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BUTCHERS WILL STAND PAT

On the Resolution Passed at Their Meeting Last Night That After Monday Next Gold Dust Will Only Be Taken at $15 per Ounce—Foxy Restauranters.

A meeting of the wholesale and retail meat dealers of the city and the Forks was held yesterday evening in the office of the Pacific Cold Storage Company, an organization for mutual protection being effected with J. A. Troughton, manager Pacific Cold Storage Company, as president, Geo. W. Thebo, manager Standard Commercial Meat Company, vice president, and George Murphy, of the Senate market, secretary and treasurer. The primary object in the meeting and combination was the solving of the dust problem. The wholesalers and retailers claim they are up against it and are compelled to take their present stand as a matter of self protection. The importers who supply the Dawson market will no longer accept dust except at a valuation of $15 an ounce, and the smaller fry contend they are forced to do likewise.

"It is like this," said one of the heaviest dealers in the city. "For several years the importers have been accepting our dust as we receive it, but lately they are refusing to do so. They claim that their loss in shrinkage and over valuation is so great they can stand it no longer, particularly at the margin which meat is now selling. They pay currency for their cattle when they are bought from the ranchers, pay currency for feed and freight and labor, and in return receive our dust at $16 an ounce, pay one and three-quarter per cent. transportation and insurance on it to the mint or pack it out themselves at their own risk, and then it nets them but $15 or little over. So you see to a company doing any volume of business at all the shrinkage in a season aggregates no small amount. Our principal customers, the restaurants and creek men, pay us in dust, and when the importer demands currency the loss falls upon us in making the exchange at the banks. It would not be so bad if the restaurants in town only gave us a fair deal. I venture the statement that there is not a restaurant in the city doing a business of $50 a day or over whose receipts are not 90 per cent. in currency. But do they pay their meat bills in currency? No, indeed; they take it and buy up all the dirty old cheap dust they can find and palm it off on us at $16 an ounce, and if we run a magnet through any of it they set up such a wail that they can be heard clear to Fortymile, so we have come to the conclusion to not take dust at all in payment for meat except at $15 an ounce."

Practically every market, both large and small, was represented at the meeting and each has pledged himself to stand by the other in keeping the agreements made. Next Monday the new order goes into effect. The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, that on and after Monday, October 21, all meats will be sold for currency only, or gold dust at $15."

Sunday Night Lecture.

Mrs. Blake, who came here some weeks ago in the interest of a miners' home and hospital, will lecture Sunday evening next at half-past 8 in Pioneer hall, her subject being "Woman's Duty to Woman." Mrs. Blake is an entertaining speaker, one who is well known among the lecture bureaus of Canada. An excellent musical program will be rendered in conjunction with the lecture.

Gold From Alaska.

Seattle, Sept. 21.—Eighty thousand dollars worth of placer gold from the new Chestochena district, in the Copper river valley, and the first large consignment ever received from that section arrived today on the steamer Excelsior. Two men, H. Miller and E. Sandberg, had $25,000 in dust, their winnings for this season. The summer's output of the Chestochena is estimated by to-day's arrivals from the camp at $500,000.

More or less Cook inlet gold came on the Excelsior. The Polly mine, a placer property on Resurrection creek, yielded $70,000 this summer, swelling the total output of the claims since its discovery five years ago to $400,000. It was owned by four men, one of whom, Wallace W. Price, sold his interest in it two weeks ago. Five years ago Price was a Seattle policeman, practically penniless. He retires from Cook inlet today worth $150,000.

DOG DAYS IN DAWSON

Are Practically Over, the Stock Being Much Decreased.

A member of the police force who keeps posted in canine lore, says there are not over one-half the dogs in Dawson at present there were one year ago. Many dogs were killed last winter and spring during the prevalence of rabies and many others were killed later on, and when a law was passed requiring dogs to be provided with muzzles in addition to license tags, as the owners of many curs decided they were not worth the amounts demanded. At the pound a large number of unclaimed dogs have been killed, as no one was willing to purchase them at any price. Many others have been taken down the river to be used in freighting to the new camps. On the whole it is estimated that there will be fully 500 less dogs in Dawson this winter than last. To a great extent the Dawson dog has had his day.

NO RAISE FOR N. A. T. & T. CO.

Will Continue to Sell Hay and Oats at Former Prices.

"How are oats this morning?" said the Nugget man to Mr. TeRoller, the manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co.

