

DIRIGO WRECKED ON MIDWAY ROCKS.

And Dawson Passengers and Freight Are Delayed Thereby.

The "Nugget" is a slight sufferer - A Brewery Plant for Dawson - Towed to the Sound by the Rosalie.

The good ship Dirigo struck on Midway rocks 30 miles below Juneau on Thursday, March 9. She was on her way to Skaguay, having left Seattle three days before with a full complement of passengers and freight, largely for Dawson. She struck in a blinding snowstorm and for a while it was believed she must sink from the force of the collision, but on the ebb of the tide an examination showed the damage to be repairable. Some temporary patching was done and then she was floated off at high tide and towed to Juneau. Captain Roberts in command, was for a long time in command of the City of Seattle and is considered one of the most competent men on the run. The Rosalie will tow the Dirigo back to Puget Sound.

Speaking of those on board the day she left, the P. I. said:

Dawson is to have a regular brewery and R. Burian, with three others, is taking in a complete brewing plant. They are being sent in by the British-American Brewing Company of New York. John Kille is going to Lake Bennett, where he will build several large barges, to be used for transportation of freight down the river to Dawson, just as soon as the ice breaks up.

S. S. Bailey, proprietor of the Northern hotel, went north, accompanied by several men. Mr. Bailey is taking up machinery for a steamer he will build at Lake Bennett. A. Gustavson is taking north 25 head of cattle to Skaguay. This is the third shipment he has made. He drives them as far as possible along the trail towards Dawson and then camps. He expects to be the first man to reach Dawson with cattle after the river opens.

H. C. Copeland and Mr. Singleton, of the Nugget Express Co., went north with a considerable amount of express matter and many letters for the interior.

The reports which have penetrated to Dawson are as yet somewhat meager, but apparently no loss of life was sustained, and so far as is known, the loss of cargo was not great except by occasioning a delay which may prevent some of the delayed ones getting down the river before the break up. As will be seen, the Nugget is a sufferer from this source, express messenger Copeland having in charge, among other things, a consignment of white paper for this office, part of it to be brought down by the first steamer. In the natural order of things Mr. Copeland now cannot get to Dawson much before the 12th or 15th of April, and is liable to experience more or less difficulty with open water at various points.

Indian John Shot to Death.

The Indian population of the Klondike were thrown into a state of sorrow and excitement on Wednesday last, through the unfortunate killing of one of their number named John, by another known as Alexander. The two had been up the Klondike with a party of their people from the Moosehide village on a hunting expedition, and on the day in question John and Alex. were detailed to follow a moose track leading up Rock creek. John was ardent to hunting that day, and agreed to do the driving; so it was arranged that, after going some distance up the trail in the gulch he was to make a detour to the right with the object of heading off the quarry should it make an effort to go that way.

Not long after their parting Alex., with eyes alert and gun ready for instant use, was suddenly startled by hearing a rustling in the willows along the trail just ahead, followed immediately by the appearance of a dark, hairy object. Without a moment's hesitation he threw the Winchester to his shoulder and pulled the trigger; a deep groan and a crashing in the brush and willows followed, and upon running up to witness the death throes of his prey, Alex. was horrified to find the body of his friend John. The bullet had entered the left side, passing through the lungs, and the poor fellow was dead ere his stricken friend had reached his side.

Alex. at once carried information of the sad affair to the encampment on the Klondike and the body was taken with a solera pump through Dawson to the Indian village at Moosehide, where it was interred on Saturday with the Church of England rites, conducted by Rev. B. Totty, the resident missionary, the Kutath language being employed. The whole village was in mourning over the sad affair, as the dead man was one of the fathers of the band and much respected. His slayer, too, stands well in the estimation of the people, and he is held blameless for the unfortunate result of his hasty shot, as it is known to have been an unforeseen accident to which the dead man contributed by his disregard of the instructions he had received from Alex.

Information of the affair was conveyed to Colonel Steele by Bishop Bompas, of the Church of England, who also interceded for leniency in behalf of the murderer, saying that it was solely an accident and that the arrest of Alex. would cause widespread unhappiness among the Kutath, besides practically assuring the unfortunate man the fate of the other Indians who lately succumbed to their captivity. The colonel gave a reassuring reply and upon the foregoing facts being attested to by Rev. Totty and others who investigated the affair, he decided that it would not be proper

to prosecute. John was quite an old fellow, with white hair and withered countenance; but he was still in possession of a vigorous physique. He leaves a wife and several children, one of them a baby five weeks old.

