

LATER THAN KLONDIKE

Season at Nome Very Backward

Spring Clean-up Had Not Fairly Started One Month Ago.

The season at Nome is fully one month behind that of the Klondike. The Nome News of June 9th says: "Up to last Saturday comparatively little sluicing of winter dumps has been done, as the cold weather prevented continuous work, but the warm weather beginning last Sunday has sent the water from melting snow rushing down the streams in torrents. The work of cleaning up the dumps will be vigorously prosecuted. With favorable weather the dumps will disappear within a fortnight and there will be a lot of heavy pokes as recompense for last winter's work."

"Two of the biggest dumps in the country are on the Anvil property of the Northern Mining & Trading Co., and on the famous Snowflake mine. Thirty thousand car loads of gravel have been taken from the Northern Mining & Trading Co.'s property. A car load is about two-thirds of a cubic yard, and anyone familiar with the value of the gravel in the old channels of Anvil benches can easily figure that last winter's product of this property represents a fortune. "Last week the water flowing in Anvil creek did not comprise more than three or four sluice heads, and not more than one sluice head was flowing in Dexter creek. The water that is flowing now can be utilized only for sluicing dumps, as there is still much snow on the ground and but little frost has gone out of the earth. It will be several weeks before summer mining operations can be resumed."

A New System

Seattle, July 2.—Capt. Lewis Clarke, of the United States signal corps service, who arrived in Seattle yesterday, will shortly proceed to Nome to erect the government wireless telegraphic station there. The department advertised for tenders for the erection of masts to bear the receivers at Nome and at other points, but received only one bid, quoting such an exorbitant price that the government has decided to do the work itself. No tenders at all were received in answer to the call for bids for the erection of station houses. This has somewhat delayed the starting of the expedition.

The government programme, as now outlined, will give an all-American line of telegraph, both wireless, land and sub-marine, between Alaska and the United States. At present the only telegraphic service is over the Canadian line that starts from Dawson and finally reaches Vancouver, B. C., by Northern British Columbia and Ashcroft.

Referring to the government intentions respecting telegraphic communication with Alaska, Capt. Clarke said:

"The first government station of wireless telegraphy to be constructed this year will be at Fort Davis, at Nome. A mast 200 feet high will be erected; a force of three telegraphers will be stationed there. The next post will be at Safety Harbor, about thirty miles south of Nome. At Safety Harbor we have orders to put up two masts, and the necessary quarters for a force of probably four men. There will be also a wireless post at St. Michael, 110 miles away, across Eorton sound. This will complete that wireless district as far as is known at present."

"However, another wireless district will be established in the interior, between Gibbon and Bates Rapids. There is already a mast at Gibbon, which is situated in the Tanana district, near Rampart City. Bates rapids, of course, are on the Tanana river. This wireless district will connect with the line from St. Michael to Ebert and Fort Liscum, from which point the submarine cable will start."

"It is the intention of the government to lay a submarine cable from Fort Liscum to Sitka, and thence to Juneau, where it will connect with the cable from Seattle, but the first-mentioned part of this cable will not be completed this year."

"The work of laying the cable from Seattle to Juneau should start almost immediately. The work will be under the charge of Col. Allen and

Capt. Russell, who may arrive any day. In fact, the latter is expected here today or tomorrow, and I am informed that part of the cable, at any rate that to be laid between here and Juneau, has been shipped and is now on its way West, so iron now on there should be little delay."

"Congress voted only sufficient funds to lay a cable as far as Juneau, or to Sitka at the outside, so the piece to Fort Liscum cannot be done this year. It will, however, be finished next year, unless congress should refuse to vote the necessary funds, a contingency which is not contemplated by anyone."

"I do not know when I shall go North, as we have been disappointed in getting the masts and stations contracted for. We are now going to build them ourselves, and I expect orders to go North as soon as the masts have been built."

Poem Disrupts a Home

San Jose, Cal., June 27.—Eugene T. Russell, a traveling salesman of Boise, Idaho, today began suit against Laura E. Russell for divorce, naming Clarence T. Urmy, the well known poet and leader of the choir of Trinity Episcopal church, as co-respondent.

A poem entitled "Realization" by Urmy is declared to be in a great measure responsible for the breaking up of Russell's home. It is as follows:

Come home, for oh, I did not dream
How dear was our embrace,
What hope lay in your kiss and voice,
What heaven in your face;
For now, when you are far away,
My spirit aches and cries
For clasp of arms and touch of lips,
And balm for ears and eyes.

After Mrs. Russell had become smitten with Urmy she and her husband became reconciled and Russell took her back to her home in Idaho. Everything was going smoothly until in a New York magazine for December, 1902, appeared Urmy's poem, which Mrs. Russell interpreted as an appeal for her to return to California.

