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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1903. TRAVEL SHOULD COME THIS WAY.

An illustration of what might be accomplished if Dawson possessed a live, active commercial organization is furnished by the stamped now-in-progress to the Tanana. Advices from coast points indicate that the Tanana fever in very virulent form has appeared in Seattle, Tacoma and other coast points. Parties leaving from those cities are in almost every instance booking passage for Valdez, undoubtedly urged to do so by those who are interested in the latter town.

It is a well known fact that the so called route via Valdez is practically impassable at this season of the year and the great majority of those who attempt to reach the Tanana by that route will be destined for cruel hardships and ultimate disappointment.

The natural route, the easiest and cheapest route is via Dawson and Circle City. The cost of reaching Dawson from the coast is a very small sum and outfits may be secured in this city at reasonable figures. We venture to say that supplies may be purchased in Dawson and freighted to the Tanana diggings via Circle City for less money than will be charged for freighting alone from Valdez to the Tanana.

If all the facts in the case were given widespread publication on the coast, through the proper agencies, a large percentage of the travel now going to Valdez could be diverted to this direction. Instead of looking arms and mourning because a few people are leaving Dawson for the Tanana the people of this town should busy themselves studying out some means of turning the new strike to their own advantage.

It is safe to say that parties interested in the Valdez townsite are spending money in Seattle at the present time for the purpose of inducing travel to go in their direction. Dawson might readily overcome the Valdez movement by judicious and well directed effort. Most people in the states would naturally think that duty would have to be paid on any outfits purchased in Dawson, while as a matter of fact almost every outfit taken from this city is made up of American goods and therefore is allowed to enter Alaska duty free.

There is every reason why travel should come in this direction instead of going via Valdez, for the latter route will be the scene of hardship and suffering untold. Dawson's business concerns could well afford to spend a few thousand dollars in laying the situation in all its details before the outside world. The money expended would return, ultimately, many fold.

OTHER REFORMS OVERSHADOWED.

It has been nearly two years since the Nugget first began advocating the construction of a public water system by government aid. During the interim, the belief and conviction has been forced upon us that the future of the district lies very largely in the ability of the people to interest the government in the project.

The large areas of low grade ground as yet practically untouched must be made productive—and when we say productive, we mean profitably productive—or the territory will certainly suffer a retrogressive movement. In order to accomplish the de-

sired result it is absolutely essential that government aid be secured. It may be accepted without argument that no private concern will embark in an enterprise of such magnitude, with any expectation other than to derive therefrom the largest possible profits.

For instance, had the Treadgold scheme been permitted to stand as originally outlined, it is possible that the miners in time would have been furnished a water supply, but the charges would have been so great as to make the burden absolutely unbearable.

It is not merely that water is necessary—but it must be furnished so cheaply as to be within the reach of every mining operator, whether his ground is high or low grade.

From the government standpoint the investment required would prove remunerative in the end, for it would create new energy throughout the mining district, add largely to the number of the territory's self-sustaining inhabitants and thus increase, in a marked degree the large revenues now drawn from the district.

In comparison with the need of a water system all other reforms are of subsidiary importance, and upon this one point every influence in the territory should be concentrated.

HER STRONG SUIT

Carrie Nation Uses Her Hatchet in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—Carrie Nation wielded her hatchet this evening.

She was strolling through the Chutes Gardens in the theatre of which she has been lecturing all week, and, reaching the restaurant, she came across some young men drinking beer at a table.

With one sweep of her hatchet she cleared the table of bottles and glasses and then proceeded to give the crowd a lecture on temperance.

Today Mrs. Nation called upon Chief of Police Elton and told him how to run the police department.

It seems that Mrs. Nation has become imbued with the idea that Los Angeles is the most immoral city on the face of the globe, and her description of the abuses and transgressions of biblical law in the City of the Angels puts in the shade all legends and reports, official and otherwise, of the ancient cities, Sodom and Gomorrah.

She reported to the chief that forty women were imported to this city from Belgium and France last year and that there are over 200 women in the Tenderloin district.

Mrs. Nation insisted that the chief should cause every one of the places to be closed, and that the whole district should be wiped out. When pressed as to how it should be done, she said simply "Wipe them out."

"If you let the light shine on these places they will go out of business themselves, and you won't have such a festering sore in the heart of the city," she said.

"Are you a resident of this city?" asked the chief.

"No, but here are a dozen good women who are," was the reply, and she pointed to the party of reform workers who had accompanied her to the station.

The chief promised to attend to the "wiping out" proposition.

Rockefeller and His Money

New York, Feb. 19.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is supposed to be about the richest young man in America and owes \$400,000, and has only \$30,000 worth of personal property, according to the statement filed with the department of taxes and assessments. Mr. Rockefeller was assessed at \$500,000.

From what could be learned at the tax office, Mr. Rockefeller called there and stated that he had \$400,000 in debts and that his personal property above his debts was worth only \$30,000, but he was willing to pay taxes on an assessment of \$500,000. The commissioners accepted Mr. Rockefeller's figures.

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Stroller's Column.

A news item in the Nugget of yesterday recalled to the mind of the Stroller some of the incidents that came to his notice during three months time spent on the Skagway trail in 1897-98. The item referred to described how five men without dogs, horses or other animals to assist them had started for the Tanana diggings, their outfits behind them on sleds. The Stroller wishes them the best of luck and hopes that they will reach the scene of the strike in good season to get a claim before the summer rush sets in.

Men who will tackle a game like that are entitled to succeed and if the fates were just, they would succeed—the fates are not always just—and that brings the Stroller back to the point which started him on this narrative.

It was in January, '98, and the trail was filled from morning to night with an endless procession of pack teams, dog teams, sleighs drawn by horses, mules, oxen, goats, reindeer, often by men and once in a great while by a woman.

