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TO BEGIN WORK.

It begins to appear as though the Valdez-Eagle railroad will actually be constructed. Our telegraphic advices of yesterday contained the information that Contractor Heney whose connection with the construction work of the White Pass railway is well known, is now en route to Valdez where he will begin the work of establishing the grades for the proposed line.

It is fair, we believe, to assume on the strength of this information that actual construction work on the line will be undertaken before the expiration of a great length of time.

It may be readily understood what important results will accrue to the Yukon country generally if the Alaskan line is hurried to completion. Not only will it serve to open up to the miner and prospector an immense territory now lying practically unexplored, but it will give a distinct impetus to the development of every settled district along the Yukon valley both in Canadian and American territory.

What it will mean to Dawson is evident. We shall, upon the completion of the proposed line, have practically twelve months direct connection with the outside.

The distance between this city and outside points will be materially decreased and the difficulties and hardships now incident to winter travel to the coast will be reduced to a minimum.

The most important point to be noted, however, is the possibility of substantial reduction in freight tariffs.

That existing rates are altogether too high must be accepted without discussion. That they will remain far above what they should be is to be anticipated, until by virtue of competition they are forced down to a reasonable basis.

The completion of a competing railroad line from the coast to Eagle City should naturally be followed by the extension of the White Pass line to Dawson in which case freight rates would certainly drop. The greatest drawback to the development of the country is high freight rates. Any influence which will serve to cause a reduction in existing tariffs will be a Godsend to every man who is endeavoring to make a living from the natural resources of this country.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

A call has been issued for a meeting to take up the matter of celebrating the Fourth of July. Less than three weeks yet remain in which to make preparations and in consequence, no time is to be lost if the proposed celebration is to be carried out to a successful issue.

Dawson has followed for three years now, the custom of celebrating the twenty-fourth day of May and the fourth of July. British subjects and Americans have joined equally in observing both days, and there is no reason why any exception should be made in the present instance.

The Nugget hopes to see the matter taken up with enthusiasm and every assistance given by the public to those who may be charged with the duty of looking after the details of the celebration.

It is a remarkable fact that throughout the English-speaking world evidences of growing confidence and friendliness between the two branches of the race are becoming more and more noticeable.

This spirit is being strongly manifested in England at the present time and is growing in strength in the United States.

It is appropriate, therefore, upon such occasions as Victoria Day and the Fourth of July that citizens of both nationalities should join heartily together in whatever exercises of a public nature may be planned.

The time until the Fourth is short but it is sufficient to enable preparations to be made for a splendid celebration.

THE MINISTERIAL VISIT.

It appears now that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier, will not be included in the ministerial party which will visit Dawson in August. This conclusion must be regarded as a dis-

tinued misfortune. The fact has long been recognized at Ottawa that accurate information has often been wanted in this country, has been under consideration.

The government in many instances has been compelled to listen to the advice of selfishly interested parties or act without advice of any nature whatsoever. Under such circumstances there is little cause for surprise that mistakes of a most serious nature have been made at times by the government in attempting to legislate for this territory so many thousands of miles distant from the fountainhead of authority. It has been quite apparent since the visit of the governor general that a radical change has taken place which must be attributed in a measure at least to the fact that his excellency made such practical use of the information which he gleaned during his short stay in the territory.

Were the premier to accompany his ministers to Dawson during the present summer, the Yukon territory would be able to rest assured thenceforth that its peculiar conditions were thoroughly understood by those in whose hands its interests are directly consigned.

It is given out authoritatively, however, that Mr. Sifton, under whose department the affairs of the territory are administered, will be included in the party which will come and no little advantage should accrue from this fact.

We think it may be accepted without discussion that the government is favorably disposed toward the Yukon, and after the proposed ministerial visit, it may be anticipated that a number of liberal concessions of which the district stands in need, will be granted.

LESS THAN THREE WEEKS.

The possibility of supplying the Dawson market with fresh fruits, vegetables, etc., during the summer has been clearly demonstrated. As will be found explained in detail in our local columns, 60 cases of oranges picked from the trees less than three weeks ago are now being sold by local dealers.

This achievement accomplished by a California woman is worthy of note. It indicates the fact that by the application of a proper system, it is possible to keep the Dawson market supplied with perishables of all kinds, during the season of the year when communication with the outside remains unobstructed. With a refrigerator service installed upon the river boats, all manner of fruits, berries, vegetables, etc., may be kept in market all summer long.

The manner in which all such luxuries are purchased when they are to be had, would indicate that a profitable field is open for a lucrative business to someone who is familiar with the peculiar conditions which need to be met.

