

LATE NEWS FROM KETCHIKAN

Which Town Is Rapidly Forging to the Front.

Shows Indications of Becoming Prominent as Mining Center of Southeastern Alaska.

Southeastern Alaska has plenty of room and opportunities for those meaning business and if indications go for anything will soon rank among the first as an ore producer.

The steamer Elmore is kept busy taking supplies and passengers to the various mining localities. She has to traverse a large territory, but seems to get around all right.

The steamer Ruth came in Monday loaded with freight and Chinamen for some Northern cannery.

A. H. White, formerly United States commissioner here, returned from a visit East and South, much improved in health.

Superintendent Babcock returned on the steamer City of Seattle and will soon resume work on the Copper Queen mine, Kasaan Bay, with a large force of men.

Gus Peterson returned Monday, bringing some good specimens of ore from Niblock anorage. He reports the weather very rough crossing Clarence straits.

Messrs. Clemens and Preston are well satisfied with their prospect at Port Johnson, the ledge getting better as the shaft goes down.

Dock street is being planked, which, together with the moving away of the shanties, gives it a very respectable appearance.

Prospecting parties are leaving every day for Cleveland Peninsula, Helm Bay and other localities, all hopeful that they may discover valuable lodes.

Today your correspondent visited the new cannery in South Ketchikan, owned by the Fidalgo and Anacortes Company. The main building, resting on large, substantial piling, is 80 feet wide and 200 feet long. To cover this immense building requires a roof with an area of over 20,000 square feet. There is a large warehouse on the wharf. The outside line of piles is, in three fathoms, low water. There is a boarding house for white employees and a large bunk house for the Chinamen, with rice boilers in position ready to receive the consignment that is to arrive next week.

The establishment will be ready for business about the time the first run of salmon comes along and will add many thousand cases to the output the coming season.

William A. Harper left on Thursday the steamer City of Topeka on Thursday. He goes south on business connected with the townsite of Revilla. Mr. Harper says he will soon have one of the finest sawmills in Southeastern Alaska in operation turning out lumber for the new town.

John Darling returned from a trip to Port Stewart on Wednesday. He came back by way of Dall Head and reports much work being done in that vicinity. The ledges are large and carry gold and copper.

It is reported that the Valparaiso mine at Port Johnson shows a seven-foot ledge and displays traces of gold its entire width. Some of the assays run up into thousands of dollars per ton. It is said orders have gone below to hold the stock. The owners feel elated over the strike.

The old warehouse on the wharf will soon be removed to give place to more substantial buildings.

Mr. Bradford returned from a visit to Thorn Arm, where he visited the Sea Level mine. He says this fine property is looking well, with a fine body of pay ore on the 125-foot level. There is an immense dump of ore, variously estimated at from 12,000 to 20,000 tons, that is said to average \$14 per ton, awaiting shipment, which has been accumulating for a year and a half.

Mrs. Dore will go to Port Johnson on the return trip of the schooner Sealight to start a hotel.

An important discovery has been made here of a ledge of good ore assaying \$23 in gold. This new strike is in the town limits, commencing on the beach east of town and running back up the creek and mountain.

A reported rich gold strike has been made on or near the Allison claims. Specimens of the ore were shown here on Friday, and are said to be very rich.

A 900-foot tunnel is to be run on to the McKenzie claims on Scowi Arm, Kasaan Bay. W. Patterson will have charge of the work. Mr. McKenzie is now in Seattle selecting machinery for the work.

It is said that 100 Chinamen are to be imported and will arrive next Sunday to work in the new cannery this season.—Seattle Times.

Teddy's Chances.

What the average Chicagoan thinks about the Roosevelt vice-presidency situation is made beautifully clear in the following editorial from the Chicago Chronicle:

The Republicans have a white elephant on their hands and they would be glad to get rid of their property. But they do not know how. The significance of the proverbial phrase "white elephant" is derived from the story that once on a time a gentleman of bizarre tastes bought a pachyderm of the color described, but afterward found that he could not afford to provide food for the animal and could not sell it nor give it away to anybody who would assume the cost of its maintenance. The Republicans, through their press and caquers, have befuddled "Teddy" Roosevelt until he has swelled to such proportions of greatness that they can no longer afford to keep him and they cannot get rid of him.

"Teddy" has been a very uncomfortable governor of New York, speaking of the feelings of party bosses. Although he has complied with the most, or at least many, of "Boss" Platt's demands in matters of appointments, in administration and in promoting legislation he has been refractory in some cases of great importance. Although scandals were bred by the periodical press announcements that Gov. Roosevelt had run down from Albany to New York and had "breakfasted" with Senator Platt and Chairman Odell of the Republican state committee when important legislation was projected or appointments were arranged, he sometimes "kicked" and the plans of the machine were frustrated. The machine demands universal obedience—not partial obedience at times and disobedience at other times.

So the plan was formed to make "Teddy" the candidate for vice-president on the Hanna-McKinley ticket. "Boss" Platt was anxious to get rid of him by shelving him in that way. But he announces that he will not be shelved. He says that if the Republicans have any further use for him it must be as governor of New York, not in the vice-presidency—an office without power, patronage or opportunities. But Platt and his machine do not want him for governor; he has been such a thorn in their sides during the first term that they have no wish to see him in office for a second term.

