

DOESN'T LOOK GOOD TO HIM **SPLENDID WRESTLING MATCH**

J. H. Reid Has No Flattering Words for the Tanana.

Thinks There Is Nothing There to Warrant Anything in the Nature of a Stampede.

J. H. Reid, who has spent the past 18 months in the Tanana, Rampart and Birch creek districts, returned yesterday on the Linda and does not bring back the flattering reports from those districts which others have during the summer. He says the Tanana has been greatly overestimated and after a most thorough exploration of that section which has been prospected the most he has failed to find anything to warrant any kind of a stampede. The country is hard to get into, discovery claim on Homestake, which is regarded as a sort of pivotal point, being 125 miles distant from Circle, the nearest base of supplies. Last summer freight rates at one time were \$1.25 a pound and there was no claim in the entire district rich enough to stand such a heavy drain. During the past year a great many horses have been brought into Circle with the result that packing to the Tanana has fallen to 50 cents a pound. A great deal of stock in Circle is idle for the want of something to do.

"There has been a great shortage of water in all that country this season," continued Mr. Reid. "We had enough in the spring, but during the past two months, until a week or so ago, there has been scarcely a sluiceway in any of the creeks. During the past few days, however, there has been considerable rain which will help matters out very greatly. I spent nearly a year in the Tanana, packing to the mines part of the time and prospecting the balance, and I must say I was greatly disappointed in the country. There are scores of creeks that will pay \$2, \$3 and \$4 a day to the shovel if they had sufficient water, but I failed to find or even see what might be called a wage proposition in the entire district. The early part of last winter I put in on Eureka creek which had been stamped some months before and which was supposed to turn out something extraordinary. There were between 60 and 75 men on the creek and as the ground was not deep fully 150 holes were sunk to bedrock in a couple of months. In not one of them was found anything better than \$3 a day dirt; in fact, in some of the holes there was scarcely a color found. What little pay there was seemed to be scattered and in no case was a well-defined paystreak located. Everyone threw up the sponge and by Christmas the creek was deserted.

"The latter part of the winter I spent at Rampart and helped drive a band of horses over the ice to Circle. The ice went out May 20 and I had to travel overland from Fort Yukon cutting a trail as we went a portion of the way. Glenn gulch, the reported big discovery a few miles from Rampart, may be all right but it looks better up here several hundred miles away than it did to me when I was on the ground. The great difficulty there is the lack of water, as the gulch is a dry one. It runs a little water in the spring of the year while the snow is leaving, but it only lasts a very short time.

"I spent a couple of months in the Birch creek diggings this summer and there, too, has been a shortage of water. On Mastodon and Deadwood where there has always been plenty of water heretofore, for some time recently there has been barely enough to sluice with. All the lower river camps are quiet and after a year and a half's absence it seems good to get back to this city again. Dawson is and always will be the metropolis of the Yukon and the far north."

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The sailing date of the Monarch for the Koyukuk has been postponed until tomorrow.

The Whitehorse is due this afternoon. The Linda with the barge St. Michael No. 7, will leave for down river tonight this evening.

The Leah arrived in port last night at 8 o'clock with the barge Bear containing 400 tons of freight. Among the cargo is a consignment of 25,000 feet of outside lumber for the Yukon Sawmill Company. The necessity of putting some new tubes in the Leah's boilers will delay her departure a day or two.

The next boat to arrive from St. Michael will be the new king of the fleet, the Will H. Ison, which with her three barges will bring up over 2000 tons on her maiden trip.

A. L. Smith came in yesterday and is staying at the Regina. He has sold his claim 24 above on Bonanza, for a big price, and is going out in a few days.

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Was Witnessed at the Standard Last Night

"Ole" Marsh Bests Frank Kennedy After an Exciting and Skillful Contest.

