

# THROUGH SLUSH

## And Water Musher Martin Accomplished Very Hard Trip

### FROM WHITEHORSE TO DAWSON

#### Fourteen Days Being Consumed on Memorable Journey.

#### BROUGHT ALONG PASSENGERS

#### One of Whom, Mrs. Werner, Narrowly Escapes Drowning—Probably Last Travelers Over Ice.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily. After 14 days of hard traveling in which there was encountered plenty of excitement and no small amount of danger, Mr. R. E. West, the intrepid musher and hustler arrived in Dawson last evening from Whitehorse. The trails are in such bad condition and there is so much water on the river that he will probably be the last to arrive before the steamers begin to run unless another consignment of mail, which was supposed to leave Whitehorse last Saturday should by the aid of the teams and canoes which are stationed at every post, be enabled to complete the trip.

Mr. West brought with him as passengers Mr. Frank A. McKee the traveling representative of Schwabaker Bros. & Co., and Mrs. Julia Werner. Mr. West says that although Mr. McKee is a chechako he is a good traveler and rendered invaluable service when tight places were encountered on the trip.

Mr. West was interviewed at the Yukon hotel where he is stopping by a Nugget representative today and gave a very graphic description of his trip which he says is the hardest he has ever made and no inducements could be offered him to undertake the same trip again.

"Our first day out," he said "we made fairly good time reaching the foot of Lebarge the same night notwithstanding the trail was very slushy. The second day we made Carmacks, 42 miles below Lebarge. Most of the distance being on the cutoff which was almost entirely bare ground. Our dogs' feet were very badly cut up and on the third day out we had to hire a horse.

"The next day we made Tantalas, which is two miles below Carmacks and here is where our troubles began. From Tantalas there was slush on the trail eight to ten inches deep and wherever we got an opportunity to make a cut off we did so.

"At Five Fingers the river is open and we had to take a circuitous route which took us over five miles out of our course. We saw a V-shaped stretch of ice leading to an island which we thought we could make and drove out into it but we found two channels of water flowing through the same place where a double horse team had crossed three days before.

"From Renton to the beef cache the water is a foot deep on the trail and from there to Selkirk the ice is very rotten.

"From Selwyn to Stewart the ice is fairly good, but three miles above Kirkman the river is open for four miles. It is also open at Whitehorse and again four miles above Stewart. Stewart river is still solid but the balance of the streams are open and pouring heavy streams into the Yukon.

"We brought Mrs. Werner from Steamboat slough, about four miles above Stewart, and as we were walking along the trail the ice suddenly gave way under her and she went into the water clear up to her shoulders. We succeeded in getting her out after much difficulty and a short way from there I encountered the same misfortune, falling through the ice and just catching myself by the arms on the edge of the thing ice around me. Mr. McKee and Mr. Dumontier of the C. D. Co., who was traveling with us at that time came to the rescue and pulled me out.

"From Ogilvie to Indian river the ice is fairly good but from Indian river to Dawson there is a channel fully 12 feet in width and we were compelled to follow the shore ice all the way down.

"I have made a good many trips between Dawson and the coast but I have never met so much trouble on any of them as I did on this one."

Mr. West intends leaving for the outside again on one of the first boats.

**No Venture About It.**  
"Is this your first venture in matrimony?" the preacher asked while the bridegroom was out in the vestibule giving certain instructions to the best man, who was also his head clerk.

# HAPPILY MARRIED

## Mr. Geo. M. Allen and Miss Millicent Latimer.

A very pretty wedding occurred last night at 9:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Latimer on Fourth avenue near Sixth street, when their lovely and accomplished daughter, Miss Millicent, became the bride of Mr. Geo. M. Allen, editor and proprietor of the Klondike Nugget. Rev. Dr. Grant officiated, the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Presbyterian church being employed. Mr. W. P. Allen and Miss Marcia Latimer, brother and sister respectively of the contracting parties, were the attendants, and the little Misses Aileen Fitzpatrick and Lena White bore the wedding ring and a profusion of flowers. The bride was beautifully attired in a neatly fitting, tailor-made brown dress, the bridesmaid and flower girls in pure white. The groom wore full evening dress. The bride carried in her hand a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the valley, the first Yukon grown lilies ever in evidence on a similar occasion. These were the gift of Mr. L. W. Horkan, the production of his Standard library floral department.

