

NO GOLD ON KOTZEBUE SOUND.

Foot Travelers. From Their Tell of its Demerits.

And Bring Along Four Little Flakky Colors as a Result of a Summer's Work--To be Deserted in the Spring.

Probably the most interesting of the many stirring tales of travel and exploration which has come to hand for several months is from the mouths of Messrs. F. A. H. Fysh and W. Williams who arrived in Dawson Saturday from a trip on foot from Kotzebue sound. Mr. Fysh is formerly of London, Can., and with Mr. Williams formed two of a party of 18 who left Iowa last summer and joined in the big rush which landed 2,000 people on the various rivers of the Kotzebue sound country. The unfounded nature of the fairy stories and sailor yarns which misled the gold hunters into that region may be guessed when the explorations of the entire 2,000 people resulted in nothing but a half-dozen or so of fine flakky colors such as can be washed out of the sands of the Yukon at almost any point, from source to mouth. The party to which our travelers belonged had chartered a schooner at San Francisco and carried not only an abundance of supplies but a full sawmill outfit besides other machinery and whatever suggested itself as probably useful in a brand new country. Only 800 of the crowd decided to winter up there and there was a great slaughter of values when the selling commenced. The missionaries laid in a stock sufficient to last several years at the barest "frisco" prices, while one old Indian chief is said to have no less than 600 sacks of flour piled away in his cache.

The Iowa party established winter quarters 500 miles up the Koyuk river and by February 28, had fully made up their minds as to the fruitlessness of the search for that treasure only heard of ambiguously in story. On the 19th of two travelers left there and struck out over the divide extending to the Koyukuk. From the Koyukuk to Dawson their trip was similar to many others who have made it. The distance from their cabin they estimate at 1,500 miles.

From Mr. Fysh we learn that the Kotzebue sound country is thickly peopled with a highly intelligent race of Indians who closely resemble the Japs both in physique and habits. Their principal diet heretofore has been dried salmon but the abundance of whiteman's food last summer was the cause of the laying away of less than half a crop of the salmon. The result this winter was as might have been expected and the fifty nourished natives have been dying off like sheep.

Our informant is of the opinion that the opening of Bering sea will witness the exodus of the last white man from the Kotzebue. The Indians will go back to their fishing, the missionaries to their books, and only a scattering of log cabins will be left to mark the scene of the most demeritous gold hunting expedition since Cortes landed on the golden coast of Florida.

These were the usual number of scurvy-sick people, and a number were frozen in a greater or lesser degree. Sixty-five below was the coldest our travelers knew it to be, and that was after they left the sound. On the sound the coldest it had registered up to the time of their leaving was 50 below, just ten degrees colder than it had registered in Dawson up to the same time. There were some accidents from breaking through the uneven ice of the sound, and one very wealthy gentleman lost his life in that manner. His Indian guide was unable to pull him out, and by the time help could be secured the unfortunate had drifted under, and had to be chopped out from four feet of ice.

Pioneer Masquerade.

The Pioneer club gave a masquerade dance on Monday night at the Pioneer hall, which, though hastily gotten up, proved a great success, and was attended by a full crowd of people. All sorts of costumes from actresses down to devils. In fact the earlier hours found the hall too crowded for comfort or good dancing, but after midnight the crowd thinned down somewhat, and a most enjoyable time was had until morning. The music, under Professor Boyd, was of excellent quality and volume, the floor was in excellent shape and the varied gathering entered gleefully into the spirit of the occasion with a joyous abandon which could not but make success of the affair. The disguises were of multitudinous designs, with numerous silks and velvets, and many a charming figure was revealed as belonging to an acquaintance at the midnight unmasking. Superlative good nature was supreme, and all unite in applauding the management of the ladies, to whom the success of the occasion was attributable.

Long Felt Want Filled.

