

STRIVING TO ASSIST DAWSON

Outside Aid Has Been Enlisted in Our Behalf.

Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce Interesting Themselves for Our Better Mail Service.

As one result of the recent action of the Dawson Board of Trade in agitating the question of securing a mail service that will bring us more than our letters during the closed season, the interests of commercial organizations of Seattle, Tacoma and Portland have been enlisted in our behalf, and each of them is striving to assist Dawson in securing her demands by bringing all the power and influence at their command upon their representatives at Washington.

The following letters have lately been received by the secretary of the home Board of Trade, Mr. F. W. Clayton:

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 27, 1900.
F. W. Clayton, Secretary Board of Trade, Dawson.

Dear Sir: Your communications concerning mails to Dawson were placed before our chamber at its last meeting, and I was directed to present the matter to the postal officials. I have already done so. The postal agent here thinks that it is impracticable to carry anything but actual letters. The facilities for carrying the mail are necessarily limited in winter. Were the government to undertake to carry all matter presented to it at letter rates the service would be swamped as the people of the Yukon valley would soon place upon it the carriage of merchandise in such large quantities as to make it impossible to move at all. He also says that the mails never have been carried as they should have been, and as the mail agents agreed to carry them, but that they have not been paid in cases of non fulfillment of the terms. He thinks it is impossible to do better than has been done this winter. Each year, however, makes it easier, and with the extension of the railroad, the opening of other roads, and the increase of population and travel, the mail service can and will be greatly improved and increased in another year.

I have also written to the postmaster general about it, and have urged him to send forward to Bennett all the mail matter—first, second or third class—and there deliver it to the Canadian post office. If the Canadian government does not forward it, the government of the United States will not be to blame. Our full duty, at least, will have been done, and you folks can make all your fight at Ottawa, instead of the half. I believe this practicable, and will be the ultimate result.

I will let you know later what comes of our efforts in this behalf. Yours truly,

THOS. W. PROSCH, Secretary.

The following very satisfactory reply to Dawson's request is from the "City of Destiny":

Tacoma, Wash., March 1, 1900.
Board of Trade, Dawson, Yukon Territory, Alaska.

Gentlemen: Your communication concerning mail facilities was duly received and read at a recent meeting of our board of trustees. The same was forwarded to our Senator Foster and Congressman Cushman, with the request that they take steps in the matter, together with our endorsement of the action taken by your honorable body.

We beg to assure you that at all times we will render any assistance possible in this direction or in any other way that we may be of use to you. Senator Foster, who is a resident of this city and a member of our chamber of commerce takes a great deal of interest in all things pertaining to Alaska; and we have his assurance that he will do everything in his power to advance the welfare of the people of Alaska and Yukon territory. Very truly,

TACOMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

J. W. WHITEHOUSE, Sec'y.

This one from Portland:
Portland, Or., March 7, 1900.
Mr. F. W. Clayton, Secretary Board of Trade, Dawson City, Yukon Territory, B. C.

Dear Sir: We beg to advise you that we are in receipt of a letter from Senator McBride of this state, acknowledging receipt of a memorial adopted by your body and attested by a number of merchants of your city, which we forwarded to Senator McBride at your request, with recommendations for your relief in the matter referred to. Mr. McBride states:

"I shall bring this matter to the attention of my colleagues in the Oregon

delegation in congress, and shall ask them to join with me in an endorsement of the petition and in urging upon the department that additional provision be made for carrying the mails from Skagway to Dawson City."

This for your information. Yours very truly,

L. N. FLEISCHNER, Secretary.

Lastly comes the state paper of Washington with a promise to do all in its power to assist in bringing about a betterment of conditions in the matter of winter mails for this country. The business manager of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer writes:

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17, 1900.
F. W. Clayton, Secretary Board of Trade, Dawson, N. W. T.

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 26th containing copy of resolutions regarding the mail service into Dawson. The Post-Intelligencer would be very glad to render any assistance in its power for the betterment of the service. We shall treat the matter editorially and also will correspond with representatives in Washington, the heads of the postal department and such other individuals as we believe would have some effect in remedying the situation. It is a matter that we are very much interested in and trust that our efforts will result in good. Yours very truly,

S. P. WESTON,

Business Manager.

Female Deputy U. S. Marshal.

Mrs. Emma Van Dusen, the first woman in Texas to be sworn in as a deputy United States marshal, has just assumed that position in the headquarters of the northern district of Texas, at the federal building in Dallas, under United States Marshal George H. Green. Mrs. Van Dusen, a young and accomplished widow, has been connected with the office of the clerk of the federal court at Dallas since a short time after the death of her husband, Charles Palmer Van Dusen, of Evansville, Ind., nine years ago; soon after their marriage. Probably no other person in the federal building at Dallas is so well informed in the documentary department of the institution as is Mrs. Van Dusen. She has been in charge of an enormous number of papers, many of them forming parts of the records of some of the most noted criminal and civil cases in the history of the United States courts. Mrs. Van Dusen was born in Hillsboro, N. C. Her father was Robert O'Daniel, of the County Cork, Ireland; her mother was a Miss Jackson, of Virginia, a cousin of the immortal "Stonewall" Jackson, of Confederate military fame. It will thus be seen that the new deputy marshal comes of "good fighting stock." Marshal Green says he will arm Mrs. Van Dusen with the regulation weapons, and insist that she "carry a gun," the same as a man. If she does, there is no doubt she will know how to use it, in case of necessity.

