

DANIEL SKIPS WITH \$35,000

Former Forks Butcher and Erstwhile Newspaper Manager Decamps With \$35,000 Belonging to Chris Bartsch & Co.—Daniels Was Company's Agent on Creeks.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

G. R. Daniels, formerly a butcher of Grand Forks and later manager of the defunct Morning Journal, skipped by the light of the moon Saturday night or early Sunday morning with \$35,000 in good money belonging to Chris Bartsch & Co., the wholesale meat dealers. Early last spring a representative of Bartsch & Co. canvassed nearly all the creeks in the country in the interest of his firm making a great many contracts for the delivery of meat during the season. Later the firm entered into a contract with Daniel for the delivery of the meats under the Hill contracts from their abattoirs, one on the Yukon river opposite Klondike City, and one on Dominion creek. He (Daniel) also do the collecting for the firm. As the contracts were very extensive a large sum of money naturally passed through his hands. It is understood that Daniel for some weeks has been behind in his accounts, but as he is well known here and had been in the meat business at different times since '98 it was not surmised that he was contemplating flight to the lower country. A settlement of accounts was had Saturday between Mr. Bartsch and Daniel and the former did not discover the latter's flight until

Sunday when he failed to keep an appointment, at which time he was to turn over the money in his possession which he had collected. Shortly afterward it was learned Daniel had absconded down the river and a telegram was at once sent both to Fortymile and Eagle to intercept him in his flight. This morning a warrant was issued for his arrest in which he is charged with embezzlement and this afternoon it is learned by wire from Eagle that the defaulter has been apprehended at that point and will be detained until an officer arrives for him. Though in American territory it is thought the prisoner can be brought back here for trial without the formality of securing extradition papers, there being an understanding between the two governments by which they help each in the detention of criminals who seek to escape capture by crossing the boundary line into a country foreign to the one in which their misdeeds have been committed. As Judge Wickersham is at present absent from Eagle and there is no court here with jurisdiction to hear a habeas corpus proceeding, there seems to be but little doubt but what Daniel will be a passenger on the next boat arriving from the lower river.

HOT TIME ON HUNKER

Another Attempted Hold-Up Last Saturday Night.

The second hold-up within three days took place on Hunker creek Saturday evening between 8:30 and 9 o'clock. Mr. J. G. McClurg, foreman of Hobbs' saw mill, was returning to Dawson from a trip to Gold Bottom and as he was walking along the road about opposite 70 below on Hunker two men jumped out from behind a pile of wood and ordered him to throw up his hands.

Mr. McClurg had been warned by the police at Gold Bottom to keep a lookout for such an event, as a man had been held up on Thursday night in that vicinity. He had a revolver with him and as he started off alone he took the gun from his pocket and carried it in his hand. In throwing up his hands, in compliance with the order of the highwayman he shot off his revolver at which the men got scared and took to flight in the brush. He sent a second bullet after them but as it was getting dark he does not think the bullet took effect.

Mr. McClurg had considerable money on his person at the time and had it not been for his precaution in having the gun in his hand the robbers would in all probability have had him in their power before he could have drawn it.

Mr. McClurg says that one of the robbers was a short, thick set man which tallies with the description given by Mr. Hesperance, the man who was held up on Thursday night, of one of his assailants, and would make it appear that the second attempt was made by part of the same gang as committed the first. Mr. McClurg said that the men had cloths over their faces so that he could not distinguish their features and did not believe he could recognize them if he should meet them again.

The police are now at work looking for the highwaymen.

STRANGE PREMONITION

Dr. John Duncan Had Fears of Islander Wreck.