The ceremony being over, conventionality was laid aside and hearty congratulations were showered upon the newly-made man and wife in a most enthusiastic and demonstrative manner, after which an elegantly prepared wedding dinner was partaken of at which many toasts appropriate to the occasion were made and drank and numerous were the heartfelt expressions that to the recently wedded pair the new life so happily and auspiciously begun would thus continue along matrimony's highway. Beautiful and artistically arranged decorations of natural wild and artificial flowers served to greatly add to the lustre of the happy occasion. Many, costly, appropriate and useful were the presents bestowed upon the young couple.

An hour after midnight the guests dispersed and Mr. Allen took his bride to his own home which he had most fittingly prepared for her reception.

Those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hemen, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. White, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Turner, Miss Marcia Latimer, Miss Lucille Latimer, Miss Beale, Miss Aileen Fitzpatrick, Miss Lena White, Messrs. R. Giles, J. J. Filbin, Joseph Cross, Ralph Richards, Arthur Bloom, Benjamin Thompson, Walter Mobley, R. K. Latimer, jr., and William P. Allen.

## Panic on a Big Transport.

San Francisco, April 18.—While the transport Warren was being taken out of the Hunters Point drydock today an accident occurred in which two men were badly injured, several received slight wounds and the 700 workmen aboard got a scare they will not forget in a hurry. The big transport was ready to be taken out of the drydock and the water to float her was being let in. The bow rose before the stern and the blocks slipping from under the latter the ship gave a lurch and the next instant went over to starboard.

She partially recovered herself and then went over again to an angle of 45 degrees and remained in that position for half an hour.

When the Warren gave her first plunge a connecting rod broke loose and pinned Aaron Astill, an electrician, to the side of the ship, breaking his ankle. The main binder also broke loose and struck Ben Hall, a boiler-maker, crushing his hip. Several men were knocked off the cylinder head and received scalp wounds.

After the second lurch it did not take five minutes to clear the ship and some of the boiler-makers and machinists did not stop running until they were safe among the hills. Over 400 of them refused to make the trip down the bay on the vessel and walked in from Hunter's Point. The Warren was not damaged.

# THE RIVER IS OPEN

## From the Foot of Labarge to Big Salmon.

A report received today at the telegraph office says the river is open from the foot of Lake Lebarge to Big Salmon, but the Thirtymile river is nearly dry.

The river is open in various places along the upper route and the balance of the ice is getting very soft.

At Ogilvie the water is rising very rapidly.

## The Long Distance Telephone.

"Hello, central!"  
"Well?"  
"Connect me with Peking, please, and let me have the emperor's palace."  
"All right."  
"Have I the honor of speaking to the Chinese emperor?"  
"Alee samee. Whatsee wantee?"  
"There is a report afloat that you have been killed. Is it true?"  
"Alee wrongee. It isn't my funeral."  
—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

# RECEIVED BY WIRE. WAS BIG CANARD

## Which Officers of Schooner White Wings Sprung on Reaching Seattle

### REGARDING SMALLPOX AT SITKA

#### When They Said Many White People Were Dying.

#### NEWS SENT TO WASHINGTON

#### Caused Rigid Quarantine Orders to be Issued When No Real Danger of Spread Existed.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.

Skagway, May 9.—The needless excitement caused by exaggerated reports of smallpox at Sitka has very much subsided and there is no apparent use in exercising the rigid precautions and strict quarantine regulations ordered by the government for the towns of southeastern Alaska. The first news of the disease at Sitka was carried to Seattle on the schooner White Wings when it was grossly misrepresented, the statement being made that whites and Indians alike were being carried off by the score at Sitka by the contagion. This report was at once wired to Washington with the result that rigid and strict quarantine against Sitka was ordered. The truth of the matter is that not a single case had then or has since developed among the white people of Sitka, being confined exclusively to the Indians who are isolated and, with ordinary precaution, in no danger of spreading the disease among the residents of the town, much less of enabling it to reach to other and distant points. Great indignation is expressed at the officers of the White Wings for spreading false information.

The one case of smallpox which developed on the steamer Senator was that of a 1-year-old girl whose parents were steerage passengers en route from Spokane to Skagway.