Lucky Find.

A man does not necessarily have to go out prospecting in this country and sink shafts down into the bowels of the frozen earth in order to strike it rich. There are other ways in which less physical exercise is required and by which the returns are fully as great.

A few days ago a gentleman with the habits indigenous to Kentucky, looked upon the nootch when it was red to such an extent that when he sobered up by putting a few drops of absinthe in it, he found he had lost his pocketbook containing several valuable papers and an amount of money, just how much the loser had no idea, but he estimated it to be between \$25 and \$75. As an inducement to have the papers returned, he advertised in the Daily Nugget that the finder could keep all the money the pocketbook contained and \$50 additional when the papers were returned. To show his good faith in his offer he left the \$50 on deposit with the gold weigher at the Dominion. The book was found and the papers returned; but instead of there being from \$25 to \$75 in it, there were \$140 which, with the additional \$50, made \$190 for the finder, which he pocketed without as much as saying "Have something."

Palace Grand Program.

Commencing tonight, the management of the Palace Grand theater will begin the evening's entertainment with the production of the drama, entitled "Lynwood," after which the regular olio will be given; and the program will be concluded with the performance of the "Sculptor's Dream." The theater continues to be patronized liberally by the public; last night, it was difficult to secure a seat. The excellent quality of entertainment, which the Palace Grand now affords, is appreciated by the people of Dawson.

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The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

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UNITED STATES CENSUS.

Enumeration Is One of Its Least Significant Features.

Race, Color and Nationality Are Noted—300 Questions Regarding Agriculture.

The twelfth United States census will be taken in the month of June next. This important work is under the direction of Hon. William R. Merriman, director, assisted by Fred H. Wines, assistant director.

Though an enumeration of the population of the United States has been taken every ten years since 1790, the first attempt to secure agricultural statistics through the medium of the census was made in 1840. The data secured at that time were considered defective for various reasons. The methods of census taking were changed and greatly improved in 1850; hence it is usually said that the beginning of agricultural statistics by the census dates from 1850. Both in 1840 and 1850 there were 37 questions asked with reference to agriculture. The questions remained about the same in number, although somewhat changed in character, from decade to decade until 1880. In 1890 the number was increased to 255 questions, and further increased this year to 310.

Although 255 different questions were asked on the general agricultural schedule in 1890, the answers to only about 100 were tabulated. If the answers obtained in 1900 are fully tabulated along the plans now projected, the agricultural report will include information concerning three times as many subjects as in any preceding census.

Associated with the questions given above are the following: The estimated value of all farm products sold, consumed or on hand for the year 1899; the amount expended in 1899 for fertilizers; the amount expended in 1899 for farm labor, exclusive of housework, including value of board furnished. The first of these three questions corresponds to the one asked on the manufacturing schedule for the total gross product of the articles manufactured in the factories and workshops of the nation. The question relating to fertilizers furnishes the information that shows from decade to decade the progress in improved methods of farming.

Of the other important questions, attention is called to those which ask for the color or race of farm proprietors, and the tenure by which they held their land. The latter question was asked on the schedules in 1880 and 1890, and the former in 1890. The census of 1890 did not, however, tabulate the result of the inquiry relating to color or race. It is the purpose of those in charge of the present census to tabulate the data collected relating to tenure in such a way as to throw all possible light upon the vexed social and economic questions which have been raised concerning the ownership and tenure of farm lands. This census will also tabulate the figures showing the number of acres of land, the various sizes of farms and the crops, which have been raised by the white and black races, and thus exhibit, as no statistics so far collected have done, the real progress and attainments of the colored race in the United States.

A False Alarm.

Mr. L. T. Burwash, the Dominion mining recorder at Stewart, arrived in Dawson yesterday. In speaking of the reported discovery of gold on White river, the gentleman said:

"No claims on White river nor its tributaries have been recorded; and I have no knowledge that any have been staked. There is no stampede into that particular locality. One party is reported to have gone up the White river, and it is claimed that he knows of rich gold deposits there. Perhaps he has been followed by a few others, but there is no general stampede."

Mr. Burwash says that the trail between Stewart and Dawson is in very bad condition. He will return to resume his official duties sometime during the week.

Will Await Navigation.

C. S. Sargent, of the clothing firm of Sargent & Pinsky, who left for the outside in January, writes from New York that he will not attempt to return to Dawson over the ice, but will be in as soon as navigation opens. He thinks he will probably facilitate the forwarding of his firm's consignment by staying with it; and judging from the experience of many who came on in and left their freight to follow last fall, his head is level on the proposition.

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