## **NEWS FROM ALASKA**

A Rosslander's Experience in the Copper River Country.

This Great Body of Ice - Terrible Snowslides - Bears and Wolves Women Dressed Like Men.

The Alaskan and Yukon regions seem to be full of difficulties, for the miner, prospector and nearly all who visit them try, but we will know more of it after have stories of hardship to tell. One of this year. I expect to put in two years the latest Alaskan bubbles that has been exploded is the alleged richness of the Copper river country. A large party of prospectors returned to Seattle a few Rossland friends, and tell them I bedays ago with no gold and only stories of hardship and privation to tell of their experiences in that country. The crossing of the Valdez glacier, which is the Spokane Bankers Will Charge a Two gateway to the Copper river country, is a terrible experience. G. V. Scully, a

horses and a fine outfit on April 10, and The Spokane bankers say they have lost aiter a pleasant trip of 10 days we ar-rived at Valdez. I stopped at Bella adian money at par, and that the disserviceable dogs had been bought up for the Seattle outfits. Valdez, when we were the new revenue law on the position rooters tried to carry the position rooters tried to carry the position rooters tried to carry the properties in West Kootenay.

Stocks bought and sold on the position rooters tried to carry the plause. Mr. Daly announced that he had goat guessing how to climb them.

which grows there is balm or sort of cot- \$350,000 monthly. tonwood, and even it is very scarce. Horses were worth \$400 per head and hav and oats were worth \$100 per ton and in demand at that. One party came on board and offered to buy our horse outfit at those figures. I offered to sell

Uncle Sam, but they have done nothing The balance in favor of the company of as yet. They always manage to keep \$2.45 remains exactly as it was a year far enough behind the prospectors to ago. keep from making trails.

The next thing is checking up and mak- and until the properties of the company ing camp on top of the snow.

"The next day we started for the systematic development. glacier, which is about six miles away. In the condition of the London mar-We strung out three sleds to the horse, ket the president was fortunate in being and put from 600 to 800 pounds on each able to do this without the terms of the sled, which gave each horse from 1,800 orginal contract (which are exceedingly to 2,400 pounds to pull. It took us two savorable to the Victory-Triumph sharenights to move to the glacier, or the first holders) being in any way modified. bench, which is a rise of about 75 feet. The expert reports on the properties This glacier is a dead glacier and is re- were so good that they met with a most eeding at the rate of three-quarters of a flattering reception in London

not able to use the horses on the bench, atic development work. so we had to rope it over, which is Since the 15th of February, when tion party would be allowed an hour's done by putting in a snubbing work was commenced, 185 feet of drift- time for debate, which would be filled post on the upper end and attaching ing and 143 feet of crosscutting have a sled to each end of the rope after it has been done or 328 feet in all. "With the upholders of the opposition party.

account of a snow slide. We had no London Syndicate. sooner pitched camp than a snow slide When it is remembered this tunnel horses were used while the less fortunate mense property they have. were digging for their outfits.

It is a raise of 1,700 feet in three croppings are being traced with a view legislator for this part of his constitu- adian Pacific could make a catspaw pulle. It took us three nights to pull to to the best place to sink and most flat- ency, really acted exclusively for the of the Turner government, as charged this bench on top of which the trail went tering assay returns are being received benefit of his own little section of the by the opposition, it would have a perover about a mile of crevasses which had from the surface croppings, the ore going country, lying in the Big Bend, and he fect snap it a government ever came into been filled with snow but were now from \$25 to \$60 in gold and copper. opening up. We used our horses for two nights making a pull of five miles with a ton to the horse. We moved everything except the camp which on a trip like this is very extensive, and then we waited for nearly a week to get weather suitable for horses, but it never came so we bagged the feet of the horses and turned them loose in front and hand sledded our camp. The next five miles we made a horse trail and in two days we had everything at the foot of the

fourth bench. "Here we noticed the bears were getting very thick. There being many dead horses and jacks along the trail which afforded them good picking. They move around in droves. They were just coming out of their winter holes where they hibernate. Wolverines are pretty thick too. They would not leave the trail. The white grouse and white quail are plentiful and tame.