"Oats are just as they have been so far as we are concerned," was the reply, "but I noticed that the Nugget made quite a feature of the raise in prices yesterday. Our prices for both hay and oats, however, remain the same as they were when several firms were selling out as low as 5c. We fixed the price for hay at 7c and oats at 9c, and we shall keep them there all winter, or as long as our stock lasts.

"It seems to have gone abroad that there is an oat famine in Dawson, for Mr. Isom, our vice president, wired me today from Whitehorse, where he is waiting for the railroad to open up again, this telegram:

"Whitehorse, Oct. 18

"To H. TeRoller:—

"It is reported here that oats at Dawson are $260 per ton. As long as our large stock lasts keep prices down. Fair profit only to consumers. Our policy is this. We do not believe in cutting prices during summer and then making heavy advances at the close of navigation. This discourages development of the country.

"W. H. ISOM."

HE WANTS PROTECTION

C. Geo. Johansson's Road Is Private Property.

The heavy consumption of wood on Hunker in the vicinity of discovery during the past few years is beginning to make itself felt, and this season claim owners find themselves compelled to go farther back into the hills for their supply than ever before. A few weeks ago C. Geo. Johanssen completed a road several miles in length which leads from his claims, 5 to 9 below, back toward the Flat creek divide. All the grading and excavating was done at Johanssen's expense, and in view of that fact he has asked for protection against wood choppers who cut for the general market. L. Burwash, connected with the crown timber and land office, has recently returned from a tour of inspection of the tract in question where he Johanssen has expended a large sum of money in making the timber available and will doubtless receive the protection to which he is entitled.

"High on a throne of royal state,
Which far outshone the wealth of Ormus or of Ind,
Arizona exalted sat."

MAIL DUE TOMORROW

The Next Departs Monday at 2 p. m. on the Nora.

Water fronters have figured out that the Ora will be the last boat to leave for up river points this year, and have placed the date at Saturday, October 26. She is due to arrive at Whitehorse today and should leave on her following trip for Dawson tomorrow. Allowing five or six days for the voyage down she would arrive here on the 24th or 25th, and would be ready to return the next day—the 26th. The manager of the Calderhead boats has announced that there is little likelihood of the Flora, which left here Wednesday afternoon, returning, and as the Nora is certain to not make another trip the honor of bringing the season to a close will doubtless fall upon the Ora. All the other up river boats are now out of commission excepting the Wilbur Crimmons and the Clara-Monarch. The latter has not been in port for some time, and as the Crimmons leaves tomorrow for Whitehorse it is scarcely possible that she would be able to make another round trip and again return to Whitehorse before the river closes.

The Nora passed Selkirk at 9:30 this morning with three scows in tow. She is expected tomorrow afternoon and will leave on her last trip at 2 p. m. Monday.

The Wilbur Crimmons leaves tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for Whitehorse. She will not return unless a fleet of scows should be ready to be convoyed down.

The Prospector has arrived at Whitehorse and is safe in winter quarters.

No word has been received today from any of the steamers now en route to Whitehorse and the presumption is they are all afloat and making progress. Those yet on the river headed south are the Flora, Zealandian, Clifford Sifton and Casca.

The Anglian, the last boat which will leave Whitehorse this season, will not be dispatched until the ice is running.

Jury Disagreed.

Davenport, Oct. 5.—The jury which tried Sheriff J. H. Gardner, of this city, for an alleged detaining of Mrs. Dora Yates in a hotel in Spokane, disagreed. C. C. May, B. W. Dillon, Deputy Sheriff J. J. Inkster, Judge Neal and Judge Caton were witnesses for the defendant.

A damage suit for $25,000 has been instituted against the Northern Pacific Railway Company by Quim Riley who fell from his wagon and fractured his leg while driving over a crossing in this city some time ago. The complaint states that the crossing was dangerous to travel and that the railway company had been previously notified of the fact.

THE LAST UP-RIVER STEAMER

Will Be the Little Ora Leaving on the 26th.

Which Will Be One Week From Tomorrow—River Men Prognosticate the Future.

Now that the Yukon river is about to retire from business for some time, the clerks in the postoffice are besieged every hour in the day by people inquiring when the next mail will arrive and when it will depart. It may be safely said that as long as steamboats are running the mails will leave and arrive with their accustomed regularity. A large mail is expected on the Nora due tomorrow, and the next one to be dispatched will leave Monday afternoon on the same boat. The Ora, which is expected on the 24th or 25th, will also bring mail and likewise take it on her return about the 26th. After that there may be an interval of two weeks or more when mail will neither arrive nor depart.

