3020 MILES OF A WINTER'S TRIP

Is What Was Undertaken and Performed by "Windy Jim."

Tells of What He Really Found on the Koyukuk—Arctic City is no More—How Battles Headed Off a Townsite Scheme.

J. W. Dodson, familiarly known as "Windy Jim," is starting for the coast to complete the biggest winter trip of which we have heard. Not only has he traveled afoot from St Michaels, but he has also made long detours up the many side streams to which he delivered mail, and completing from St. Michaels to Skaguay the phenominal trip of 3,020 miles afoot since leaving St. Michaels November 7 with a thousand letters. For four hundred miles, in one piece, he broke his own trail, besides doing so in numerous other places to head the various creeks.

The letters he carried were addressed to various of the hundred or more steamers which had left St. Michaels during the summer for up river points and had not returned. It was known where some of them were, but more of them were lost to human knowledge. At the mouth of the Koyukuk 2,200 more letters were picked up addressed in the same way. It was learned there that 51 of the steamers were upon the various affluents of that stream. Every one of them was visited and divides were crossed between the forks, and finally the big divide to the Yukon which carried our traveler to Dahl river. Over 3000 letters were delivered upon the Koyukuk to men who had not heard from the outside world since the early summer.

"Windy Jim" has spent eight winters in this corner of the earth, and has earned quite a reputation as a "musher" and mail carrier. A thousand mile spin over trackless wastes is only an agreeable outing, and now that he can run into settlements of white men at least every twenty days he is beginning to consider Alaska thickly populated, and will go outside until some of the people leave. He invested largely of his earnings on the Koyukuk placers and a coal mine, though he is conscientiously careful not to tell anything of that stream which cannot be substantiated. He says, "There has been pay taken from Tramway bar, on the north fork, and prospects are found in numerous other places on the north fork, and I have even heard the story that fifty cents has been found to the pan on Poor Man's creek, which is the south fork," but our traveler refuses to vouch for anything of the kind. He says there is a large amount of prospecting being done, and that good prospects have been found to his knowledge on various of the tributaries of the north fork—so good, indeed, that he invested his earnings—but the only sure thing at present is the bar before spoken of.

An interesting story is told of Arctic City. Last summer some of the voyagers discovered that there was an elegant townsite below the forks, at which place Captain Battles and his famous boat Yukon was in the habit of leaving the winter supplies for that section. Immediately the ground was pre-empted as a townsite by the Edith M. Kyle Co., and was laid off and electric lights strung around on the trees in glorious profusion. Settlers stopped, examined and bought, and by and bye the Yukon came along and everyone was on the bank to see it land and to witness the discomfiture of Battles when he had to pay wharfage and purchase a warehouse site. To everyone's consternation the steamer continued up stream in the middle of the river to a point seven miles away, where a landing was made and a townsite staked called Bergeman. Naturally the town is where the supplies are, and thus it happens that Arctic City, when Dodson left, had reverted back to primeval darkness, and nothing is there but unowned lots and an unpatronized half-way house, while its younger rival is a growing settlement and bids fair to become the metropolis of the Koyukuk.

From Dodson also is learned of the doings of the A. C. Co. at Andreeooski, a new town on the Yukon, some 299 miles from St. Michaels. Immense machine shops and foundries are being built, which are employing 92 men, the company plant including enormous warehouses and ways and docks for repairing their elegant steamers. The site is a desirable one, being high and dry and providing ample room for the town, which must spring up around so important a works.

Dodson leaves Saturday and carries with him letters from the many large companies who have received their mail through his efforts, and will try for the mail contract for this region. There is one thing sure from his past history—if he started in with the mail at any time of the year, it would be sure to come.

St. Mary's.

The report of the above institution for the week ending March 22d, shows 12 patients admitted, 4 discharged, no no deaths and 50 patients still in the hospital undergoing treatment for the various ills incident to life in this region.

Judge Dugas is Lenient.