"We made a horse trail from the fourth bench to the summit or foot of the summit, a distance of seven miles. We had no sooner finished our trail when it was taken possession of by footmen and as we claimed right-of-way loaded or unloaded, it created hard feeling, and we had to threaten to run over second outfits if they did not pull out. We had some bother at the foot of the first bench where they threatened to shoot the first horse that appeared on the trail between Valdez and the bench I was notified, but told the fellow that l would also shoot the first man who shot the first horse. That night we started prepared for business, but we did not do

"The pull to the summit is about 5,000 feet from the bottom. We pulled 600 pounds to the horse; here we had a pull down hill for 17 miles. A man take down all he can hold back and prevent from turning over. Here is the timber line. We had a general wash up. The timber is Every one here is building boats and rafts out of whip-sawed lum-

"The woods are full of doctors and there are many women of all shapes and sizes, and they wear the same clothes as the men do, so it is hard for a fellow to know when he should not swear. used to take them for boys, especially an old Holland woman of 50 years, who

for a long time I took for a big fat boy of about 17.

"While we were at the summit a snow slide occurred which killed two men and buried hundreds of tons of pro-visions, a good deal of which has never been recovered. Many parties were forced to go back on account of losing their outfits. One man and woman were taken out with their arms around each others neck. They lived; was not that romantic? There are fully 2,000 people on this trail. It was rumored here that The Dangers Encountered in Crossing river by Indians, but it is scoffed at

"I suppose you have heard that J. E. Hudson was killed on the Chilcoot by a snow slide; he was formerly of Rossland and Ymir. He was interested in Ymir. I am going to take a man and explore the country between here and Lake Tazlina. This is a very mysterious counin Alaska. Next year I expect to get to Circle City and return to Portland via BODWELL DISCONCERTE

lieve I am the only Rosslander in this part of Alaska."

OUR MONEY DISCOUNTED.

Per Cent. Discount. At a recent meeting of the Spokane former resident of Rossland, recently Clearing House association at which all crossed the glacier. In a letter to Father | the Spokane banks were represented, it Rivers of this city he recounts his ex- was decided that on and after July 10 ernment meeting from start to finish at perience. Among other things he says: next, Canadian money would only be the opera house last Saturday. The audi- election and would not be prone to favor "I left Portland with three men, three accepted at a discount of 2 per cent. Bella, B. C., to try and buy some dogs, count to be imposed will be hardly suf- heart and soul; and althought the opbut failed to find any but cripples, as all ficent to pay for disposing of the cur-

arrived there, looked very bleak and other side, an American bank cannot put could not do so by logic, yet they saw not intended to take part in this camdesolate. There were three log cabins Canadian money into circulation without early in the evening that the attempt paign, but in the interests of himself and about 100 tents, and many without a tax of 10 per cent. thereon. This was futile and listened with interest to and the community it became necessary snow. Valdez is about 80 miles inland the nearest Canadian bank to have it the splendid addresses of A. C. Galt and and sid in the nearest Canadian bank to have it from Prince William sound and is situ- exchanged, and the expense connected T. Mayne Daly. ated on the old path of the Valdez with this is said to amount to nearly 2 glacier. The mountains were very per cent. of the amount involved. It is abrupt on both sides and would keep a estimated by a prominent Spokane banker that the Canadian money passing "The only timber worth speaking of through the Spokane banks amounts to

VICTORY-TRIUMPH.

President D. B. Bogle Issues a Report to the Shareholders.

David B. Bogle, the president of the at \$1,000 per head to bluff him and I company, has issued the following report to the shareholders: "Captain Abercrombie and 15 soldiers In the way of a balance sheet of finanwere sent up here to locate trails by cial statement there is nothing to report.