Through mail for down river points is also expected on the Nora, and should it arrive it will be dispatched in a canoe by Mail Carrier Downing the following morning. His run extends to the Tanana, 728 miles, and by fast traveling he would be able to reach that point, probably, before the close of navigation.

FUTURE AT STANDARD

Manager Eads Prepares to Entertain Patrons.

Murray Eads, of the Standard, received a telegram yesterday from W. W. Bittner at Skagway saying he would arrive in Whitehorse last night, and might be expected in Dawson early next week. Mr. Bittner is known throughout the States and particularly on the coast, as being one of the cleverest and most capable producers now before the public. His repertoire is extensive and embraces many of the latest eastern successes. Mrs. Bittner, likewise an accomplished player, is not accompanying her husband, as was originally intended, she having recently been taken seriously ill in Spokane, Washington, where at last advices she was still confined in the hospital.

Adverse to Women.

Brainerd, Minn., Oct. 5.—The Northern Minnesota conference today voted 74 to 6 against changing the constitution to make women eligible as delegates to the general conference.

IMPORTANT CLAIM CASE

On Trial Before Gold Commissioner Senkler Today.

In the gold commissioner's court today is being heard a cause involving the title to a creek claim on Sulphur, 13 below discovery, wherein a woman stampeder may be the gainer and the former owners of the claim, through their neglect to perform the assessment work as required by law, the losers. The claim was originally staked August 30, 1897, and was represented and renewed for the years '98, '99 and 1900. Some time ago the claim passed to the ownership of H. T. Wills and D. W. Davis. According to the evidence of the plaintiff they failed to represent the succeeding year and on August 30, 1901, the claim became vacant, the records on that date showing that no certificate of work had been filed nor had any payment of money been made in lieu of such assessment work. September 3 the claim was staked by Lillie M. Compton, the plaintiff in the present action. On August 31 a renewal grant was issued to defendants Wills and Davis, which plaintiff claims was done in error and inadvertently. She prays for the cancellation of defendant's renewal grant and title to the claim.

Though not designated by its number as a fraction, yet the claim is such being but 227 feet long. The prospecting which has been done in the past has failed to reveal anything extraordinary. The pay, such as it is, is far over on the left limit and quite deep.

Barely Escaped Lynching.

Pendleton, Or., Oct. 5.—A blacksmith named McWilliams, of Alba, barely escaped being lynched by an infuriated mob at Pilot Rock yesterday. McWilliams attacked the late President McKinley, using vile language and saying that he was glad of his death and that he should have been murdered long ago.

A mob of men and boys secured a rope and started to look for the blacksmith. McWilliams took alarm and fled toward Pendleton. He arrived here this morning, having run and walked during the entire night.

Pioneer Loses His Life.

Walla Walla, Oct. 5.—C. N. Babcock, a pioneer of 40 years, was accidentally killed in the woods 20 miles from here yesterday.

With a load of wood he left the mountains for home, when a log broke away, rolling on him and pinioning him to the ground. He was alone at the time. His son, residing in Northern Minnesota conference today the horses having stood by the dead body all night. The funeral will be held at Waitsburg tomorrow.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

KING CHARLES OF ARIZONA

Will Organize Expedition of Cowboys to Capture Tiberon Island and Bring Native Tribe of Savages Into Subjection—Great Scheme of "Arizona Charley's."

Arizona Charlie is about to star on an adventure which will make the world ring with his name if he accomplishes the enterprise upon which his mind is now bent. He proposes to do no less than capture from a savage tribe tribe the Island of Tiberon in the Gulf of California. This island is about 80 miles long by eight miles wide and is inhabited with a fierce race of aborignees, the Seri Indians. Charlie Meadows has no love for an Indian, his father and brother having been cowardly killed by the Apaches, and to his hatred for all Indians, together with his well known love of adventure and the possibility of immense gain is ascribed his reason for entering upon his latest venture. Should he accomplish the task he will occupy an envious position for he will be a potentate of no small magnitude over a territory larger than many of the kingdoms of the old world and his fame will live when the name of many a king has been erased from the memory of man or the records of history.

