

THE MAIL CARRIERS

May Be Relieved of Their Task by Indignant Citizens of Dawson

WILL ASK GOVERNOR'S CONSENT

To Journey Up the River With Fast Team to Meet.

AND TAKE CHARGE OF MAIL

bringing it on to Dawson, allowing the carriers until the ice goes out to complete trip.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

There is a movement on foot, this afternoon headed by a number of prominent business men who are ready and willing to bear the expense of the enterprise to procure an order from Governor Ross for the transfer of the mail, which has erroneously been spoken of as "incoming," but which is really stationary, and have it brought on to Dawson by a fast team which will be dispatched with the order from the governor to meet it.

A committee of business men was to wait on the governor this afternoon and if the order on the carriers of the Klondike mail is obtained the team in charge of a driver, some reliable citizens and probably a police officer, will be dispatched to river tonight or early tomorrow morning.

This rather vigorous decision on the part of the business men and officials of Dawson is the result of patience having ceased to be a virtue, and of a strong conviction that the time has come when they must act in freeing themselves from the outrages being daily perpetrated upon them by the "mail."

A conviction that God helps those who help themselves has possessed Dawsonites and if they cannot receive their mail when nearly \$10,000 per month is being paid for its transportation, and as it was delivered at the time when roadhouses were unknown and trails were unbroken, delivered by the police, and for no compensation, an effort will be made to remedy conditions by decisive action.

In case the project is carried out, the carriers in charge of the consignments will have from now until the ice goes out in the late spring to cultivate the acquaintance of roadhouse keepers and complete the trip.

NOTHING WAS DOING

In Police Court Circles This Morning or Today.

Notwithstanding the drawing near of that gay and festive period of the year when men's social natures are wont to burst forth and mingle over the bowing bowl, there was not a single case of any description on the agenda of Macaulay's court this morning. It is indeed a dull day when the hardy son of toil is not interested in bringing about a suit of garments, but even that individual was not in evidence today.

Very of all descriptions at Garfield's.

TRAVELERS TO KOYUKUK

TAKE NOTICE

That the N. A. T. & T. Co. at Fort Yukon has a full stock of goods for outfitting, at reasonable prices. Any shortages arising will be reported to their Circle City station.

CHEAP FREIGHT RATES

WINTER RATES ON GENERAL MERCHANDISE TO THE FOLLOWING CREEKS, PER TON:

Sulphur, including 21 Below	\$30.00	North of Quartz	\$30.00
Gold Run	\$35.00	Mediana	\$40.00
		Eureka	\$50.00

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SEATTLE BOOMS NOME

Preparing for Another Crop of Chechacos Next Year.

Seattle, Nov. 7.—"The prospects for the Nome mining district are far more flattering than ever dreamed of," is the opinion of J. B. Brewster, who returned to this city on the Roanoke yesterday, after a season's work in the fields of the North. As manager for the C. D. Lane interests, including all the properties of the Wild Goose Mining Co., Mr. Brewster is in a position to give accurate judgment on the merits of the country in which he has operated.

"So far as the Wild Goose Company is concerned," he said, "it has expended up to date more than \$1,000,000 in Nome and vicinity, and is highly pleased with every dollar put out. It has one claim there that will largely pay this back in next season's work, and only unfortunate conditions and circumstances prevented a large output this season. The loss of the steamer C. D. Lane retarded the work that was under way very materially and the late season was also detrimental to our plans."

"This winter the work will be carried on and by July 1, 1902, the water plant will be in operation. The buildings are all up and the foundation for the main engine has been set. It consists of a cement block twenty feet deep, thirty feet wide and ninety feet in length. When this plant is completed it will furnish water for the working of an economical manner of properties that are vastly rich, but which have been idle heretofore, through a total lack of water. As an illustration of this, the Mattie claim, owned by the Wild Goose Company, runs from \$1 to \$82 to the pan. It is at the head of Mickolai gulch and will be worked to the limit next season. This winter dumps will be taken out to expedite matters."

