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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

SHOULD BE IMPRESSED ON PARLIAMENT

The present condition of the river emphasizes most forcibly the necessity of constructing an overland trail from Dawson to Whitehorse. While the ice has ceased running immediately in front of Dawson, advices from various points up the river indicate that in many places the river will not close for sometime yet to come, and at a number of points there is very little ice running at all. It is now the middle of November and with a continuance of the prevailing mild weather the date when ice travel may be begun lies at some time indefinitely in the future.

The season of open navigation on the Yukon lasts between four and five months. During the balance of the year all communication excepting by telegraph must be carried on over trails made after the freezing of the river. There are two seasons of the year varying in length in different years, during which all travel is practically suspended. When the ice is breaking in the spring and when it is forming again in the fall traffice between Dawson and the outside world comes to a standstill. Ordinarily the break in communication does not last but a short time. The present year certainly presents exceptional conditions, for it is probably no exaggeration to say that traffic will be suspended for a matter of six weeks or more.

So far as ordinary traffic is concerned, it must cease altogether until the closing of the river makes travel on the ice possible. In respect to the delivery of mail, while experience has shown that it can be safely and expeditiously handled at this season of the year, it is altogether too apparent that the contractors are willing to seize upon any excuse which may justify them in neglecting their obligations.

It is in view of these considerations that the Nugget has proposed the construction of an overland trail from Dawson to Whitehorse. We are more than pleased to acknowledge the fact that the project has the support and endorsement of the commissioner of the territory and the local postmaster, both of whom have manifested a personal interest in all practical plans which have been brought forward for the benefit of this community.

It has been shown conclusively that the construction of the road in question is a practical enterprise and as Postmaster Hartman has suggested, it would enable the government to let the mail contract at such a reduced figure that the entire cost of the road would be saved in a comparatively short time.

The matter should be pressed upon the attention of the next parliament in the most forceful manner possible.

WASTED TALENT

Our contemporary, the Sun, is entirely out of its element. It should branch out into the detective business and leave the newspaper field, in which it cannot be said that the Sun has made a shining success.

We are led to these remarks by an article which appeared in yesterday's issue of our contemporary in connection with the Jessup case—the first information by the way, which the Sun has contributed to that celebrated affair.

In a lengthy article published over bold headlines the Sun announced that a watch was found near the Klondike and boldly inquires, "Was the watch Jessup's?" Farther down in the article it states that the timepiece in question is an open-faced gentleman's watch, while Jessuo carried a lady's hunting case watch—but stay—and here is where the Sherlock Holmes' qualties of our contemparary shone forth most lustrously—"Is it not possible that Jessup traded watches with someone, just before he disappeared?"

In that query propounded by the Sun lies material upon which an entire tragedy might be founded. And to think that the marvelous intellectual power that conceived the above question is wasting itself upon a newspaper.

O di immortales!

All the woe endured by Tantalus cannot compare with the agony suffered by the local newspapers in connection with the through telegraph wire. It has almost invariably happened that just when the linemen have succeeded in establishing communication, and everything has begun to look lovely—snap! the wire breaks, and we are once more forced to rely upon Skagway for our telegraph service. The men employed in the telegraph service have certainly made heroic efforts to keep the line in working order, but the task has proven to be of altogether too herculean proportions. Arguing from the standpoint of existing conditions, it seems well nigh impossible that successful results are to be obtained from the through wire during the present winter.

THEIR FAITH IS STRONG

Capitalists Believe Nome Is a Great Mining Field.

Col. A. E. Head and Count du Parc, two prominent Nome operators have unlimited faith in the future of the country. They believe that not only will the output of this year exceed that of last season, but that next summer w ill see a still greater production of gold in the Nome, Kougarok and Arctic districts. Col. Head is one of the most experienced mining men in the country, believes that the north will yield three times as much treasure in 1902 as it has in any previous year.

Col. Head and Count du Parc went to Nome in June, 1900. The former remained north last winter, while the count came south. Count du Parc is a resident of Paris and is a member of an old French family. He is backed heavily by French capital.

"I believe," he said yesterday, "that the country will become one of the greatest mining regions of the world."

Col. Head said: "More gold will come out of Nome, Kougarok and the Arctic districts than has ever before. The country is immensely rich. It vill be the greatest region for placer gold mining for many years to come, and its development next year will surprise the whole world."—P.-I., Oct. 22.

A Peculiar Death.

