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OSCAR WILDE

Dies Incog at an Obscure Hotel in Latin Quarter, Paris.

KLONDIKE GOLD IN U. S. TREASURY.

Kitchener Has Succeeded Roberts With Rank of General.

'FRISCO DISASTER IS SERIOUS.

Question of Japs Voting Makes Trouble in B. C.—Walls of Pekin Looted.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. Paris, Dec. 5, via Skagway, Dec. 10.—Oscar Wilde is dead from spinal meningitis. He died at an obscure hotel in the Latin quarters where for some time he had quietly lived under an assumed name. No friends were with him when the end came.

Hi-Yu Gold.

Washington, Dec. 5, via Skagway, Dec. 10.—The gold now in the U. S. treasury exceeds all former records, there being upwards of \$500,000,000 on hand, much of which is from the Klondike. In all parts of the United States there is more gold in circulation than at any previous date in the nation's history.

Roberts Succeeded.

London, Dec. 4, via Skagway, Dec. 10.—Roberts has handed over his command to Kitchener, who has been promoted to lieutenant-general with the rank of general while in command in Africa. Roberts will come home at once.

Many More Victims.

San Francisco, Dec. 5, via Skagway, Dec. 10.—As a result of the falling in of the sheetiron roof over the glass furnace several days ago, when upwards of 100 men and boys had decided to witness a football game between the Stanford and University of California teams, 16 being then killed outright by falling into the vats of molten glass, a number has since died and others can not possibly recover. It is feared the fatalities will reach from 30 to 40. A few of the bodies are yet unidentified.

Japs Can't Vote.

Vancouver, Dec. 4, via Skagway, Dec. 10.—The question of the Japanese voting here at the election on the 6th is the cause of considerable excited discussion. The official collector of votes says that all Japs who have full British citizenship papers are entitled to vote, while the returning officer, Duncan, has issued orders to all the polling places to not permit Japs to vote. Sir Charles Tupper has publicly declared that Returning Officer Duncan is an insolent cur.

The Czar Improving.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3, via Skagway, Dec. 10.—The czar is slowly improving, and the present indications are that he will recover.

Pekin's Walls Looted.

London, Dec. 3, via Skagway, Dec. 10.—Dr. Morrison writes from Pekin that in pursuance of the policy of appropriation followed by the French and German generals, and with the approach of Von Waldersee, the superb astronomical instruments which were erected on the walls of Pekin over two centuries ago by the Jesuit priests have been removed and divided between the French

and Germans, half going to Paris and half to Berlin.

American Idea Adopted.

Washington, Dec. 3, via Skagway, Dec. 10.—Advices indicate that the powers will soon reach an agreement, as all previous dissenters are coming to believe in the American idea as to the demands that will be imposed on China.

Again the Century Question.

Editor Nugget: Dear Sir—Will you kindly explain through the columns of your paper to some of my friends, who are misinformed relative to the subject and who want further evidence than my statement, why the first of January, 1901, ushers in the new century, instead of 1900. This is an old subject, which was thoroughly discussed in the papers two years ago, but I find that there are yet some who are not informed as to the reason of its being so. By removing their doubts you will confer a great favor upon A STEADY READER.

(There should be no difficulty about deciding this point when it is remembered that it requires 100 full years to complete a century. Thus with the completion of the first 100 years or at the end of the 100th year the first century ended; at the end of the 200th year the second century was completed, and so on until the winding up of the year 1900 ends the 19th century.—ED.)

Stole a Big Boiler

Enterprise in Dawson is by no means confined to legitimate lines of trade and commerce. The up to date thief is in our midst and when occasion requires he can turn a trick with as much skill as is shown by past masters in the craft.

It is a common ordinary thing for a man to be robbed of his money or his jewelry, or to have his poke taken from under his pillow or out of his stocking, but it is something new in Dawson's history to record the stealing of such an article of commerce as a boiler.