"There will be forwarded from Nome alone next year more gold than ever before in its history. In addition to this there will be a larger output from the Golovin bay district. On Ophir creek, where the company owns a great many claims, there will be six and one-half miles of ditch and flume put in for next season's work and a good portion of this has been accomplished during this fall season. The property has been demonstrated to be rich. The claims mentioned are the ones with which we of the company are of course the most familiar, but they are only representative of many others. It is true that Nome is not a poor man's country, yet there are certainly great chances there for the man with small or moderate capital. I believe the destination as reported is very largely exaggerated, although I do not doubt that there are many men there who need and deserve assistance."

Mr. Brewster will within a few days leave for Des Moines, Ia., where he will visit his father-in-law, Congressman Lacey, after which he will pass the remainder of the winter season in Washington, D. C.

DRUMMING PASSENGERS

Many Team Owners Arranging for Trip to Whitehorse.

Quite a number of teams and sleds will leave for Whitehorse within the next few days in addition to those operated on regular stage lines of which there will be several. Teamsters know that they can secure loads of freight and possibly passengers for the return trip and even if only the former, the trip will pay more money than can be made in the same time by freighting to the creeks at the present scale of prices. Within the past two days a number of men have been looking up passengers for Whitehorse to start the first of the week. The rate quoted is \$100 for the trip and efforts will be made to cover the distance in ten days. That time has not been made this season by horse team, although R. E. West, the hustling Nugget carrier and general news dealer, made the trip with a dog team in ten days, carrying one passenger. West is now on the way back with a load of news matter.

Word wired back by persons now on the trail is to the effect that it is in much better condition now than a year ago, the vapors of the mail people to the contrary notwithstanding. A poor excuse for not delivering mail is better than none, hence the stories of laborious traveling.

Beginning the first of the week river travel will be fairly on from both ends of the route.

"What is stage fright, father?" asked the boy, at a theatre.

"Stage fright?" repeated the father, pointing to a veteran of the chorus. "Well, there is one."

FOR FINAL READING

Dawson Incorporation Ordinance to Be Passed Monday.

The Yukon council will again meet Monday afternoon next for the final consideration of the bill providing for the incorporation of Dawson. After its third reading the council will vote upon its passage and it is assumed it will be carried unanimously. Since its first reading there has been every opportunity for amendments to be made, the several members of the council have had ample time to digest and ponder over the many provisions contained in the ordinance, and the presumption is that the bill as it now stands meets fairly well the approval of the entire council. While the bill was being considered by the committee of the whole many amendments were offered and all with but two or three exceptions were accepted. What the result of the election will be that will immediately follow the passage of the ordinance to determine whether or not the city shall be incorporated and governed by an elective mayor and board of aldermen or a commission appointed by Governor Ross, these can be but little doubt. The great mass of taxpayers, property owners and people of responsibility have taken the stand against the nefarious schemes of the Kid Committee who would prostitute every office that fell in their clutches in the event of an election, and when the time comes an absolute confidence will be shown in a commission such as is known Governor Ross would appoint, by the expression at the polls of a majority so overwhelmingly against "de gang" that in the avalanche which will engulf them they will sink completely into oblivion.

Divorce Laws

There is a charming variety about the divorce laws of the United States probably unrivaled in those of any other country. The following are a few grounds on which divorce can be secured:—

Utah—When parties are "unable to live in peace and union."

Missouri and Wyoming—When vagrancy of the husband is proved.

Virginia—If the husband has been "notoriously immoral" before marriage.

Rhode Island—If there has been gross misbehavior and wickedness.

Kentucky—If ungovernable temper on the part of either party be proved.

Kansas and Ohio—Any gross neglect of duty by the husband or wife.

Tennessee—Should the wife refuse to move into the state.

Massachusetts—Three years' membership with an religious society that believes the marriage relations unlawful.

Georgia—Should mental incapacity of husband or wife at the time of marriage be proved.

In six states it is sufficient to prove indignities that "render life burdensome."—Ex.

More Taxes

London, Nov. 4.—What is regarded as an important announcement, preparing the people of Great Britain, for new taxes and fresh loans, was made tonight by the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, in a speech at Bristol. After alluding to the enormous increase in the ordinary expenditures of the government he reviewed the war taxes and said that the ever increasing demand on the national exchequer gave reasons for careful thought and even anxiety for the future.

