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WINTER ROUTES TO THE YUKON.

We find in the Seattle Times of Friday last a letter written from Skagway by Joseph A. Costello. Mr. Costello is one of the most conservative and trustworthy newspaper men in the country, and he can be relied on to state the facts of any case as he finds them. The letter is dated March 13, and reports the winter trails as going to pieces under the influence of the unusually warm weather.

It is possible now to speak with some definiteness about the winter routes into the Yukon. When the weather is normal roads can be opened from the mouth of the Stikine to Glenora and from Skagway and Dyea to the lakes and will be serviceable for travel for two months or more each winter. Interruptions are likely to occur on the lower Stikine from heavy snow falls, but if there is a good foundation for a road, these can be overcome. On the Passes there is certain to be more or less interruption from heavy storms, and there is nothing to be done in such a case but to wait for better weather.

HYPATIA. Among historic women there is none with whose name there is so much calculated to appeal to human sympathy as with that of Hypatia, of Alexandria, who at the command of Cyril, bishop of that city, was seized by a band of fanatic monks, dragged naked through the streets, cut to pieces, her flesh scraped from her bones and the fragments burned. Hypatia, the woman, appeals to sympathy by reason of her youth, her beauty and her purity. Hypatia, the mathematician and philosopher, commands to-day, as she commanded when living, the admiring respect of the best minds. The fate of Hypatia, the martyr,

touches the heart of all who read the story of her life.

This "rare and radiant maiden," whose only fault lay in the fact that she lived in a mental atmosphere as far above the intolerant bigotry of the Alexandrian church as her moral instincts and practices were above the corruption of the Egyptian capital, was born in the latter part of the fourth century. Her father, Theon, was one of the greatest mathematicians of his day, and he was so impressed with the phenomenal ability of his daughter that he caused her to be educated in his own science. Then he sent her to Athens, where she studied philosophy. On her return to Alexandria she lectured chiefly on philosophical questions. Her wisdom was such that she was consulted by the judges on difficult questions, and Orestes, the Roman prefect, chose her for a counsellor. It was the latter fact that led to her death, for Cyril found her influence with the prefect supplanting his own. He therefore plotted to kill her, and his willing emissaries dragged her from her carriage as she was returning from her lecture hall, and after nameless indignities murdered her. This was in A. D. 415.

She was "a heathen"; that is to say she was not a Christian. She was the last great teacher of the Neoplatonic school of philosophy. Her death put an end to freedom of thought in Egypt, as the edicts of Justinian later put an end to freedom of thought in Greece. When her young life went out, the night of the Middle Ages began to overshadow the world, and we have hardly yet emerged from it into the full sunshine of intellectual freedom. Hypatia did not create the era that ended with her. She was the product of an age of mental unrest.

It is not necessary to examine very critically into the doctrines of Neoplatonism, which was much more Christian-like than the Christianity that overthrew it. Suffice it to say that it was a revival of the teachings of Plato, into which it introduced those mysteries which commend themselves so greatly to the Oriental mind. It was bitterly hostile to the sensual materialism which seemed inseparable from Imperial Rome. The Neoplatonic revival began in Egypt about the time of Christ. The first teacher to give Platonic methods of thought an impetus in Egypt was Philo Judæus, a learned Jew of Alexandria, who flourished both before and after the beginning of the present era. He was dissatisfied with the materialism that had become dominant in Judea under the influence of the Sadducees, and his voluminous writings are a protest against it. These writings contain many passages so closely resembling portions of St. John's gospel and the epistle to the Hebrews, that some scholars contend for the authorship of those books by one of his pupils, Plotinus, who represented the ancient religion of Rome, also sought in Platonic philosophy a solution of mysteries for which the cult of Mithras offered no explanation; while the Christian bishops of Alexandria endeavored to discover in the same fountain of learning some means whereby the new doctrine, which they preached, might be made acceptable to the educated and aristocratic classes. There was, perhaps, never in the history of the world a period of greater mental activity than the five centuries preceding the death of Hypatia, although it was confined chiefly to Alexandria. It was during this period that the wonderful Alexandrian library, begun under the Ptolemies, kings of Egypt, reached its culmination of magnificence, when it contained seven hundred thousand volumes representing the language and literature of the whole world. The library was destroyed by the Saracens in A. D. 640, but long after it had ceased to be useful to the mentally shackled clericals, who had access to it.