That very identical thing is what happened, however, a few weeks ago at the old Model steam laundry, located down near the Standard Oil Co. The building is two stories in height, and the lower part having been used for a wash room and the upper floor for a drying room.

Some weeks ago the owners of the laundry sought new quarters farther up town in the vicinity of the Fairview hotel, leaving an eight-horse power porcupine boiler and fixtures in the building.

A few days ago they went to the building to investigate the condition of affairs and discovered that boiler and fittings had all disappeared and nothing left to take their place. The matter has been reported to the police, who are now endeavoring to locate the thief or thieves. Nothing has been discovered thus far which will lead up to their identity.

Baby Is Dead.

Gloom pervades the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Knabel of the German bakery, in the south end of the city today and for the very apparent reason that it has been invaded by the death angel and their little boy, Herman Thomas, aged 2 months and 12 days, has been taken from the fond father and loving mother. The child had not been well for two or three days, but was not considered at all dangerous. It seemed much better at 3 o'clock this morning, but suddenly grew worse and died at 6, the disease evidently being typhoid pneumonia now prevalent in the city. The funeral will be held from the family residence Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The fact that their baby had always been very healthy, large and vigorous, makes his death all the more severe to the parents who, while they have three children on the outside, have none to cheer their desolate cabin in the Klondike.

Territorial Court.

Judge Craig's department of the territorial court this forenoon was devoted to the hearing of motions.

In Judge Dugas' court Edward Little, who was bound over from the police court on the charge of extortion, his alleged victim being Maud Earle, who conducts a cigar store near the Klondike bridge, was up to elect as to whether he will be tried with or without a jury. As there was a flaw in the commitment papers, Little was remanded back to jail until the error can be corrected.

Force of Habit.

Although the mercury stood at less than five degrees below zero this morning people walked along the streets with hands over their noses just the same as if, like two days ago, it was 40 below. It was not that their noses were cold this morning, but that they were held through force of habit.

THE WORD IS MUM

People Who Are Prospecting on Clear Creek Have Nothing to Say.

ABOUT 50 MEN WINTERING THERE.

F. A. Cleveland and Party Make Round Trip

WHICH REQUIRES 12 DAYS.

Government Has Constructed Good Trail From Gold Run to Discovery on Clear Creek.

F. A. Cleveland, the roadhouse potentate, owning as he does one on the Dome, another on Gold Run, has returned with a party of eight others, from a round trip to Clear creek which consumed 12 days and no small amount of exertion.

Mr. Cleveland did not glean any large sized amount of information relative to the outlook for the new creek for the reason that the few people who have put holes to bedrock are not doing any talk about what they have or have not found. But from the confident tone and air of those whom he found there he does not hesitate to believe that valuable mining ground has been found and that there is a great future for that particular section of the country.

Mr. Cleveland says that, including hunters, there are about 50 men located on Clear creek for the winter, but that work is not being generally carried on, although he says he saw as many as five holes sunk on one claim. There are six or eight comfortable cabins on the creek and others are being put up. Mr. Cleveland and all his party staked claims on the left fork of the creek. No hillsides or benches are being staked for the very good reason that after 1000 feet is taken by the creek claims there is no hillside or benches left in the majority of cases. The recorder from Stewart is now on Clear creek and is recording all claims located and filed.

With a force of men and teams the government has already constructed a trail from Gold Run to within six miles of Grand lake, where there is a roadhouse, a distance of 50 miles, and from there on to the mouth of Barlow creek, a distance of 17 miles, from which point there is a good trail on to Clear creek, the entire distance from the mouth of Gold Run to discovery on Clear creek being 99 miles, which distance, so soon as the road is traveled sufficiently to pack down the snow, can be easily and speedily covered.

Caribou Coming.