One thing has been clearly established. Oranges can be placed in Dawson within less than three weeks after being taken from the trees. We see no reason, therefore, why the people of Dawson should want for such luxuries as long as they are willing to pay fancy prices therefor.

ONE OF TWO RESULTS.

J. Pierpont Morgan is now engaged in the organization of a banking institution to be capitalized in the sum of one billion dollars. The magnitude of this undertaking can scarcely be comprehended, nor is it easy to understand the power and influence which will be commanded by the individual or corporation having that amount of capital under absolute control.

That such a project is possible of realization, suggests, however, the approach of the time when governmental interference, will absolutely be required, to place a check upon the power of combinations of private interests.

The trust problem is undoubtedly the question of the hour and its solution will demand the best thought of statesmen for years to come. Viewed in the light of history, events now seem heading toward one of two results—government control or revolution.

The verdict of all returning old timers is that they are glad to get back. There is certainly a spell about this Klondike atmosphere. It has an attractive force which is well nigh irresistible.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and Emperor William of Germany, are urging their efforts to secure a cessation

of hostilities in South Africa. A conference is now being held at the The Hague having this end in view. Kruger will attend and it is anticipated that action will be taken in the direction of terminating the guerrilla warfare now being conducted.

The Yukon river is higher than it has been at any previous time since 1898. A comparatively slight increase in the volume of water now running in the stream might occasion results of a very disastrous nature.

Dawson may now boast of a street sprinkler and an ice wagon. Yet we still hear of people in our midst who long for the luxuries of civilization.

DAWSON DIRECTORY PRINTED

Mrs. Ferguson's Book Will Soon be Ready for Distribution.

Contains 1,000 Pages of Which Nearly One Half are Devoted to Dawson and the Yukon Territory.

Mrs. M. L. Ferguson, who has been working for two years past upon the preparation of a Yukon and Alaska directory has completed her task and the books are issued from the press and will soon be in Dawson ready for distribution.

Mrs. Ferguson arrived on one of the late boats and was able to bring only one complete copy of the directory, the publishers having rushed it through the bindery. The balance of the books are now coming in charge of Mrs. Ferguson's agent. The directory as exhibited in the Nugget office contains 1,000 pages and is replete with valuable and interesting information respecting the Canadian and American Yukon country. Some idea of the vast amount of work involved in the preparation of the book may be gleaned from the fact that it contains a list of names of inhabitants of all the following towns: Atlin, Behring City, Circle City, Council City, Dawson, Douglas Island, Fortymile, Juneau, Ketchikan, Nome, Ogilvie, Rampart, St. Michael, Selkirk, Sitka, Skagway, Teller City, Whitehorse, Wrangell, Valdez.

For most of the above named there is a classified business directory as well as an ordinary directory.

Dawson holds the place of honor in the front of the directory, and 462 pages of the book are devoted to information respecting this city and the Yukon territory. Altogether there are 16,000 names of parties residing in the territory and in addition an exhaustive gazetteer is published which contains a fund of valuable information.

Ex-Commissioner Ogilvie contributes a sketch directed along historical lines and the directory also contains a treatise on the mining industry of the territory from the pen of Dufferin Patallo, chief clerk in the gold commissioner's office. There is a list of Klondike claim owners who paid royalty last year, a valuable piece of information in itself.

Scattered through the book is a large number of half-tone engravings representing typical Yukon scenes. The frontispiece is a splendid photo-graphure of the publisher of the book.

To any one who is familiar with the hardships incident to traveling through this country and more particularly of the difficulties involved in securing information such as is contained in the directory, the hard work which has been expended in its publication will be apparent.

The book is certainly a monument to the persistent energy and untiring zeal of its publisher.

Mrs. Ferguson is a California woman and owner of a fine orange grove in San Bernardino county. On her present visit to Dawson she brought 60 cases of the new crop of Valencia oranges which were taken from the trees in her grove less than three weeks ago. They were brought in refrigerator cars to Seattle and from Seattle and on the river voyage down the Yukon were kept in a cool place and arrived here as fresh as when they left. Mrs. Ferguson believes she has successfully solved the question of importing fresh fruit into the Klondike, and will probably go into that business somewhat extensively at a later period.

Calderhead's Guinea Pigs.

Mr. P. I. Lancaster, a brother of the missing partner of R. W. Calderhead, arrived in Dawson a few days ago. Lancaster brought with him from Vancouver four guinea pigs which will be turned loose in the warehouses for the purpose of killing rats.

These are the first guinea pigs ever brought into this country and if they prove to be a success as rat catchers others will be brought in.

Thos. McMullen Returns.

