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ILLOGICAL CONCLUSIONS.

A careful perusal of the widely published letter of Geo. H. Hees in which he undertook to show that Dawson is suffering a decline, discloses the fact that much of what Mr. Hees has to say on the subject is contradicted and condemned out of his own mouth.

After presenting his views upon the local commercial and mining situation Mr. Hees continues with an elaborate statement as to the prices which he found prevailing in Dawson. Among other interesting discoveries he found that a room in a hotel costs \$3 to \$5 per night, that a fair cigar may be purchased for 25 cents and a reasonably good one at the rate of three for one dollar.

With these preliminary observations as a basis for his conclusions Mr. Hees has decided that the best days of Dawson and the Klondike are over. Mr. Hees' logic is decidedly at fault. The very fact that the prices quoted are substantially correct and constitute the standard upon which business generally is transacted in Dawson is in itself the strongest possible refutation of his conclusions.

If the bottom had dropped out of the community, as one might be led to imagine from reading Mr. Hees' remarks, no such prices, as are quoted by him could be maintained. Goods of every description would be slaughtered and offered for sale at any price, just as was the case at Dyea when the boom fell from that camp.

As a matter of fact no such condition has ever prevailed in Dawson, and there is no danger of it at the present time.

Prices are pretty well established and for the most part are as reasonable as the original cost with freight and duty added will admit.

Competition is keen but sufficiently so merely to preserve a normal condition in the various lines of trade. By the working of purely natural processes business has been concentrated to a considerable extent in the hands of a comparatively small number of commercial concerns but the volume of actual trade is probably larger than was the case two years ago.

Prices during that interval have been substantially reduced but the consumption of goods has been increased as witness the shipping statistics for the present summer. The simple fact of the matter is that Mr. Hees has published his report after the most superficial and cursory observation of the situa-

tion, and in apparent ignorance of many of the most important facts. What he has said may have some temporary influence in shaking eastern confidence in the future of the country, but that effect will be more than counteracted by detailed reports of the actual state of affairs which are now being forwarded for distribution throughout Canada and the States.

THE DOUBTFUL ERA PASSED.

The prospects before this city view from a quartz standpoint become more and more flattering as time elapses. The "guessing" era has now been passed and the time is at hand when there can no longer be doubts as to the extent and value of our quartz deposits. A year ago people were asking themselves whether the district contained rock of sufficient value to warrant working. Now the question is, how soon will the companies and syndicates owning quartz mines be able to establish plants for the development of their properties. Unquestionably, time will be required before the plans now under consideration can be carried into practical effect.

The one great and all-consequential fact has been indisputably established, however, viz., the fact that quartz in immense bodies and of splendid values has been discovered and is ready for working. Of the truth of this assertion there is no longer any doubt and it remains now only that men of practical experience and sufficient means devote themselves to the task of opening up the promising properties which thus far have been prospected.

It may be confidently expected that within the coming two years Dawson will be firmly established among the important quartz camps of the continent.

Unless wise counsel prevails the strike now in progress in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania and West Virginia will be turned into a veritable cataclysm of anarchy. Public opinion in the States is easily on the side of the workmen who have repeatedly offered to arbitrate their differences and as repeatedly have had their offers spurned by the operators.

If the actual amount of cash business transacted in Dawson every twenty-four hours should be published it would give a surprising object lesson to those worthies who contend that the town is on the downward move.

The Yukon needs representation in the Dominion house but it does not want to be disgraced by the man selected. It would be far better for present conditions to continue than to send Clarke.

The rumor that Klondike city and Fortymile are to be included in one district for the Yukon council election seems to have been circulated without regard to the actual facts.

Nearly one-third of September has passed and no snow has yet appeared. Our old friend Boreas must have overlooked a bet.

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FOOTBALL SATURDAY

Englishmen Are Again Defeated

Canadians Pile up a Score of 29 to 0—Fair Sized Crowd in Attendance.