At noon today three sled loads of caribou arrived in town from up the Klondike. The animals were killed a distance of 125 miles up the river and were freighted down with dogs. There were eight carcasses in all, and they are in fine condition. They are being sold this afternoon to the local butchers and the market for the time being will be plentifully supplied with the toothsome meat which by many is considered superior to the best beef.

The hunters report a good trail at this end of their journey, but farther up the trail is still pretty rough. As the season advances and hunting and prospecting continues there will be a good trail up the Klondike to the headwaters.

Several sleigh loads of caribou are also en route from the Fortymile country.

Fashions in Shrouds.

So much time and thought are bestowed on the question of how and with what the living shall be clothed that the question of fashions for the dead is seldom brought up. Yet in various parts of the country there are many women earning good livings by catering to the fashions for those who have passed into the bourne where it is commonly supposed there are no dress-makers and no milliners.

Many big casket companies employ women for no other purpose than to study the taste of people in the matter of shrouds, and these women will tell you that grave clothes' fashions are just as fickle as the fashions of street clothes, or party clothes, or, in fact, any other specially designed style of garment.

The prevailing styles are followed

closely. If large sleeves are the fashion in the clothes of the living, why, then, the shrouds must be and are made with large sleeves. It skirts are stiffened with crinoline or haircloth, so also is the skirt of the shroud, and recently, when trains were so fashionable, there were few shrouds made that did not have a long dip in the back.

To get rid of the old fashioned shrouds is as difficult a problem among manufacturers and dealers as it is for the merchant to dispose of out-of-date clothing for those living. It is next to impossible for them to do it although such goods are often marked down to the proverbial song. Indeed, so great is the aversion to an old fashioned shroud that it is rarely possible to give one away. People seem to have an instinctive desire to have the last dress of their departed loved ones just as up-to-date as it is possible to make it, irrespective of whether or not the corpse had been a man or woman addicted to current fashions.—Ex.

Officers Improving.

Favorable reports were made this morning of the respective conditions of both Major Wood and Capt. Starnes of the N. W. M. P. The former is slowly improving, but is still very sick. Capt. Starnes is very much better and, with no unforeseen complications, will be able to resume his official duties in a few days.

School House Fire

"The schoolhouse is on fire!" frantically yelled a wild-eyed boy as he rushed from the Fraternal hall building on Mission street, which is being used for a temple of education, down to fire house No. 2 about 11 o'clock this forenoon. Behind him came other boys strung out at intervals of from 20 to 50 feet all running and all lustily yelling "The schoolhouse is on fire."

The department made haste to respond, but had gotten less than half way to the scene of the supposed conflagration when the second delegation of boys strung out like the first was met and another cry "It's out!" was heard.

Investigation proved that there had for a moment, and until some applied a handful of snow to the affected part, been good cause for alarm, a joist from which was suspended a Rochester lamp in the upstairs room taught by Miss McCrea having taken fire from the lamp. As it was, no damage was done, and after the children had carried their books back into the room, order was restored, the tap to the fountain of knowledge was turned on and the 50 or more children resumed the journey that leads up the step ladder of fame.

Most Temperate Nation.

Americans are more temperate in the use of alcoholic drinks than any other of the great civilized peoples of non-Mahometan lands. The statistics of drinking in various countries are significant of the conditions of the people. The average American not only drinks and spends much less for drink than most people, but his taste demands the milder and less powerful stimulants. The greatest drinkers in the world are the French. They drink far more and naturally spend more money for drink than any other civilized people. The English rank next in the quantity they drink, but their taste is for very much less expensive liquors. Germany ranks third in the list. It is somewhat surprising to find that Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland come next in the scale before the United States. The average consumption in the United States is less than half that of France and considerably below the general average of Europe.