Windson, Ont., Oct. 16.—Peter Seguin, jr., of Elmsted, Sandwich East, aged 36, carried a small bottle of carbolic acid and two plugs of chewing tobacco in his hip pocket. The acid was designed to cleanse a cut in his hand. The bottle was broken, and the tobacco absorbed the acid. Despite the tobacco's peculiar flavor, he chewed the two plugs in two days, and for ten days tried to slake his parching thirst, with whiskey and water. Then two physicians tried in vain for two weeks to cure him, being puzzled at first to know the cause of his illness.

Seguin's throat swelled to several times its normal size, and the flesh became almost black. He suffered excruciating pain, as his mouth, throat and stomach were burned raw. The abscess, which formed on his lungs, broke and brought death yesterday.

Concession to Superstition.

"Thirteen dollars and a half seems a high price for such a comparatively short trip," said the man with the traveling bag in his hand.

"We thought people would rather pay that than $13," replied the agent of the steamer line with an explanatory and apologetic cough.

Concentrated joy at the Pioneer saloon. A new drink.

Stroller's Column.

If the Dawson lawyer of whom the request was made will supply the information asked for by sending a list of names of retired ministers and farmers to the company desiring them the future of the Yukon is assured. The request for the list of names is addressed to a well-known attorney at "Dawson, N. W. T.," and is as follows:—

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Oct. 11th, 1901.

"Dear Sir,—We are in search of a good man or woman in your vicinity to sell our Nursery Stock and Seeds, and are willing to pay in cash for your assistance. For each man or woman, secured by your suggestion, who shall send us this fall or winter $100 worth of good orders for Nursery Stock, we will pay you Five ($5) Dollars—IN CASH.

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"Yours truly,

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It made the Stroller leap for joy when he contemplated an army of fruit tree convassers scouring the Yukon with bundles of trees on their shoulders gliding merrily along from one farm house to the next, a distance of 187 miles. How thought of it revived in the memory of the Stroller recollections of long ago when the fruit tree agent would blow in with a big sample book under his arm containing pictures of finer fruit than was ever seen except in books and at North Yokima.

The book would contain pictures of Jersey Red apples, Holstein pears, Clydesdale cherries, Plymouth Rock plums, French Percheron peaches, Poland China gooseberries, Hamelonian currants, Maltese prunes, Scotch Collie apricots, Three Star Hennessey roses, "our leaders, the 'Crimson Rambler'," and Canadian Club Shrubbery—how blissful to anticipate that all these will be growing in the Yukon as soon as an army of retired ministers and farmers has gotten in its deadly work in the way of canvassing for orders.

For the benefit of the nursery company anxious to enter this field the Stroller can authentically inform it that there will be no trouble here from San Jose Scale; but there are other things with which to contend. Ice worms may attack the trees or they may contract mange. The weather will not materially injure the orchard, as anyone planting one will of necessity first complete arrangements for keeping it in the house during seven months of the coldest weather. Think how nice it would be to get out of bed and meander through the shrubbery to light the kitchen fire, or to wander at midnight amid Late Crawford peach trees in the sitting room when the baby is fretful from wind on the tummy.

Lest retired ministers and farmers might not readily respond to the offer to become agents for this nursery the Stroller has already taken the precaution to order by wire four dozen two-year-old orange trees, which he will attempt to cultivate in the "spare" room. How sweet 'twill be to sleep once more where the orange blossom distills its perfume.

The request from the Ontario nursery to secure agents to canvass around the base of the North Pole is in keeping with a letter received by the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce from a London house asking for the name of the largest exporters (shippers out) of butter and eggs of the Klondike. It was a London man who wrote for a sample ice worm to be sent to him by either mail or express; but it was a Lima-beaner of Boston who wrote the mayor of Seattle asking if it was possible to run over from Seattle to possible to "run over from Seattle to

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The Stroller is very much pleased with the manner in which last night's hold-up was conducted. He does not wish it understood that he is in favor of holding up and robbing, but when it is done it is pleasing to know that it is done in a mild mannered cast of countenance. The old fashioned way of holding up houses had too much of the "whoop 'em up" to ever be popular and recherche among church-going people. Had the old style, long metre, Rouse's version of holding up been practiced last night the bold, bad men would have came into town horseback and about the time they crossed the bridge by the upper fire hail they would have begun to shoot out lights and wing an occasional pedestrian such as a hot tamale man. By the time they reached their destination all the money in the house would have been piled out on a centre table and the men who sit up all night and say 'hit me and take it" would have had their backs glued to the wall with their hands high above their heads. After all the money had been sacked a few parting shots would have been fired, the nigger porter would have been shot dead for luck and the modern Claude Duvals would have then mounted their fiery steeds and ridden away.

But nothing of the kind happened, showing that we are a progressive people and able to conduct our hold-ups in the most up-to-date manner. "The world do move."