Mr. Thos. McMullen looking hale and hearty, after a sojourn of eight months on the outside has returned to Dawson. Mr. McMullen says that there is no town on the continent, and he visited most of the large centers, that looks as good to him as Dawson.

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BAILEY STRUCK

C. D. Steamer Meets With Disaster in Thirtymile River.

HAS BIG HOLE BENEATH BOILERS.

Passengers and Baggage Transferred to Str. Whitehorse.

IS NOW BEING REPAIRED.

Freight Will Be Brought Down by the Yukoner—None of the Passengers Were Injured.

From Monday's Daily. Hootalingna, June 17.—The steamer Bailey struck a rock in Thirtymile at a point 12 miles above Hootalingna. The accident occurred at noon yesterday. The hold filled with water and the steamer drifted ashore, with a big hole in her hull directly beneath the boiler.

Her cargo is now being unloaded. Her passengers and baggage were transferred to the steamer "Whitehorse" last evening. The steamer Closet with men and repairing material has been sent down from Whitehorse and the work of repairing the damage will be undertaken immediately. The Bailey's freight will be transferred to the Yukoner.

None of the passengers were injured.

"Whitehorse" Coming.

Hootalingna June 17.—Steamer Whitehorse with 200 tons of freight and big crowd of passengers including those of the Bailey, left for Dawson at 3 a. m. today. She draws three feet of water.

Murdered His Wife.

Kansas City, June 2.—W. H. Klenz, whose wife was yesterday found murdered near their home at Holton, Kans., buried in a shallow trench, was arrested in Kansas City, Kans., today. Marks on the body, which is believed to have been buried since May 29, indicated that her skull had been crushed with a club, and suspicion was directed against the husband, who disappeared on that date.

When arrested today, Klenz was at the depot waiting to take a train, as he said, to Holton. When told that he was wanted on suspicion of murdering his wife he refused for a time to talk. Finally Klenz was induced to make the following statement:

"My wife and I disagreed frequently, but I usually let her have her way. Just before her death she was very angry because I wanted to sell some land to which she had signed a deed. She said she would leave me, but I didn't want people to know she had left me, and told her to say she was going away on a visit. We had a few words on Sunday (May 12) about it. She went away, and later I found her body hanging from a rope in the barn. I took her down, but was afraid of the disgrace and hid her body in the straw. The next day I buried her. I told the children she had gone to Texas, and the telegram I sent saying that she was dead was intended to keep them from knowing she had killed herself."

All this was ground out of Klenz in short, hesitating sentences. Asked about the condition of his wife's crushed head, he said: "Maybe the dirt falling on it smashed it in. I would not strike her."

There was no more than two feet of dirt over the body when it was found. Klenz is a German farmer 48 years old, tall, spare and uneducated. He talks with hesitation and appears dull of mind. The probability that he will be tried for murder seemed secondary to the disgrace that would result from the publicity of the affair.

Klenz was born near Holton, and always lived in that vicinity. His mother and two or three brothers and sisters live there and are prosperous and respected.

Mr. R. E. West, the wholesale news agent, received 500 Seattle Times of June 8th. This is the first edition of the Saturday magazine issue of 30 pages. The Times is Seattle's illustrated paper.

Matt Ryan and wife the popular roadhouse keepers at 60 below Bonanza are in town en route to the outside by way of St. Michael.

Messrs. Franklin & Sleeve of Gold Bottom, are registered at the Regina.

CLIFFORD

SIFTON

Sunk at Whitehorse Last Saturday Night.

The handsome steamer Clifford Sifton is now lying sunk in nine feet of water at Whitehorse ways. The news will be received with regret by the many friends of her owners and agents here particularly when it is learned that the accident was in no manner the fault of the employes of the Dominion Commission Company under whose flag the boat sailed this season. The accident occurred while launching the craft from the ways owned by the B. Y. N. Co., with which company the owners had contracted for her repairing, she having injured her hull by the ice in Lake LeBarge on her recent trip to Whitehorse. J. F. Northam, purser of the Sifton, was seen this morning for details of the accident and he furnished the following information:

"We contracted with the B. Y. N. Co. to have the Sifton hauled upon the ways at Whitehorse and launched after necessary repairs were effected. The particular reason for her sinking I do not know but this I do know, that it was no fault of ours. She was entirely in the hands of the British Yukon Navigation Company when the accident happened. I received a wire from Whitehorse stating that she is hanging on the shipyard ways with nine feet of water covering her port side and her starboard side two feet above the river. The expense of refloating her will be considerable and the mishap has worked a great hardship on us. I do not know just what steps will be taken by our company for the recovery of damages for the accident, but will learn the full particulars of the affair in a short while when we will be able to intelligently determine our subsequent action."