Patrons of the Standard theater last night were given an exhibition which has probably never been duplicated in America, Frank Kennedy and Ole Marsh delighting the onlookers with a most excitingly contested wrestling match the same at one point in its progress almost reaching a tragic conclusion. The match was won by Marsh and in the winning of it he showed the most consummate skill and cunning, skill in protecting himself from a man more than his match at the game and cunning in making his defence the factor upon which he successfully overthrew his more powerful rival. This was accomplished by allowing Kennedy to do all the rushing which at all times was swift and furious.

Time and again Marsh would drop quickly to the mat after the impact of a rush, dragging his opponent to the floor by the arm, or catching a trip hold on the leg, but without avail, Kennedy quickly recovering his feet with apparent ease and remarkable agility. Once, however, he was caught unguarded and here came his downfall in the literal sense of the word. Kennedy was facing the audience, Marsh with back to the footlights when with a bound Kennedy rushed. Marsh, as quick as lightning, hurled himself backwards catching his opponent's arm at the exact moment necessary and adding his strength and momentum to the rush of Kennedy he hurled his man through the ropes, over the footlights and piano, and down into the musicians' pit.

The trick astounded the onlookers and for a moment not a sound could be heard in the house, everyone fearing a possible fatal termination of the bout. In a moment Kennedy gathered himself together and climbed back to the stage, badly shaken up, but not seriously injured. Then the crowd yelled itself horse cheering the Swede heartily. Col. McLaughlin, the referee, then ordered the men to continue and Marsh this time did the rushing catching Kennedy a body hold and throwing him face down, then hammer locking he brought him to his back with all four points down, Kennedy being too weak by reason of his terrible fall to bridge. Walter Lyons gave the time as 22 minutes and the referee declared Marsh the winner of the contest.

It is said that \$3000 changed hands on the outcome of the match, Spitzel holding that amount which was to be awarded the winner. The betting stood five to three in favor of Kennedy. The Standard theater probably never held a larger crowd than that which witnessed the event. It is said that the men will come together again to beat two in three and if so Kennedy will be the favorite for he out-classes Marsh in almost every point, weighing fully 30 pounds heavier, being stronger and remarkably agile as well as having an exact knowledge of the game.

COMING AND GOING.

G. F. George of Sitka, Alaska, is among the recent arrivals in Dawson. Charles King, of 26 above on Sulphur, is in the city and is staying at the Regina.

C. C. McCann, of the legal firm of White, McCann & Davey, has gone outside on a vacation.

Mrs. Captain Green, wife of the master of the steamer Nora, is a guest of Mrs. R. S. Richards.

The Bar Association will meet Clerk McDonald tomorrow and arrange the peremptory list for next week.

There was quite a stampede in Henderson creek last night. A new discovery is said to have been made.

Mrs. Herman Keable left for the outside last night, accompanying the body of her little child who died last winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McDonald and Mrs. McDonald's sister, Miss Chisholm, will leave Dawson early next month for an extended trip to Europe.

Some men digging a shaft on 5 below on Hunker recently uncovered an Indian arrow head about three feet beneath the surface. The arrow head is made out of steel, very light and thin and quite sharp. It is considered to be a rare specimen for this country as very few of them have ever been found.

Prof. C. O. Georssen, of Sitka, chief of the United States agricultural bureau of Alaska, is at the McDonald, on his way to Fort Yukon and other points where experiment stations have been placed by the government. He will return by the ocean route and compile a report for the secretary of agriculture at Washington upon the possibilities and probabilities of Alaska agriculture, from his own observation and the experiments that have been made.

For Stout Ladies. Mrs. E. R. Roberts has brought in a special line of extra sizes in ladies' underwear. Should the reader be unable to purchase elsewhere extra sized vests make a note of the above. C29