Following the contract entered into "When a fellow arrives at Valdez his and the instructions given, the presdent troubles begin. First is getting his of the company is glad to report that he goods off the boat. These you have to was able to secure the formation of a pack off on your back to a point on the syndicate in London, who have underice about three-quarters of a mile away. taken the flotation of a large company, were well opened up will continue their

Since this business was accomplished "On account of soft weather we were the properties have been under system- yet in order to present a fair exposition scheme of this class? continued Mr.

been passed through the pully at the exception of one crosscut—the one de- The discussion was opened for the post; four men can pull up in that way scribed from a point 284 feet from por- government by A. C. Galt, barrister. [Great and prolonged applause.] about 500 pounds to the sled. It took tal, all drifts are in ore or ledge mature and the sled. It took tal, all drifts are in ore or ledge mature and the sled in "The next day we pulled to the foot of the second bench and had to camp on dated June 22, 1898, and made for the listen to any suggestions made by either

came down and covered up six jacks and develops the Victory vein to a depth of been most courteously attended to. many tons of outfits. We were fortunate over 200 feet, the shareholders can have in being out of range. Next day the no difficulty in realizing what an im-

Arrangements are being made which shipments of clean ore already riding. blocked out may be made next winter.

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Kane Will Be Upheld-Galt Made a Logical and Convincing Address.

will admit that it was distinctly a gov- that it would be unwise to send an opence, which numbered close to a thou- an opposition riding. The rest of his sand, principally voters, was enthusiastically with the government speakers, position rooters tried to carry the

The meeting was a revelation to the administration. (Applause.) people who have fostered the belief that If any justification of the premier's James Martin has a walkover. Although government were needed, he continued, Mr. McKane, the independent govern- it was found in the address of his prement candidate for the legislature, decessor, Mr. Bodwell. He had anticiwas not present, yet the men- pated hearing Mr. Bodwell announce tion of his name was the mark that the party had at least a leader and for enthusiastic applause, and the audience signified in most unmistakable ation of the Turner government; instead fashion its cordial support for him.

an excellent moderator, although the Canadian Pacific and upholding the only need of his services was to restrain Corbin railways. As to the Canadian the superabundant enthusiasm of the Pacific railway, said Mr. Daly, the government men. As originally planned time was when every man in British Mr. Galt, Mr. Daly and F. M. McLeod Columbia would have given the boots off Special Attention Given to the Placing of Mining were to speak for the government, while his feet to see it built, and he himself Properties and the Management of Mines. D. B. Bogle rnd E. V. Bodwell should was heartily in favor of the aid extended appear for the opposition, but this was to that railway. But Mr. Bodwell had subsequently changed when Mr. McLeod | been blowing hot and cold at one time, for relinquished his time to Mr. Daly, while while attacking the subsidies extended Mr. Bogle gave place to Mr. Bodwell, so to the Canadian Pacific he was lauding that those two gentlemen and Mr. Galt | the aid given to the Nelson & Fort Seepwere the only speakers. Mr. Galt made pard railway. Mr. Daly declared that a careful, thoughtful, opening speech, the Turner government was equally and was followed at length by Mr. Bod- praiseworthy for subsidies to each of the well, who devoted the bulk of his time railways. [Applause]. to fighting the C.P.R. He was succeeded by T. Mayne Daly, who made a strong speech which was frequently Daly, what had Mr. Bodwell pointed out

Called to Order By Dr. Bowes. chairman, Dr. Bowes, announced that to the schemes of tricksters who wanted while the meeting had been called by their little axes ground, and their little the independent government association, jobs put through. Who had been foreof both sides to the election, the opposi- Daly. Why, Mr. Bodwell nimself, and

its supporters or its opponents, and Who was its leader? Semlin? Cotton? whatever requests had been made, had

A One-Sided Representative. The policy of Mr. Kellie, the present opposition representative of this riding, none other than Joe Martin himself, the "We were then at the foot of the secnd bench, which is a tough proposition. Development on the Triumph east
was briefly dealt with by Mr. Galt. Mr.
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all Canada. [Great applause.] Condelayed by snow and bad weather. The and bench, which is a tough proposition. delayed by snow and bad weather. The Kellie, he said, while nominally the tinuing he pointed out that if the Cantotally ignored the needs of the import- power led by its hireling, Joe Martin. ant centres in the southern part of the

Touching upon the present administration and its conduct of the provincial affairs, Mr. Galt admitted that while the government had hardly realized the needs of the Trail Creek country, but it was fast learning the necessities and the dues of this locality, and could be depended upon in the future to give the Rossland riding all that could be legit- of whom for sterling worth and honesty

One of the stock arguments of the proach, his career, both in public and in opposition against the government, said only political tricksters, actuated Mr. Galt, was that it had been ex- by selfish motives, who would travagant in spending the people's defeat his government to succeed money, yet Mr. Turner himself declared Martin. In conclusion Mr. Daly made that it was the claim of each separate legislator that his constituency was being ignored while the other sections to support the candidacy of John Mcbeing ignored, while the other sections were receiving undue recognition and appropriations. Thus it could hardly be declared that the government had been extravagant, if each section declared that no undue appropriations had been made for it.

