

CONFIDENCE IN LONE STAR

J. J. O'Neil, Mining Expert, Explains a Previous Letter.

A Tru: Fissure Has Been Located in the Victoria Gulch Mines—Makes a Proposition.

Dawson City, Jan. 15, 1902. Editor Klondike Nugget:

Dear Sir.—As my article published in the Nugget some time ago was misconstrued and not understood by the public in general, I beg that you will publish the following explanation. It is not and never was my intention to condemn this country as a quartz camp. My experience here for the past sixteen months has convinced me that there is quartz here and in paying quantities. As regards the report concerning the Lone Star, I take exception only to certain parts. I have always said and still say that they have a large body of gold-bearing ore which if properly worked under the management of an experienced man will without a doubt prove a wonderful producer. This camp is now in its infancy and no man has a right to say that there is no quartz here. Of the thousands of men who have come to this camp there have not been five of them who have confined themselves to quartz. Prospecting conditions were against the prospector. To my certain knowledge there has never been a placer camp that had quartz mines working in less than 6 years from the time the placer was found. Men worked at the placer because they could get quick returns for their labor. It was only when the placer ground was almost worked out that they began to search for quartz. Why should any one say there is no quartz here? I have had 31 years of mining experience and I can say without fear of contradiction that every placer camp of any importance turned into a quartz camp. Many people call the croppings of quartz that are found here bull quartz. In this they are mistaken; it is bleached quartz, and by sinking upon this it will be found to be mineralized. I do not wish to say that it is all gold-bearing, as there are barren ledges in all quartz camps. In this camp there is as good a showing as can be found in any camp considering the amount of work that has been done. Form a company among yourselves, elect responsible men as your officers and directors, prove to the world what you have got in this northland and capital will come to you. You will not have to seek it. An old saying among capitalists is: "Show us gold-bearing quartz and we will show you the railroad." Again, as I said before, I know there is quartz here and in a paying body. True there has been but little work done to open up the ledges. It is not the prospector and working man who is to blame, but the fact that they have been compelled to pay enormous prices for their grub and especially powder. In 1899 powder was \$4.00 per pound and even last year they paid \$1.50 per pound. Don't make the mistake that has been made in new camps in the past; don't allow outside capital to get control of your mines. It has always been the custom to condemn a new camp until they secured what they wanted and even then they keep the mines closed down until they choose to open them. This is often done to freeze out the small stockholders. So far as the Lone Star mine is concerned I defy any man to contradict this statement. There is a well-defined true fissure vein carrying values in gold that will pay from the start. The ore on the dumps at the present time will pay to work. It will not be necessary to sink 400 or 900 feet before you begin to mill the rock, as it will pay from the surface. I am satisfied that the ledge is a continuous one and as great depth is reached it will improve in value. To back my opinion I hereby submit this offer to the company that is now being formed: I to receive the position as foreman of the mine for 18 months at the rate of ten dollars per day and board. I agree to take all

my wages for the time specified in stock at the present rate of the same and I agree not to dispose of any of the stock during said time. I am satisfied that I can have the mine paying dividends in a very short time which will cause stock to double in value. Respectfully yours, J. J. O'NEIL.

WITH THE CURLERS

Bank of Commerce Receives Another Drubbing.

Monday afternoon at the curling rink the Bank of Commerce curlers again went down in ignominious defeat before the civil service lads, the score being 12 to 4. The teams were the same as played Saturday, consisting of:

Civil Service—W. C. Noble (skip), J. A. Donald, W. R. Hamilton and C. W. MacPherson.

Bank of Commerce—R. M. de Gex (skip), H. Jenmit, J. Bell and E. E. Tiffin.

A game was also played between the N. C. Co. and the Orpheum building, the former winning by a score of 10 to 3. The curlers were:

N. C. Co.—Thos. McGowan (skip), Wm. Fairbanks, C. J. Heron and Mr. Anderson.

Orpheum building—W. D. Bruce (skip), Dr. Richardson, F. R. Dickson, and Mr. Bruce.

The British Navy. New York, Dec. 30.—Rumors are rife as to the intention of the Treasury to starve the navy on account of the cost of the war in South Africa, says the London correspondent of The Tribune.