Japanese Railways

R. Taraki, a Japanese railway civil engineer, who has been in the United States for the last six months, by direction of the Japanese government studying American methods of engineering, will be a passenger on the

next outward bound Empress of China. During the time he has been in the States he has examined most of the large railway systems in that country, making a study of how engineering difficulties in construction have been overcome.

"Within the next few years there will be a very large amount of railway construction in Japan," he states. "We have done some within the past few years, but realize before we can advance as the United States has advanced we must have a network of railways all over the empire, just as you have in this country. Of course we do not expect they will all be built in a year. As a matter of fact, there will be railway construction going on in Japan for 100 years to come. It will take us about that length of time to accomplish what we want and put us on a railway footing with the United States."

"In this construction work there will be a very large amount of American material used. While we have iron mines in our own country, we have not yet learned the art of making steel rails as they are made here. Neither are we capable of constructing engines to operate on our new lines. For many years to come we will have to buy all or nearly all our steel material in the United States. In time some of the iron mines of the empire will be developed, rolling mills will be started, and we will make all of this product we need for ourselves."

"In the construction work to be done the government will largely give aid. There will also be private corporations organized just the same as there are in this country, and in these there will be a good share of foreign capital."—Victoria Times.

"Are you troubled with cockroaches or other insects about your premises, ma'am?" inquired the man with the pack, who had succeeded in gaining an audience with the mistress of the mansion.

"No, sir!" she said, glaring at him. "We are not troubled with cockroaches or other insects."

"Don't mind 'em, ch?" he rejoined, cheerfully, shouldering his pack again. "Well, there's nothing like getting used to one's afflictions. Good day, ma'am."—Chicago Tribune.

Klondike Souvenirs, Goetzman's, 209 photos, \$1.00. 328 Second ave.

Plenty of Sport

Vancouver, B. C., July 1.—It is estimated that there are 5,000 visitors in town for the celebration of Dominion day. The cruiser Grafton and five other ships of the North Pacific squadron are in port. Sports are the principal feature of the two days' celebration. This afternoon the Vancouver lacrosse team defeated Victoria in the series for the provincial championship by a score of 17 to 6. At cricket Vancouver won from Victoria by an innings and 45 runs.

The following were the results of the races at the first day of the Vancouver Jockey Club summer meeting:

First race, one-half mile — Ellis Glenn, 112 pounds, first; Mafada, 117 pounds, second; Artemis, 114 pounds, third. Time .55. Madrone was scratched.

Second race, Ledger Plate, one mile — Shellmount, 109 pounds, first; Belarid, 111 pounds, second; Bernadilla, third. Time 1:52. Idaho Chief was scratched.

Third race, Dominion day handicap for one and one-quarter miles, purse \$1,000—Coronal, 105 pounds, first; Pat Morrisey, 115 pounds, second; Vassallo, 112 pounds, third. Time 1:29. Idaho Chief and Dance Along also ran.

Fourth race, five furlongs — Miss Dividends, 112 pounds, won; Karabel, 112 pounds, second; Gray Friar, third.

Vancouver also defeated the Whatcom baseball team by a score of 8 to 2.

"So you have decided to give up journalism?"

"I have," answered the fair-haired, blue-eyed youth. "I have done my best, but—"

"Is the work too hard?"

"Too hard? No, it's too easy. After I had gotten up some splendid articles explaining the precise intentions of Russia in Manchuria and the prospect of free trade in England, and the obligations of American wealth to art, they made a fuss, because I overlooked an item about a new sewer."—Washington Star.

Sea of Pumice

Melbourne, June 27.—The French bark Vincennes, from San Francisco, with wheat, passed when about eighteen miles south of Pylstarri Island, south of the Tongan group, through a sea of pumice stone six

Man Hunt.

Collingwood, June 18.—Repeated reports have lately come to town of there being "creted" in the bush on the tenth line of Osprey, in the county of Ufey, a negro and white man, who subsist by stealing poultry from the neighbors in the vicinity. These two persons are supposed to be the perpetrators of the murder of Gary Whalen, in the vicinity of Collingwood. Mr. A. A. Bond, barrister, Chief Wilde and Night Policeman Best tonight left for the locality in which the men are supposed to be. It is their intention to swear in

twenty special constables and surround the bush where these men are at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning. All the constables will be heavily armed.

miles broad and of a length extending as far as the eye could reach. The depth of stone under water was about three feet, and the entire floating mass was of a consistent thickness throughout. The stones varied in size considerably, some were two feet square, but the majority were smaller.

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