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## THE CHILCOOT RY. CO.

Existed Only In Minds of Moneyless Promoters.

LEFT MEMENTOS OF UNPAID BILLS.

Contractor C. H. De Witt Hard Hit by the Failure.

Had Worked Men, Horses and Mules on Grading Contract—No Paymaster, Hence No Payday—W. P. & Y. Co's Monopoly.

Late advices from Skagway are to the effect that the Chilcoot railroad bubble has burst and that those who had supplied the alleged company with supplies, labor and stock are now whistling for their pay. C. H. De Witt, who had taken a big contract for grading and who had sent below and had shipped to Dyea a large number of horses, mules, plows, scrapers, dump carts and other contractors' paraphernalia, and who had been working his stock with a large force of men on the grade near the approaches to the proposed tunnel, it is said, is left in the lurch to the tune of \$20,000 by the failure of the promoters of the scheme to float sufficient stock to justify a continuation of the work. It is further said that when urgent demands for payment of bills were made there was no one in the "syndicate" who admitted his liability, and the result was that the debts were not liquidated.

The above is not encouraging news to the people in Dawson who for some time past have been congratulating themselves that at an early date the gap over which there is no competition in transportation, the only monopoly between Dawson and the entire outside world, would ere long be filled, and filled by a competing railway line to the end that many thousands of dollars would be annually saved on freight shipped to this place.

But the failure of the proposed Chilcoot line to materialize will leave the White Pass & Yukon Co. the sole carrier over the gap above mentioned; but it is encouraging to know that it is eminently prepared to handle the business with dispatch even if its rates are not fixed by the inter-state commission law.

### Forces in the Field.

London, Feb. 16.—The British intelligence department estimates the number of Boers liable to service in the Transvaal at 31,314; in the Orange Free State, 22,314; disloyal Dutch, 4000, and foreigners enlisted, 4000, making a total of 61,893, from which 1,897 men are deducted for the police. The Boers, it is said, have 18 old guns of all kinds, 19 captured from Great Britain and 73 new guns, classed as follows: Creuzot, 15 C guns, 16; 3.7-inch, 21; 7.5-inch, 32; and 4. inch howitzers, 4.

Aginst this the British have sent out: Mounted guns, 12; horse artillery, 54; field artillery, 234; 5-inch

### ARCTIC SAW MILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunter Creek, on Klondike River

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howitzers, 36; naval guns, mostly 4.7-inch, 38; heavy siege train guns, 36. The British forces prior to the war, consisted of 9600 men, 7600 unmounted and 2000 mounted. On the date of the ultimatum, October 9th they had increased the forces to 12,600 unmounted and 3400 mounted, a total of 16,000. On January 7th there were 83,000 unmounted and 19,800 mounted. On February 28th there will be 37,000 mounted men and 142,800 unmounted.

### Vancouver News

Vancouver, Feb. 19.— Fifty Chinese and four white men were captured in a police raid last night in a Chinatown gambling den. The room was broken into by ten police officers from both sides, but over 50 of the Chinese escaped. Other games operated by white men in Chinatown will be stopped.

Mrs. Jennie Davis was probably fatally burned last night. Her clothes caught fire from a lamp explosion.

No further word has been received by the parents of Pte. Corbald, of New Westminster, reported missing on the march to Jacobsdal.

News has been received of the drowning of Mike Jordan near Lund, 50 miles up the Coast. He left two weeks ago on a boat trip that should not have taken more than half a day, and has not since been heard of. His upturned boat was found on Saturday on the beach near Lund.

Last year's liquor license board passed a by-law providing for the increase of three hotel licenses with the increase of population reported by the assessor this year. The new board this morning introduced a by-law practically repealing this, and cutting down the possible number of licenses from 47 to 45, with no provision for an increase.

### Yaquis Captured.

Mazinalo, Mexico, Feb. 16.— The Mexican gunboat Oazaca has arrived here from the mouth of Guayamas river with over 600 Yaqui Indian prisoners on board. They were secured in the battle fought three weeks ago. The prisoners will be taken to Guadalajara and there distributed to various interior cities. They will be kept in surveillance for a few years until they have become educated in the habits of Mexican people, when they will be allowed to return to their tribe and impart their newly acquired knowledge to their fellow tribesmen.

### John Grant Buried.

John Grant was buried this morning in the Catholic cemetery, he having died last Wednesday at St. Mary's hospital. The deceased was a native of Nova Scotia, 50 years of age and leaves a widow and three children in Boston, Mass. He died after an illness of several weeks.

### Notice.

All creditors of the Nugget Express are requested to meet at the office of Tabor & Hulme, First avenue, Dawson, on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1900, at the hour of three in the afternoon, to consider the winding up the affairs of the Nugget Express and the appointment of a trustee to act in the stead of the present assignee of the estate, who desires to withdraw. Creditors will present their claims duly approved. TABOR & HULME, c17 Advocates for Assignee.