They are based on the assumption that the six armored ships which were voted last session to be built by contract are not to be placed out until the end of January. While Sir Michael Hicks-Beach keeps a tight grip on the nation's purse, he knows very well that he could not remain long in office if, owing to his parsimony, the British navy fell below the combined strength of any other two navies in the world, and it is therefore probable that when Parliament reassembles next month he will be as readily able to meet the charges which are now levelled against him as a year ago he was to meet the accusations that he was starving the army in order to balance the budget.

Murder on Train. St. Louis, Dec. 30.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Memphis, Tenn., says:

Four men, headed by Ashley Coeke, of Mississippi, killed J. M. Rhea, a railroad engineer of Vicksburg, who was a passenger on the northbound Yazoo & Mississippi Valley train just south of Island, Miss., this morning, and then took possession of the train compelling the engineer to uncouple the engine and carry them on up the road, where they tried to escape. All were captured.

Coke is a wealthy planter and merchant of Cleveland, Miss. He was accompanied by A. M. Phipps, postmaster at Shelby, Miss., Tom Lauderdale, a relative of Phipps, and another man named Blackman. Coeke had a 45-calibre revolver. Blackman and Lauderdale each had a Winchester rifle. Phipps was unarmed. Through-out all parts of Mississippi the indignation is intense.

Not Anxious to Be President. Washington, D. C., Monday, Dec. 30.—A personal letter has been received in Washington from General Reyes, who had been selected by the various elements in Colombia to take the presidency, indicating that he does not view with favor his call to the executive chair and is rather unlikely to accept it. General Reyes was designated by the Colombian congress as successor to the presidency, largely as a means of reconciling the difficulties which exist between the various political factions in that country.

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W. B. SANFORD RETURNS

From Seattle to Assume Charge of Dawson E. L. & P. Co.

W. B. Sanford, who was the first dog team passenger to go out over the ice this season, having left here with R. E. West late in November, was a returning passenger on the stage yesterday. Mr. Sanford's trip to the outside was something of a disappointment. After joining his wife in Seattle they expected to spend the winter travelling and sight-seeing in the south, but when news of the death of the late manager of Dawson Electric Light & Power Co., W. A. Speake, reached Seattle, Mr. Sanford was ordered by President Williams to at once return here and take charge of the company's business. Thus were his arrangements for a pleasant winter trip rudely shattered.

Mr. Williams is in New York and will not return to Dawson until spring.

The late manager of the company, W. A. Speake, carried \$3,000 insurance on his life in the Protective Order of Elks, which amount will be paid his widow. The body is still being held here and will probably be sent to Seattle on the opening of navigation.

POOR LO, THE INDIAN.

(Continued from page 1.)

White man no better than Indian. Only God, he boss. Two whole night I no sleep. My boy in jail. White man put boy in jail cause he tell truth. Government must use Indian all same white man. Put all Indian out Dawson so no white man or Indian get whisky. Use Indian like white man. If white man go to hell, Indian go to hell, government go to hell, everybody go to hell. Use white man all same Indian.

Isaac's Uncle Charley, an old man bowed by the weight of fourscore years, next spoke but in his own language, consequently was not understood until Silas explained that the notion of the old man in getting down on the ground meant that he wished to show that here in the land of his fathers, the land that he was always taught to believe was given by God to the Indians, he is now no more than a worm that crawls on the ground.

An Indian called Johnson next spoke in very fair English. He talked on the same lines as did Isaac and Silas, but another buck standing back in the crowd called him off, thinking, probably, that it was a case of "Too Much Johnson."

Isaac again made a short talk, after which the crowd, having stood in the snow for fully a half hour, dispersed. One thing is very certain and that is that, right or wrong, the Indians are honest in the conviction that their confidence has been betrayed and that their wrong is a very deep one.

Invited to Write Opera.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The Fremdenblatt this morning contains a statement by Ruggerio Leoncavallo, the operatic composer, confirming the report that in 1894 Emperor William invited him to write an opera on the novel entitled "Roland of Berlin," by Wilhelm Haerig, known under the pseudonym of Wilhalm Alexis. Owing to the composer's ignorance of the German language he had to have the novel translated. This necessitated a delay of some three years, which displeased Emperor William. The emperor has since graciously accepted the composer's explanation of the delay.