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"Things are not lookin' good to me," said the sourest of doughs as he sat by the saloon stove and regularly five times every three minutes "pechewed" at a crack in its back through which shone a glimmer of light.

"What's eatin' you?" asked the Stroller, thinking that such language would put the old man at ease and draw him out. "Have a drink and tell us all about it."

After swallowing a long drink of Jamaica rum he replaced the quid of tobacco which he had laid on the bar and said:

"The closin' of the river did not suit me, not but that I have seed similar closin's many times but I never seed a decent winter faller arter sich a closin'. It 'peared like the river didn't close owin' to cold weather, but more like the durned thing was tired runnin'. Once 'bout 30 year ago it closed the same way and it was a mighty sluggish time all that winter. Me and Limpin' Grouse made a trip to Selkirk to visit our relatives that winter and I packed a boat on my back the hull way up and back, thinkin', b' gosh, the ice was liable to go out at any time. But it helt on till the latter part of March then it sort o' sneaked away 'cause it was shamed of its record. But the next winter done a double shift. By this time there was two foot of snow on the ground and it was as blue as any patch of sky you ever seed. Ice worms growed that winter mor'n 12 feet long and nigh as thick as my arm, while vampire skeeters stayed for ten weeks at a stretch and they was never knowed to live in weather warmer'n 88 below zero; the pesky things. But say!" and the old man turned a pleading face toward the Stroller, "can you help me out with a little loan 'till my friends come back from up the Klondike with some meat? I need some money to buy some green paint and a brush. You see, it is this way. When Limpin' Grouse saw the jig was up she axed me to promise her that all the time thar warn't no snow on the ground I would keep her grave green. I promised and have kept that promise. But now it looks zif thar aint goin' to be any snow. But that don't make no difference; that grave is goin' to be kept green (sob) if I have to paint it."

The appeal from the tear that glistened in the old man's eye could not be denied. He was given the price of the paint and brush and was profuse in his thanks, saying:

"You are the best friend I've had since Limpin' Grouse died. In fact, you put me very much in mind of her."

WANDERING AMONG SHRUBBERY TO LIGHT THE KITCHEN FIRE

YUKON ICE WORM THE WONDER OF LONDON SCIENTISTS.

The Food We Eat.

Thrifty housewives when they are paying to the butcher the amount of their weekly account do not realize that a large part of the food for which they are settling is water—pure water.

It is not very generally realized how much water there is in solid food. Certain it is that no natural food is without water, varying in amount from 5 to 97 per cent, or only 3 per cent short of pure water itself. Milk, even straight from the cow, contains very nearly 90 per cent of water or, to be more accurate, from 87 to 88 per cent.

Some soild foods contain more water than does milk. This is especially true of vegetables and fruits. Thus the turnip contains over 90 per cent of water, the cabbage nearly the same amount and the cucumber and vegetable marrow about 95 per cent, while among fruits the strawberry contains nearly 90 per cent of water, the apple 82 per cent and grapes 80 per cent.

Even the various meats used as food contain an amount of water far in excess of the amount of solid constituents. Thus three-fourths of beef and mutton consist of water, which is paid for with the rest at the regular rate per pound. Lamb contains less water—namely, 64 per cent; pork still less, 60.9 per cent, and bacon only 22.5 per cent. It would appear that as the flesh foods increase in the amount of fat the proportion of water as a rule diminishes. Coming to birds, the flesh of the fowl and duck contains about 70 per cent of water and that of the pigeon 75 per cent, while the flesh of the goose contains only 38 per cent, the last being another example of the fat increasing with a corresponding diminution in the proportion of water.

Fishes contain from 40 to 80 per cent of water. The egg, one of the most powerful of nutritives, contains 65.5 per cent of water, the white consisting of 85 per cent and the yolk of 50.9 per cent. The latter, of course, is the more nourishing part. As a rule, foods containing a small proportion of water are not fit for human consumption until they are cooked, which commonly means reducing them to a digestible state by adding water and boiling or baking, and so when they are actually partaken of they contain a good percentage of water.

Wheat flour, for example, contains only 12 per cent of water, while bread contains nearly 50 per cent. It would appear to be necessary, therefore, that food should be in a decidedly moist condition before it is fit for use, and thus water plays a role in food which at first sight does not seem evident. Bacteria cannot live or act except under a wet environment, and chemical change under absolutely dry conditions is impossible; therefore without moisture life would cease and the great vital processes would come to an end.—Ex.

He Envied Him.

"Did you hear of that duel between those two medical students?"

"No. Pistols or swords?"

"Neither. They prescribed for each other."

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"Was he excited when his companion fell overboard?"

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