

STEWART MYSTERIES

Duncan Creek Swedes Appear Once More

Were at Clear Creek Month Ago and Then Disappeared in the Early Morning.

Recent arrivals from the Stewart river mining division are considerably mystified by the actions of three individuals who have come to be known as the "Mysterious Swedes." They are the same persons whose workings on Duncan creek were discovered about a year ago, after they had been in operation unknown to anyone for about three years, and many are inclined to believe they are on to a day somewhat similar this season. At the time the Duncan creek discovery was made the claims that gave evidence of having been extensively worked were for some time ownerless, the original locators being absent nor were they found until some months afterward when they were learned to be at work on Henderson. Whether through fear of the consequences or not will probably never be known, but at any rate they did not return to Duncan for the purpose of claiming the ground they had located some years previous and quietly worked without the trouble of recording or being worried as to the amount of royalty they would be required to pay. In the stampede of Duncan their claims were located and duly recorded and soon the excitement incidental to anything mysterious had subsided and the "Mysterious Swedes" were forgotten. They remained on Henderson during the winter, but where they have been this summer no one but themselves know. After the spring cleanup they disappeared as mysteriously as though the earth had opened up and swallowed them. About a month ago, however, they again showed up at the recorder's office at Clear creek equipped with two horses and a summer's outfit of provisions. They had little to say to anyone and were completely non-committal as to where they had been or where they were going. They remained at Clear creek a day and the following morning were gone without anyone knowing it or the direction they had taken except that they had gone up the creek. Since then they have not been seen again nor heard from and it is generally believed about that section of Stewart river that they have made another discovery which they are endeavoring to keep to themselves. For the past four years they have been prospecting the headwaters of the Stewart and its tributaries and are presumed to have as good if not better knowledge of that section than any other person or persons who have ever visited it.

Still another incident transpired last winter which would indicate that a surprise may be sprung in that section at almost any time. It was during midwinter and the Clear creek recorder happened to be in the city at the time, when there arrived at the office on Clear creek a man alone who made eager inquiries for the recorder. Upon being informed that he was in Dawson he at once left for the city post haste, not, however, without intimating that he had made a valuable discovery which he would record only with the recorder in person. When he arrived in Dawson he proceeded at once to celebrate his long absence by getting gloriously full, remaining in that condition three days. Later, when he had sobered up and inquired for him for whom he sought he was informed he had returned to Clear creek and back again he also went only to learn that he had preceded the recorder. Without waiting any longer he left word that he would return again to the post in a week or ten days and set off up the creek. That was the last seen or heard of him and his return to Clear creek and thence to town is still as much of a mystery as ever. In future years Stewart

river may develop a "Lost Rocker" legend without which the history of no mining camp is ever complete.

Football Tonight

The rain today has made the police gridiron in prime condition for play this evening, the ground being just soft and muddy enough to permit of delicate little furrows being made by the head of the under fellow in a scrimmage. Time will be called at 7:30 sharp and the game will be played rain or shine.

Fast Service

Montreal, July 30.—The Corn Exchange at noon today, by a vote of 15 to 7, passed a resolution against the fast Atlantic mail or freight service subsidy being given to any railway company. The resolution favored a service of 23 knots, and equal in equipment to any now running between Great Britain and New York, Montreal and Quebec to be summer ports, and Halifax and St. John the winter ports, but that the subsidy be given to a steamship company.

PROSPECTS AND MINES

Development of Former Makes Latter

Mining and Scientific Press Imparts Advice That Should be Followed.

Now that the Yukon district, in fact much of the country contiguous to Dawson, is known to be rich in highly mineralized quartz, the following from the Mining and Scientific Press is opportune:

The demand for producing mines is in excess of the supply. The interest in mining is growing. Mines that a few years ago could have been purchased for less than their value are not in the market today at any price. There are exceptions, but this is the rule. The owner of such a mine by holding it gets the advantage of its prospective value while its present earnings will care for his investment handsomely. Why should he sell unless he gets proper compensation for the prospective valuation of his mine? While this is true as to mines, it is also true that thousands of good prospects are awaiting the helping hand of capital. Mines are made, not found. It takes a modern fortune to equip a first-class mine. It costs a large sum of money to open up a mine to the extent that it may produce a tonnage which will employ its plant. In most instances the men who own the big mines today were poor men a few years ago. They have become wealthy by making mines of their prospects, and in most instances they have brought wealth to those who assisted in the operation. These are the great opportunities of today. They present greater possibilities than investment in producing mines. They exist in great numbers. The most of the great fortunes which will be made in mining during the years to come will be through such investments. Regarding "foreign" investments in mining, it would be a good thing for this whole western country if the sentiment of the investing public changed to a more favorable view of prospective mining where investments are made for the development of properties that otherwise would be idle. There is nothing to be gained by a mere transfer of title from a local to a foreign company in the case of a developed and producing mine, except where the purchase money is subsequently reinvested in local enterprises. The great benefit comes when foreign capital is employed in developing prospects into mines. This is the form of investment which, when successful, yields the largest and clearest profits. True, there is greater risk about it, and foreign — and for that matter domestic — capitalists hesitate to embark upon such ventures. It is difficult to make men believe it reasonable and safe to invest their money in the development of properties that may or may not contain mineral in paying quantities.

