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MANILA'S MINERAL WEALTH.

Expert William Odun Says It Is the Richest Country in the World.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Petersburg, April 17, via Skagway, April 24.—U. S. Consul Gen. Hollway is in receipt of numerous letters from Americans regarding the probability of their being permitted to mine in Siberia. He stated to an Associated Press representative that he had conferred with the heads of the Russian government and that no ukase has been issued or is likely to be issued favoring Americans. The consul suggests that petitions might be addressed to the czar asking permission to prospect in Siberia or other Russian territory, but it would probably take two years to get a reply. The value of Russian placers, says the consul, is very much exaggerated and, in fact, Russia has advantages to offer Americans.

Manila's Mineral Wealth.

San Francisco, April 18, via Skagway, April 24.—William Odun, who has visited every mining country from South Africa to the Klondike, has just reached here from a trip to Manila, where, he says, are the greatest indications of mineral wealth he has ever seen. He is convinced that the richest mineral country in the world is on the island of Luzon.

Odun is here for the purpose of organizing a company of ex-soldiers, who have been in Manila and who are anxious to return for the purpose of prospecting the Vigan mountains and other parts of that country.

Immigrants Coming West.

St. Paul, Minn., March 28.—From thousands of immigrants passed through St. Paul today and tonight, requiring 300 cars to convey them. Of this number 200 go to Washington, 500 to Manitoba and the remainder to North Dakota.

The Northern Pacific has a party of about 1000 to go to Washington in April, and others to follow later. Cape Nome trade is gaining daily.

The Danish West Indies.

Washington, March 28.—The state department adds its denial to that of the Danish foreign office relative to the Paris story that the United States had completed the acquisition of the Danish West Indies.

There are indications that the negotiations which for so long occupied the attention of the two governments at intervals may be attended by success at a reasonably early date, but it is certainly premature to announce their conclusion at this moment.

Praise for Hay's Diplomacy.

London, March 28.—The afternoon newspapers here unanimously applaud Secretary Hay's diplomatic achievement in establishing the doctrine of the open door in China, and say his success is much more considerable than hitherto realized.

Britain's Siege Train.

A British view of what can be done with the Pretoria fortifications is found in the following description of the siege train which is now in South Africa. This is the second train of its kind sent out by England during the last 46 years. The last occasion was

when 60 heavy guns and mortars were sent from Woolwich for the siege of Sebastopol, where, with 50 ship guns, they took part in the bombardment of that city in connection with the French siege train. The Russian defense, however, developed so rapidly under the inspiration of Todleben that before the final assault, which placed it in the hands of the allies, the number of guns in position in the besieging batteries had been raised to 806. The train, now on its way from England, comprises 30 howitzers, 14 of 8-inch calibre, eight 5-inch and eight 4-inch. The number is not formidable in itself under the old condition in regard to explosives, but if they are, as may be inferred, intended to throw lyddite shells, and unless the Boers are in possession of projectiles charged with melinite or some similar high explosive with which to respond to the British fire the siege of Pretoria should not be of very long duration. It is calculated that the investment will require fully 42,000 British troops, leaving the remainder of the army to guard the communication, and occupy certain strategic points and operate against that part of the Boer army not required for the defense of Pretoria.

This part of the Boer army is expected to fall back into the north in the Zoutpansberg mountains, which the Boers are reported to intend to make their stronghold, and where, before the surrender of Cronje, they expected to carry on the war against England indefinitely.

The Boers call the ranges about Pretoria Magalies. The town was laid out after 1836 by them and named after Pretorius, one of their first and strongest leaders. He was the first president of the republic and commandant general of their army. The real growth of the town did not commence until after the victory at Majuba Hill in 1881. Johannesburg is the centre and home of the Witlanders—the nervous, adventurous element of the Transvaal. But Pretoria is essentially the center of the pastoral Boers. Tropical flowers and plants cover the valley in which it lies, and willows grow in every direction. Most of the buildings are white in color.

On the dome of the capitol is a golden statue of Liberty. The Witwatersrand mines, which yield \$100,000,000 annually, are but a short distance from the capital. The universal prevalence of the bicycle in Pretoria, of the telephone and the electric car indicate Boer contact with civilized nations outside.

Around the Reservation.

Many substantial improvements are being made on and around the government reservation where the barracks are situated in the upper portion of the city. The sidewalk is being continued on to the point where the business houses begin on the street south of the commissary building; another walk is being constructed to the telegraph office, and many short cross-walks are being put down.

A new six-foot paling fence has been erected on the north and a portion of east side of the reservation, and will be continued on around, so as to also enclose the south side as far as the telegraph office.

A ditch from five to eight feet deep is being dug for the purpose of draining the drill ground in the square of the Y. F. F. department. The spirit of progression and public improvement is more apparent on and around the reservation than in any other portion of the city at the present time.

To Nome on Horseback.

George B. Swinehart, who is well known in Dawson as a newspaper man, arrived from the outside several weeks ago. He will remain here until the opening of navigation, immediately after which he will proceed to Cape Nome.