A strange and extraordinary premonition of impending disaster has just come to light in the death of Dr. Duncan, who was one of the victims of the Islander wreck. Dr. Duncan was not a man given to superstitious whims nor did he believe in signs, dreams or anything else which had for their purpose the penetration of the future. He was singularly free from the idiosyncrasies so common to this day and age and was regarded by all who knew him as being a man of unusually good sense and judgment. With the arrival of the last mail, however, it is learned that while in Skagway the evening prior to taking the Islander Dr. Duncan must have had some presentiment of a possible fatality. Whether he was impelled by fate or in some other manner forewarned will never be known as he made no mention of his thoughts or actions to any of his friends, but the fact remains that before taking the boat which led to his death he made his will setting up his state to the most minute detail, enclosed his papers in an envelope which he directed and mailed to himself at Victoria. And strange of all the same boat which bore his body to Victoria after the disaster carried the letter which contained his last will and testament. This was subsequently received at the postoffice and upon opening the missive and ascertaining its contents it was then learned the disposition the decedent had made of his estate. It seemed like a voice from the dead and who can say that in the last hours spent on land he did not receive a silent warning which had it been heeded he would have escaped the frightful calamity which consigned so many to watery graves.

The White Pass Railway.

At the meeting of the White Pass Yukon Railway Co., which was held yesterday, the chairman was able to disclose a remarkably satisfactory state of affairs. The total profits which the directors had to deal with amounted to over \$344,000, out of which an interim cash dividend of five per cent has already been paid, and the distribution of a 25 per cent bonus has now been decided upon. This gives the shareholders a return at the rate of 10 per cent since the inception of the company, and the chairman was able to hold out the prospect of an interim dividend in the autumn in the neighborhood of 10 per cent. That a railway enterprise such as this in the far north surrounded with natural and climatic difficulties of all kinds, should in so short a time be able to show such solid prosperity reflects the greatest credit on those responsible for this unique enterprise. Up to the end of July the gross receipts show an increase of over \$50,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year. Up to the end of May the earnings from passenger traffic alone showed an increase of 77 per cent.—B. C. Review.

SUSPENSION IN FORCE

Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell May Now Go Fishing.

The first official information received concerning the suspension of Assistant Gold Commissioner J. Langlois Bell, as was reported in Saturday's Nugget, arrived about 5 o'clock the same afternoon, the telegram containing the news being handed to Mr. Senkler, gold commissioner, during the ball game on the barracks grounds. The contents of the message were very brief and to the point and contained nothing further than has already been published, stating merely that Mr. Bell would be relieved from further duties as assistant gold commissioner until certain acts

PETER WIBORG'S BODY FOUND

Had Floated Down Yukon to Point 80 Miles Below Eagle.

The body of Peter Wiborg, the sour dough resident of the Klondike, mine owner and well-known man who disappeared Saturday afternoon, August 24th, has been found.

A telegraphic message received yesterday by O. Olsen, of the Klondike hotel, from H. E. St. George, of Eagle City, states that Wiborg's body was found one day last week off the mouth of Charley creek which is 80 miles below Eagle City, a distance from Dawson of about 185 miles.

The wire does not give particulars about the finding of the body, the news



J. LANGLOIS BELL. Who Acts as Assistant Gold Commissioner Will Be Investigated.

said to be of his doing had been investigated. The precise nature of those acts and what the exact charges are which have been laid against Mr. Bell are yet not known. Mr. Senkler was seen this morning and stated that he knew no more today concerning the matter than he did Saturday and further that he thought no additional work would be required until the arrival of Governor Ross who is expected between the 20th and 23rd of this month. Who will comprise the commission to investigate the charges, which will be named at Ottawa, is likewise unknown, though it is assumed that Mr. Senkler will be one of the number. During a conversation had with the gold commissioner he stated he did not think the charges had emanated in Dawson.

of which was brought to Eagle yesterday morning but as it states positively that it is the body of Wiborg it was evidently identified by papers found in the pockets of the clothing. It is not stated in the message what disposition has been or will be made of the body. The police expect to receive further information regarding the matter.