The cost of the war in South Africa is enormous, said Sir Michael. It still drags. It may be when next year comes that I may have to ask the people of this country to bear even greater burdens and to make even greater sacrifices.

John Morley, M. P., speaking to-day at Forfar, Scotland, asserted the ordinary annual expenditures of the British government had increased 26,000,000 pounds sterling during the ten years, or, including the suspension of the sinking fund £32,000,000. He declared that there was a real danger ahead of the country.

Kissing Under the Mistletoe

While we must thank the Druids for suggesting the mistletoe as a Christ-decoration, we are not indebted to them for the pretty custom of kissing under the mistletoe. That had its origin with the ancient Babylonians. The Babylonians, however, did not restrict the license of the mistletoe to mere kissing. A man who was fortunate enough to catch a maiden under a suspended branch of this mystic plant was privileged not only to kiss her but to make her his wife. It would seem from the remarks of the old historians that the girls of those days took very kindly to the custom.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

Strange Wedding Presents

Among other presents received by a certain Gloucestershire doctor on the occasion of his marriage was a handsomely bound album filled with paper-cuttings relating to matrimonial disputes and their law court sequels. The recipient, a man of violent temper, was furious, and threatened dire vengeance against the anonymous sender, whom, however, he failed to discover.

"How to be Happy though Married" was the offering sent by a friend to a London solicitor on the occasion of the latter's marriage with a lady whose temper was far from angelic. Through an excellent book, it failed in this instance to meet with approval, and, indeed, was the cause of considerable unpleasantness between the parties.

Not long since a very stout lady was led to the altar by a gentleman who even surpassed her in the matter of avoirdupois. During the wedding breakfast some twenty or more parcels arrived from local chemists, all containing various brands of anti-fat, the gifts, as accompanying notes said, "of certain friends, desirous of remaining unknown, who can think of no more reasonable gift upon this auspicious and weighty occasion."

A certain amateur author, who had, at his own expense, published a volume of verses, was surprised and delighted at the ready sale of his book, the strength of which he gave a farewell bacchanal supper to a circle of friends. Imagine, then, his disgust when his wedding presents, which soon began to arrive literally by the score, were found to consist exclusively of his own poems, which he fondly imagined had been disseminated broadcast among the reading public.

A Manchester gentleman, who last year espoused a lady whose beauty was non-existent save in the eyes of her fiancé, who was continually harping thereon, received as wedding gifts from various friends, who discreetly remained anonymous, no fewer than a dozen pairs of spectacles, each accompanied by a note suggesting that his sight must surely be impaired, or he would not have ventured on his present matrimonial choice.

"Although it is now too late, I send you the accompanying car trumpet. Use it and you may not in the future be deaf to advice," was the whimsical message received five months since by a young man who had married contrary to his relation's wishes from a crabbed old uncle from whom he had expectations. Consequently he ignored the sarcasm and kept the present.

A pretty idea was carried into effect some time since on the occasion of the marriage of a Miss Rose, when, by a friendly conspiracy among her friends and relatives, all her gifts were associated with her floral namesake. She had a jeweled rose-shaped brooch and earrings, a set of Tennyson's poems bound in rose-colored binding, a suite of drawing room furniture covered in Genoa velvet embossed with a scheme of roses, besides many other gifts emblematic of her name.

Bill Nye on Life Insurance

The late Bill Nye's endorsement of life insurance is probably the most characteristic paragraph to be quoted from his writings:

"In these days of dynamite and swift changing residential administrations and dark tunnels through which an engineer goes groping his way at 25 miles per hour, these days of tumbling signs of the times and spiky telegraph poles, live wires and dead repeaters, these days when the politician and the deadly bridge policeman with his pull lie down together under the influence of the same stimulant; these days when death lurks in the air we breathe, the earth we tread, the food we eat, the water—the water we bathe in—I say it behooves us to look well to our insurance and our future state, and I take pleasure in saying and certifying to whom these presents may come that since I became fully insured my health has improved so much that it is a subject for profound congratulation on my own part and the deepest disgust on the part of those who would naturally inherit my vast wealth."