There was even a plan to "conscript" Roosevelt and force him on the Republican presidential ticket in spite of his resistance. But this plan he has balked by making his calling and election sure as a delegate from New York to the Republican national convention at Philadelphia. He will be there to stop the scheme formed for entombing him alive in the vice presidency. He will not even be lured by the promise to make him the Republican candidate for president in 1904. He understands all the difficulties of keeping such a promise if it was made in good faith.

He also knows that the machine wants him for president in 1904 much less than it wants him to remain in the office of governor of New York. The machine wants a man like McKinley—not a man like him. So what to do with Roosevelt is the great Republican problem.

Another Chance for Rubbers.

George Butler has increased the size of the Pioneer by widening the club room in the back part of the house and has placed therein the festive game of chance. Between drinks one can now hear "22 and a black," "ten on the eight spot," "come a seven," while from the festive blackjack table comes ever and anon "hit me," "pay me," or "taka de mon."

First Avenue Residents Notified.

Sergeant Wilson has notified the residents of First avenue that all wood and other obstructions must be removed from the public thoroughfare forthwith. People who disregard this order from the police department will be subjected to criminal prosecution.

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CLAYSON'S WILL DISPUTED.

Testament of Yukon Victim in Seattle Court.

Father, From Whom Dead Man Was Estranged, Alleges Crooked Work—Brother Legatee.

There is a fight in the superior court over the estate of Frederick Clayson, of Skagway, who was murdered on the Yukon trail with Lynn Relfe and Olsen. It even involves alleged changes in the document which is claimed to be Clayson's will. Edward Clayson, father of the dead man, and William Clayson, brother, are contesting against each other.

After Clayson was given up as dead his father was granted letters of administration. Then William Clayson asked the court to remove the administrator because there was a will.

This alleged will was made March 9, 1899, at Skagway, and under its provisions Edward Clayson, the father, receives \$10; E. J. Clayson, of Westport, Or., a brother, \$10, and Mrs. Dr. Pohl, of Portland, a sister, \$10. All the remainder of the estate is left to William Clayson, of Skagway, to whose care is commended the dead man's mother and two sisters, Anna and Lottie.

The will was witnessed by Samuel L. Lovell and W. C. Marsh, of Skagway, both of whom say on oath that it is the document they witnessed. The will and verification by the witnesses arrived from Alaska yesterday.

Edward Clayson claims that this alleged will is not the will signed by his son. He does not deny the signature, but claims the front page has been changed.

Frederick Clayson left \$3000 in a local bank. There is a suit over this money. Yesterday afternoon Judge Reid annulled an order he made the day previous appointing William Clayson administrator of the business in which he was a partner with his brother, because he was not informed of the trouble over the will.—Seattle Post Intelligencer.

For some years the elder Clayson has been estranged from and repudiated by his family, the dead man and his brother Will caring for and supporting their mother and two single sisters. The family came to Skagway in the fall of '97, where the boys built up a good business and where Fred made the money and acquired the property that is now in litigation. A year ago last winter the elder Clayson came to Skagway from Seattle and stopped at the St. James hotel, which was on a corner diagonally across from the store of his sons, and the family home which adjoined the store. The old man remained in Skagway two or three days, during which time he received not a word nor a look of recognition from his wife or any member of the family; he finally had to be content with looking across the street at the big mercantile establishment his sons, by energy and industry, had built up, and that is as far as he got. In view of these existing strained relations, it is very unlikely that the father would be named for more than a nominal sum in his son's will.—E.D.

A Criticised Professor.

Prof. William Graham Sumner of Yale, who has stirred up such a hornet swarm of critics because of his reported views on marriage, has been for many years at the head of Yale's department of political economy. He is a most popular member of the faculty and is by no means a sour, cross grained, cranky old professor, as the writer of some of the criticisms seem to believe.

Prof. Sumner has been quoted as saying that 90 per cent of marriages were failures. Had he said this his critics would have had ground for their indignation, but Prof. Sumner made no such sweeping assertion. Here is exactly what he did say in a lecture on sociology treating of the relations of the home to the state:

"In the strictest sense, marriage is an ideal thing that has never been realized. Vicissitudes act on the couple and change them, and not more than 10 per cent realize their ideal.

That is to say, that not more than 10 per cent of married people at the end of their lives, looking back, can honestly say that they have realized all of the happiness and all of the ideals they started out in married life with."

Prof. Sumner is the author of several popular textbooks on various subjects, mainly relating to political economy. He is a deep thinker and a very earnest man. Several years ago he decided that it would be well for him to know something about practical politics. So

he got himself nominated as alderman in New Haven. He was elected by a big majority and served his term much to the benefit of the college city. At the end of that time, however, he withdrew from politics in disgust. He intimated that the ward politician might be an interesting character to study at a distance, but that close acquaintance was not desirable or pleasant.—Ex.

Office Men.

A fine suite of three rooms, bay window, occupied for the last eight months by Drs. Hedger & Epworth, for rent at the Portland, corner of Third street and Second avenue. p17

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