### A. E. Company's Management.

Mr. R. M. Lindsay is the acting manager of the Alaska Exploration Company in Dawson, during the absence of Mr. Fulda. Mr. Lindsay was the company's agent at Dutch Harbor in the spring of 1898, at which time the steamboats of the company were in course of construction. After their completion he came to Dawson, and has since occupied the position of company

cashier. When Mr. Fulda made a trip outside last summer, Mr. Lindsay assumed the management of the company's business in this district. Mr. Lindsay reports the trade of his concern as exceptionally good for this season of the year. He also says that the development work and results of the company's coal mines and placer claims in the territory are proving satisfactory. Mr. E. W. Brown is manager of the merchandising department.

### MUSHER'S LAMENT.

In a cabin lone and dreary, with my soul and body weary,  
I am thinking of you, darling one, tonight;  
For in this Yukon valley, there's no one here to dally  
With one's whiskers, or to make his burdens light.  
One must toil, and work, and hustle, he must travel, think and rustle,  
For he cannot all his duties near define;  
He must lose no time in rising, or in vain soliloquizing,  
But with firm hold on his gee pole fall in line.

### Naval Preparations.

London, Feb. 16.—A telegram from Portsmouth says the admiralty inquiries at the naval ports have resulted in the assurance that 47 additional battleships, cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers could forthwith hoist the pennant.

The admiralty today ordered the ships in the fleet reserve at Portsmouth to be fully armed and ready for sea.

This is regarded in some quarters as preliminary to putting the whole reserve in readiness for commissioning.

### Foxy George.

"Yes, George, you very distinctly said in your sleep, 'Is it my ante?' Now, what did you mean by that?"  
"Mean? Why, that's simple. I was dreaming I was a boy again, waiting for Christmas, and when another boy asked me if I didn't know who Santa Claus was I said questioningly, 'Is it my auntie?' The dear old lady brought me up, you know."  
"Oh, you darling, big hearted boy!"  
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

### Don't Miss the Contest.

The 10 round go between the Black Prince and the Colorado Kid will bring out all the sports. Both men are getting in shape for the contest, and it promises to be a good one. They will be in training every day from now until next Saturday night, when the go will be pulled off at the Palace Grand. Tickets are already selling for the match and interest among the patrons of the manly art is fully awakened. c17

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## Specials for This Week.

Pickles, A Full Line, Eight Different Kinds

Extra Choice and Pure California Goods; Equal to Any Brand Existing

Two Great Bottles For Three Dollars

Lobsters, Two Cans for One Dollar

Snider's Tomato Catsup, "THE PEER" in Its Line

Three Bottles for Two Dollars

Corn Starth, Duryea's, Incontestably the Best

Six Pounds for One Dollar

One or All of the Above Specials to One Customer

Comforters, Soft and Warm, from \$5.00 Up. Shoepacs, Single and Double Soled, from \$3.50 Up. See Our \$5.00 Line of Wool Pants, Felt Shoes, \$3.50. Drill Parkies, \$3.50. German Sox, \$1.00 Up. Mitts, \$1.00 Up. Fine Line Gents' Ties, Handkerchiefs and Hats.

The Ames Mercantile Company, F. JANSEN, Resident Manager

## THE CHINESE THRONE

Is Now Occupied By Emperor Pu-Tsing

WHOSE AGE IS BUT NINE YEARS.

The Empress Dowager is Ruling With an Iron Hand.

Russians and French Backing Her in Arbitrary Measures—Big Sword Society Responsible for Missionary's Death.

Files of the Chinese papers received by the steamer Tosa Maru, says the Victoria Times, tell of the dethroning of the Chinese emperor, Huang Su, by a palace conspiracy. An edict was issued in the name of the emperor on January 25th thanking the empress dowager "for all her kindness" and announcing his resignation.

The empress dowager selected as successor to the emperor the 9-year-old son of Prince Tsa. On the Chinese New Year's day the new emperor was proclaimed with the title Pu-Tsing. The father of the new emperor is the head of the great Chinese secret society known as the "Big Sword Society" and the "Boxers," who are responsible for the rebellion extending over the provinces of Chih-li, Shantung and Honan. The members of this society have looted a number of missions, and are responsible for the murder of Rev. Mr. Brooks, an American missionary.

All the Chinese papers say that the Russians and French are backing the hand of the empress dowager in this new coup d'etat. It is reported that a French naval force has even been landed at Peking.

Shanghai papers say the Russian forces at Port Arthur and other points in Manchuria have announced their intention of supporting the new regime. Britain's arrangements in South Africa are thought to have given her rivals an opportunity, which they promptly seized. In fact there was an impression that the British legation were taken by surprise when the dethronation of the emperor was an accomplished fact. The Russian and French legations are said to have been consulted in the matter before hand. Both these legations were unfavorable to the dethroned emperor because of his friendship for Britain, America and Japan.

A strange secret edict is reported by the Shanghai papers to have been issued by the empress dowager. The edict tells of the fact that the powers are casting looks of "tiger-like voracity" on China, and deprecates the "evil habits" of viceroys and governors of attempting to make peaceable solutions of international disputes.

"It is our special command," says the edict, "that should any high official find himself so hard pressed by circumstances that nothing short of war would settle matters, he is expected to set himself resolutely to work out his duty to this end."