Those months on Skagway trail will always stand out by themselves as a part of the Stroller's life—separate and distinct from all the rest—because scenes were then and there enacted which will never be duplicated in history and to which the pen of man never will be able to do justice.

While running up and down the trail hither and thither in search of anything and everything that might be made the subject of a newspaper correspondent's pencil, the Stroller fell in with a party of two young fellows who hailed from Kentucky.

Neither one had ever before been beyond the confines of their own rural county and their experience in luffeting with the world had been decidedly limited.

They were "mushing" their way outfit, packing along the steep portions of the route and dragging a sled load where the grades were moderate.

The tireless energy which these men threw into their work was equalled only by the sublime confidence they expressed of winning fortune in the golden north. The possibility of failure never seemed to cross their minds. They had pondered and studied so long before making up their minds to join the rush, and had convinced themselves so thoroughly that a harvest of wealth was within their reach, that assurance of success had become to them a conviction almost akin to religious faith.

So they went on, each day drawing their little supply of grub and clothing a little nearer to the summit and with every advance becoming more and more confident of reaching a realization of the hopes that had urged them to join the great stampede.

Late one bitterly cold afternoon when the wind was blowing down through the canyon as it knows how to blow only on Skagway trail, the Stroller set off to visit his two friends. He had not seen them for about a week as their tent had been moved several miles up the trail.

The frail little canvas house was distinguished by a sign on the flap which was readily recognized. Entering without preliminary announcement, the conviction that something was wrong seized the Stroller even before his eyes became accustomed to the darkness which pervaded the tent.

A moment's investigation confirmed his fears. In a corner of the tent on a rude couch of spruce boughs, Fred, the younger of the two boys, was tossing in delirium. There was no life in the small Yukon stove, and all indications pointed to the fact that the partner had been away for the day and had not yet returned.

It was apparent at a glance that meningitis, that dread scourge of the trail, had seized the unfortunate lad who seemed to be almost in the last stages.

What could be done the Stroller did. A fire was soon ablaze in the stove and the sufferer placed in a more comfortable position, but excepting an occasional moan for water he displayed no signs of returning consciousness.

In about an hour the partner returned. A consultation ensued and it was agreed that only one thing could be done. A rope was laid on their sled and the sufferer wrapped up in it. With a long rope he was lashed to the sled in the same fashion as a load of flour. The partner took the lead rope and with the Stroller bringing up the rear, a mournful procession started for Skagway.

Four days later there was a funeral—brief as is the frontier custom, when men are mad with the lust of gold in their veins. But solemn it was, at least for those who were the chief mourners. There was nothing unusual about it, nothing exciting about it, nothing to attract the attention of the countless horde of crazed stampedeers. It was merely an incident of the trail—nothing more.

causes you to think that your Husband's Love is on the wane?" "He no longer pays me the little attentions that he used to before we were married," replied Mrs. Rooster.

"The reason a Masculine Creature does not hold Hands after he is married," replied Mrs. Hen, "is because he needs both Paws to work with to Pay his Wife's Bills."

"He has also ceased telling me that he loves me," wailed Mrs. Rooster. "Taffy is cheap," replied Mrs. Hen, "and any Chappie will cough up lots of caloric Language as long as you will listen to him spiel, but Money Talks, and the Wife who has got a Husband who is willing to toll to stand between her and the Slog Pile has got a Proof of Affection strong enough to draw Money on at the Bank."

"But he does not Notice what I wear," moaned the disconsolate Wife. "As long as he doesn't Notice what other Females wear, push your Luck, for things are coming your way," responded her mother. "Go home and Forget it," continued Mrs. Hen, addressing her daughter, "for you make me tired. If Masculine Creatures devoted as much time to making Love after Marriage as they do before, their Wives would have to take in Washing to support the Family. Furthermore, I apprehend that a Sentimental Husband who made Love to you at the Breakfast Table would cloy on your Palate, and make you long for a brute who Beat you for a Change. Before marriage it is well to investigate the Temperature of a Masculine Creature's Affections, but after Marriage the Wise Wife breaks for Thermometer and Quits Guessing."

Moral—This Fable teaches that an Industrious Woman can always manufacture a Grievance if she does not Possess one Ready Made.

Don't Drink B. W. in Meals

London, Jan. 31.—Lord Roberts has accepted the presidency of the new temperance association, whose pledge not to drink between meals is receiving many thousands of signatures.

Dr. Robert Hutchison described the ideas of the promoters of the movement at the headquarters of the National Health Society yesterday. It is a fallacy, he said, to say that because water is man's natural beverage it is therefore the only right beverage. Civilization has improved upon the food and drink of the cave man just as it has improved his dwellings and morals.

Alcohol in some instances is a good thing as a beverage. Taken in small quantities and properly diluted with water and with meals, it often assists digestion. The tendency of alcohol on an empty stomach is to produce gastric catarrh and congestion, but when the stomach is full of food alcohol in its stimulating action tends to quicken the beneficent churning process.

He would never advise people to drink alcohol to help them in their work. It is a popular fallacy to think that alcohol supplies mental energy. From one to one and a half ounces of pure alcohol should suffice daily. This is represented by one glass of spirits, two glasses of porter and one tumbler of claret or one pint of ale.

No Change Here

King Edward's first levee is described by those attending it as large, brilliant and stately. The king was more formal than was his custom when Prince of Wales. But notwithstanding the immense trade Dunham is having, he greets his customers with the same hearty welcome as he always has, and in the future as in the past they are sure of getting the very best quality of groceries in the Dawson market at the Family Grocery, corner Second avenue and Albert street. All eggs candied before delivered to customers.

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