

FROM FAR ALASKA

Thos. H. Mallory Writes a Letter To Frank J. Davey.

STARTING FOR CLONDYKE

The New Diggings Are 800 Miles From Circle City and Flour is Only \$60 a Sack - The Country and Its Resources Described.

CIRCLE CITY, Alaska, January 6, 1897. FRIEND FRANK: This is the most northern town on the continent and is less than forty miles south of the Arctic circle.

In addition to these in business there are two shops, two jewelry, two blacksmith, two restaurants, two furniture makers, one school house and church combined, one opera house and a large number of saloons and dance houses where liquid refreshments are sold at 50 cents a drink and the tiger catches the house miner with a fat gold sack who sits on the high region.

Where the Gold is Found.

The nearest mines to this place are 50 miles to the west, at the base of what is put down in the old maps as the Ratzeff mountains. The first creek is called Deadwood; then comes, still further away, Boulder, Independence, Mammoth, Mastodon, Miller, Porcupine, and some small gulches, which are tributaries of these creeks.

How Freight is Done.

Freighting to the mines during the winter is now done mostly with sleighs and horses, and costs 6 cents a pound. Last winter it cost 10 cents and was done with dog teams. During the summer some supplies were packed out on horses at a charge of 45 cents per pound.

Value of Dog Teams.

As the case once was with the miners of Idaho and Montana the most useful and valuable animal, so is the dog to the miner here. Almost every man is the owner of from one to a dozen of them.

He Likes the Country.

I like this country, not for its varied and romantic scenery, not for its beautiful displays of the aurora or its grand views from our mountain peaks of the midnight sun, or for the many months of cold and frosty weather, causing often months of hardship and privation, but because of the independence and freedom, and the extreme hardships and privation, has here in the snow clad region far away from the struggling masses of humanity, asking for nothing but a day's work, to maintain their wants, or in their humiliation become objects of charity and contempt.

Off For Clondyke.

The new gold district which is attracting the attention of those who can get there, is only forty miles above Fort Cudahy in the tributaries of a river called Clondyke, and are only a short distance from the Yukon. The diggings are reported to be very rich. I expect to start for that place in a few days, hauling on a husky sled my stove, tent, blankets and a small amount of supplies, to last while on the way. It is a long haul of 300 miles. Flour is said to be worth \$60 a sack.

THE TREATY AMENDMENTS.

The Voting Upon Them in the Senate is Fixed for Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.-At the beginning of the executive session of the senate today, Senator Hoar introduced an amendment to the treaty which is intended to meet the objection which has been urged in the recent debate against the amendment. The new amendment is similar to the one originally introduced by the committee on Foreign Relations by the first article, exempting all questions of foreign and domestic policy from the operations of the treaty. The Hoar amendment also includes territorial questions in this exemption, originally suggested by Lord Salisbury.

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