Dawson is rapidly taking on metropolitan airs. An up-to-date, modern laundry is its latest addition, and that it will prove one of the most popular goes without saying. The institution is known as the Klondike Steam Laundry, and is located on the island at the foot of the Klondike river, where a fine building, 25x40 feet and two stories high is fitted with the most approved apparatus for rapid, thorough and cheap work, including a fine engine and boiler, a washing machine with a capacity of 150 shirts per hour, an extractor or wringer which revolves at the rate of 1,500 revolutions per minute and extracts the water from its contents in three minutes; a drying room heated by steam conducted through coils of pipe, and capable of turning out thoroughly dried clothes in a quantity sufficient to keep fifty women ironing; a steam polish for finishing collars and cuffs,

etc. In the office the clothing received is all put through a system of checking intended to secure the absolute safety and identity of each piece, making losses and mistakes impossible. With all these conveniences and labor saving devices, the management is able to reduce the charges for laundry work to figures representing about half the former rates. Shirts will be but fifty cents, underclothes thirty cents, towels seventy-five cents per dozen, and so on, which any one will agree is quite low for Dawson. Added to this will be a good carrying service, which will receive and deliver goods promptly anywhere in the city. Messrs. Joseph Boyle, Frank P. Slavin and George W. Vogel are the proprietors of this modern and promising establishment, and Mr. Vogel also acts as manager. The supervision of the mechanical work is in the hands of Mr. Harry Holloway, an experienced laundryman from Indianapolis, Indiana. They make the soap used in their business, and guarantee it to be absolutely free from all properties known to be injurious to clothing. The Nugget speaks for the new institution the confidence and patronage of the public.

Dawson Social Club Dance.

The Dawson Social Dancing club gave a masquerade ball at the Family theatre on Monday night, to close up the season's dancing for the club. It was an invitation affair, and the attendance was small, the dancing public being largely drawn to a masquerade at Pioneer hall, given by the Pioneer Dancing club. Some of the costumes showed much taste and care, and the affair was enjoyed by the participants.

Receipts Awaiting Delivery.

The reliability of the Nugget Express service is evidenced as each team returns from the outside. During the winter many valuable packages have been carried and registered on the outside. Mr. Larson Blank, the last Nugget Express messenger to arrive, brought with him post office registry receipts from the following parties: Canadian Bank of Commerce, New York; Mrs. Nelson A. Soggs, Binghampton, N. Y.; Allen Stone, Sumner, Wash.; Otis Stone, Sumner, Wash.; Stein and Stewart, Skagway, Alaska; Andrew Young, jr., West Berkeley, Cal.; Wm. Sherlock, Fredonia, Kansas; Birdie McCain, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Vera Bemish, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. T. M. Reid, jr., Olympia, Wash.

These receipts may be had on application of senders at Nugget Express office, north of N. A. T. warehouse.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. John Frederik Blake, of Los Angeles, Southern California, who represented the San Francisco Chronicle at St. Michaels last winter, is working a lay on 17 Eldorado creek, at the mouth of French Gulch. C. Yager, "Coonskin" Billy McDonald, Robert Stokes and Herman Pasko, the first two being well known old timers, arrived in on Friday, only sixteen days from the coast. They report the trail still in good condition, reports to the contrary notwithstanding. John Escoline, an old time and successful Klondiker, has arrived from the outside and is a guest at the popular Fairview hotel. He reports having left William Leake sick at Thistle. Three more members of the Barry party arrived in Friday. They left their loads at the foot of Lebarge, saying the trail was in such a bad condition they could not get the stuff through.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Dora George was dangerously ill with pneumonia for several days last week. Edward Dolan and Dick Case, two comedians well known in the States, are said to be en route to Dawson. A fire caught in the roof of the Cafe Royal on Tuesday afternoon, but it was extinguished by the fire boys with nominal loss. Messrs. Hammel, Healy and others have begun the construction, adjoining the Melbourne, of a substantial structure, 100x27 feet, which will be leased to a company, who purpose establishing there a place for the sale of beer. Simon Kistek, the well known Indian, returned on Saturday from a trip to Forty-Mile with his face and neck swollen out of shape from an attack of the mumps. In his old fashioned mission learned English, that makes him an oddity among his people, he says of it: "I am the most unfortunate of creatures. I am heir to all the ills that befall the inhabitants of earth."