Hypatia was the flower of this remarkable age, the last star to set of that brilliant constellation of intellects which made the remarkable progress of ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt possible. Her great physical beauty and personal magnetism made her seem to the ignorant and bigoted ecclesiastics of her time like an emissary of Satan, fashioned expressly to lead men away from what they regarded as the true faith. Her courage, wisdom and beauty failed to protect her. Her death is emblematic of the passing away of the civilization of which she represented an ideal type.

The San Francisco Call notes with great pleasure the growing friendliness of Great Britain towards the United States, and seeks to account for it by the explanation that the United States is becoming very great and Britain is isolated. We do not regard either of these reasons as the true one. The friendliness is the result in part of similarity of institutions, identity of interests, origin and traditions, but perhaps more to close association of the people of the two countries, a better understanding of each and an indefinable yet all-powerful racial instinct than anything else. The English-speaking race must unite against the world, it matters not how the Union is brought about.

In the debate on the Stikine-Teslin railway bill, Hon. Mr. Foster spoke of hundreds and thousands of young Canadians going to the mouth of the Stikine, and finding themselves unable to go further for two or three months to come. Mr. Foster ought to keep himself better

informed. There will be good steamboat navigation up the Stikine within six weeks in all probability. For some reason, ignorance of the facts we presume, Mr. Foster said that if the government had searched the whole coast they could not have found a more disadvantageous route than that over the Stikine. Mr. Foster's view is different to that of every man who knows the country.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in discussing the right of the people of the United States to land goods at the mouth of the Mississippi for shipment up that river, (this was before the Louisiana purchase) took the position that this right was incident to that of using the Mississippi a highway. He said: "Sea-going vessels cannot navigate the river nor river vessels go to sea. The navigation would be useless, then, without an entrepot where vessels might safely deposit their cargoes and take those left by others, and where warehouses and keepers might be constantly established for the protection of these cargoes." This is the case of the Stikine to a nicety.

A STRANGER, entering the legislative hall for the first time, is likely to be startled by a sound resembling the discharge of small arms. If he is quick of eye he will see that the sound is caused by some member filing his journals. In some other legislatures one of the duties of the pages is to collect the files from the desks of members, put the journals and orders of the day upon them and replace them before the house opens. Such a plan would be beneficial here, especially as the echo in the chamber makes the noise of piercing the paper very loud and speakers as well as listeners must be annoyed by it.

Nor very long ago the United States papers used to boast of the great advantage derived by their country because, like Spain, it had not agreed to the rule making privateering illegal. All the other leading nations had done so. The great advantage claimed was that the United States could prey on British commerce in the event of a war. In view of this, the request of the Washington government that Great Britain will use her influence to get Spain to agree not to authorize privateering in the event of a war with the United States seems very funny.

The Seattle people are amusing themselves with the idea that there may be three routes from the Gulf of Alaska to the Yukon. Two of these are from Cook's Inlet; the third is via the Copper river. In view of the fact that since time immemorial Indians have been journeying from the Coast to the Yukon, and have never used either of these routes, it is safe to conclude that there exist chiefly on paper. Our neighbors may as well make up their minds to go to their interior Yukon gold mines by the Canadian route.

Does Col. Baker's proposal to keep lunatics out of the province go far enough to take in the woman who can see no reason why she can't go to Klondike as well as a man; the man who starts with three months' grub and no money; the fellow with an ice locomotive; and all the rest of the tribe who made such an exhibition of themselves last fall and promise to repeat the performance this year?

The Post-Intelligencer in the course of a semi-insane editorial says that British Columbia has no food products. British Columbia probably produces more cattle than the State of Washington; it produces very many times as much fish; it produces great quantities of grain and fruit; its dairy produce is large and increasing rapidly. It is more nearly self-sustaining in regard to food products, wheat excepted, than Washington was five years ago.

An impression prevails in well-informed quarters that the great danger in the Orient is not from an attempt by the powers to partition China, but from the breaking up of that empire from within. Already the tie between the several provinces and the Peking government is very weak, and there is almost no tie between the provinces themselves.

THIS seems to be an exceptional winter in more ways than one. The annual migration of caribou in Alaska did not take place, and as a result the Tanana Indians, who live on the head waters of the river of that name, are likely to be nearly exterminated by starvation. At last accounts they had eaten all their dogs.