Behind the Times.

Judge Dugas of the territorial court delivered his expected dictum, this week, on the right of a magistrate to imprison for debt. He showed that if an action for debt is brought in a criminal court there is imprisonment specified in the verdict, but if the same action is taken before a civil court, where it properly belongs, there is no imprisonment. The law looks absurd, he said, and if personal opinion could make law he would hold against the measure, as it is cruel and against the spirit of the age; but the law must be taken as it is and he was obliged to hold, reluctantly, that the magistrate had the power to imprison under the law. In the case against J. B. Armstrong, which gave rise to the expression of the above views, his lordship believed that the operation of the law was just; for instead of honestly trying to pay his creditors what he owed them, he bought diamonds for his mistress and gave her a half interest in his belongings. A man who will do that deserves to go to prison, observed his lordship decidedly.

The judge also took occasion to express his contempt for that class of individuals popularly styled "macques," in connection with the Rodenbach-Denauvy case. Trial having been adjourned to the latter part of the month, application was made to have Rodenbach liberated on bail. This his lordship declined to do, saying that society did not ask it and that, although the offense is a bailable one as claimed by counsel, people of Rodenbach's class are not entitled to ask for the privileges which belong to people of better standing in society. It does not master to society, indeed, whether Rodenbach is in jail or in a house of prostitution; besides that there is a strong prima facie case against Rodenbach and the magistrate had felt impelled to deny him bail.

Legislation for Alaska.

The law establishing a new and complete criminal code for Alaska has finally been passed by the United States congress. While the general criminal laws of the United States are extended to the territory, special provisions adaptable to the conditions of the country are made. The good jury system is continued and all felonies must be tried upon indictment by it. Provision is made for a complete system of justice courts, to be presided over by United States commissioners appointed by the president with ex-officio powers as justices of the peace. Deputy United States marshals are also made ex-officio constables of the justice courts. In cases of murder in the 1st degree, the death penalty is prescribed, but the jury may qualify the verdict with the words "without capital punishment" and imprisonment for life will then be the sentence. Gambling and prostitution are made misdemeanors. The age of consent is fixed at 14 years, and salmon and fur-bearing animals are protected against the "pot hunter." Probably the most important feature of the law is that relating to the sale of liquor, the establishment of a system of high license having been substituted for the prohibitory law which formerly existed.

The Drainage System.

Profile plans and specifications for the proposed drainage system which is to reclaim the townsite of Dawson from a state of muck and filth - prepared by Engineer Rufus Buck - have been on exhibition for a week and bids will be received by the commissioner up to 4 o'clock Thursday for the construction of the drains. The ditches will have a width of four feet at the surface, will taper to a width of about two feet at the bottom, and will have such varying depths as the conditions require. The plans show that the ditches will be located on First, Second, Third, Sixth and Seventh streets, running east and west. But with only one of them, that on First street, running through to the bluff, and on sections of Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth and Seventh avenues, running north and south. The longest and main lateral drain is that on Seventh avenue, and this has a southern outlet in the slough which bounds the police reserve on the north and flows into the Yukon near First street. It is proposed to commence the work of excavation forthwith, in order to catch the earliest seepage and carry it into the river instead of allowing it to sink into the ground or to breed typhoid and other germs as a menace to the public health. It is to be hoped that the work will be prosecuted with the utmost vigor, and that the largest number of laborers which can be handled conveniently will be employed at good wages, thus affording another form of benefit to the community.

World's Bicycle Record Broken.

Stanley J. Fay, a quondam Klondiker, is now located at his former home in San Francisco and has written a newsy letter to his old chum, Ben Davis, containing a lot of sporting news. Among other things, he says: "Prize fighting is booming here in San Francisco now; also in the East. Sharkey is a wonderfully improved man, getting a decision over 'has been' Corbett in nine rounds, and knocking McCoy out in the tenth. Has also been getting all sorts of decisions from second-raters. At present Fitzsimmons and Jeffries are matched for 25 rounds or over for the championship of the world, to take place between April 26th and May 15th. Geo. Green recently beat Dan Creedon in 22 rounds. Dan Hawkins licked Kid McFarland in New York, in seven rounds and is now matched in our city against Frank Erne.

