

CAPTURED BY FOSTER

Newspaper Contingent Was Shown Around

On Its Excursion to the Dome to Commune With the Mid- night Sun.

The attendance at morning service at the churches yesterday showed an appreciable diminution owing to the fact that a large proportion of the population had run the two days into one by the payment of their annual devot to the Arctic sun from the summit of Moosehide mountain. At midnight there was a larger crowd at the summit than it has ever before witnessed in the history of the Klondike, and it is now rumored that the preachers in order to take advantage of this annual occasion, are concerting with certain esoteric philosophers for semi-religious and semi-pagan services and ceremonial, and a collection. But by next year, if Professor Wilson Foster is worthy of public credence, there will be a railroad to the summit, and that will be a railroad which will bring the circus and all the side shows and one-day permits and brass bands and all the other noisy things concomitant of a popular celebration.

Despite the large crowd the sun, majestic and unmoved by the clamor of pilgrims, attended strictly to business and at half past eleven retired for a short nap. It put on no airs, no fancy fireworks for the occasion, but as a great round ball, just as he plops up above the waves in a tropical sea, sank to rest. And there were many that thought he overslept himself, but the fact was that heavy clouds encurtained his rising and it was half past two before his gleaming face was again seen.

Even though it was clouded the view from the summit was one of surpassing grandeur, and the snow-crowned Rockies, seventy-five miles to the north, stood out with great distinctness. The scene was impressive to all except Wilson Foster, who, with a number of the members of the press club in tow, was napping to get them on the trail to his mines. Foster was strictly "it." He started his party at eight o'clock and from that hour until three a.m., with half an hour for lunch at the tent on one of his mines, he talked uninterruptedly, and every word that came out of his mouth was a gem. It was confined, too, to the quartz immediately under the feet of his followers. He was Aladdin and at his "sesame" the mountains opened and showed their wonderful treasures.

With the beginning of the Rock creek trail he said they were walking on an immense bed of serpentine, which extended, to the summit and beyond. That this gold bearing rock is already of great value is shown by the fact that the city is very properly being macadamized with it, so that Dawson's streets of gold may no longer be a merely figurative expression. Now then the quartz king would lead his party a few hundred feet from the trail to show a cropping, or one of the many places where the Dawson City Mining Company had dug a grave or a long ditch to expose the ore underneath. The company has fifteen claims lying contiguous and back of the dome, and the large amount of prospecting work done on this large stretch of ground was a surprise to the whole of the sightseers.

Between the dome on Moosehead and the next dome, which is called the Foster dome after the eminent scientist, who gave his name also to one of the famous glaciers of southeastern Alaska, the company has no less than seventeen openings, shafts, drifts, or long ditches, with fairly large dumps of pay rock on some of them. Foster would lead the party to one of these excavations and would say "Now Dana states that large deposits of gold and silver are frequently found in bodies of serpentine and I have proved that he is correct. This rock runs \$2 a ton from these croppings."

Then, like a veritable showman, he would go on to the next, show exactly where the serpentine changed into rose quartz, such as that on Eldorado; then into white quartz which in reality he claims is a continuation of the celebrated white channel, and again would he quote Dana. If Professor Dana was present in spirit form he must have been highly complimented to have his theories so thoroughly substantiated. The ruby quartz is found on the Juneau claim, and assays from it

give \$7.42 per ton. The white quartz found next to it is free milling, with copper stains, and runs from \$18.04 to \$85.40 to the ton. Then, on the next claim, called the Gold Belt, is a black and white quartz showing traces of galena, which under the cyanide process has given \$8.15 per ton. Not sufficient work has been done on this claim to show the extent of it, but it is undoubtedly a large body as are all of the deposits on this mountain. Mr. Foster intended to do some more work here yesterday. He had three holes ready and the fuse all ready to put into them so as to get new specimens for his visitors, but one of the stragglers who came along and boasted of his Montana experience thought it good fun to touch them off when nobody was looking, and thus spoiled the holes.

Then was shown a ledge of bird's-eye porphyry, free milling and giving \$9.92 per ton, and after that a large body of talcose muscovite, which at two feet below the surface gave \$2.06 per ton. But Mr. Foster is going to use this for toilet soaps, paints and other domestic purposes.

It is impossible to do justice to all the openings shown and the great promise of mineral wealth they all demonstrate. Mr. Foster talked at the rate of about twelve thousand words to the mile, and the distance actually walked could not be less than ten miles. It was "Now just follow me 100 feet to the west and I will show you—" On the way back he led the party through the brush to show them the outcroppings of the white channel, and there were great masses of white quartz as big as a cabin. He turned and showed the white gravel on the opposite bank of the Klondike, and demonstrated how it crossed the mountain to Moosehide. In short, although the lecture was long, it was full of interest and was never tiresome except to the feet, and any one interested in mining cannot do better than to take this walk along the Rock creek trail, which has no uncomfortable grades, and form some conception of the immense mineral wealth lying at the back door of the city.

It was a most enjoyable outing and proved many scientific matters to the satisfaction of the party. Among others it proved Professor George's theory that phrenological bumps may be developed, for upon the heads of Captain Roediger, Mr. Coyne and Mr. Settlemeir particularly the mosquitos had put in a great deal of development work. But the bumptiousness of Professor Foster proved unassailable, and his steady stream of quartz talk continued unbroken until the hour of going to press this afternoon.



Willie the Wag—Ah! madam, permit me to work the garden a little ere you shower your gifts upon me! Mrs. Up-to-date—O! these are not for you, sir; they are for the dog. Go and work the dog!