Pancy Xmas cards, exquisite designs.—Kilgore & Landahl's.

GOLD RUN NEWS NOTES

Busy With Mining, Dances, Debates and Fires.

Another B. C. RAILROAD

Skeena Coal and Copper Ledges to Be Developed.

Vancouver, Nov. 8.—Construction work on the new railway to the interior to Kitimat Arm will be commenced in the spring. This was the principal item of news received by the steamer Tees, which arrived from the north last evening.

The preliminary survey party, with the exception of Mr. Gray, the chief engineer, came down and the party of fifteen men now here are headed by Mr. Pinder, the second engineer in charge.

Accompanying them is Capt. Madden, representative of Mr. Samuel M. Robins, general superintendent for the New Vancouver Coal Company. Capt. Madden came down for the purpose of making a complete report on the coal fields of Buckley valley, and it is considered altogether probable that work will be begun there also next season in developing the coalfields.

The country is an easy one for railway building. From Kitimat Arm to the canyon of the Skeena, where large copper properties are situated, is a distance of forty miles, and this is the line that will probably be started in construction at the first of the year. The preliminary survey shows a grade in no place heavier than one per cent. and it is altogether a very nice run up a valley.

From the canyon to Hazelton is about eighty-five miles and this is the second section of the line that is to be constructed. From there to Buckley valley is a shorter distance and here the coal deposits appear to be as extensive as anywhere in the country. One of the seams is twenty-three feet in width, and can be traced for a long distance.

In speaking of the prospects for the next season, Mr. D. F. McDonald, who came down last night, says that a large amount of development work done, and the building of the railway will give a great impetus to the country. Mr. McDonald thinks, however, that Port Simpson will be the ultimate terminus of the railway if it is built across the whole of the northern part of British Columbia.

Housewarming Party

A jolly home warming took place last Saturday evening at the cabin occupied by Messrs. R. J. Dillon, W. Ask and George Parsons. The evening was spent in singing, dancing and playing whist, in the latter game Jack Black carrying off the first prize and Peter Steil that awarded to the booty. A collation was served at midnight after which dancing was resumed, extending well toward morning. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Broome, the Misses Heede, Miss Moore, Miss Lewis, Mr. James Gray, Mr. John Mack, Mr. Peter Steil, Mr. L. C. Troughton, Mr. George Watson, Mr. George Parsons, Mr. Wm. Ask and Mr. R. J. Dillon.

Diminutive Watch

The Dowager Duchess of Sutherland, who is credited with possessing the only crystal watch in existence having transparent works, made for the most part of rock crystal, had the works removed from a miniature watch and placed inside a magnificent diamond having a diameter not exceeded the depth of four lines of ordinary type. Small as this timepiece was, it is surpassed in diminutiveness to what was justly described as the "smallest watch in the world," which was exhibited at the watch exhibition in Berlin recently. Made of fine gold this microscopic watch had the dimensions of a pea, that is to say its diameter of 64 millimeters, which is practically a quarter of an inch, would equal in depth three lines of type; 480 of these watches would weigh about one pound avoirdupois, if there existed anyone possessing a heart sufficiently adamant to permit so brutal a weight as avoirdupois to be applied to so delicate a mechanism. Made of gold and valued at \$400, this dainty watch boasts a minute hand as long as an ordinary sized letter "i," and a half in length, and a second hand one sixteenth of an inch long that would demand an incision into the nonpareil font to supply a suitable illustration.—Good Words.

Testimonial Benefit

Mr. Harry Sedley, the well-known player, will receive a testimonial benefit tomorrow (Sunday) evening at the Auditorium at Rich the principal theatrical talent now in the city will appear, including Wm. Bittner, Ralph Cummings, Mason and Evans, Katherine Krig, Madge Melville, George Noble, Mr. Turnbull, Helen Jewel, Ray Southard, Carroll, Fred Breen, Wm. Mullen, Mamie Holden, Cecil Marion, Vivvao, Kate Rockwell, and the full Auditorium orchestra. The benefit is a worthy one in every respect and an interesting program of exceptional merit will be arranged.