POLICE COURT NEWS.

The redoubtable Michael G. Eshwege was up again on Tuesday to account for 300 pounds of tobacco taken by him from Dr. Reimer. He was given the privilege of explaining the whereabouts of the whiciness before the territorial court. Thomas Wright, F. Smith, Sam Bonnell and Nelson Soggs neglected the health officer's warnings about maintaining nuisances and all were fined \$5 and costs with the exception of Mr. Soggs, who was let off with the payment of costs only. James Cameron was arraigned on a charge of stealing \$50 in currency and six ounces in gold dust from D. S. Brown, and the tale unfolded in the judicial ear was that the money had been given to Cameron to buy provisions for the camp, whereas Cameron had sold them to other parties and pocketed the gains. The shortage was made good, however, and Brown kindly remained away from court when the case was called, which proved Cameron's salvation. R. S. Dornan evidently knows a good thing when he sees it. While enjoying a celebration a few days ago at Bartlett's road house at 30 below on Hunker he saw a chance to "swipe" a bottle of Mum's extra dry and he took them both in, but before breaking the bottle he espied another labeled "Old Tom Gin." The words worked like magic on him and in the twinkling of an eye he had lost all desire for such common stuff as champagne. With an honest simplicity he deliberately carried the first bottle back and took the "Tom." Bartlett and it will take Dornan 30 days at hard labor to appease the outrage.

Water Works.

The Yukon council has granted Colonel Wood permission to erect and maintain a system of water works for Dawson. The plans of that gentleman embrace a well next the Klondike river, a pump to a large tank on the side hill,

wooden boxing to other tanks at intervals about town. He is also permitted to utilize the surplus water from the springs back of the hospital, which is to be carried in wooden boxing in the same manner. The colonel says the service will be good for at least six months in the worst part of the year for packing water, and says further that it will be sold so cheap and in such abundance as to preclude the possibility of anyone packing water from the river or anywhere else from now on.

Laid Away.

Paul H. Lassonde, of Klona, Wash., aged 31 years, died of pneumonia in the Good Samaritan hospital, April 13th. The funeral took place from the First Presbyterian church to the public cemetery, April 15th. Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. S. Grant.

John Nelson died at St. Mary's hospital on Thursday from the effects of scurvy, aged 48 years, and was buried on Monday. He came to the Klondike from San Diego, California.

Mrs. John Daniels, daughter of Dr. R. G. Caldwell, died on Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness with typhoid fever, at the home of her father. She was twenty-two years of age, a resident of Seattle, and leaves, beside a young husband, a little boy of three years. She was an excellent little woman, whose death will be mourned by all who knew her. The body will be embalmed and taken by an early boat to Seattle for burial.