The figures themselves are surprisingly large. In France every man, woman and child consumes on an average 32 gallons of alcoholic stimulants every year. Of this 19 gallons are of wine, 11 of beer and 2 of spirits. The average Englishman drinks 28 gallons a year, and of this 27 gallons is beer and but half a gallon each of wine and spirits. The Germans do not sustain their reputation for beer drinking according to the statistics. Each drinks 21 gallons in all, 18 of which consists of beer, 2 of wine and the rest spirits. The average American drinks but 12 gallons in all. Of this .04 gallons is of wine, 10.5 of beer and the rest spirits. The temperance of the American is best shown by comparing the equivalent in alcohol contained in the liquors he drinks with that consumed by his cousins. The Frenchman drinks in a year 3.5 gallons of alcohol, the German 2.2 gallons, the Englishman 1.9 gallons; the average for all Europe is 1.6 gallons and in the United States 1.2 gallons.—Ex.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Of Mrs. Mansen by Hanging in Her Cell in the Penitentiary Last Night.

A ROPE MADE OF UNDER CLOTHING

This Time Was to Have Been the Means to the End

BUT WAS CUT DOWN AGAIN

This Time By the Night Matron Who Is as Wakeful as the Officer Who Cut the Blanket Rope.

Mrs. Mansen, she of the inexhaustible supply of non de plumes, who was convicted some time since of stealing gold dust and good golden nuggets from St. Mary's hospital, where she was a patient without pay, and who, soon after the commencement of her three years' term of imprisonment, attempted to end her life by hanging herself to her cell door, has again been doing the spectacular act, much to the disgust of the police officers who have her welfare much at heart, inasmuch as they are responsible for her well being.

The last time she tried to shuffle off the mortal coil she used a strip torn from one of her blankets, and was heard to gurgle tragically behind the curtain covering her cell door by the officer on duty in the guard room, who promptly cut her down without waiting to see how long she would have remained holding her feet off the floor, which she had to do in order to make the effort a success.

This time, the bedding furnished her being of an indestructible nature, she tore up a portion of her underclothing for the same laudable purpose, but her plans were abortive because the night matron in the female ward of the penitentiary was also wakeful and alert, and when the gurgling stage had been again reached the knife was once more applied and the spirit in company with the avardupois of Mrs. Mansen was wafted earthward, with a dull "thickening thud," and her plans had once more been frustrated.

But little stock is taken in the seriousness of Mrs. Mansen's intentions by the police authorities, as they are of the opinion that she has not yet reached the age of Solomon like wisdom when she is entitled to say that all is folly and vexation. In other words it is the general belief at the barracks that Mrs. Mansen is bluffing and all are quite certain of the fact that she is a very great nuisance, and that it is very hard to deal with her because she is subject to the most convenient fits of hysterics imaginable, and has one every time anything she attempts in the line of grandstand suicidal plays are attempted to be investigated.

She claims to be in a delicate condition, and uses this statement as an excuse, and when asked any questions of a judicial nature she throws her hands in the air and begins howling so that nothing can be done. Whether or not she will yet make further and more serious attempts at self-destruction, or whether or not she really wants to end her unfortunate life are matters awaiting further development.

Bonnie Annie Laurie.

Annie Laurie, about whom so much has been sung, was a real maiden, who was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, in 1682, and was quite as beautiful as the poet would have one believe. Douglas Finlay, who composed the song, "Bonnie Annie Laurie" was very much in love with her, but she married another man, one Alexander Furgusson, who probably did not write songs about her.—Ex.

May Return a Benedict.

Early next week John R. Gray, one of the proprietors of the Dawson Hardware Co., will leave for the outside world on an extended trip through Canada and the States, arranging for next year's shipment to his flourishing concern. It is rumored that his journey will not be all for business as those who know him best say that in distant Ireland, where he will make a flying trip, there awaits his coming a young lady who will, upon his return be introduced to Mrs. John R. Gray.

The Klondike

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.

The Anglo-Saxons, nothing so much as adapt himself to his life. His temperate zone, fluence of extreme, surrounded by the day civilization, time luxuries, regarded in the is his instinct to the best is not found that he w anyway.

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