the man who bested George Dixon some time ago. Then again, "mysterious" Billy Smith and Kid Lavigne are matched to fight here on the 2nd of March, at 142 pounds, Lavigne giving away seven pounds and I think it will prove one of the greatest scraps in California history. At present writing there is a six-day bicycle match going on at the Pavilion, in which all the champions are entered, including Miller, the winner of the last six-day race in New York, Ginim, Waller, Burns, Pierce, Teddy Hale, Lawson, Fredericks, champion of Europe, Nawn, Ireland's champion, Ashmger and others. At one o'clock today, which was the 62nd hour, Ginim was leading with Miller 2nd. Ginim had covered 1,110 miles which was 68 miles ahead of the world's record. We also have Jimmy Michaels, Eddie Bald, Ehlers, "Baby" Gibson and many others, including Fournier and his infernal machine, which goes by gasoline. He paces Jimmy Michaels mile-in-and-mile-out at the rate of 1:52 1/2.

Official Weather Bureau.

The temperatures of the latter end of March are said to be phenomenally mild. For the week ending Wednesday the 29th we have:

Table with 3 columns: Lowest, Highest, Wind. Rows for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

OUTSIDE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Tom Allan, an American pugilist, shot and killed John Coufray in a St. Louis saloon. Allan's plea was self defense, and the coroner's jury acquitted him.

An Ottawa dispatch to the Victoria Times says: J. J. Healy, vice-president of the N. A. T. & T. Co., and Major Walsh are here today. They intend placing a new line of boats on the lower Yukon this summer.

William Algernon, Velverton, vice-mayor of Avonmore, who visited the Klondike last summer, was at Winnipeg, recently, and in a newspaper interview he declared that the much vaunted Edmonton route is not only impracticable but actually dangerous, and should be abandoned.

Queen Victoria has given up her projected sojourn at Riviera, owing to the wide publicity given to her illness, and the fear, it is said, of the attraction of dangerous cranks to the place. The unhappy murder of the empress of Austria has had a depressing effect upon the imperial ladies.

New York, March 1 - Commander Conswell, with the U. S. gunboat Petrel and a force of military, arrived at Zebu, one of the Filipino cities, on the 21st of February, and the insurgents surrendered the place upon demand. The Americans took possession of the public affairs, but will allow the native administration of interior affairs to continue.

The streams of Wisconsin are furnishing a fresh water clam, in which are sometimes found pearls to the value of \$5,000. Reports say that the farms thereabouts are utterly neglected, as everyone is out on the streets taking after the valuable shells. Two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars of the pearls have been secured to date.

Sir Arthur Curtis left London for the Klondike via the all-Canadian route last March, and now the London courts are being asked to declare him dead, so that Lady Sarah Curtis can take the estate. Sir Arthur disappeared over the cooking with some of his party and indignantly walked out of camp. Since that moment he has never been seen, though the woods were searched for days by Indians and friends.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Billy Connors gladdened the eyes of his many friends on Monday by musing in from a trip to the outside world. Captain Ellis, a well-known Klondiker, arrived in Monday from a trip to the outside. The captain is listed among the best of the Eldorado kings and is said to deserve all his good fortune.

Messrs. James McNamee and Philip Kinney, Eldorado and Hunker kings respectively, and J. A. McNeill, another popular Klondiker of early days, arrived in Monday from a trip of the outside and are guests at the Klondike hotel.

T. J. Thomas, who went to the outside with a mule during the winter, arrived in on Monday with two horses and some "plunder." Thomas had a large load of provisions when he left Bennett which he expected to bring through, but he came across such good prices along the trail that he practically sold out before arriving. His load brought him \$25 a sack at the roadhouses.

A Notable Coincidence.

The Victoria Colonist says: It is notable that on the day which saw the chief justice of the United States and prominent members of the senate of that country unite in tribute to Lord Herschell, Ambassador-Chief, should be conveying to the people of the British empire the warmest assurances of friendship from the people of the republic. There is more in this than appears on the surface. The death of Lord Herschell was only accidentally coincident with the arrival of Mr. Croate in Southampton, but there is more than a coincidence underlying the expressions of friendship and heartfelt appreciation to which utterance was given. The two great nations are clearly drawing closer together, and the honors paid to the living statesman and jurist by the people of Great Britain will combine with the expression of sympathy and esteem for the dead statesman and jurist from the people of the United States in strengthening the bond of sympathy. These things show how near we are to each other in all that is worth maintaining in all that has served to make both nations great.

Minstrels.