Mr. Swinehart expects to conduct and manage a newspaper. His press and plant were shipped from Seattle several days ago.

He will leave here on one of the first river boats. He has purchased a horse, which he will take with him on the steamboat. At this end of the Kaltag portage, he and his animal will disembark; and Mr. Swinehart contemplates riding his horse over the cutoff. He hopes to reach Nome city during the latter part of May.

While outside, the gentleman visited the principal cities in the United States; he reports that throughout the Union there is much excitement respecting the resources of Nome, and that the stampede of people to the Alaskan camp will be greater than the rush to the Klondike was in the spring and summer of 1898.

Manager Jansen Sick.

Since last Saturday, Mr. F. Jansen, manager of the Ames Mercantile Company, has been confined to his room with a very severe attack of la grippe. Mr. Jansen's illness is regretted by his many friends and acquaintances, and it is earnestly hoped that the estimable gentleman will soon be able to resume his regular business.

POLICE ABROAD

And Unless Premises Are Clean Owners Will Have Business Before His Honor.

CROWDED COURT THIS MORNING

Schedule Price Is \$10, With Court Costs Added.

DID HE STEAL A HOUSE?

Pair of Plain Drunks—A Variegated Optic—Hard Hitter Pays \$20 and Costs.

This was sanitation day in the police court, and if sickness in Dawson during the summer can be prevented by rigid enforcement of the health ordinances, there will be an era of unprecedented healthfulness enjoyed in the metropolis of the broad, white north.

Albert E. West, on the charge of not cleaning up the fifth about his premises on Second avenue, plead not guilty; but the evidence of Constable Barrows, the prosecuting witness in all the cases, corroborated by a fellow officer, left an impression that the premises in question are in bad sanitary condition. However, the case was continued until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

"Kowekane," the Jap proprietor of the Hotel Northern on Second avenue, plead not guilty to the same charge; postponed until this afternoon.

Isaac Buren, a First avenue merchant, with the many gestures and gesticulations common to his race, denied that his back yard next to the Dawson City hotel, is littered with cans, bottles, eggs, rags, slops and other filth which the constables swore emit a strong and offensive odor. Isaac's case was continued until this afternoon, but he persisted in explaining how it "was" until peremptorily ordered to quit and sit down.

Justus Stewart also plead innocence of the same charge and will be heard this afternoon.

J. L. Hill, on the same charge, will be heard at the session of the court this afternoon.

F. C. Thompson plead guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs. He admitted that the premises in question were not pansy beds.

F. Keily plead not guilty, but the evidence indicated that he was. He also paid \$10 and costs.

Geo. Larsen allowed his case to go to trial, but he traveled the same road as his predecessors—\$10 and costs.

J. M. White will defend the charge of not cleaning his premises this afternoon. As White has occupied the place but a few days, he will plead in extenuation that the filth is not of his making.

For not discerning between respectable intoxication and beastly drunkenness, Geo. Slocum was fined \$10 and costs.

J. H. Elliott had followed Slocum's smoke until he also became "d. and d." Ten dollars and costs of his money were required to appease outraged law.

Some years ago a Chicago man stole a brick block and succeeded in moving it several blocks and locating on his own lot and occupying it several weeks before being found out by the owner; but it has remained for a Dawson man named De Lodge to be arrested on the charge of stealing a log cabin and moving it bodily from the premises of Johansen, the owner. The case was continued until Friday at 10 o'clock. In the meantime De Lodge is in the royal jail.

Alphonso Bouly, with his face in a sling and an eye that looked as though it had been put forward to stop a B. & O. coal train, was in court. The artist who had given the color to the optic was also in court in the person of "Kid" Parks, who conducts the games at the Madden house. The defendant attempted to prove justifiable assault in that Bouly had persistently annoyed him for an hour or more. The court informed Parks that when a man became troublesome in his place of business it is his duty to call on a policeman to

enforce order; that under no circumstances is he justified to assault a man in his place, and that, therefore, a fine of \$20 and costs would be imposed.

Assistant Health Officer.

It is currently reported that the authorities are contemplating the appointment of an officer whose duty it will be to inspect meat, supervise the cleaning of disorderly premises, and assume control of the derelict matter on the water front. It is asserted that Sheriff Ellibeck will probably be appointed to fill this position. He is eminently qualified; and his appointment would give entire satisfaction to the merchants and property owners of the city.

Heel and Toe Race.

On Tuesday the first day of May, at 7 o'clock, p. m., will take place the one-mile heel and toe race between Messrs. Fred Thörner and Bert Ford. The starting point will be on First avenue, near the postoffice the laps being a certain distance to be measured off up and down the street. The race is for a purse of \$250 a side with \$50 forfeit now up in the hands of Tom Chisholm. It is probable that the referee for the occasion will be Montague Martin.

Will Arrive Tonight.

If no bad luck is visited upon the incoming mail between here and Selkirk, which point Manager Davies was informed the consignment left yesterday at noon, it will reach here late this evening. But in case it does not arrive by dark, it will probably not come before morning for the reason that the condition of the trail is such as to preclude night travel. There are now many open places in the river and travel is not particularly pleasant even in the broad open light of the day.