Leoncavallo says the opera will be finished and produced in Berlin next winter.

Cancel Assess Corporations.

Denver, Col., Dec. 30.—Judge Riner in the District Court this afternoon made permanent the injunction against the State Board of Assessors preventing it from certifying out the assessments against the corporations. Judge Riner decided that the law appointing the board of thirteen assessors was unconstitutional and they had no power to make the assessment. As a result of this decision, Governor Orman may call the Legislature in special session to pass a new revenue law.

Y. M. C. A. in Brazil.

New York, Monday, Dec. 30.—Brazil was the subject of a recent address at the Y. M. C. A. in this city by the Rt. Rev. Lucien Lee Kinsolving, bishop of Southern Brazil. The bishop told in detail of the work of the Y. M. C. A. branch established not long ago in Rio de Janeiro. Bishop Kinsolving said that public men of prominence were pleased to address the Y. M. C. A. branch at Rio Janeiro, and to aid in many ways.

Did Not Offer to Settle.

London, Dec. 30.—Counsel for the Duke of Manchester declare there is absolutely no truth in the report that the Duke had offered Miss Portia Knight, the actress, \$20,000 in full settlement of her claim for damages resulting from alleged breach of promise of marriage. The lawyers say no negotiations for a settlement have occurred and that the trial will take its course in the ordinary way.

Hot and cold lunch at the Bank Saloon.

Nicely furnished rooms at the Coping House, 7th ave. and 3rd st.

CORBETT'S BROTHER

Dies in Seattle From the Effects of Opium.

Seattle, Dec. 30.—James J. Corbett, ex-champion heavy-weight prize fighter of the world, yesterday telegraphed the Seattle police to have his brother, John Corbett, decently buried at his expense. John Corbett, whose chief claim to notoriety was that he was a brother of the great fighter, died Saturday night in a rear room at 407 Yeeler Way. The continued use of morphine for more than five years caused the demise. For months Corbett has been a pitiful figure on the streets of Seattle. Everything that could be done for him was done. Time and again, buoyed by that same spirit which made his brother the physical man he was, he would endeavor to escape from the awful thralldom of the drug. But his efforts were in vain and his resolutions the resolutions of the weak.

Altogether there were four Corbett boys, three of whom attained more or less fame throughout the world of sport. James J., the greatest boxer the world ever produced, Joe, who trained the former for his big battles; Harry, who recently refereed the Jeffries-Rubin contest in San Francisco, and who runs a big sporting resort in that city; and John, who died on Saturday, one of the most awful deaths known to mankind.

In the makeup of all these brothers, there runs something which makes them peculiar figures in the world in which they live. Since mere boys they have lived by themselves, for themselves. When John Corbett found he was becoming addicted to the use of morphine, he left his home in California and came here to fight his fight alone. For months his people knew nothing of him. Then the papers got the story, and all the world knew that a brother of the great champion was in Seattle living the life of a "dope fiend."

At one time Corbett went to Sergeant Powers of the local police, and begged that he be sent to the county jail for sixty days, so that he could keep away from morphine. This request was granted him. For a time after his release, things looked well. The old temptation, however, came back with unresisting strength, and bit by bit, inch by inch, John Corbett, who apparently was all that physical perfection could be, went slowly down until he again reached the level of the beast.

Dr. De Soto, whose work among the "dope fiends" is well known, then found the unfortunate man, and did everything he could to save him from ruin. For more than two months he was an inmate of the hospital ship Idaho. It was just previous to that time that Corbett had been on one of the most degrading debauches of his career. So far gone was he that he would lie, cheat, steal and even threaten to kill, for a morphine pill or bit of opium.

Obtaining his drug, he would, as though ashamed of his very existence, steal away from the sight of man, and crawling under some sidewalk, or stealing into a deep damp basement under a tendorin bawdy house, relapse into unconsciousness, while the deadly drug was slowly undermining his system.

It was at this time he was found by Dr. Soto and taken to the hospital boat. There he was visited by some of his former friends. The man who at one time presented a body that was physically perfect, had wasted away until he was nothing but a mass of bones. The skin on his face was drawn so tightly that the head looked like a skull, covered with parchment, seared and yellow.