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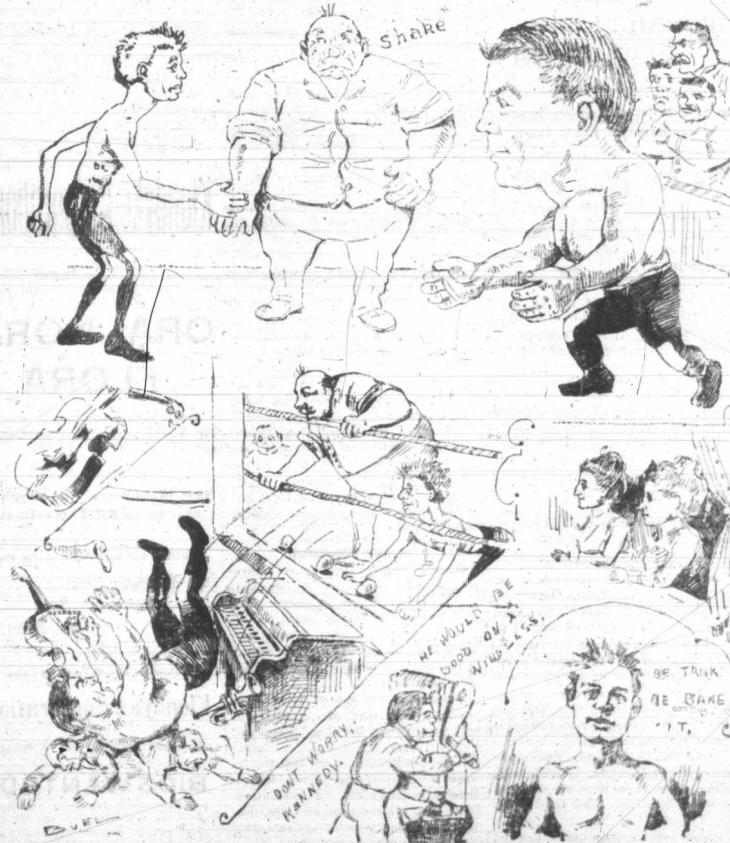
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SKETCHES FROM THE WRESTLING MATCH.

Police Court. The imagination of some men is very strong and leads them into divers and devious pathways. Wm. O'Keefe's imagination yesterday afternoon was working pretty strong and when he found a nice cool, and snazzy spot on First Avenue he imagined that he was on the shady bank of a river and laid himself down to take a nap. When he

was lifted into a wagon and taken for a ride, his imagination worked stronger and he was in a boat gliding easily down the broad waters of the river. When the wagon came to a sudden stop at the barracks his boat had hit a rock and when he landed on the ground his boat had capsized. This morning his imagination had ceased to work and he awoke to the realization

that he had been very much under the "influence" which had caused his imagination to run away with him. William was given the option of paying \$5 and costs or devoting ten days of his time without remuneration to the government. Kodak films developed, 50 cents per roll. Kodak photos 12 1/2 cents each. Goetzman's.

MR. CHARLSON'S CALCULATIONS

Give Today as Date for the First Through Message.

In an interview published in the Vancouver World of the 19th inst. with Mr. Charlson, superintendent of the construction of the through telegraph line which is to connect Dawson with the outside world, he says that in two weeks from that date the first message should be transmitted from Ottawa to Dawson.

Mr. Charlson had just returned to Vancouver from a trip over 400 miles of the new line from Queenella the most northerly point of the Dominion's telegraph lines prior to the commencement of the through line and he says that at that time the ends of the lines were only 28 miles apart adding barring accidents it would be completed within the time specified.

It is the intention to have runners deliver messages from one end of the line to the other as soon as they arrive within a certain distance of each other.

Mr. Charlson's calculations have evidently once again miscarried as today is the date which he gave as being the one on which the first message would be transmitted, but as yet there has not a line appeared over the wire from a distance further south than Skagway over the all-Canadian line.

A Progressive Firm. Brimston & Stewart, the well-known undertaking firm, have recently moved their parlors on the corner of Second Avenue and Fourth street and are having the largest and best appointed undertaking establishment north of Victoria. A large consignment of the best hermetically sealed caskets of all styles has just been received and placed in stock. The parlors are in charge of Mr. W. H. Goodwin, a man of experience in the eastern cities.

Census Commissioner Major J. Woodside left yesterday for the Stewart river country, taking with him five men to get the census on all the creeks of the district.

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