Territorial Court.

The case of James McKenzie and John Miles, as plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. I. Davidson and J. L. Davidson, as defendants, still occupies the attention of Justice Dugas in the territorial court. It appears that the hearing of testimony will be concluded today. Tomorrow the attorneys will submit their arguments on behalf of the respective parties to the action.

The next case to be tried is that of Rogers vs. Reed.

Alas the Poor Chinaman.

San Francisco is somewhat stirred up over a new phase of the Chinese question. San Francisco is always discovering new phases of the Chinese question.

This latest is a tax which the See Yup Society has been levying for two years past on every Chinaman who embarks on a ship, and the fact has only just been discovered. It appears that a committee of See Yups turns up at the pier before the sailing of each ship. Every Chinaman who presents himself as a passenger, having been warned in advance, dutifully deposits a dollar and a half with the committee before he is permitted to embark.

This new species of imposition was discovered by the finding of a circular a few days ago. It was printed in Chinese characters, and the finder, on learning its purport, took it to police headquarters.

The circular goes on to say that if any Chinese is found attempting to go on board without a receipt from the See Yups he will immediately be arrested, and in case relatives or friends offer to interfere in any way they will be severely dealt with. The police took immediate steps to break up the practice.

Another Quartz Ledge.

A ledge of quartz of prepossessing appearance has been discovered on the ridge between Dominion and Sulphur creeks. The lode is well defined and carries galena. The samples of ore, which have been extracted, assay \$14 in gold per ton and 30 ounces in silver. Some development work has been done on the ledge and its width is two feet and ten inches; it has been opened to a depth of eight feet. Within the past few days, a number of locations have been staked and recorded; old quartz prospectors assert that this ledge is the most promising one in the district.

A Possibility.

The London Standard in its principal editorial indulges in the hope that many Boers may yet become British soldiers. It says: "The Boers are proved to have a remarkable turn for soldiering, and there must be many young Boers who will be reluctant to return to a dull pastoral life after the excitement of the campaign. If they are willing to adopt a military career we will find room for them in a safer and more satisfactory enterprise than armed rebellion. We may yet hope to see some future Cronje or Joubert leading British troops on the battlefield side by side with generals of Irish, Canadian and Australian origin. Army commissions are to be given to Australians. Similar privileges must be granted to the other colonies, including those of South Africa."—Victoria Times.

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HEAVY WEIGHTS

Selected as New York's Delegates at Large to Republican Convention.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW, PLATT, ROOSEVELT

Prefers Second Term as Governor to Vice-Presidency.

DEMOCRATIC NEW ORLEANS.

Hosher Gives His Side of Torrence Embezzling Story—Murray May Succeed Clark.

New York, April 18, via Skagway, April 24.—At the Republican state convention Odell was elected chairman of the state central committee. Platt, Depew and Governor Roosevelt were elected delegates-at-large to the national convention. Roosevelt has been tendered second place on the national ticket, but declines. He prefers a second term as governor of New York.

New Orleans Democratic.

New Orleans, April 18, via Skagway, April 24.—The city election here was a great Democratic landslide, W. W. Hearst, candidate for mayor, who led the ticket, being elected by the largest majority given any candidate in the past ten years. The entire ticket was elected.

Hosher's Story.

Seattle, April 19, via Skagway, April 24.—Hosher, one of the men arrested for embezzling a large sum of money from Torrence, who represents a Klondike company, has told his side of the story which is that Torrence sold mining claims belonging to him (Hosher) for \$48,000, and that the money he is charged with taking from Torrence was only a payment on account, and that Torrence still owes him \$22,000. Hosher is still in jail.

"Jim" Murray Mentioned.

Helena, April 18, via Skagway, April 24.—James Murray, a wealthy mining man of Butte, and a very prominent citizen of the state, is prominently mentioned as Clark's successor in the United States senate. Murray is in high favor with the governor and has all the Clark backing and influence behind him.

Wood Is High.

The price of wood for fuel still keeps up to \$25, and but few dealers are handling it at any price. For a few days in March the price dropped from the winter price—\$18—to \$16, but only for a very short time when the disappearance of the snow making handling difficult, it went up to \$20, and has since raised to \$25, which, with \$5 for sawing, makes a cord of wood ready for splitting and use cost \$30, which is more than average people can afford to pay. The day is not far distant when coal will be the accepted fuel of Dawson, as two large veins are being developed well within a few miles of the city.

To Branch Out.

Eb. Harrison who, with five others, has been building up a dump on the hillside opposite 27 on Bonanza street, the first of last July, which dump is among the largest in the district, is in the city for the purpose of procuring for himself and partners two or three pack horses for use on the Koyukuk cut-off when navigation opens. The "Big Six" has decided to send ten possibly three, of its members to the new fields as soon as it is possible to get there. In the meantime the big dumps opposite 27 is still growing, the work of sluicing not having yet been begun.

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