THE war with Spain is progressing very rapidly in the United States newspapers. It is very clear that, if Spain will play the game according to newspaper programme, she will be whipped in the first round. The only difficulty lies in the fact that she may decline to do it.

THE Tacoma Ledger thinks Great Britain is at a disadvantage in managing barbarian nations, because her people "do not fuse with the natives." They do better than fuse; they rule with justice and firmness. Hitherto we have been under the impression that the British race had been something of a success in managing barbarous people.

It now appears that the revolving gun turret, the credit for inventing which has always been given to John Ericsson, was in point of fact invented by Dr.

Theodore R. Timby, of New York. Capt. Ericsson was only the builder of the Monitor, on which the first revolving turret was used.

A LETTER has been received in Victoria from Telegraph Creek dated March 3rd. There is no special news in the letter, but interest attaches to it from the fact that somebody brought the letter down since March 3rd. The writer of the letter left Wrangell to go up the river on February 10th.

A TACOMA chemist claims to have discovered gold in sulphur.

THEY build very good gunboats on the Tyne in three months now.

BY WAY OF VALETTY.

Called Back.—It is one of the school laws in those cities that no child may come from a family any member of which is ill with a contagious disease. One day recently Willie K— appeared before his teacher and said: "My sister's got the measles, sir."

"Well, what are you doing here, then?" replied the teacher, severely. "Don't you know any better than to come to school when your sister has the measles? Now, you go home, and stay there until she is well."

The boy, who is a veritable little rogue, went to the door, where he turned with a twinkle in his eye and said: "If you please, sir, my sister lives in Philadelphia—Harper's Bazar."

An Honest Man.—"Now, look here, Thompson," remarked Brown; "it has since my school months you borrowed that five dollar note from me."

"Seven," corrected Thompson, gravely. "Well, then, months ago," snorted Brown, "and you promised to give me an array of the pages in, put the journals and orders of the day upon them and replace them before the house opens. Such a plan would be beneficial here, especially as the echo in the chamber makes the noise of piercing the paper very loud and speakers as well as listeners must be annoyed by it."

"No," answered Thompson, shaking his head; "I'm a man of my word. When I give you the note I said I will retain this to you, and I meant it. Brown, old man, just as soon as I come across No. 672828, St. J. issue of 1887, I'll see that I bring it for you, not the one to go back on my promise."—Harpers'

His wife (hearing him indistinctly) Henry, please hold your mouth a little while I finish my coffee. He (with considerable indignation)—Do you think I've been drinking, Amelia?—Dullerwit—Everybody who has read it declares it's the best thing I ever wrote. Fullerbad—And, pray, how many have read it?

Dullerwit—Oh, quantities of people! For instance, there's the proofreaders, and then, you know, I have read it myself.—Boston Transcript.

HURTFUL AND FOOLISH.

What object the Victoria Times can have in writing down the Stikine route as a route to the Yukon is a matter for the office of our contemporary has been temporarily converted into a mad-house. It can have no better information as to the condition of affairs than the Colonist or The World, and it is simply playing into the hands of our enemies by making the ridiculous statements it does. There was a time in the history of a certain city not a hundred miles from Vancouver when its merchants and business men rose up against a daily paper issued therein and told its editor that if he did not put an end to his jereמידs they would cease to patronize him. The fact was that such blue ruin articles as he printed had soured those who, laboring under extreme difficulties necessitated by the collapse of a real estate boom, were endeavoring to get on their feet again and they deprecated language calculated to injure the promising young town to which reference has been made. They succeeded, and while we object on the grounds of British fair play to the boycotting system in this free Canadian land, it seems to us that somebody ought to put a chain on the arm of the scripping who pens stuff that no intelligent moulder of public opinion would acknowledge. It were entirely mean to suggest that the only reason why the Times says what it does about the Stikine route is because a gentleman, of large views and wide experience, who edits another journal, is on the directors of a company which happens to be interested in the Klondike and the Stikine route especially. We refuse to believe it guilty of such contemptible smallness, but we do say, and that emphatically, that in the course of it is purporting, reflecting adversely upon the route in question, it is doing the best it can to hurt trade in the Coast emporiums and so to injure the prospects of every man, woman and child in our midst. In our judgment the Times would show wisdom by allowing the Post-Intelligencer of Seattle to do all the cursing which at the present time seems to be its main amusement. If it were to see the busy streets of Vancouver, the moving throngs, the crowded outfitting establishments, the noisy wharves, the incessant jereמידs, and hurry, and hurry, it might form some conception of what it means to our citizens to have such a large amount of money passing into their bank accounts and cease to destroy, by its fatuity, the hen that lays the golden egg. What is true of Vancouver in this regard is equally true of Victoria where the scenes of the old Cariboo days are being re-enacted and everybody feels pleased. By all means, if anybody has the power, ease the editor's mind as to the United States side of the line—Vancouver World.