# LOOKS LIKE GOOD ONE

## New Dog Muzzle Invented by G. K. Gilbert.

Mr. G. K. Gilbert displayed at the Nugget office this afternoon a dog muzzle of his own device which to all appearances is the thing which should have been invented and in general use several months ago. Mr. Gilbert's muzzle is constructed of hoop iron riveted to bands of the proper circumference and is the exact shape of a dog's head. It is fastened on by an ordinary leather collar around the dog's neck and, while the animal's jaws are free to be worked at will they are prevented by the muzzle from doing any possible damage for the reason that they are wholly encased in a cage.

Mr. Gilbert submitted his invention to Major Wood today who gave it as his opinion that with the use of these muzzles no further danger could accrue from dogs running at large. Mr. Gilbert is now having them manufactured by the wholesale and they can be purchased to fit any sized dog at either the store of Holme, Miller & Co. or the Dawson Hardware store.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

No royal house in Europe except those of Germany and Italy originated in the country that it rules.

The intense dryness of the South African air is very destructive of leather. Hence the soldiers' boots soon wear out.

The capital stock of the Bank of France amounts to \$36,500,000, of the Bank of England \$72,765,000, of the Imperial Bank of Russia \$28,545,000.

A Benedictine priest at Maria Steln, Switzerland, was recently elected a deputy to the grand council of the canton of Solvère. It is the first time a monk became a member of that assembly.

Mexico in the last nine years has doubled its revenues, doubled its exports, doubled the number of its factories and multiplied by three its banking capital and the continuance of this great prosperity is now as pronounced as ever during the decade.

# DEATH OF SOUR DOUGH.

## Fred Hutchison Succumbs to Brights Disease.

Old timers in Dawson will be surprised and shocked to learn of the death of Fred Hutchison, one of the earliest sour doughs in the country. The news came by wire yesterday to Fritz Kloke who for three years past has represented Hutchison's interests in this district.

Since the deceased left Dawson in 1898, he has been suffering from Bright's disease which has kept him more or less ill during the entire time. About a year ago he was taken to Marianna, Florida, on the advice of his physicians and hopes were entertained that he would recover. These hopes, however, have proven futile.

Fred Hutchison originally came into the Yukon country in 1886 which year he spent prospecting and rocking on the Stewart river bars. The following year he went to Fortymile where he remained until the Klondike strike. During the intervening time he was closely associated with Fritz Kloke in various mining ventures. Hutchison did not locate any property in the Klondike district of any value, but acquired by purchase a half interest in claims No. 7 and 28 Eldorado creek. The first interest was sold some time ago but the second he still retains. Mr. Kloke has represented Hutchison's interests for the last three years and is still acting in that capacity.

His remaining interests in the Klondike are valued at \$100,000, while his entire fortune is estimated in the neighborhood of \$400,000. Mr. Kloke has wired to Herbert Hutchison, brother of the deceased, who will probably come into Dawson with the first water and look after the matter of closing up his brother's affairs.

Universal regret is expressed over the sad news among all old timers, among whom Hutchison was a prime favorite.

# DANGER AVERTED

## New Klondike Bridge Threatened by Ice Last Night.

All day yesterday the water in the Klondike river rapidly arose and thousands of tons of ice were carried down from above to a point just above the Ogilvie bridge and there it jammed, placing the new structure in jeopardy for several hours. Ex-Commissioner Ogilvie, who stood god father to the bridge since its first appearance in diagram, stood by it last night and with the aid of a force of men and some dynamite cleared the channel of ice and thereby allowed the jam to pass safely down the river. Today there has been little perceptible rise in the Klondike, the sharp freeze of last night having caused a fall of fully two feet in the water. It is thought now that all danger to the bridge from congested ice is past.

## Great Interest Aroused.

Berlin, April 18.—Enormous interest has been aroused in Germany by the declaration of the Austrian heir-apparent, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, in accepting the patronage of the Austrian Catholic School Association. His utterances are regarded as a proof that he had joined the camp of the anti-German political parties. The Vossische Zeitung blames him for "mixing without provocation in Austrian internal politics, which it does not behoove the heir to the throne to do."

