dawson, where he reached, and after a short stay he started on his journey to the north.

Over a month ago he started to come out two of his party accompanying him, since that time not the slightest trace of them has been seen. They only had a small supply of provisions and no hope is held out for them as they were tenderfooted of the most aggravated type, and would starve where hardy miners would live. Terzague is a noted aeronaut. He was also correspondent for a number of French scientific papers. He came here direct from Paris.

The fact of the matter is that the doctor or Baron Terzague, as he was really entitled to be called, only left for the outside last Friday and at last accounts was progressing finely over the ice towards the coast. As for his hunting Andree in a balloon, the doctor showed no indications of that complaint while here and was observed to be quite busily engaged in hunting "snaps" in mines, as prosaic an occupation as ever adventurer undertook and Baron Terzague lives in Paris and is the accredited representative of the Figaro, the leading French paper. He left here with a pretty fair list of selling properties and will return in the spring.

From Rampart.

A. D. Miller, with F. Barnekroff and G. W. Jones, came in from just below Rampart City on Saturday. Mr. Miller does not bring in very good words from that point. Says that there have been numerous stampedes to various wild cat creeks but that owing to there only being three really good claims in the district the people are not over confident of that section just now. Mr. Miller is a steamboat man and naturally took a good look at all the steamers he saw on his way up. He says that there are at least 17 of them which must of necessity be broken into kindling when the ice goes out in the spring. Mr. Miller returns to Rampart immediately.

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