OUTSIDE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Secretary of war, Alger left for Ouba on March 22. The woodmen of the World will build a \$60,000 home somewhere in the states. Carter Harrison has been renominated mayor of Chicago by the Democrats. Gen. Otis' command in the Philippines has been reinforced by the arrival of 5,000 soldiers. China has formally announced that she will not accede to Italy's demand for concessions at Sanam bay. Dupon C. Ross, champion swordsman of the world, was defeated by Capt. W. S. Rice, of Columbus, O., on March 22. Pope Leo is quoted as saying that he will not live long. "My life will go out like a lamp that has no oil to feed it," he said, recently. Labor agitators, social reformers and silverites, including Eugene V. Debs, met at New York on March 22 to organize a new political party. Baron Russell, lord chief justice of England, is said to have been decided on as successor to the late Baron Herschell on the American-British joint commission. The war department of the United States is about to send an expedition into Alaska, under command of Capt. E. F. Glenn, for the purposes of exploration. Skagway has been in the throes of an epidemic of erysipelas, due to severe climate and imperfect hygienic conditions and several deaths have resulted. The London News, claiming to have discovered indisputable evidence that the real culprit in the Dreyfus affair is Count Von Moltkeheim, the former Russian ambassador. John A. Moore, of Hutchinson, Kans., cut the throats of his five children and then set fire to his house. He is believed to be demented because of troubles with his wife. A rate war between the Canadian Pacific and Soo lines was inaugurated on March 22, and the fake from St. Paul to Seattle was cut to \$12.50. More slashing was predicted. Porto Rico is reported as being more tranquil. Private advices say the people show more confidence in the United States and a disposition to become a loyal adjunct of the great country. Arabs are raiding the upper Sahara. It is reported that the Khalifa is in hard straits, owing to a lack of food and munitions of war for his men. Many of his men have surrendered to the English. Rev. E. X. Harris and Miss Edna Lear eloped from Albany, Oregon. They were located at New Westminster, B. C., but the clerical gentleman got wind of the officers and escaped. He has a wife in the states. Chicago is to have a new coliseum, to be 284x178 feet in dimensions, with a seating capacity of 15,000 and costing \$150,000. It will be located at the corner of Washburn avenue and Sixteenth street and is to be finished by September. The New York council has decided to observe Queen Victoria's birthday on May 24th, by flying the national, state and city flags. The action was taken as a means of expressing the gratitude of the Americans for the signal help offered by England during the late war. Joseph H. Choate, America's new ambassador to the court of St. James, was given a brilliant reception at London by the association of chamber of commerce of the united kingdom, and captured the whole people by a brilliant, bold and witty speech. The press says his utterances have strengthened the ties of brotherhood and friendship between the two nations. America's leading bicycle manufacturers--Pope, Spalding, Gormanly and others--have organized a huge trust. A British syndicate has also been formed. It is reported to compete with the Standard Oil Co. They will operate the new petroleum fields found in the Cherokee nation. The wealth of the men back of the combine is said to reach an aggregate of \$250,000,000.

BEAT FOR THE FIGHT.

New York, March 15.--William A. Brady representing Jim Jeffries and Martin Judan, manager of Bob Fitzsimmons, met today to consider the bids made for the proposed fight. Representatives of a California syndicate offered \$30,000 for the fight; the Westchester club offered \$21,000 and the Coney Island club \$20,000.

YUKONA BONE OF CONTENTION.

OTTAWA, March 15.--The fourth session of the parliament of the Dominion of Canada begins at noon tomorrow. It is expected to be a session of more than usual interest, the opposition, under the leadership of Sir Charles Tupper, having outlined a series of attacks on the government's policy regarding the government of the Yukon territory.

CRAZY WITH A FORTUNE.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 15.--A strange story is told by miners who reached here tonight from Dawson. They tell of a crazy man who came down to the mouth of Stewart river on the ice, with a large amount of gold in his possession. He could not give his name, nor tell where he got the gold and nothing could be made out of him except that he had the gold.

A Magnificent Jewel.

L. Pond & Co., the clever manufacturing jeweler, have on exhibition in the window of their Dawson jewelry establishment, a lady's chateaufort of native gold which is not only of large value but is unique and characteristic of this region to a remarkable degree. It is a present from the friends and admirers of Cad Wilson to

that popular stage favorite. The pin of the fastener is behind a gold pan the size of a dollar containing a perfect model of a windmill coiled with golden rope and bearing a golden bucket, which had evidently just increased the size of a golden dump. On each side of the gold pan is a pick and shovel, binding with golden cord an occasional nugget. The brooch part is nearly six inches long and from this is suspended five nugget chains bearing those precious trinkets with which the ladies love to burden themselves. The articles carried are a ladies handsome gold watch, with the monogram "C. W." on the back and the front rim studded with gold dust; memorandum tablets with back and front of heavy gold; bon-bon box of gold; the center of the lid carrying a handsome quartz nugget, with lettering around the circumference in colored gold, "Klondike, N.W.T.," an extension gold pencil in a gold dust studded case; a gold-dust studded perfume bottle of pure gold. The gold pan above bears the inscription of "Dawson" also in raised colored letters.