For a third time this season Canada has defeated England at Rugby football, but just why such has occurred it would be hard to say. The representatives of the motherland seem to be as husky a lot of chaps as those from the Dominion, have as much beef on the line and play just as hard, but they can't carry the pigskin over the Canadians' line. One reason that is ascribed to their continual defeat is that the play is all ways under the Canadian rules which are somewhat different from those in vogue in the old country and consequently place them at a little disadvantage.

The weather was excellent for play Saturday afternoon, though the ground was a little too soft for sure-footedness and fast sprinting. Captain Wroughton was chosen referee and R. L. Cowan and C. T. Godfrey officiated as linesmen. Bell made the first kickoff for the Englishmen and in a remarkably short time Senkler crossed the line with a touchdown to his credit. Cosby made a try for goal but failed to convert.

The Britishers fared no better in the second half. Macfarlane after a 40-yard run made a touch which Senkler converted, the only goal kicked in the game. Cosby made another run behind the line which in the try for goal a failure was made of and Long was compelled to allow another rouge in self defense. At the call of time the score stood 29 to 0 in favor of Canada.

NOTES OF THE GAME. Senkler was a whirlwind as he is in every game in which he has ever played. His punts were excellent and well placed. Jack Bell was the only one who lost any claret during the game. In a scrimmage in the latter half, his nose came in contact with some one's elbow and time was called for a moment until the gore was removed.

Barney Sugrue was one of the standbys of the Englishmen and was always in the thickest of the push. Newell, an old Yale man and a mountain of strength, was like a fish out of water, the game being so unlike that which he has been accustomed to playing. It was his first game of Rugby.

Cosby shows plenty of speed and would make a good end in the American game. Macfarlane, the only original man with the pipe, plays football like a man sawing wood but he gets there just the same.

Gibson was one of the most ginger players on the field, his tackling being sure and strong. Sidney Bell was one of the stars on the British team.

Hughes at half and Barwell at full-back played a hard game. For the past two or three years both Rugby and the Association game have been played. If some genuine, blood-stirring sport is desired an intercollegiate game will now be gotten up. There are plenty of old college men in town and it should be but little trouble to get two elevens together. The only thing that would be difficult to supply would be the suits and armor.

Another game will probably be played on Wednesday. F. J. Sammons for England has issued a challenge to Mr. Senkler representing the Canadians, the game to be played under association rules.

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At Auditorium—The Senator

CLEVER SWINDLER

Has at Last Been Found in Fairhaven

Had Been Hunted by Pinkertons in Many States—Trail Was Closely Followed.

Seattle, August 28th, 1902.—Charles Vroman, wanted in Michigan on the charge of conspiracy to defraud, was arrested at Fairhaven at 1 o'clock yesterday morning by Sheriff John Stiles, of Menominee county, in the Wolverine state, and brought to this city. The man is alleged to have been a party to big timber frauds in Michigan, in consequence of which Raber & Watson, of Chicago, lost amounts aggregating \$40,000. Archie V. Freeman, the former manager of the company, is now serving a four-year term in Marquette penitentiary. He was captured at Vera Cruz, Mexico, in February last, after a lengthy chase, by members of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency. The arrest of Vroman at Fairhaven was also accomplished by Pinkerton agents and marks the end of a chase of months, extending over a wide stretch of territory.

Vroman was brought to this city yesterday morning by Sheriff Stiles and taken to the Rainier-Grand. Neither the officer nor his prisoner registered and a close watch was kept on Vroman until the departure of the Great Northern overland train at 8 o'clock, which is bearing the prisoner back to the scene of his alleged crimes, for which he will have to stand trial.

The history of the alleged frauds is said to form a salient feature of the criminal annals of the country. They were accomplished very cleverly and it was several months before the company ascertained that its coffers were leaking. Raber & Watson, whose headquarters are at Chicago, do an immense business in Michigan, the most of which was transacted through Vroman and Freeman. Their method of operating, it is said, was to make false contracts and forge certificates on timber which was never got out. The aggregate loss of the firm was \$40,000, but many of those who thought they were securing timber were also mulcted of large amounts. One man is said to have lost \$14,000.