W. H. PARSONS IN DAWSON

His Faith in the Future of the Northland is Firm.

W. H. Parsons, of the Ames Mercantile Co. has returned to Dawson after an extended trip to the outside where for the past six months he has been busily engaged in preparing his business for the coming season. He met his partner Frank H. Ames in San Francisco, he having returned from Nome where he has spent the past year looking after the interests of the firm at that point. Mr. Ames did not come in to Dawson as originally intended but went direct to Nome as the large interests of the concern demanded his immediate attention. Mr. Parsons was seen this morning by a representative of this paper and he furnished the following interview relative to the operations of the Ames Mercantile company for the coming season. Mr. Parsons said:

"We are going to be very heavy shippers both up and down the river the coming season. Our first advance shipments will arrive about July 1st. Plans and estimates are now prepared and ready for our acceptance for new warehouses which must be built to accommodate our coming shipments. That these consignments will be extremely heavy ones may be seen when we find it necessary to again build warehouses for their reception although our present warehouses are practically empty. We have enjoyed the past year a most profitable season, both here and at Nome.

"We will put in another branch at Teller City this season which place looks to have great possibilities. I should not wonder if it entirely eclipsed Nome as a distributing point. You will find us doing business this season on lines which are strictly modern. We will be a liberal patron of printers' ink and extensive advertisers. We want the people to know all about the character of goods we have purchased. With my knowledge of the requirements of the country and experience as a heavy buyer I have obtained the finest goods obtainable. It would be strange if I had not. When our invoices commence to arrive I will tell the people what we have to offer. As I said before, I am going to use printer's ink."

Mr. Parsons is looking in splendid health and is in excellent spirits. It is safe to say that the company of which he is the local head will be an important factor in the business community of Dawson this season as progressive and modern ideas dominates the affairs of the concern.

Worthy of Admiration.

A most attractive and original scene has recently been painted by a local artist for the Pioneer Saloon. On it is depicted cleverly the scene down river looking from a point near St. Mary's hospital and embracing the landscape to and beyond Dog Island. The picture is a copy of a photograph taken near the hour of midnight last summer. It is about five feet square and makes a handsome and interesting ornament. Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office

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M'KINLEY DECLINES

States Positively That He Will Not Accept a Third Term.

A LONG SETTLED CONVICTION.

President Regrets That Suggestion Was Made.

WILL REFUSE NOMINATION

Although It Should Come to Him by Unanimous Consent of His Party.

From Monday's Daily.

Washington, D. C. June 12, via Skagway, June 17.—President McKinley has issued the following official statement: I regret exceedingly that the suggestion of my accepting a third term has been made. I will say now once and for all, and expressing a long settled conviction, that I not only am not but will not be a candidate for a third term. I will not accept a nomination if it comes by unanimous desire of my party.

Important Arrangement.

St. Paul, June 12, via Skagway, June 17.—The Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific railroads have perfected an agreement whereby a highly important traffic arrangement has been perfected. By the terms of the agreement the N. P. is allowed a through service into Vancouver and the C. P. R. secures a through service into Seattle. Rates have not as yet been determined.

MRS. M'KINLEY IMPROVING

President's Wife is Slowly Gaining Her Accustomed Health.

Washington, D. C., June 9, via Skagway, June 17.—Mrs. McKinley is reported by attending physicians as slowly improving. Strong hopes are entertained that she will yet recover her accustomed strength.

EIGHTEEN ARE DEAD

Victims of the Late Mine Disaster Cannot Be Rescued.

Port Royal, Pa., June 11, via Skagway, June 17.—Eighteen deaths have already occurred as the result of the recent explosion. Twelve of these are rescuers. It is believed that 25 more are still in the mine and it is impossible to effect an entrance as more explosions are feared. The mine will be flooded and it will be fully 18 months before the bodies are recovered.

GUILTY OF MURDER

Verdict in the Second Degree Brought in Against Simpson.

Seattle June 9, via Skagway, June 17.—In the case of Alex Simpson, charged with the crime of murder the jury yesterday returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. The defense put in a plea of self defense.

Tommy Dolan in Trouble.

Tommy Dolan who went from here to Nome last year has lately been convicted of robbery in that place. The principal witness in his behalf was Florence Broce, well known here. She testified that Dolan was in her room the night when the other evidence proved that he was committing the robbery in another part of the town. Dolan was convicted on March 20, but had not been sentenced at last accounts.

Sergeant Barker of H division of the N. W. M. P. stationed at Lower LeBarge, arrived in Dawson Thursday morning.