

MANY COMING TO DAWSON.

J. S. Lancaster Sizes Up the Situation and Says

The Majority of Those Now En Route Will Stay Here—Nomads Take the Outside Route.

From Saturday's Daily.
Mr. J. S. Lancaster, of the firm of Lancaster & Calderhead, who went to the outside over the ice in February, returned yesterday, being a passenger down from Whitehorse on the steamer Flora. Mr. Lancaster looks well after his trip, but expresses himself as being pleased to get back to Dawson.

While on the outside Mr. Lancaster visited his children, all of whom are grown and who reside in Denver, but he did not go further east than that point, the remainder of the time being spent in Seattle.

Mr. Lancaster says that there are a great many people at Skagway, Bennett and Whitehorse bound for Dawson; that at both Skagway and Bennett the hotels are filled until cots and bunks are at a premium at every lodging house in either of the places. The greater part of those coming are not coming this way en route to Nome, but are coming here to stay, this being their destination.

At Seattle he says everything isNome and many thousands are going as rapidly as they can procure transportation; that people there prefer to go by the all water route, thinking it more speedy than that via the Yukon. As to business in Seattle, he says it was never better than at present, the Nome rush doing fully as much for the commercial interests of the place as did the Klondike rush in the spring and summer of '98.

In speaking of Skagway, Mr. Lancaster says the business, aside from that of the hotels and restaurants, appears to be very dull. He remained there an entire week on his way in and, therefore, had plenty of time to study conditions as they exist. He estimates that at Skagway, Bennett and Whitehorse there are probably from 1500 to 2000 people who will reach Dawson within the next two weeks.

At Bennett the conditions are very similar to those of Skagway, with the hotels crowded. Scow building is the principal industry at Bennett and fabulous prices are being paid for anything and everything that will float and carry freight.

There is considerable building, Mr. Lancaster says, at Whitehorse, lumber being in great demand and very scarce at \$75 per thousand feet. He says that previous to the reaching of Whitehorse by the railroad there was quite a congestion at Bennett in the matter of forwarding freight, but that from now on all trouble in that line will be obviated so far as the railroad is concerned, and that freight will be landed at Whitehorse in sufficient volume to keep all the boats on the river busy if they succeed in landing it all in Dawson before the close of the season.

Will Try It Again.

Mr. W. G. Mageau, the Skagway meat dealer who arrived here a few days ago with a bunch of cattle for which he found ready sale at \$600 per head on foot, will start for the outside at once and return later with cattle, sheep and hogs for the Dawson market. His recent sale was one of the neatest clean-ups made in Dawson in a long time; his cattle, all of which were in fine condition, must be had regardless of price. Mr. Mageau expects to be back here with a large lot of choice stock in a month or six weeks.

Telegraph Rates.

To pay practically \$25 for a brief ten word message to the Philippines may seem extravagant, but when one reflects that it travels three-fifths of the distance around the globe in completing the journey, passing under the direction of half a dozen companies, the cost seems far from exorbitant. The ordinary course of such a message would be from New York to Cape Breton, N. S., thence to Heart's Content, N. F., where it dives under the Atlantic, to reappear on the coast of Ireland. From here it is forwarded to London, which is the greater center and clearing house for the cable business of the whole world. From London the message will be forwarded either across the English channel and overland to Marseilles or by the Eastern Telegraph Company's line around the Spanish peninsula, stopping at Lisbon. Through the Mediterranean the route leads to Alexandria, across Egypt by land, down the Red sea to Aden, through the Arabian sea to Bombay, over India by land, across

the bay of Bengal to Singapore, along the coast to Hong Kong and across the China sea to Manila. Notwithstanding the many lands and many hands through which it passes, the message is forwarded with reasonable promptness, with perfect secrecy and all the way in English.

The increase in the use of the telegraph for business purposes has been accompanied by a steady reduction in the cost of messages. When the first Atlantic cable was laid the price of a twenty-word message between London and New York was \$100, or \$5 per word. Now the commercial rate between the two cities is 25 cents per word. To telegraph ten words from Chicago to New York in 1866 cost \$2.05. Now it costs 40 cents. Telegraphing to distant parts of the world is still an expensive business. The rate per word for a message from San Francisco to Auckland, N. Z., for example, is \$2.87. The New York to Manila rate is \$2.45. The charge is not always in ratio to the distance. The rate from New York to some South American or West Indian ports is nearly \$2 per word, but in reaching these points the messages travel twice across the Atlantic.—Ainslie's Magazine.

Christian Science.

Christian Science service at McDonald hall Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

The Goods Switched.

Tom Kirkpatrick is telling a story on Geo. Johansen which Tom is willing to swear on a stack of Bibles is straight goods. It seems that Kirkpatrick was returning from the creek and met the Hunker King on his way to his claim riding a big bay mule.

"Where did you get the 'jenny,'" says Tom.
"Jenny, be blowed," replied Johansen, "this is that singlefoot horse of Bartlett's. I just bought him and paid—"

And the man who owns a big part of Hunker creek mentioned a figure which would put the cleanup on many a claim during the last winter to blush.

"Well," said Kirkpatrick, "you may have paid for the single footer, but if you did the goods were switched on you. Why, man, look at his ears, they are fully 18 inches long."

