

## APPLIES TO THE YUKON

### Statement of Special Agent Georgeson

#### He Says Alaska Has Great Future as Agricultural District—Ignorance of Country.

C. G. Georgeson, special agent for Alaska of the agricultural department, has given out a statement of the agricultural resources of the district. He says in part:

"He would have been considered a rash prophet who five years ago had the temerity to predict that Alaska would one day become a great and powerful state. The change of opinion is due to the fact that it has been demonstrated that Alaska has agricultural possibilities of a high order.

"Alaska has been maligned, abused and totally misunderstood. It has already paid for itself many times over and still we have scarcely begun to realize how enormous the resources are. What the profits to the lessees of the sealing privilege have been will probably never be made known, but it is interesting to note that the rentals received or due the government of the lease of this privilege from 1870 to 1895 amounted to almost the original cost of the territory. It is reported that more than an equal sum has been taken from a single mine near Juneau, to say nothing of the millions taken out in other places.

"There never could be a greater misconception in regard to a geographical fact than the popular idea that Alaska is a snow-covered waste. As a matter of fact, one can travel from one end of the Yukon to the other in the summer and never see snow. On the contrary, one will see a tangle of luxuriant vegetation, large forests and such delicacies as wild raspberries, red currants, huckleberries and cranberries in profusion. In places the grass grows as high as a man's shoulders.

"People who go as far north as Skagway and back again to Seattle fondly imagine that they are studying Alaska, when, as a matter of fact, they have not been within 200 miles of the 141st meridian, where Alaska proper begins."

#### U. S. Commissioner Here

U. S. Commissioner Johannes of Eagle City was a passenger to Dawson on the Zealandian. He will remain in the city about one week.

#### Good News, Oil is Struck Fourteen Miles From Dawson

So quiet has it been kept that but few know that a gusher has been struck close to our city. Saturday night two men came quietly into town and purchased a supply of grub. Upon leaving they told Dunham, the family grocer, who keeps the best, all about it.

Felicia at Auditorium.

Job printing at Nugget office.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

**Mr. J. M. Jackson, a heavy operator in the Fortymile district, returned to the city Saturday evening on the Zealandian.**

The court of appeal which sits tomorrow will deliver several judgments in cases heard at the last sittings.

About the Administration building it is stated, though not authoritatively, that a meeting of the Yukon council will be held the latter part of the present week.

#### Additional Delegates

Since the publication in the Nugget several days ago of a list of the delegates chosen to sit in the territorial convention which will convene August 23, a number of additional primaries have been held, the representatives selected at such points being as follows:

Hunker, mouth of Gold Bottom—A. McDonald; Al. Kennedy and G. Blanchfield.

Hunker, No. 56 below—J. Laport and John Lane.

Dominion, mouth of Caribou—Mr. Kelly, Mr. Wilson and one unreported.

Dominion, No. 7 below lower—E. Meriman and two unreported.

Dominion, No. 244 below lower—George Watt and J. Leliever.

Gold Run—A. C. Field, J. C. Nicholson and L. Noble.

Quartz, Eureka, Henderson, Big Salmon, Whitehorse, Fortymile and several other points are yet to report.

#### Viewing the Field

Mr. C. E. Newton, traveling auditor of the Alaska-Pacific Express Company, returned Saturday evening on the Zealandian from Eagle and Fortymile, where he had been looking over the situation with a view to establishing agencies of his company there. Mr. Newton considers the outlook for business in that quarter to be very bright and he will appoint an agent at each place next spring, or as much sooner as business will justify it.

#### How They Love Us.

Yesterday was something like Christmas with the Nugget staff. A portion was royally entertained by Ye Idle Hour Club, others enjoyed the hospitality of the genial Captain Salthorn of the steamer Whitehorse, while still others of this mammoth institution were the guests of Mr. Wm. Meed, of the Prospector, on a trip to the mouth of the Stewart river.

#### Malicious Report

Some maliciously inclined person started a report this morning to the effect that a well known and popular business man of Dawson had committed suicide. It was absolutely without foundation as are many reports carelessly started but which may redound to the injury of a good reputation.