The railway question was dwelt upon briefly by Mr. Galt, who commended the government's policy in opening all parts of the province. He alluded jovially to the Corbin grant, and pointed out that Mr. Bodwell, the solicitor for the Corbin road, who was to address the meeting in behalf of the opposition, was the chief advocate of the Corbin grant, who declared that not only was the N. & F. S. railway entitled to all the land it got, but to considerably more as [Laughter and applause.]

What the Riding Desired. It was generally conceded, Mr. Galt continued, that the desire of both parties was to elect a man who should represent this riding most faithfully and ably. It was no less generally conceded that the present government will be reinstalled at the coming election, and under such circumstances it would be folly to elect an opposition candidate so avowedly adverse to the administration as Mr. Martin was known to be. For the same reason it was self-evident that the best interests of the riding would be served by the election of an independent government supporter, John McKane.

Mr. Galt's address was heard most carefully and was punctuated by sharp

Mr. Bodwell's Speech. The opposition address of the evening was delivered by E. V. Bodwell, very beginning of his talk solemnly declared, asseverated and avowed that he was nor a leader of the opposition and had no designs against that exalted position. Having dwelt at length upon this point he declared that all the principles of John McKane, independent government candidate for the legislature, were the precise principles of the opposition party. After promulgating this interesting announcement Mr. Bodwell got down to a real, live, juicy local issue by discussing the physical geography of the Columbia river at Revelstoke and debating whether or not the natural course of the stream at that point should be restrained by the provincial or the dominion government. This soul-stirring and momentous question of geology and political economy was treated with A Speech Full of Inconsistencies and solemnity and circumlocution be-fitting such a splendid issue. Inci-

Rashness-An Opposition Destitute dentally, he declared that it would be of Principles, Policies and Leaders- folly for the province to oppose the The Audience All One Way-Mc- Dominion in such matters as this, for thereby British Columbia might fall into the bad grace of the Ottawa administration. In the same breath he pointed out with horror the heinous suggestion The rankest oppositionist of them all of the independent government men since the government were sure of respeech was an attack on the C. P. R.

T. Mayne Daly's Speech. Following Mr. Bodwell came T. Mayne Daly, whose address was frequently ernment as represented by Mr. Turner's Codes Clough's Moreing & Neill

of that Mr. Bodwell had spent the ma-Dr. Bowes was chairman, and made jor part of his address in attacking the

A Body Blow for Bodwell. In all his address, continued Mr. tion? The only argument that had been In calling the meeting to order the urged against it was that it was subject most in boosting every imaginable the chief motive of that gentleman in putting his friends, the opposition, in power, was so that he might with the greater ease put through the selfish projects of which he was the chief promoter.

> Martin's Black Political Record. What did the opposition represent? What was its platform? It had none. Joe Martin? Not a man in all the opposition party would own any of them, yet if the opposition ever got into power it was certain that it would be led by [Applause.]

A Man of Great Business Capacity. Touching upon the personal character of Mr. Turner, the speaker declared that it should be a matter of pride to British Columbia that its premier was a man of such recognized business capacity and personal characteristics—a man the peer could not be found in office throughout The Oppositionists' Stock Argument. all Canada. His record was above reit by an administration headed by Joe Kane, as the best means not only of supporting an honest, upright government, but also as the best means of serving the interests of Rossland and the Rossland riding. The conclusion of the address was marked by such enthusiastic and prolonged applause as has rarely been heard in a political meeting in the Koot-

War Prevents Investments. The Reddin & Jackson company Saturday received a long letter from a Lisbon, Portugal, firm stating that as soon as the Hispano-American war was over that it intended to make some large investments in the mines of this vicinity. The firm stated that it was impossible to finance anything in Portugal during the Truro Condensed Milk Co. finance anything in Portugal during the prevalence of hostilities between the two

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