The Island of Tiberon is part of the republic of Mexico but no force of the Mexican government has been able to subdue the fierce tribe which peoples it. In fact they are the aggressors and have frquently visited the mainland some 20 miles away in their war canoes and slaughtered the Mexicans for miles along the shore, devastating the villages and carrying back to the island many prisoners of war which were afterward roasted and eaten. This awful fate befell two representatives of the San Francisco Examiner, Robinson and Logan, in 1893, they visiting the island in the interest of their paper, but were captured and killed with rocks by the Seris. One of the party escaped and the news was subsequently published in detail. Since that time no one has visited the place.

Mr. Meadows' plan is to gather a force of cowboys and give the natives battle with modern rifles, the fire of which he says no savage can withstand.

"That is the easiest part of the whole scheme," said Meadows, in answer to a question. "I can find any number of men who would go with me just for the devilry of it, men who are trained to the use of fire arms and who are not afraid of anything on earth. I intend first to get a grant of the island from the Mexican government on condition that I capture it from the natives and pay for it a reasonable price. Should that work out all right I intend colonizing the place, and I have no doubt whatever but that there will be found both placer and quartz mines there.

The location is exactly in the mineral belt and the natives are known to wear golden ornaments, anklets and bracelets as well as using the precious metal for ornamenting their crude implements. This gold was undoubtedly found on the island. John Bradbury of Los Angeles, in 1898, offered to back me with all the necessary funds if I would gather a force cowpunchers and take the island, but owing to complications with the Mexican authorities I had to give it up for the time being. I now have sufficient ready money to get up an expedition of my own, and if I am successful I shall reap all the reward.

"A line of small steamers could be put on the Colorado river connecting with the Southern Pacific railway at Yuma, Arizona, and make regular trips to the island a distance of but 125 miles from that city. The place would be a Mecca for sportsmen and globe trotters as it abounds in game, and along the shores the best fishing in the world is obtainable. My idea is to make the Island of Tiberon another Monte Carlo. There is no reason why this country cannot support another such place as is on the Island of Montevideo in the Mediterranean.

"I am serious in this matter and have put in many an hour in mapping the scheme out. I have sent representatives to Mexico and have their reports at hand. Just as soon as I complete my business affairs here I start for Mexico.

Besides this from a mining standpoint there is the neighboring mainland which is rich in possibilities, for there is no question of doubt but that paying mines can be located in that district."

Professor W. J. McGee of the U. S. geodetic survey visited the island with a party of scientists in 1895, but did not penetrate into the interior. His reports show the island to be some 80 miles long by from one to eight miles wide. Whether or no Mr. Meadows will accomplish the task of subduing the natives remains to be seen, but that he has dreamed and dreamed for many years of the possibilities of conquest, and that he means the attempt there is no question of doubt.

AGAIN IN LITIGATION

The now famous Fred. Creese claims Nos. 1 and 2 on discovery pup, Last Chance, which were so long in litigation with Fleischman, are again before the public. The half interest in the claims sold by Creese to W. N. Campbell has been seized by the former under a write of execution secured in satisfaction of a judgment, being for money yet due upon the original purchase, and the sheriff is advertising the interests for sale to the highest bidder on Friday October 25, at 2 p. m. It is not thought the sale will ever take place, as Campbell will undoubtedly pay up before the date arrives. The claims are among the best on Last Chance, and when Fred Creese sold them for a song he little knew he was allowing a fortune to slip through his fingers.

To Carry Hop Growers.

Salem, Or., Oct. 5.—The board of directors of the Oregon Hop Growers' Association met today to consider an offer of capitalists to furnish $500,000 to carry the growers for six months, until the market advances. The proposition was considered favorably, and the growers are to be canvassed by the association to ascertain the amount required. A committee was appointed to organize a pool for shipping hops to London by the all-water route.

Struck by a Train.

Salt Lake, Sept. 21.—A man supposed to be Frank Mitchell, was struck and instantly killed by a Rio Grande train in this city last Tuesday night. There was nothing about the man by which to identify him, except a note book bearing the name "Frank Mitchell" and the advertisement of a Grass Valley (Cal.) book store. The body was buried Wednesday by the county officials.

NOTICE

The Dawson Electric Light and Power Co. begs to inform its patrons that they will not be able to furnish any lights for a couple of days as they are installing their two big engines on the new cement foundation which they have just finished, after which they do not expect to have any occasion to shut down during the entire winter.

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