When last seen alive which was on the afternoon of August 24th, Wiborg was on the cliff just south of Klondike City, where he resided. His friends say he had been acting somewhat strangely for a few days, but whether he accidentally fell or willfully precipitated himself into the Yukon will probably never be known. The fact remains that his body floated a long distance before being discovered.

Cloudburst at Juneau. Related advices from Juneau state that at the time of the very bad downpour Thursday afternoon there was a genuine cloudburst over the upper part of Lemon creek and the adjacent country which very nearly flooded that neighborhood.

Lemon creek rose three feet in 15 minutes, and its total rise was nearly five feet before the flow subsided. The Lemon Creek Company lost about 50 feet of water flume at a point where a timber jam raised and smashed down it in passing. Owing to the substantial character of the work the dams and headworks of the company and its sluice boxes were not damaged. Their loss will be two or three hundred dollars in material, and several days' work by the whole force were required to repair damage before sluicing could be resumed.

Such a rise of water has never been known on the creek, says the Daily Dispatch. It all seemed to come in about half an hour. As the men at the Lemon creek company's property stood watching their dam, they could hear a tremendous roar up the creek, and in a few minutes they saw the rush of water coming, several feet high, like a tidal wave. It took out foot logs of several years standing, and timber jams that had 15 years' growth of alder on them rose and went out. One of the company's foot bridges lasted about 10 minutes.

NOVEL INNOVATION

Goetzman Rents Store and Builds Dark Rooms for the Public.

Goetzman, the photographer, has leased a store in the Bank building which he will use for a photographic supply depot. He has recently received an immense stock of goods in his line which cost him to land \$15,000. A novel departure will be made by him at his new store. He proposes to erect three dark rooms for the use of amateur photographers where they can have all the facilities necessary for successfully developing their own negatives. Goetzman evidently proposes to get business if enterprise will help him to that end.

Kodaks \$2.50; fresh films 50c. Goetzman's. Fine fans of all kinds at Mrs. Roberts' new store on Second avenue.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. HILL MAY COME TO YUKON

His Representatives Negotiating for Kinney's American Franchise for Road Over Chilkoot Pass—Ottawa Has Promised Charter if White Pass Does Not Build Further.

From Monday's Daily.

Stockholders have any capital which to build a railroad, Kinney is so thoroughly disgusted with Skagway that he declines to make any newspaper talk. The hypothesis of the report is that the White Pass is or soon will be controlled by the Canadian Pacific and that Jim Hill in connection with his Pacific coast business, will establish a rival line, Ottawa having promised to grant a franchise to a second company provided the White Pass does not build past LeBarge this season.

—Skagway, Sept. 16.—A local paper prints the story that representatives of Jim Hill have opened negotiations with L. D. Kinney and associates for the purchase of their right of way and franchises on American territory for a railroad over Chilkoot Pass.

Kinney and his associates to the number of four or five are still holding on at Dyea, doing a little work at grading and cutting ties and piles and apparently only killing time as it is well known that none of the present

ST. MARY'S NEW ORGAN

Arrived Last Night Accompanied by Mr. Morel.

Mr. E. Morel, whose business is the erection of pipe organs constructed by his firm, Casavant Bros., of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, arrived Friday night on the Columbian in company with the new organ for St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. The organ, though a small one, will be an immeasurable improvement over the wheezy affairs so often found in the churches of cities of secular music. It will occupy a space in the choir loft 6 1/2 x 10 feet with a height of 10 1/2 feet. The pedal board with a compass of 27 notes covers 3 feet 3 inches by 4 feet 6 inches. It has two manuals, but the number of stops, length and number of pipes is not known to the expert, he having never seen the instrument. The organ being of such small size will be blown by hand instead of using a motor which is generally employed in pipe organs. It weighs with packing 6500 pounds and cost at the factory \$500. As the freight from Skagway to Dawson is a matter of 12 cents a pound it can be seen that that one item alone will very nearly equal the original cost of the instrument. Mr. Morel hopes to have it up and ready for trial by next Thursday evening and it will doubtless be used for the church services next Sunday.