#### Again Working.

After being down since Thursday evening the telegraph wire returned to consciousness Sunday and was still lucid up to the hour of going to press. The rush of commercial business, however, precluded the handling of much press matter with the result that telegraphic news is today very limited. Division Superintendent Clegg still has a monopoly of the local ticker, the strike now entering its fifth week with no signs of conditions improving.

### Pleasant Club Rooms

Several members of the Nugget staff were entertained most bountifully at the rooms of Ye Idle Hour Club yesterday afternoon at the corner of King street and Fourth avenue. Though in existence but four months the club is one of the most prosperous and enjoyable in the city. The membership is limited to twenty, each member bearing his pro rata at the end of the month of the expense that has been incurred. In the two-story building which the club has for a home they have the entire upper floor, the large room in the front being devoted to a general club and lounging room. To the rear on one side are card rooms and lavatories, while on the opposite side of the hall there is a large dining room. The club is fortunate in the possession of a chef par excellence, well trained waiters and a governing board that supplies the table with every luxury obtainable. Newspapers and every kind of periodicals are to be found in the reading room and a more pleasant place to spend an evening could not be found. The officers of the club are: President, Mr. J. Harmon Caskey; vice-president, Mr. Gibson; secretary, Mr. M. E. Riley.

### A Boy's Adventure

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 4.—John Boyle, fifteen years old, son of Stephen Boyle of No. 209 East Twenty-first street, New York, alighted today from a freight train in this city.

The boy says he was playing hide-and-seek among the freight cars in the New York Central yards in New York with some other boys on Thursday evening, and that he hid in one of the cars.

Presently some one closed the door. Boyle supposed it was closed by his companions, but in a few minutes the car began to move and he could not make himself heard. He shouted until tired and then went to sleep.

Toward evening yesterday the car came to a stop, but young Boyle was still unable to make himself heard.

A short time after he was astonished by the opening of the door and presently a tramp crawled into the car.

The boy told his story to the tramp, who helped him out of the car. He learned that he was in Rome and today, by the assistance of another tramp, he came to Utica and applied to the police for help.

### Roads Finish

Today was a busy day in the office of the department of public works, a portion of the roads now under construction by the government having been completed and the laborers were in to receive their pay. The sections that are finished include the road up to No. 8 above, a distance of two and one-half miles. The other piece runs along the ridge and connects the head of Sulphur with the head of Lombard gulch, three and a quarter miles in length.

### Territorial Court

There was but little doing in the territorial courts this morning. In Mr. Justice Dugas' department McMillan the principal witness against Genelle was again brought up only to be remanded until tomorrow. The trial of Genelle will begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow, the jury having been already summoned. Chamber motions were heard by Mr. Justice Craig.

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### THE MERRY RATE WAR.

(Continued from page 1.)

The boats in the White Pass fleet will meet the cut with the exception of the Whitehorse. She will maintain the old rates in order to accommodate those who do not care to travel with the crowd. The Victorian leaves this afternoon at 4 and the Sifton tonight at 10.

The Zealandian which arrived from Eagle Saturday evening brought up a good passenger list among whom were the following: R. H. S. Cresswell, C. M. Johansen, C. Dreibilbis, F. R. Klumb, D. Kay, C. E. Newton, Miss A. Wilkins, Mrs. J. Howard, S. M. Grant, J. Gray, A. T. Smith, J. Francis Lee, Miss C. Cunningham, S. Menzies, L. S. Robe, J. A. Menzies, W. Malone, Mattie Gordon, J. W. Hill, T. G. Wilson, D. McDonald, J. Livingston, J. T. Wilson, G. L. Hansen, G. A. Larpente.

