Story That Trip Requires But 34 Days Renews Mania.

When Nome Is Reached, What Then -Plenty of Work for Those Who Remain in Dawson.

Notwithstanding the fact that the season is becoming somewhat advanced people continue to start on the long trip to Nome without sign of cessation or abatement. The fact that McRae an'l Nagel, the two men who recently arrived from Nome, claim to have made the trip in 34 days actual travel, has created increased impetus to the ruth, and many who had almost given up the journey have become reimbued, with the idea that the trip is easy and that there is a fortune ready to rush at them the day they land at the beach

The news trought by the two men relative to the condition of the trail was certainly of an encouraging nature, but to the thinking, sensible person there was certainly nothing encouraging brought regarding the opportunities for obtaining wealth or even a common living after the place is reached. To the person eitner with or without capi tal the opportunities presented by Dawson both at present and for some time to come are certainly of a more brilliant bue than are those of Nome. The sea son of the cleanup is approaching when every man who so desires can procure work at good wages, and when all branches of business will receive an impetus commensurate to the gladsome barvest time.

At Nome there are no dumps to wash out, nor has it been yet satisfactorily proven that there is sufficient gold bearing territory to warrant the statement that there will ever be many dumps to wash out. The man who is in Dawson today is to be congratulated as compared with his neighbor who rushed off to Nome with nothing in view other than the object of reaching his destination hefore the ice breaks.

## At the Orpheum.

The entertainment at the Oprheum theater last night was exceedingly good. The olio was varied and com. havior of the vessel. rised of many excellent specialists. "Fanchon, the Crickdet," a piece in five acts, was well produced, and the stage setting was very artistic.

The general order of the program was reversed, and last night's performance commencted with the olio. The vocal selections of Beatrice Lorne were received with the greatest favor; and it is evident that her clear, well trained voice is appreciated to the fullest extent I. W. Lees, resigned. Mr. Sullivan is by the theatrical patrons in Dawson. Nellie Forsythe responded to two en cores. Her simple manner of readering modern ballads appeals to the sympathy of her auditors. Among others who acquitted themselves well of their respective turns were Cecil Marion, May Walker, Jacqueline, Maddoleon and of the imperisnable individuality in the Gussie Lamore. By continued applause, the audience demonstrated the appreciation which it entertained for the artistic specialty work of Frank J. Kelly. His rag time selections are unique and wonderfully well executed One of his songs, "Leader of the Rag Time Band," is of original composition and of topical character. Paul Bordman displayed his versatility by appearing to advantage in the character of a German emigrant. Robert Lawrence sang wo ings. Rooney and Forrester perfor aid an excellent turn, which bur lesqued Irish character in a very funny

The evening's entertainment was concluded with the production of "Fanchon, the Cricket." The title role was assumed by Blossom. The character of old Fadet, the witch, was portrayed by Julia Wolcott, who displayed excep tional talent. The pirt of Mother Bar beaud was taken by Jessie Forrester.

The roles of the twin br thers, Land, y and Didier, were assumed by Bordman and Layne respectively. All the actors were versed in their parts and well read in the lines. Those who assisted in the successful production of the piece were Nellie Forsythe, May Walker, Daisy D'Avara, Robert Lawrence, Tom Rooney, Frank Kelly, Charles Wade, Gordon Fane and Lew Traube.

A crowded house greeted the performance last night. The entertainment for this week is exceptionally good, and will continue no doubt to be rewarded by liberal patronage.

On next Thursday evening, in addition to the regular show, there will take, place a grand buck and wing dancing contest for a prize of \$200, which has been given by the manage ment of the Orphenm. The contestants will be Frank Kelly, Tom Rooney, Charles Brown, and Harry O'Brien. This part of the program promises to be very entertaining and exciting.

### Must Be Frail.

Port Townsend, Feb. 13.-The new torpedo boat Goldsborough, recently completed at the yard of Wolff & Zwicker, Portland, arrived this morning on her way to Seattle, where her trial trip will be held as soon as possible to make it. The trip was set for the 8th inst, and a start was made from the Oregon metropolis in good time to have arrived before that date, but the dangerous bar at the mouth of the river made it impossible for the vessel to escape and she was, accordingly, tied up at Astoria. While there, one night, a terrific gale sprung up and buffeted the little vessel against the shaky dock, with the result that five of her shell plates under water were twisted and sprung out of shape.

It is for the purpose of investigating the Columbia river damage that the vesse! will be drydocked at Port Orchard, preparatory to making her trial trip. On her trip down the river from Portland a place 14 miles long, on the Columbia, was run by the vessel in the remarkable time of 38 minutes.

The trip from Cape Disappointment, at the mouth of the river, to Cape Flat tery, a distance of 132 miles, was made in six hours.

The Goldsborough is under command of Capt. Tatter, one of the best known navigators on the river, and he is enthusiastic in his praise of the be-

## New Chief at Frisco.

The many San Franciscans in Dawson will be surprised to learn that I. W. Lees, for a long time chief of police of that city, has resigned his position. The telegram bringing the information says:

"The board of police commissioners tonight elected Wm. P. Sullivan, jr., chief of police of this city, to succeed the private secretary of Mayor Phelan."

## Theosophists' Society.

The Yukon theosophists will enter tain the public at its hall tomorrow evening over the Juneau hardware store on Second avenue, on the broad theme sub human races The subject will doubtless elicit much interesting discussion on the nature of the souls in the animal kingdom. All who feel any interest in the manifestations of animated nature are invited to attend The entertainment is free to all comers who may wish to listen, ask questions, or participate in the subject.

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