Just then the animal stretched out his neck and gave forth the unmistakable strain of music which Capt. Jack would call the whistle of an Arizona mocking bird.

Johansen looked dubiously at his long-eared companion for a moment and then went on his way without a word.

Tom thinks he will cut the mules ears off before he comes into town again.

Weep for Whitehorse.

From a gentleman who arrived yesterday on the steamer Flora it is learned that Whitehorse is writhing in the throes incident to a whisky and tobacco famine. Many other articles, among them the staples, are also out, but the absence of whisky and tobacco seems to be causing the greatest uneasiness and regret.

One man who had arrived at Whitehorse en route to Dawson with a scow load of groceries and tobacco, was offered by a dealer there all the money he was then out on his goods and a net advance of 25 per cent, on the entire outfit, but the owner declined the offer, preferring to continue on with his stock to this place.

The great scarcity of supplies at Whitehorse is due first, to the fact that there are a number of persons there who are awaiting for the steamers by which they had previously purchased tickets to arrive and bring them down the river; and second, to the fact that there has been a congestion at Bennett in the matter of forwarding freight. But now that the railroad is completed into Whitehorse there will be no further difficulty experienced in the matter of forwarding freight.

Up-River Weather.

The weather report for today shows that the farther south one would travel the more clothes he would need.

At Bennett this morning mercury marked 42° above; at Whitehorse 45° above. It gradually became warmer farther down until at Ogilvie it showed 52° above. It was cloudy all along the line.

Notice.

Jenkins & Johnson have sold their business to Brimstone & Stewart and wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage in the past and solicit a continuance of same to their successors. Parties indebted to or having claims against Jenkins & Johnson will kindly call at an early date for adjustment of account. e17

By Sir. Sybil.

A fine line of fancy worsted trousers and suiting; also a few suit lengths of black Vienna with silk linings for full dress suits. These goods are the best ever brought to Dawson. George Brewitt, the tailor, Second ave. between Second and Third streets. c17

BRIEF MENTION.

There was no session of the territorial court held today.

Mr. Sargent, of Sargent & Pinsky, is expected to arrive tonight with two scowloads of goods.

Emil Mohr returned from Monte Cristo Hill today, where he has valuable mining property.

"Shel," the restaurateur of Grand Forks, has sold out his business and will take an outfit to Nome on the Hannah.

Among the Flora's passengers for the outside this afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dumbolton who will visit the latter's home in Arizona. They will return to Dawson in the fall.

Frank McCurdy, one of the first to reach Dawson in the '97 rush, and who has been engaged in mining ever since, has decided to seek pastures new and will leave on the Hannah for Nome.

The body of Lynn Relfe was shipped on the Flora to Seattle today. His former friends in Dawson bore the expenses of the shipment as a tribute of their regard for the murdered man.

Preaching services at the Methodist church tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special musical service in the evening. The pastor will preach the second in the series of discourses on the "Life of Elijah."

The veteran Yukoner, Fritz Kloke, missed the Flora today by about two minutes, but chartered a horse and wagon and made a trip against time to the Klondike City landing, where he was taken aboard.

Dawson's mail service when the mercury was 50 degrees below zero and when it was carried the entire distance to and from Bennett by dog team was more regular and much more frequent than it is now when navigation is open and steamers are running.

The Broken Arm.

It is easy to forget how much children have to learn, and how the most obvious facts of life and experience may be to them mysteries the most profound. So it happens frequently that true stories sound impossible, and of this class is perhaps a thing which a little Boston girl said last summer to her mother.

She was only three years old, and she had had no experience in the matter of broken limbs beyond that afforded by the casualties in her family of dolls. She had the misfortune to fall and break her own arm, and as soon as she discovered what had happened to her she cried out:

"O mamma, will it drop off?"
"No, darling," the mother answered; "I will hold it so that it will not hurt you till the doctor comes, and he will fix it all right."

"Well, mamma," the little one said, pressing her lips together and trying to be brave, "do hold on tight, so that the sawdust won't run out!"

Club Women's Convention.

Milwaukee, June 3.—Tomorrow is the preliminary day of the club women's convention. The club women, who have wandered in from every state in the Union today, will be reinforced by others tomorrow.

Among the prominent women who put in an appearance today are Mrs. Robert Burdett, president of the California federation, and Mrs. Fannie H. Gaffney, of New York, president of the National Council of Women.

Is an Easy Name.

On March 2, 1888, the following telegram was handed in for delivery at the postoffice of Chepstow: "Going to Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogochwgryddigoch; shall be home by 4:30."

The postmaster, thinking that there was more than a fair penn'orth of consonants in the name, referred it to his surveyor, who wrote back: "It is an attempt at the name of a village in Anglesey, but is evidently not written by a Welshman; the spelling is incorrect, and, but for the joke of the thing, the ordinary abbreviation—Llanfairpwll—would have been better. The full name, correctly written I give below—Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogochwyndrobwillandisillgogoch."—Blackwood.

He Cops the Dough.

George Butler is wearing a broad smile these days for things are coming his way and he is gathering in the yellow metal and shining shakels. Whether his prosperity is due to the excellent quality of the goods dispensed at the Pioneer, or to the popularity of George is a matter of conjecture. In either case the result is most satisfactory.

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