Many Burned.

Paris, July 30.—A dispatch to the Temps from Tarbes gives news of a terrible fire at Lourdes, the town famous for its shrine to Our Lady, to which many pilgrimages are made. The fire brigade was unable to check the flames, and when the dispatch was sent an entire block of houses had been destroyed. A number of persons had been made victims of the fire.

WILL FIGHT IN SEATTLE

Tommy Reilly to Meet Tommy Tracey

The Latter is an Australian and Has Long Record—Will Meet August 16.

Seattle, Aug. 3.—Tommy Reilly, the local prize fighter, will defeat Tommy Tracey when the boys meet in a Seattle ring on the night of August 16. At least that is the opinion of many local followers of fistie events. In the first place, it is claimed, Reilly is every bit as clever as his opponent and will furthermore have a big advantage in weight. In taking Tracey on, however, Reilly cut a great big piece of work out for himself that may prove his undoing.

On paper, Reilly should win. He has agreed to fight the Australian at 154 at ringside, and last night when seen by the writer, he then tipped the beam at 160 pounds. He will be compelled to do a big lot of hustling if he takes off those six pounds, and he may enter the squared circle in a weakened condition. If he is good and strong at the outset, he should win, as before stated. But if hard training and an effort to make the weight puts his body in a weak state, then it will be all up with the local boy.

As a matter of fact, Reilly has never been given a fair show in Seattle. He came here about a year ago, practically unknown. He has only fought one battle of any importance here, that with Bob Hodge of Black Diamond last winter, and he won that so quickly that there were many present who at once claimed fake. Hodge was put out the first time the men came together in the opening round, by a hard right hand swing on the jaw.

While Reilly's ability as a man to take punishment is of course unknown, nevertheless he shows up exceedingly well in his work. A reporter recently called at his training camp on the shores of Lake Washington, and he was surprised at the cleverness shown by Reilly in preliminary boxing with his trainer. He is as quick as a flash in delivering a blow and getting away, and as he never dissipates in the slightest he is always in good condition.

It is a well known fact that Reilly has repeatedly challenged Al Neill, offering the Californian every possible inducement to meet him in the arena. On at least three occasions Tommy has signed articles calling for a fight with Neill, and every time the southerner has dodged the issue.

The fight will be held in one of the uptown theatres, and will be pulled off under the management of Del Lampman, the well-known manager of pugilistic bouts. As a preliminary, Charles Fredricks, brother of the famous "Kid," will meet the Kirby Kid in a ten-round go for a good-sized purse. When the fact is made known that the Kirby and Fredricks are not on speaking terms then the public is assured that this preliminary is a little out of the ordinary and that the men will go in for blood from the very tap of the bell.

After the Dogs

"Where is my wandering dog tonight?" is a question that many Dawsonites will soon be propounding to themselves in the very near future unless they obtain tags for their respective canines. The dogcatcher is abroad in the land, and he is to receive all he can get out of the humble though necessary position. There is no doubt but that he will be vigilant and no favorites will be played. All untamed dogs will look alike to his catchers.

Runaway Boy Killed

Chehalis, Wash., Aug. 3.—Robert Matthews, the 17-year-old son of E. E. Matthews, of Vancouver, Wash., was run over and instantly killed by a locomotive at Chehalis, at 1 o'clock this morning. In company with James Demitt, another Vancouver boy, he was beating his way to Tacoma. At Centralia they boarded a locomotive which assisted in pushing a passenger train to Chehalis. When the locomotive started to return to Centralia Matthews attempted to leap to the ground, but leaped in front of the locomotive. His body was cut in two, just above the hips. Coroner Brown has sent the remains back to his parents at Vancouver.

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Will be Lost by the Police Court

Unless Some Stimulus is Imparted to it in Way of Increased Business.

Quiet reigned around the police court this morning. The bench that is set apart for the exclusive occupancy of those with dark brown tastes was empty; a spider was weaving its subtle web in the entrance to the lonesome box about which there was nothing to indicate that it had ever been occupied by the leading drunkards of the Yukon. The seats intended for witnesses and spectators were vacant and a feeling of "enuew" was apparent on the face of Clerk Blankman.

Only one case was called and that was remanded pending the arrival of witnesses. It was the case of Felix Marcouiller, charged by Frank Belanger with having on the 29th of last April obtained from him the sum of \$300 by false pretences.