More than a year ago the firm became aware of the fact that something was wrong and an investigation was started. Vroman shortly afterward disappeared and nothing was heard of him until he was located at Whatcom a week ago by Pinkerton agents. Freeman had laid the blame for the fraudulent transactions on Vroman and retained his standing with the company until a forged certificate for \$5,618, signed by him, was discovered. He was asked for an explanation and offered to give it on the following day, when he would have his books present. That night he also disappeared.

Then began the stern chase after the two men, which did not terminate until Sheriff Stiles surprised Vroman yesterday morning at 1 o'clock by walking up to him in a saloon at Fairhaven and placing him under arrest. Sheriff Stiles located Freeman at Chicago and took him back to Menominee, where he was placed under \$8,500 bonds. In December last he jumped his bonds and again fled.

It was learned that he had ridden from Chicago to Mexico on a scalper's ticket, traveling under the name of Norton. On January 19 Pinkerton's agents located him at Vera Cruz, but could not arrest him on account of trouble with the Mexican authorities. While legal complications were being settled Freeman again disappeared. In February he was located at Orizaba, Mexico, from which place he secretly returned to Vera Cruz and was arrested two days before Stiles arrived with the necessary papers. When Freeman was arrested he was in the act of

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boarding a vessel for South America. There are three countries in South America between which and the United States no extradition treaty exists. If Freeman had succeeded in boarding the vessel he would have been secure from arrest.

Next the detectives turned their attention to Vroman. He was traced from one point to another for months. Sometimes the track was lost and not picked up again for many days. Slowly but surely the relentless pursuers drew nearer their quarry, however, and about a week ago he was "learned to be at Whatcom" by local Pinkerton men. Sheriff Stiles was immediately wired the news and armed with a warrant and proper papers came to Seattle. He was accompanied to Fairhaven by one of the agents, where the arrest was made.

While the search for Vroman was going on Freeman was tried at Menominee on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. He was convicted in May last and sentenced to serve four years in Marquette penitentiary. Vroman will be tried on the same charge. He worked at Fairhaven, it was learned, for some time as bartender. For the last few weeks he had not been working. Vroman is a gambler and is believed to have lost the money he is alleged to have illegally acquired over the card table.

Calls Carrie a Liar

Lima, O., Aug. 23.—Mrs. Carrie Nation came near getting more than she bargained for last night when she spoke at McBeth Park and proceeded to make herself obnoxious by casting slurs on the name of the late President McKinley.

Mrs. Nation had a large audience in the evening. Everybody took her remarks in good nature until she began to abuse the memory of McKinley by stating that he had sent many young men to "hell" by allowing the army canteen to be used.

This was more than many of the people could stand, and when R. Walters arose to his feet and called

the lecturer a liar it seemed that a fair-sized riot was imminent. Mrs. Nation jumped to their feet and joined in the denunciation of Mrs. Nation, threatening to force her to leave town in short order, while women screamed and rushed out of the audience fearing that some of the threats would be put into execution.

Raging Torrents

Jerome, Ariz., Aug. 28.—This place has just passed through the worst storm in its history. Water poured down the mountain sides in raging torrents, depositing debris and boulders in the United Verde plant to the depth of from eight inches to two feet.

A thirty-five foot embankment on the Jerome railroad washed out which will necessitate the transfer of traffic for several days until the damage can be repaired. On the east side of Jerome, in Deception gulch, several thousand dollars worth of mining machinery, including a hoist and air compressors belonging to G. H. Hill were completely ruined.

The property loss is estimated at many thousands, but no lives were lost. It is estimated that it will take 100 men thirty days to clear away the debris and put the plant of the United Verde Company in the usual company.

Travelers Held Up.

Baker City, Ore., Aug. 23.—Ten masked men held up and robbed Char Keller this afternoon on the road between Cornucopia and Carson in the northwestern part of this county. Keller was driving toward Carson when two men appeared on the road with guns and compelled him to give up all the money he had, between \$200 and \$300. Shortly after Keller was robbed, John Moore and a man named Moffit, were driving on the same road when the robbers made their appearance again and fired several shots at them, but did not get them.

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