Judge Dugas this week gave unmistakable evidence that the virtue of mercy, when justified by circumstances, occupies a conspicuous place in his list of good qualities. It was in connection with the Kentucky creek perjury cases, and the recipients of his mercy were W. H Duffield, Ernest I. Foster, A. H. Bowman and Herman Figur, all of whom had pleaded guilty to the charge against them. Figur had originally pleaded not guilty, but on Friday he changed his plea to guilty, and in imposing sentence Judge Dugas took occasion to pass some remarks designed to put the public on their guard against the further perpetration of this specie of frauds. He declared that there is no excuse for ignorance of the mining regulations, though some people appear not to be acquainted with the mere rules governing staking, and that it must stop. He thought it more honest for Figur and the others named to admit their fault and plead guilty, rather than to go into the box, like some might, and commit further perjury. He took into consideration the fact that the prisoners had already spent about two months in jail and released them upon payment of a $10 fine. There are yet five cases to be heard, the defendants being Dr. Brunner, Sam Kirk, Edgar Brown, Thomas Boldman and George Dague.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Several actions for wages were tried, but judgment was reserved pending a decision from Judge Dugas on the rights of the lower court to commit a person for default in a judgment.

Thomas Corniff, for unlawfully indulging his propensity for "scrapping," while being unduly exhilarated, was fined $20 and costs in lieu of 14 days hard labor.

The same hard fate befell Messrs. S. P. Merchant, C. Hansen and George Chambers, and all were equally fortunate in having sufficient coin of the realm with which to evade the alternative.

Jno D. Mitchell and Arthur Bernier will hereafter pay close attention to the mandates of the health department of the town, it may be justly assumed, for failure to do so, together with the act of throwing slops on the high ground at the levee, subjected them to a fine of $5 and costs Some forms of experience come high, "but we must have 'em"

Roger O'Connor, popularly known as "Rody" by his host of friends, was before his worship on a charge of absent mindedness, the exact specification being that he had sold to C H. Nuvell for $350 a cabin belonging to George McCord, "with intent to"—and all that. The case has been adjourned to Thursday next, but the parties not fied the court that the matter will likely be amicably settled.

Three young men named F. Carruthers, B. Tulford and A Broadin were given a lesson in the interests of the public health; they having committed a public nuisance on the streets. "The way the people have lived here," the lesson of the court ran, "the health of the place will be terrible. The authorities are determined to put a stop to the abuses, and I will fine you $5 and costs as a warning to others."

Charles Matthews confessed that he was drunk and admitted that he did wrong in refusing to obey the police when told to keep quiet and go home. "It is the duty of the police to maintain order," quoth the court, "and the sooner the people find it out the better it will be for them. I will give you $20 or 14 days in jail." Charles signified his appreciation of the lesson and retired in the direction of the stockade.

F. Barnikoff was an employe of Mrs. Vincent, of Dominion fame, but that is not the reason why his partner, A. M Leopold, caused his arrest on a charge of stealing a sled and stove. Barnikoff had borrowed the articles to go on a trip to Munook for Mrs. Vincent, and upon his return he sold the stove for reasons best known to himself Leopold not being accorded an opportunity to act as treasurer for the firm, made his sense of injury felt by causing the other's arrest. However, a judicious and skillful questioning on the part of Justice Harper made it clear as the waters of the Klondike that no crime was intended, and Barnikoff was discharged.

The ever present dog stealing case was on for trial Thursday, only differing from others in minor details. H. Thorileny was the defendant, and he set up as his defense that the dog was—he believed—the property of his partner who, fortunately or unfortunately (?) was "up the Klondike" W. M. Tam, the owner of the dog, had no difficulty in establishing his claim to the animal and proving its identity, as it was brought from the Herschel Islands and is supposed to be the only one of its kind in the Klondike. "Dog stealing must stop," said his worship in concluding a brief but pointed peroration on the value of the canine quadruped as represented hereabouts, and he emphasized his remarks by giving Thorileny the option of paying $20 into the yawning coffers of the crown or accepting an engagement for 14 days on one of her majesty's woodpiles

This dog case illustrates the degree to which a mean man will some times go to gratify his ungodly greed for gold in the Klondike vale. Stealing a handsome pup from one Frank Aldrich, he carried his prize to the home of Mrs. Werreing at 82B Bonanza, and there exchanged it for $2 50 worth of the glittering dust. Entirely unsuspicious of the previous fact, Mrs. Werreing watched her newly acquired pet with solicitude and devotion, and when Mr. Aldrich chanced to find his property in her possession, she declined to consider a question of surrender in any form. As a last and painful resort, the gentleman finally invoked the aid of justice Harper, and Mrs. Werreing was forced to relinquish her four-footed treasure, though the charge of theft preferred against her was dismissed by the gallant captain.