His Mother Anxious.

Mrs. E. P. Nessinger, of Kingston, Nova Scotia, writes Mayor H. C. Macaulay for information regarding her son George Fulton Nessinger from whom she has not heard since last August at which time he was employed on Gold Run and since when a letter written to him was returned to his mother marked "uncalled for."

Anyone having any knowledge of George Fulton Nessinger will confer a great favor on his anxious mother by either writing her or supplying Mayor Macaulay with their news. The missing man is about 30 years of age. He carried a 20-year indemnity policy on his life and heretofore has always sent the money to his mother to pay the yearly premium.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Rochester.—Miss Thelma Kingsworth, William Keith, C. D. Wright, Bonanza; Chas. B. Stone, W. F. Davidson, Foras; D. McKlin, O. J. Keller, W. A. Bastian, C. D. Harvey, Spokane.

PLEA NOT SUFFICIENT

Clarke Libel Case Up for Argument.

His Lordship Decides Against De- fendant as to a Portion of His Plea.

The case of the King vs. Clarke, better known as the Monroe criminal libel case, came up this morning before Mr. Justice Craig, the sufficiency of the plea of justification filed being argued by Mr. Hagel, K. C., no one appearing for the defendant. The plea is not voluminous and was read in full to his lordship. In justification of the publication of the alleged libelous matter, particularly that portion referred to as the Circle City incident, the plea states that between the fall of '95 and the spring of '96 Monroe who was at that time living at Circle had some troubles which gained for him the enmity and distrust of the miners, the thing culminating in the miners calling a meeting for the purpose of considering the matter of ordering him (Monroe) out of the camp. It is alleged that Monroe had heard of the proposed meeting and left before hand.

Counsel pointed out to his lordship that it was not stated in the complaint had left as the result of the meeting which was fatal to it as a plea of justification. With reference to that portion of the article where Monroe was accused of making persistent attempts to break the criminal code of Canada, meaning that he favored open gambling and had done all in his power to have such permitted, the plea stated that complainant was a part owner in the Bank building which had always been partially used for gambling purposes whenever open gambling had been tolerated; that he had at various times been interested in the gambling privileges of a house and was known to be openly and avowedly in favor of gambling.

Concerning the first section of the plea his lordship ruled at once that it was insufficient. As to the latter he reserved his decision until he could read it in conjunction with the former one filed.

The case is down for trial July 2, but as Mr. Justice Craig, who will be absent from the city on that date, has the criminal assizes for this month and Mr. Justice Dugas has refused to hear the case, the matter will be enlarged one week. The clerk of the court was instructed to issue a venire for the jury returnable Tuesday, July 8.

Heney to Build Road

From an old resident of Valdes who has just returned from the States we learn that the projectors of the Alaskan Gulf and Yukon railroad have given a contract to Mr. Heney for the building of the road, the terms of which authorize him to proceed with the work just as soon as a favorable report is received from the mines. The company have engaged four experts who will arrive here next month and proceed to the property on which they are to pass judgment. They would come sooner but desire to give the men now employed on the mines an opportunity to open the property sufficient to investigate the same.

If these men find the proposition to be what it is reported to be then we can look for busy times here for there will be plenty of money forthcoming. In an interview with Mr. Heney, our correspondent learned that he is inclined to favor Valdes as the terminal for the road. — Valdes Prospector.

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EVERYBODY KNOCKED OUT

Even to the Peace-Mak- ing Bartender.

Bare Fists Were Used With Disre- gard to Ring Rules—\$10 and Costs.

Alexander Clarke Fisher, still wearing those "two lovely black eyes," after two adjournments managed to get his case heard at the police court this morning, and the evidence showed he must have been in the liveliest kind of a general mix-up. This was on the morning of the 19th, and when Mr. Fisher came up before Magistrate Starnes to tell his tale of woe he was too full for utterance and his memory was bad. This morning his memory was fresher, as was that of Arthur Smith, his alleged assailant, who has spent four or five days in jail.

Fisher said he was drinking in the Bonanza saloon on the morning of the 19th when he was knocked down, and while on the floor was kicked. He was not sure who knocked him down but believed prisoner did the kicking. William Drummond, the bartender, said the complainant came in with two or three friends and the prisoner came in with some others. A discussion took place and Clarke was knocked down. Witness interfered to stop the fight and he was knocked down too. He did not know who did the kicking. Prisoner testified in his own behalf that he did not know what the discussion was about but he knew that he was knocked down and that there was a general

scrimage. Inspector Starnes said that if the saloons were going on in this way it would be better that they should be closed. The shape the prosecutor was in was evidence of the row. Prisoner did not deny that he was one of the fighters and he also admitted a previous conviction for assault. Ten dollars and costs or fifteen days hard labor.

"There is only one reason," he said, "why I have never asked you to be my wife."

"What is that?" she asked.

"I have always been half afraid you might refuse."

"Well," she whispered, after a long silence, "I should think you'd have curiosity enough to want to find out whether your suspicion was well founded or not." — Chicago Times-Herald.

"I got no use for congress," asserted Mr. Lemuel Higgins, proprietor of the Bowersville Grocery and Drygoods Emporium. "Why, here's 'Si' Simpkins an' 'Joe' Skinner has been owin' me \$10 apiece for sugar for six year, an' they jest won't pay up, an' now congress is goin' ahead an' makin' a law to perfect people like that. I don't see why sugar beats is entitled to any better show than any other reveals." — Baltimore American.

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