Whether or not the absence of business in police court is due to the present stringency of the times is a point for investigation. Only two mornings previous there was a long list of d and d's and it is possible that all the brand that gets men in to trouble was consumed by that delegation. Or some fellow may have bought it all up and is alone in his cabin getting a corner on delirium tremens where the police will not molest or make him afraid.

New Insane Patients

Until day before yesterday there were but two patients in the insane hospital, J. H. Eidman, better known as "Dutch," and John Matheson, the religious fanatic from This creek. The condition of the former shows considerable improvement in the past month or so, and Assistant Surgeon Thompson is in hopes that before the close of navigation he will be so near recovery he can be sent outside. Matheson is also slightly improved.

The new patients received on Tuesday are Louis Ricardo, a Portuguese, and John Huson. On Monday a Swede with an unpronounceable name was admitted. He is entered on the prison register as Gus Yhsairi. The complaint of the latter appears to be due principally to unusual nervousness. None of the present inmates are violent and all who are not sufficiently recovered to be discharged before the close of navigation will be transferred to New Westminster.

Trade Increase

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—The foreign trade of the Dominion for July amounted to \$29,686,085, as against \$27,409,940 for the same month last year. The exports of Canadian produce amounted to \$15,612,783, an increase of \$2,500,000 over the same month in 1901. Imports of dutiable goods have increased from \$8,284,112 to \$8,987,685.

Religious Schools.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Paris, Aug. 14.—Soldiers have been requisitioned in several parts of France to protect the police, in closing religious schools, from threatening crowds.

For New County.

North Yakima, Aug. 2.—Much interest was taken here in the proposition laid before a meeting of the residents of the lower part of the county held Wednesday afternoon to take action on county division. The presiding officer of the meeting was Joseph Lamm, of Sunnyside, and the greater part of those present were from Prosser. All sections of the proposed new county of Riverside were represented except Kennewick. The report of a committee to suggest boundaries of the new county was adopted. In general the division line runs about two miles east of Zillah. The panhandle of Klickitat county is also desired for the proposed county.

The boundaries proposed by the committee are as follows: Beginning at a point intersecting the main channel of the Columbia river at the line which divides ranges 21 and 22, then north to the first standard parallel, then west along the first parallel to the line which divides ranges 20 and 21, until said line intersects Pine creek, then up Pine creek to the parallel between 19 and 20; thence north to the northwest corner of township 6, range 20, thence east to the northeast corner of said township, thence north twelve miles, then east two miles to the northeast corner of section 31, thence north eight miles to the northwest corner of section 4, township 11, range 21, thence east on town line sixteen miles to the northeast corner of section 1, township 11, range 23, then north to the Columbia river, then down the Columbia river to the point of beginning.

Few speeches were made at the meeting and none of those made manifested hostility to North Yakima or this end of the county.

Killed at Everett

Everett, Aug. 2.—A laboring man by the name of E. H. Gray was struck by a Great Northern switch engine on the Everett flour mill spur about 11 o'clock this morning and received injuries from which he died at the city hospital at 1:45 this afternoon. Gray was walking along the track and stepped aside to let the switch engine pass. It backed, however, and caught him, cutting both legs off at the ankles and severing the left hand from the wrist. His left shoulder was also broken and there were several bad bruises about the head. Although he retained consciousness for almost two hours, the injuries about his head seemed to cause deafness and the loss of speech, and very little information could be gained about him. He was not employed here. Two letters were found in his pockets from his sisters, Florence Gray, of Decatur, Wash., and Elsie Gray, of Olga, Wash., both addressed to him at Enterprise, Wash. Nothing is known of him here, but it is thought he was a laboring man in the city seeking employment. The remains will be held until instructions can be had from the relatives. The Great Northern has attempted to wire the dead man's sisters, but could not reach them.

Mill Burned

Spokane, Aug. 2.—The Centennial flour mills, with a daily capacity of 700 barrels of flour and 200 barrels of cereal foods, were totally destroyed by fire this morning. Samuel Glasgow, the manager, estimates the loss at \$85,000, which is substantially covered by insurance. The fire is thought to have originated from an electric wire. The mills were the property of the Centennial Company, of which Moritz Thomsen, of Seattle, is president.

It is practically decided that the company will rebuild. The mill was started thirteen years ago and the first 100 barrels turned out were donated to the sufferers from the great fire of 1889 which destroyed practically the entire business district of Spokane.

Fighting in Hayti.

Cape Haytien, Aug. 2.—A body of troops of Gen. Nord, the minister of war of the provisional government, commanded by Gen. Piquien, has driven the army of Gen. Salnav, who supports M. Fimmin for the presidency, to a point five leagues from Cape Haytien. A number of the soldiers were killed or wounded.

Troops from the district of Fort Liberté are charging against the force from the department of Artibonite at St. Michel. These two bodies are about equal in strength.

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