The Dawson came in Saturday afternoon with but three passengers—Mrs. A. C. Fussel, J. W. Charlton and M. C. Koonce. Almost her entire cargo was quartermaster's stores for Fort Egbert and she left for Eagle soon after arrival. She returns up river day after tomorrow. The Whitehorse leaves tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The matchless beauty of the present telegraph service was brought forcibly home to Manager Wortham of the Sifton this morning. Just at the moment the Sifton tied up at her dock Mr. Wortham was handed a wire dated at Whitehorse, Saturday, 9:15 p. m., informing him the Sifton had left for Dawson. The Sifton brought no passengers and but little freight, but is taking out a load this evening to make up for the loss coming down. Among those taking passage are: Mrs. F. T. Congdon, maid and child, Guy Congdon, Winfred Congdon, Mrs. Ferry, Charlie Thompson, Miss E. Ferry, Marie Thompson, Mrs. Forest, Mrs. Waltenbaugh, Ralph Forest, Mary Hample, Geo. Nideau, Chas. Snyder, W. Neal, C. G. Peterson, Mrs. Fitzgerald, H. J. Coleman, Mrs. M. Smith, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. O. H. Hedland, Mrs. E. G. Coleman, E. Swanson, Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. H. French, Mrs. F. Brien.

The Thistle which left Saturday evening at 9:30 under the old passenger rates carried a good list notwithstanding the fact that everyone knew cut rates would go into effect on Monday. Her list included: G. H. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Erickson, J. Epler, Ben Erick, H. A.

Cratz, A. J. Nelson, Tom Kelly, Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. Ida Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hendrick, Geo. Phillips, Mrs. Ida Phillips, Miss Florence D'Epia, Clyde Scabrook, C. O. Cunningham, G. N. MacIntosh, J. P. Jensen, M. Martin, P. Smith, J. A. Anderson, Miss R. Howard, C. R. Welsh, O. W. Hobbs, J. Mogur, L. R. Smith, J. A. Adams, J. Holden, Percy Overton, D. A. McRae, A. Christopher, A. Matheson, Captain J. J. Campbell.

The Bonanza King arrived at 2:30 this morning with a heavy cargo and the following passengers: J. Wiley, N. Boas, W. Dowling, A. B. Newell, G. E. Pulham, E. A. Morek, G. D. Snowden, C. B. Lamont and G. McGowan. She will leave on her return trip tomorrow evening at 8.

The La France is expected Wednesday.

About 150 excursionists enjoyed an outing yesterday on the Whitehorse, the run extending up the river about ten miles and return.

The Prospector left Saturday evening for the mouth of the Stewart and way points, returning Sunday evening.

### Nine Million Dollar Structure

New York, July 31.—That famous Bowling Green landmark, the old Stevens house, probably will be demolished in the near future, to make way for a \$9,000,000 office building planned to be the largest in the world.

Plans have been prepared and final negotiations are being completed by William Mairs, who owns the Stevens house property. He will erect a twenty-story structure on a plot which contains over an acre of land. It faces the great Standard Oil

Building. The Mairs site is valued at \$200 a square foot for the Broadway half, or \$3,500,000. The Greenwich street half of the block will make the entire site for the new structure worth \$4,500,000. The construction outlay will be \$4,500,000.

The Greenwich street half of the plot adjoining the Mairs holding contains an equal square foot area. This is owned by the Manhattan Railway Company which is said to have practically agreed to sell for a little under \$1,000,000 under certain conditions, by which it is understood the top of the new structure will be leased to a fashionable caterer. He will introduce an innovation for downtown office buildings in the form of private apartments. The room will occupy the entire ninth floor and possibly the eighth.

### Falls Heir to Fortune

New York, July 30.—Held by the grand jury of Suffolk county on the charge of causing the death of Clarence W. Foster and "Dimple" Lawrence at Good Ground, L. I., Louis A. Disbrow, in a cell at Riverhead jail, is believed to be heir to \$50,000 from the estate of his grandfather, Hosea B. Perkins, who has just died.

He had been sick for more than a year, and when the Good Ground tragedy and Disbrow's connection with it became known, there was much speculation as to whether he would make any change in his will, which, it is understood, provided a legacy of \$50,000 for each of his grandchildren.

Mr. Perkins' condition of health was such that news of the tragedy probably would have hastened the end, so he never was informed of his grandson's plight. Mr. Perkins was 83 years old.

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