So low was the tide of life that the respiration came in gasps. The hands, long and skinny, reminded one of the great gaunt fingers of death. So startlingly distinct were the ribs of the victim that the crevices of the bones could be followed by the finger if they could not be seen. So emaciated and enfeebled had he grown that all the power of the lower limbs had vanished. He left the hospital a short time ago incurable.

This morning Harry Corbett, by wire, asked the local authorities to send the body to San Francisco, where the remains will be interred in the family lot.

Peru and Ecuador.

New York, Monday, Dec. 30.—The Ecuadorian Government has ascertained that Peruvian parties have occupied certain regions in the easterly part of Ecuador, says the Guayaquil, Ecuador, correspondent of The Herald. It will protest energetically against the occupations.

A Fatal Dispute.

Bakersfield, Cal., Monday, Dec. 30.—As a result of a dispute over cards on Friday last Bert Webb, a blacksmith, was killed by A. S. Brady. A reward of \$50 has been offered for the arrest of Brady. Webb is said to have been a former resident of Portland, Oregon.

Wireless Telegraph.

Washington, D. C., Monday, Dec. 30.—The Navy Department has decided to establish wireless telegraph plants at the Washington navy yard and Annapolis. The plans are now being worked out under the direction of Admiral Bradford.

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NEW CREEKS ARE STAKED

Tributaries Entering Indian River Demanding Attention.

Applications for record still continue to be received on Gladstone creek at the gold commissioner's office, the latest to be applied for being the hillside claims on the left limit opposite 4 and 5. The creek is a tributary of Indian river entering on the right limit about six miles above the mouth of the river. Discovery claim, which was made jointly, was recorded January 2 by F. E. Enevoldsen and Samuel B. Roberts. It is 1500 feet in length and lies directly at the mouth of the creek. The creek claims number up from the mouth, the last to be recorded being No. 64. The discoverers claim to have found ten cent dirt, and are preparing to take out a dump yet this winter.

Enevoldsen and a partner named C. W. Williams made another discovery shortly after the strike on Gladstone. A short distance below the latter another creek enters Indian river on the same limit. A discovery on it was located near its mouth on January 8, the creek being christened Strathcona. It is said to prospect equally as well as Gladstone.

Back in Dawson.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Curley Monroe will be glad to hear they have again taken up their residence on Third avenue and will reside in Dawson in future.

To Clear Up Mystery.

Salt Lake, Dec. 29.—With the finding of a 38-calibre revolver not far from the scene of the crime, the police of this city have in their possession what is believed to be the last element necessary to clear up the mystery of James R. Hay's murder on the night of December 16. The weapon was found buried in the mud near the corner of Thirteenth south and State streets and has been traced by the police to the second-hand store, where it was bought a short time before the murder by a man answering the description of Peter Mortensen, the contractor who is being held on the charge of having committed the crime.

Today the owner of the second-hand store was taken to the county jail for the purpose of identifying the man to whom he sold the pistol. Out of a dozen prisoners who were lined up he identified Mortensen, but said that he would not care to swear positively to that effect, it being fully three weeks since the sale was made.

Hay had been missing for two days before his body was found buried in a trench in a suburb of this city, and it was reported that he had absconded with \$3,800 in gold which was alleged to have been paid to him as secretary of the Pacific Lumber Company by Peter Mortensen, a contractor. Telegrams were sent to the police of various cities asking them to watch for Hay. The finding of the body with a bullet in the brain created a sensation in this city, Hay being a prominent and well known young man. The whole affair was surrounded with mystery, but suspicion finally centered about Mortensen, the body being

found not far from his residence, and he was placed under arrest.

Nothing has ever been found of the missing \$3,800.

Two Freight Wrecks.

Opelika, Ala., Dec. 29.—Two freight wrecks occurred on the Western Railway of Alabama last night within thirty miles of each other, on account of the heavy rains which flooded the track, causing two embankments to give way. One man was killed, three injured and the property loss is heavy.

Dead—Thomas Russell, engineer. Injured—Cy Lee, negro fireman; B. W. Jackson, engineer, negro fireman, name unknown.

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