The National Zeitung points out that the association "is of a combative and agitating character, with a clerical root."

Nearly every German newspaper criticized the archduke, one journal declaring "that his address shows him to be wholly within the power of the clerical party, like his whole family."

The general impression seems to be that the speech was in no sense an accident, and it is pointed out that giving vent to these sentiments which the German crown prince was in Vienna, the archduke showed "extreme tactlessness."

## The Key to Washington Society.

The words army and navy are an open sesame to the best elements of social life everywhere in our country, and among the leaders of Washington society are found many whose husbands are in one or the other. Washington is the natural rallying point of the army, and even after the active professional life is ended they find there the pleasantest resting place.

Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Sheridan and Mrs. Logan have chosen their homes there and hold sway over a large circle of friends. The widows of other prominent officers drift to Washington from time to time, and in the inner circle of Washington's pleasantest social life Admiral Dewey has found in General Hazen's widow a gracious woman to hold sway over herself and his home. At the last New Year's reception Mrs. Custer, known for her own charming personality as well as because of her gallant husband's fame, stood beside Mrs. Miles and received with her during the afternoon. Mary Breckinridge Elmes in Woman's Home Companion.

# ORDER IN FULL FORCE

## Noticable Absence of Dogs on Street Today.

Never in the history of Dawson was there such an absence of dogs noticed on the streets as has been today. The order issued by the police yesterday is doing its work and doing it well. Less than half a dozen dogs have been at large today and unless they are taken up by this evening their hours will be numbered and they will not be seen after tomorrow morning.

There is a general belief, and past developments warrant it, that rabies will continue to develop until the dog population of Dawson will be practically exterminated, as there are few of them that have not been bitten by one or more of the many that had already developed the disease. The rigid measure adopted by Major Wood in issuing his last ultimatum that all dogs hereafter running at large will be killed is endorsed by every one, not a protesting voice having been heard among the many effected by it.

In the world's history there is not recorded a parallel to the wholesale development of the disease in Dawson. A half dozen cases at the most are as many as have ever been reported from any one locality, but Dawson's cases have reached into the hundreds and the end is not yet. Major Wood's order, therefore, is respected by public sentiment as the proper thing at the proper time.

# MAY DIE OF OLD AGE

## Famous Nordstrom Murder Case in Supreme Court.

Hundreds of people in Dawson and the Klondike remember the famous Nordstrom case which, beginning in the superior court of King county at Seattle, has been dragged through the various courts until it is now before the superior court of the United States. Prosecuting Attorney Fulton and James Hamilton Lewis have gone to Washington only a few days ago to argue their respective sides. The murder was committed by Nordstrom in 1893, since which time several dates for his execution have been set, but appeal after appeal has been granted and the chances now are that Nordstrom who is long past the meridian of life, may die in jail of old age before his fate is determined by the courts.

## Macco Among Them.

San Francisco, April 18.—The transport Rosecrans brought from Manila five men who had been deported by the military authorities. Among them was Santiago Macco, a son of the late Cuban leader. Young Macco came into prominence on the Pacific coast two years ago while traveling with Katherine Tingley, the theosophical leader. He fell out with Mrs. Tingley, claiming that he was treated as a servant. While in the Philippines Macco became a first sergeant of the Macabee scouts. He was accused of giving information to the Filipino troops, and was dismissed from the army and because of supposed menace of his presence in the islands Gen. MacArthur ordered his deportation.

## QUEER WEDDING PRESENTS.

Gifts That Were Not Appreciated by Those Who Received Them.

Even at a marriage feast, as it seems, there will sometimes be the envious or the jealous or the malicious. A well known author received from a rival man of letters a scrapbook containing a collection of all the adverse criticisms his works had ever received, while a popular artist was presented with a set of elementary works upon self instruction in drawing and painting.

Not long since a gentleman who is a passionate devotee of hunting received as a bridal gift from an anonymous donor a complete set of false limbs, a set of artificial teeth and a couple of glass eyes—the whole of which must have cost a considerable sum—accompanied by a note, the writer of which trusted that, by reason of the recipient's many falls while following the hounds, some or all of these substitutes would ultimately prove of use.