A Neighbor's Advice.

THE MEANS OF RESTORING A LITTLE GIRL TO HEALTH.

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THE WEEK'S CONCERTS

Giorza's Grand Festival Mass is to Be Repeated in the Coal City.

Irish and Scotch Music and the Young Folks Entertainment by Juvenile Templars.

The chief musical event of the week was the presentation of Giorza's Grand Festival Mass at Institute hall, in aid of the B. C. Benevolent Society. It was the first time that the attempt has been made to give anything of the kind with a full orchestra, composed chiefly of amateurs. Farmer's Mass, a year ago, which was also under the same leader, Mr. F. Victor Austin, had a stringed orchestra, but the Giorza Mass was a much more ambitious performance, and though of course not perfect was a surprise to those who noted the excellence of the orchestral playing. The chorus singing, too, was good, though perhaps the number of voices was hardly enough for the size of the orchestra. The performance, however, was very enjoyable and speaks well for the pains taken by the leader, singers and orchestra. The attendance, too, was a great encouragement for Mr. Austin and those who assisted him. The people of Nanaimo are to have the pleasure of hearing a repetition of the performance next Saturday, the proceeds to be in aid of the Nanaimo hospital. Mr. James Dunsmeir has placed a special train at the disposal of the ladies and gentlemen who take part, and chorus and orchestra will have their final rehearsal on Wednesday evening at Institute hall.

Appropriate to the week was the Irish concert, which Perseverance lodge, I. O. G. T., gave in Perseverance hall on Tuesday. Mr. J. G. Brown lent his aid for the occasion, and arranged a capital programme, which naturally for a St. Patrick's concert, consisted chiefly of Irish songs. Quite an array of talent took part, including Miss Aronson, Miss Blackie, the Misses Cutler, Miss Russell, Mrs. Nolton, Mr. J. G. Brown, Mr. Pilling, Mr. F. Richardson, Mr. A. Goward and Rev. P. C. L. Harrie. Mrs. Nolton's recitations were particularly good, and the evening passed off very well, Mr. Kidd, M. P. P., presiding.

Such a hit was made by the concert and entertainment given a short time ago by Fidelity Junior Temple, I. O. G. T. that last night it was repeated. Dr. Lewis Hall presided and the programme which was in under the direction of Mrs. Hall consisted of a hoop drill by twelve little girls, military drill by a number of boys, while songs and recitations made up the rest of the programme.

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Toronto "Globe" in Favor of Railways
Trade Arguments Convincing—Police
Toronto, March 20.—The probable action of the Yukon bill, says a senator are not so much a month ago, a change by the fact that our trade routes are being re-opened to the Hudson route and re-earned such hostility must be calculated Canadian trade.

Another important opinion in the report says, is that the amount of an absolutely necessary event of the district of a riot.

A terrible blizzard Nebraska. The forty degrees, with miles per hour. The hard on cattle and severe weather is the west.

Mr. Gladstone has Hawarden from Bour Signor Crisp's case the Italian chamber day, the radicals de-prosecution of the for the purpose of treating the wrecked off Port islands. She had on gers, including 30 the number of one of the

It is reported from south of Zanibar, East month during a revolt expedition of German tacked and three Germ the native carriers were James Payne the alist, and Miss Flower well known actress, a do-

Without division passed the Irish local NEWS OF VA

Timber Berths Offered—Smelters for Co Halibut B

Vancouver, March 20 representatives of Billot Swansea, Wales, are their way to the coast ments for the erectio at least matting plan the purpose of treating Messrs. Laing and menced the expenditure the development of

The halibut season been closed by the banks of the steaming some 50,000 pounds men and tackle, has factory one in spite but the one bolt has the fishing and the stormy for much of t hano will be placed

The blowing out of at the Brunette saw minister had been rep will start again this The two river boat False creek by the C progressing.

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