Correspondence.

EDITOR NUGGET:

Can you inform me if we Canadians have a mint in Canada, or what we do with our gold?

IGNORANCE.

[Gold is not coined in Canada. Klondike gold for coinage goes principally to the United States mints and the balance to Europe. United States gold pieces pass at face value in Canada and, indeed, are the principal gold coins in that country. Canadian mints are for the less precious metals only.]

EDITOR NUGGET:

Do you know if Premier Turner, of British Columbia, was ever convicted of being connected with mining companies and using his high official position for the furtherance of its aims?

O. G. B.

[No; he was never formally charged, as you state. A company to mine in British Columbia and the Klondike was floated in London and the prospectus made a similar error, as was done in the case of Mr. Ogilvie, in advertising the great advantages the company enjoyed in having such a high official as resident director. The newspapers took the matter up and some of them became personal and abusive which resulted in a libel suit being brought by Mr. Turner in Victoria. However the jury disagreed and nothing has come of it so far.

Fires Galore.

The fire boys had eight runs in five days this week. Beginning with Sunday, the first chase was to the cabin of Mr. Fish, where the alarm proved to be more a scare than anything else. On Tuesday an incipient blaze called the apparatus to one of Levy & King's buildings near the post office, and on Wednesday there were runs to the Chicago house and the Eagle restaurant, where the roofs had taken fire from the stovepipes The damage was slight With the snow departing from the roofs of buildings, there will probably be plenty of blazes from now on, and the firemen are arranging to "sleep on the apparatus."

On Thursday no less than four alarms were rung up, and each run of the apparatus was to a genuine incipient fire, all in the roofs of various buildings, one being in the Melbourne, another in Levy & King's building nearly opposite the post office, and the other two being in private dwellings.

On Friday night fire broke out unexpectedly in the cabin of Miss McCrea, located on Second street. Miss McCrea was away at the time and there had been no fire in the stove for half an hour, so that the cause of the blaze is unknown The fire boys made a quick run when the alarm came in and soon had the two chemicals at work, but the flames had made such headway that the building was gutted and the contents generally destroyed.

A True Story.

A highly amusing incident of the rush down the Yukon from the lakes last spring is told by the Lancaster and Coldwell party. With experiences common to all the party arrived in boats at Big Salmon and had to wait a few days. Some information was necessary, and could be obtained only of the police. Lancaster was the spokesman of the party, and led the way to the sunny square where the police buildings and tents were situated. In front of one of the tents was seated a military looking personage of dignified aspect, and the wide awake Americans of the party simultaneously reached the conclusion that they were approaching an officer.

"It's a nice day, corporal," suggested the wily Lancaster.

The military looking gentleman looked up from his paper and courteously acknowledged the salutation Lancaster was wise and knew in a moment that the gentleman was of a higher rank.

"I think I'll take some logs down the river, sergeant, commenced Lancaster, and taking the scarcely perceptible smile which crossed the gentleman's face as an encouragement, he launched into his plans and hopes with enthusiasm. The sergeant courteously explained the intricacies of the timber regulations, while Lancaster whittled slivers, chewed them into little brushes and made mental notes for future guidance. The fullest information was volunteered upon every matter and the party listened open-mouthed and gradually became convinced that here was someone who stood nearer to the government than a sergeant, for he possessed information of such a nature as to show even intimate communication.

Having asked every question that could think of and having been answered fully and clearly upon every matter, the crowd rose from the grass, and passed in between the trees, Spokesman Lancaster having expressed his approval with, "Much obliged, sergeant."

"He's not a sergeant," broke in the crowd, as soon as they had passed beyond hearing. "He's a sure-enough captain."

"I shouldnt wonder," said Lancaster thoughtfully, and, turning on his heel, he retraced his steps hastily.

"By the way captain," he commenced. "I suppose we can start at once."

The gentleman in the chair smiled broadly, while his eyes twinkled at the emphasis laid on the "captain," but the assent was courteously given as ever.

"I wonder who the hell he is, anyhow?" said Lancaster, as he rejoined his companions.

"He's a good fellow all right, but I've got a hunch I didn't strike the right title yet."

It was Major Walsh.

Official Weather Bureau.