Captain Hawkins: "No, I'm not exactly engaged, but I have the refusal of two or three girls."

Miss Ethel: "What a capital way of putting it! I, suppose you mean you have asked them and they have said 'No.'"

PERHAPS IT IS LOST

Mail Not Yet at Stewart Which Should Have Reached Here Today

PASSED SELWYN FOUR DAYS AGO

Since Which Time It Has Made Less Than 15 Miles Daily.

MAY BE COMING UNDER ICE

Anxiety Giving Place to Anger on the Part of Dawsonites—Delay Inexcusable, Barring Accident.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the mail which had passed Selwyn four days ago had not covered the 63 miles intervening between that place and Stewart the next telegraph station. While there is a possibility that the mail may have been lost and is coming on down under instead of over the ice, the probabilities are that the poorly paid, discouraged carriers are dilly-dallying around some roadhouse.

Anxiety on the part of the people of Dawson is rapidly giving way to anger, the consensus of opinion being that no special efforts are being made to get the mail through and that instead of indulging in extra work to get it around had places on the river, the carriers are hanging back until time and the elements remedy the defects in the trail.

A small consignment of incoming mail left Selkirk this morning at 7 o'clock.

WOOD MARKET IS STEADY

At From \$10 to \$12 Per Cord According to Quality.

The recent attempt to put up the price of wood owing to a few hundred cords being over-floated and later frozen in on the water front resulted in failure. A fair quality of wood can still be had at \$10 per cord while the best only commands \$12. It is said that there is not sufficient fuel near town to last through the winter season, but no raise in price is anticipated before April 1st and then it is not thought it will go above \$13 or \$14. More people are dealing in wood this year than ever before, some of the large freighters having taken a number of teams off the road to engage in hauling wood, there being more money in the latter even at \$10 per cord than in delivering freight on the creeks at the present prices.

STARTED FOR WHITEHORSE

Quartette of Musers Leave Here This Morning.

A party of four men whose names were not learned, is said to have started for Whitehorse this morning, the mode of travel being the same as that adopted by "Kid" West on his recent pilgrimage to the outside. They carried no baggage nor provisions but will rely on the roadhouses along the way. Should the weather remain as it is the trip will be only a pleasant winter outing. It is reported that a number of people have left the other end of the route and are traveling Dawsonwards.

MUST BE KEPT BUSY

Otherwise Horses and Mules Are Expensive Stock

A gentleman who keeps a large stable full of horses today informed a Nugget man that at the present prices at which hay and oats are sold (the lowest in the history of Dawson) the cost of keeping a horse or mule per day on feed purchased at wholesale prices is \$2.16 in Dawson and in the neighborhood of \$3 per day per head when on the creeks. The gentleman remarked that a horse or mule can not live on any less and keep in good working order. Those who are engaged in teaming in a small way and who buy feed in small quantities, pay more for the keep of their stock than the larger concerns. In view of these conditions it behooves owners to keep their stock busy even if it is to only make the price of the feed, and it is said that end is now just being barely accomplished in many cases.

A British Boulanger

London, Oct. 31.—Gen Buller threatens to blossom into a British Boulanger. He does not appear to court privacy or to discountenance demonstration. He attended a theater in London last evening, and when he was recognized and cheered he rose to his feet and bowed his acknowledgments. Outside the building Gen. Buller was surrounded by cheering crowds, and the police had to be called to clear a way.

Gen. Buller, speaking today, to a reporter of the London Evening News regarding the telegram to Gen. White, attributed to him by the "National Review," said:

"That is not my telegram."

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Just Received Large Consignment of **Special Centrifugal Pumps** Made by Byron Jackson for direct connection to motors thereby doing away with all belts and pulleys; also large stock of **BLACKSMITH SUPPLIES**, including horse shoes, nails, iron and genuine Pennsylvania blacksmith coal; also large stock of pipe and pipe fittings.

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