The effect of the whole is one of almost baroque magnificence and one can well imagine the effect of such a massive jewel if exhibited upon the outside.

Dr. Rystrom, Dentist, Chisholm block.

Sunday Concert at the Monte Carlo.

On next Sunday evening, April 23, a grand benefit entertainment will be tendered to Mr. Geo. Markus at the Monte Carlo theatre. The best professional and amateur talent has been volunteered for the occasion and it is safe to predict that it will be the best entertainment ever given in this city.

The varied program to be rendered is select, clean and wholesome, and men may bring their families and enjoy an evening of unalloyed pleasure. An argumental orchestra will discourse sweet music, which in itself will be quite a treat to the music loving people of Dawson.

Go to Dr. Rystrom for first-class dental work, Chisholm block.

Notice.

Take notice that the firm doing business at Grand Forks as Thomas, Deyo & Butler have this day dissolved partnership by mutual consent. THOMAS, DEYO & BUTLER, Grand Forks, April 7, '99.

Gold crown and bridge work done by Dr. Rystrom, Chisholm block.

Sargent & Pinks have a fine line of clothing, 206 Front street.

Removed, Louis Pond & Co., two doors north of Monte Carlo.

Notice to the Public.

Having been informed that some person or persons are soliciting trade on the creeks and elsewhere in the name of the Alaska Commercial Co., we would respectfully caution our patrons against dealing with such parties unless they are able to show credentials from us establishing their authority. ALASKA COMMERCIAL COMPANY. Teeth extracted without pain by Dr. Rystrom, Chisholm block.

Good clean banks, good ventilation, Enslin House, water front, opposite A. C. Co.

When you get to Seattle Jos. Mayer & Bros. will buy your dust at full assay value. Fair returns within 24 hours. P. L. building, Cherry street.

Feed well and enjoy life. Good meals 75c. at Ranier House, water front, opposite A. C. Co.

Purify your blood in the Spring with Shoff's Blood & Liver Bitters. Pioneer Drug store.

MESSAGE.

MESSAGE--Mrs. A. Wilson, graduate of the Massage Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, and late Dr. Mitchell, Philadelphia; is again established in rear of Nugget office, opposite her old place.

ELECTRIC BELTS.

HOW IS YOUR BACK?--Liments and porous plasters don't do the work; try an Edison or Sandon electric belt; a guaranteed cure for lame back, kidney troubles, rheumatism and preventative against fevers. Office next to Jean's restaurant.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

LAWYERS. C. M. WOODWORTH, M. A., L. L. B., Advocate, Solicitor, Commissioner, Notary, etc. Five years' practice in Northwest Territory. Room 3, A. C. Office Building.

BURRITT & McKAY--Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, etc. Offices, A. C. Office Building. Safety deposit box in A. C. vaults.

TABOR & HULME--Barristers and Solicitors; Advocates; Notaries Public; Conveyancers. Offices, opposite Monte Carlo, Front Street.

CLEMENT, PATTULLO & RIDLEY--Advocates, Barristers, Notaries, Conveyancers, etc. Money to loan. Offices, McDonald building, Dawson.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

DR. J. H. KOONS, Physician and Surgeon, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., proprietor Miners Hospital, Eldorado City.

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DRS. BROWN & LEE--Crown and Bridge work. Gold, Aluminum or Rubber Plates. Fine gold and alloy fillings. All work absolutely guaranteed. Rooms 13, A. C. office building.

H. AMUNDSON, souvenir jewelry and diamond setting.

ALBIN & SMITH--Dentists. All work guaranteed. Office with Nugget Express Co., Eldorado City.

MINING ENGINEERS.

J. B. TYRRELL, M. A., B. Sc., F. G. S., Consulting Mining Engineer. 15 years geologist on the Geological Survey of Canada, Dawson.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST--Between Hunker, cut-off trail and Dawson, red morocco pocket-book, containing papers. Return to Nugget office. Reward, H. C. Crook.

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