An elderly, crusty tradesman, on espousing a spinster of mature age, was presented by a London undertaker with two coffins for himself and wife, "which, unlike most of the other offerings you will receive, are sure to be of service." The bridegroom resented this singular if useful gift, and it took all the efforts of mutual friends to prevent a breach of the peace.

Equally vexatious was the gift received from his neighbors by an infirm octogenarian who wedded a pleasure loving woman more than 50 years his junior. It was a large brass cage, "intended"—so ran the subscribers' note—"to restrain the wayward flights of a giddy young wife who has married a decrepit old fool for his money."

The husband of a lady whose great beauty hadly atoned for her sharp tongue found among his wedding presents a scold's bridle or branks, a gift from his wife's sisters, with the hope that, "if Kate makes your life as unbearable as she has made ours, you will not hesitate to put the accompanying offering to its original use."—London Answers.

# HIS OWN LAWYER

## George O'Brien on Charge of Minto Murder to Conduct His Defense

### NOT DESIRING TO HAVE COUNSEL.

#### Asked to Read Statement in Court Today

#### WHICH REQUEST WAS REFUSED

#### Until Trial Is Begun—Important Case of Option Money Advanced Decided by Judge Dugas.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.

George O'Brien has decided to conduct his own defense to clear himself of the charge of the murder of Clayton, Relfe and Olson. He was brought before Justice Craig this morning who asked him if he wanted an attorney and he replied that he did not.

He had a paper in his hand which he had written and which he asked the justice to allow him to read, but he was told to keep it until the trial. He requested and was given a copy of the indictment from which he is to make up his defense.

The evidence in the case of D'Avignon vs. Jones et al., was completed this morning and the arguments are being heard this afternoon.

In Judge Dugas' court today the case of Ruter S. Ames vs. Robert Amboldt was heard and judgment given. In this case action was brought to recover the sum of \$235 money advanced by plaintiff to defendant on an option on claim No. 2 below lower discovery on Dominion. After hearing the evidence a verdict was awarded plaintiff in the sum of \$1435. Plaintiff's case was ably conducted by Attorney J. B. Pattullo.

## Stumbled Upon Wealth.

Denver, Colo., April 18.—The Colorado-Grande Development Company, capitalized at \$125,000, was incorporated in this city today for the purpose of mining manganese iron ore, 12 miles south of Little Grande, Utah, a station on the Rio Grande, Western railway where the company owns 1140 acres. The manganese iron was discovered here by C. T. Wolverton, a veteran prospector. The officers of the company are: D. C. Dodge, president; E. T. Wolverton, vice-president and general manager; G. C. Dodge, secretary and treasurer.

It is announced that E. T. Wolverton, a veteran prospector, when searching for copper, stumbled upon an extinct crater from which had overflowed vast quantities of manganese iron. The deposit is said to be so large that it will have marked influence in the steel manufacturing industry. There are also said to be coal deposits in the same vicinity. Engineers are surveying a line for a branch railroad from Little Grande to the iron and coal fields.

## To Fight Tammany Hall.

New York, April 18.—A mass meeting was held in Carnegie hall tonight to form a new political party to be called "The Greater New York Democracy." The new party is formed to fight Tammany Hall. John C. Sheehan, R. Ellery Anderson, Peter B. Olney and Joseph P. Daly were among the many persons who signed the call for the meeting. About 2000 persons were present.

An address was issued by the meeting which scores the present city government and declares that Tammany has run up the annual expenses from \$70,000,000 to \$98,000,000, and has given the city a tax rate three times as large as that of Chicago. Then the address declares that in an effort to "befog this unpleasant fact" Tammany has increased the real estate valuation by \$743,000,000. Tammany is declared to be controlled by one man, "who essays to dominate courts and coerce judges, and whose guiding purpose is the exaction of tribute through the violation and nullification of law."

## A Vacant Garter.

According to the London Chronicle, there is now a Garter vacant, and if a plebiscite decided on whom it should be bestowed there is not a doubt but that K. O. would be placed after the name of the field marshal commanding in South Africa, who most certainly merits the distinction quite as much as Lord Elgin, on whom it was so properly conferred by Lord Salisbury. In the last two centuries the Garter has only been thrice given for military services—to Marlborough, Wellington and Lord Anglesey—and, strange to say, no naval commander appears to have had it, not even Nelson.