The official report of the temperatures for the week ending Wednesday, March 15th, shows as high as four degrees above the freezing point during the middle of the day:

	Lowest	Highest	Wind. Miles per hour.
Thursday	-24 0	1.2	9.2
Friday	-16 2	-1 4	9 T
Saturday	-13 7	11.0	11 2
Sunday	4 6	12.2	9 4
Monday	-4.5	35.0	5.3
Tuesday	2 8	36 2	4 2
Wednesday	3.1	26.0	1.3

The Angel of Death.

William Harford died on Wednesday at the Good Samaritan hospital from the effects of pneumonia, aged sixty one. The funeral will take place this (Saturday) afternoon from the establishment of Jenkins & Barker, under Masonic auspices.

John Reynolds, aged twenty-four years and a native of England, died this week at the Good Samaritan hospital from a general breaking down of the system The funeral occurred Wednesday from the establishment of Jenkins & Barker.

Further Inquiries.

Colonel McCook, the American consul, has received urgent inquiries about the following: John W. Comer, late of Cripple Creek; Thurston Heydon, California; D. W. Staley, Sydney, Ohio; Joseph Elder, New Orleans. Information is also wanted of John McArthur. It will be remembered that he committed suicide in his cabin on lower Bonanza last fall.

A letter addressed to "The Mayor of Dawson" has been turned over to us. It contains an urgent appeal to Laird C. Sharp or L. C. S. Barton to at once relieve his mother's anxiety by writing. Anyone knowing of his whereabouts should make it their business to write Mrs. Barton, 1605 Yesler Way, Seattle, Wash.

An importunate letter comes from Armourburg, that an anxious mother and brother are without information of Henry Honer and his wife Any information will be gratefully received.

Under a Ban.

A movement has been inaugurated among leading citizens to secure from the government officials an order forbidding the erection of more canvass structures in the business centre of the city, and particularly on the water front. The movement has gone so far, indeed, that a petition to that effect is expected to be ready for circulation this [Saturday] morning. The fire experiences of the present week served to call general attention to the danger attaching to that class of buildings when grouped, as they are on the river front, and the situation will become more dangerous as the roofs are divested of their snowy coverings. It is believed that the authorities will act favorably on the petition and that without unnecessary loss of time.

Baby's Night.

On Monday evening, April 10th, the Family Theatre will be dedicated to an entertainment for Mae Eldorado Edgren, the motherless little babe being raised by kind friends. Captain Jack Crawford will give his choice numbers. Other talent is also being secured and a clean and enjoyable night's entertainment is guaranteed. Governor Ogilvie will preside.

Information Wanted.

NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE,
TERRITORIAL OFFICE.

DAWSON, March 18, 1899.

EDITOR NUGGET:

Sir:—Would you be good enough to publish the following identity inquiries among people in your parts:

Sam Ledingwell, F. K. Matheson, John W. Riddle, James Ross, Louise Welsenburg, F. H. Bennett, Andrew Probitt, W. M. Killing, George Hutton, J. H. Monaghan, Chas. Lamb, G. W. Hendricks, Theodore Miller, Albert Victor Firth

Information should be addressed to the office of the N. W. M. P. Yours truly,

S. B. STEELE.

A Good Map for 50 Cents.

The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the NUGGET office. Price 50 cts.

Notice of Dissolution.

The copartnership heretofore existing between William Waechter, Alexander Burnett and Timothy Callahan, under the name and style of "The North West Meat Co.," has been dissolved.

All persons indebted to the said firm are hereby notified to pay all debts to me, the undersigned

Dated at Dawson, Y. T., this 16th day of March, A. D., 1899.

[Signed] WM. WAECHTER.

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

Monte Carlo.

The Monte Carlo theatre the past week presents a new face in the person of Dora George, formerly cashier at the Pullman. That her singing pleases the audience is evidenced by the applause of the patrons of the house Mulligan's version of Ole Oleson in New York is a rip roaring farce and provokes much laughter. There were no pictures the past week and their place was taken by strong specialties of the popular favorites.

Men's outfitters at Sargent & Pinska, 206 Front street.

A New Departure.

The Nugget Express has recently added city messengers to its already extensive service. Business men and others can save themselves time and expense by using a reliable messenger service.

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H. P. HANSEN.

PERSONAL.

PERSONAL.—Will J. A. Rouse please call on H. A. Turner at A. C. Co.