This week the Monte Carlo opens with a first part minstrel piece which gives the company a good opportunity for the display of its talents, both musical and comedian. Miss Malcolm is again seen in the olio and the only difficulty appears to be how to refuse too many encores without offense. Blanche Lamont's graceful dancing is still one of the strong numbers, while Mulligan's dainty contortions to be the popular favorites their work has always made them. Lamore, Gardner, Dora George, Howard, and Miss Florence Clifford are still retained. Miss Clifford's ballad singing is growing in popularity.

Tivoli.

The Tivoli, as usual, puts on a strong first part and a stronger olio. Maurettus, with his own strong right arm, stops the train forcibly while he rescues the unfortunate one-armed lover from the ropes which bind him to the track. The Newman's are missed but a sparring contest is put on each evening and the dancing of the Oatley sisters, Maurettus and Brown is quite evident strongly to the liking of the audience. Fred Breen still retains his hold on popular approval whatever he does.

Seventy-five cents buys the best meal in Dawson, Rainier House, water front, opposite A. C. Co.

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

Men's rubbers at Sargent & Pinsky, 206 Front street.

Ready for Business.

The undersigned wish to announce that the Dawson City Barber Shop will be reopened on Thursday morning, March 30, and an invitation is extended to the public to give us a call. No. 332, opposite the Dominion.

DEWEY & SCROCK.

Stop at the Skookum Road House, 30 below on Bonanza, best lunch on the creek, meals at all hours. Open day and night.

Notice to the Public.

Having been informed that some 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.

Good clean bunks, good ventilation, Rainier House, water front, opposite A. C. Co.

When you get tired chasing around town for things you can't find go over to the Pioneer drug store E. Shoff Chemist.

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

Pete Marten's friends will hereafter find him at the Northern saloon.

Notice.

Tenders, addressed to the Officer Commanding Northwest Mounted Police, Dawson, and marked "tenders for dog fish," will be received up to room of the first of May, 1899, for the supply and delivery of dog fish at the following places and in the following quantities: Dawson, 15,000 pounds; Tagish, 10,000 pounds; Bennett, 5,000 pounds; Selkirk, 5,000 pounds. And at each of the following points 1,000 pounds each: Indigo River, Ogishie, Stewart River, Half-Way, Selkirk, Hootchik, Five Fingers, Tantalus, Little Salmon, Big Salmon, Hootling, Lower Labarge, White Horse, McElintock River, Caribou Crossing, Upper Labarge. Fish to be delivered before the close of navigation for the season of 1899. To be properly dried and cured, and of good quality, and subject to the acceptance of the N. C. officer or officer in charge at point of delivery. Tenders will be received either for the whole or any of the places separately. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. A deposit of five per cent. of the amount contracted for will be required to be deposited, as a guarantee as to fulfillment of contract.

By order,

CORLETT STARNES, Act. Quarter Master.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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

BURRITT & MCKAY - Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, &c. Office, 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, &c. Money to loan. Offices, McDonald building, Dawson.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS DR. J. WILFRED GOOD, M. B., S. R. C. P., Edinburgh. Late Surgeon to Winnipeg General Hospital. Office, Arlington Block, 125 Avenue, Dawson. Telephone No. 16.

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

DENTISTS

DRS. BROWN & LEE - Crown and Bridge work, Gold, Aluminum or Rubber Plates. Fine gold and alloy fillings. All work absolutely guaranteed. Room 13, A. C. office building. H. AMUNDSON, souvenir jewelry and diamond setting.

T. G. ALBIN, D. D. S. - All work guaranteed. Office with Nugget Express Co., Eldorado City.

MINING ENGINEERS: J. B. TYRELL, M. A., B. Sc., F. G. S., Consulting Mining Engineer, 15 years geologist on the Geological Survey of Canada. 2nd cabin back of Klondike Hotel, Dawson.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND - Bunch of keys on Hunker; inquire at this office.

LOST - Between Bonanza hotel and 87 roadhouse, red pocket book, containing several \$20 bills, letter addressed J. O. Holan and miner's license. Finder return to this office and receive reward.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE - One-half interest in 33-above, on Hunker creek, right fork. New dam and waste ditch put in last fall; 100 feet of ground stripped of moss and brush, ready for ground sluicing. Box bedrock drain 110 feet. Rock bedrock drain 70 feet in claim. Price \$5,000 cash. For further particulars apply to T. L. Sagar, 6-A above on Hunker creek.

FOR SALE - Vienna Bakery and Coffee House. Everything complete, old established business, good trade; also mining property. Owners must leave on account of health. A snap for right party. Second Ave., bet. 7th and 8th Sts.

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