ANOTHER PRODUCER

Colorado Creek Will Make a Reputation Next Year.

Mr. G. M. Nation, representing the Alaska Syndicate, Ltd., of London, is in the city on his way from Eagle City to London, for which place he will leave this evening on the up-river steamer. The company which Mr. Nation represents is the pioneer mining concern of the lower Yukon and it has expended large sums of money in acquiring and prospecting property which Mr. Nation is confident will, beginning with next year, yield handsome returns. His company owns a group of 12 placer claims on Colorado creek, a tributary of Mission creek. The company also owns valuable mining property on Mission. On Colorado creek \$20,000 has been expended in getting in readiness for work on a large scale which will be instituted early next year. Mr. Nation is enthusiastic over that section of the country and asserts that there are a number of rich creeks there which will astonish the world when developed. In addition to the creeks above mentioned, Mr. Nation speaks very highly of both Sevastopol and Fortymile. He expects to spend the winter in London, returning to Eagle City, from which his company's Colorado creek property is but 12 miles distant, early next season.

Mr. Nation insists that he is so relation to Carrie, the wonderful production of the grasshopper state.

WAS AVERSE TO GUARD

President McKinley Preferred Going Out Alone.

Washington, Sept. 7.—President McKinley was averse to a bodyguard or to restrictions on his movements, and was exceedingly informal and democratic while in this city. On many pleasant mornings he indulged in a half hour stroll entirely alone through the southern portion of the grounds surrounding the White House. Very often he left the gate at the western side of the grounds and was joined by Comptroller of the Currency Charles D. Davis, also an early riser, and together these two men would make the circuit of the Ellipse south of the White House grounds. Upon these occasions he was never accompanied by a bodyguard or a secret service man. It is said Mr. McKinley was warned that the strolls alone were dangerous.

Frequently Mr. McKinley drove alone about the city and its suburbs. Seldom the president himself handled the reins, but at no time was there ever a secret service man in attendance, either near or at a distance. The close attention in the secret service force that the president had was Mr. George Foster, who constituted his personal bodyguard. A few days ago a Washington Post reporter, while at Buffalo, talked with Capt. Valleley, of the expedition force, on the precautions he would take to insure the president's safety. Capt. Valleley said he had picked men of the country under him, and that all the time the president was in the exposition grounds he would be surrounded by alert detectives, who would form a constant bodyguard, and ridiculed the possibility of danger.

LOST IN THE KLONDIKE.

A man named Dougherty while coming down the Klondike in a canoe last night ran into a rope stretched across the channel by some wood men, upsetting his boat and spilling out a poke containing \$500 in gold dust. Dougherty narrowly escaped with his life.

How Lincoln Won His Wife.

Mr. Lincoln used to take great delight in telling how he gained a knife by his wily looks. That has been published, but I have not seen another in print telling how he gained his wife. Mrs. Lincoln was a beautiful lady, attractive, sharp, witty and relished a joke even at her own expense. She was staying with her sister, Mrs. Edwards. She had not been there long before everybody knew Miss Mary Todd. She often said: "When a girl, I thought I would not marry until I could get one of the handsomest men in the country, but since I became a woman I learned I can't get such a man, which has caused me to change my mind. I have concluded now to marry the ugliest looking man I can find."

Later on Lincoln came to town. She had never seen him before she met him on the street. She was told who he was and went home and told her sister she had seen her man. "The ugliest man I ever saw," Abraham Lincoln, and I am going to set my cap for him."

That became a common saying in street gossip. When they were married, instead of taking a bridal trip they went to the Globe hotel, owned by the writer and occupied by a tenant. They took board at \$4 a week. When he got able, he bought a lot for \$500 and built a four room house costing less than \$1000. When he received \$5000 from his great railroad case, he spent \$1500 of it in getting a second story on his house, and there he lived until he went to Washington.—Thomas Lewis in Leslie's Weekly.

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