

YUKON PILOT AT HOME

John Laggas Interests His Stockton Friends,

With Stories of the Golden Klondike He Was Employed by the A. E. Co.

A nugget [of pure gold, as large as half an English walnut, was presented to ex-Mayor Inglis this afternoon. It came from his son George, who is in Dawson, and was handed to Mr. Inglis by John Laggas, a well known resident of this city, who for two years and four months has been engaged in navigating the waters of Alaska and the Yukon. In the box containing the precious nugget there was a carved walrus tusk, fashioned into a crib board, as a memento of the far northland.

Mr. Laggas arrived home last night, and today his residence at No. 1115 South Center street looked like a museum, so many curious had been brought. Being an old man-o'-war, he took especial interest in the work done by the Indians of Alaska and the collection at his house is a varied one. There are many walrus tusks made into fancy or useful articles, small canoes, fishing spears, snow shoes, etc., all the handiwork of the Alaskan Indians. Some very creditable engraving is shown on some of the tusks, figures being cut in and filled with a black pigment made of tobacco ashes.

Of the many people who went to Dawson when the Klondike craze first broke out there Mr. Laggas is the last one to return. A number of those who went later are still there, however. George Inglis is doing first rate and is the bookkeeper at the store of the Alaska Exploration Company. All the men are well treated, as the manager, Capt. N. Hibbard, is a first-class fellow, and they are also well paid. "Duke" Manchester is still selling water in Dawson and is making money. The McNoble brothers, who went up with Laggas, but returned home on a visit, are again navigating the Yukon and are doing well.

"I made more money during the time I was away than I had made in Stockton in twenty years," said Mr. Laggas to a Mail reporter. "The only thing I am sorry for is that I am not 20 years younger. If I were, I would bring you boys back a sack of gold dust. If the young men here will go there and work they can make plenty of money. I wouldn't stay away from that country for anything. I am going back next March."

The vessel on which he returned, the Morning Star, brought a ton and a half of gold, shipped by the Alaska Exploration Company, and Mr. Laggas was sent along to guard it. Aboard the boat it was said the gold was worth about a million dollars.

The Stocktonian reports that Dawson is getting to be more civilized than it used to be. When he first went there water was about a dollar a drink. On one occasion, when he drank at a saloon with five other persons and laid down a \$20 piece he received only \$9.50 in change. He was half inclined to turn around and come back to Stockton immediately. Small watermelons sold for \$8 apiece and tomatoes at 75 cents each. Prices are much lower now, however. A sample of cigars sold in that country was brought home by him. The cigars are enclosed each in a bottle and cost \$1 apiece. Another reminder of the country is a mastodon tusk, found 14 feet under ground, which has been presented to Dr. Fred Clark.

During his absence Mr. Laggas met with no adventures of particular moment except on one occasion, when a barge which he was piloting was driven on a rocky shore in a terrific gale, the towline having parted, and he was for 24 hours alone, in momentary expectation of the wreck going to pieces. As he had no boat he would have been drowned or dashed ashore and killed by the force of the water beating on the rocks. After 24 hours help arrived and he was rescued.—Stockton (Cal.) Mail.

Port Clarence Next Year.

H. Roller of this city has received a letter from W. Delbay, formerly of this city, but now of Nome City, under date of September 25th, in which he recites many things of interest regarding the northern gold fields. He considers Nome a good place yet, but thinks the rush next season will be to Port Clarence or Teller. There are also a few comments on the effect of the recent storm in Nome. The letter is as follows:

"The season here will wind up all

right, but the main attraction for next year will be Port Clarence or a little place called Teller, about seven miles from Port Clarence. There will be some warm times there next spring, as the country is rich and everybody is getting ready to get in there in time.

"We have seen some pretty severe frost the last two weeks and the ice on the street some mornings was a quarter inch thick. We intend to go more extensively into the business of furs, dogs, sleight, arctic shoes, etc. The beauty of this country is that there is always something new turning up and whoever gets in first does the business. Native dogs here in winter time are worth from \$100 to \$150. We bought some good ones very cheap, but everybody is after them now.

"I can see a very favorable field here for investment. Anyone that has the means to invest \$10,000 or \$15,000 here now could easily double or treble it before six months are over. I believe things are going to be good here for some years to come. Money flows like water in business circles, and though living is expensive there are a great many more opportunities here than in the States.

"We have suffered immensely from last week's storm, of which you have probably read in the newspapers. I thought at one time it was going to put us out of business for good. Fully one-fourth of the city was entirely flooded and destroyed. All the beach improvements for discharging facilities have been demolished. Of the 60 or 70 big barges and lighters used for unloading the big steamers but two have escaped destruction. Everyone of them was either sunk or washed ashore and wrecked. We have witnessed some warm times here and we escaped luckily. We are right in the swim again today. But for a few hard knocks I would have been way ahead financially this short season. The big companies all lost thousands of dollars in merchandise.

"It is surprising, however, how coolly and good-naturedly people take these things here. You hardly ever hear anybody talk of the losses sustained after the thing has passed. One of our neighbors had 400 tons of coal on the beach, which was valued at \$45 and \$50 per ton. He lost the entire lot, and though he was not a millionaire he did not seem to mind it any more than a bad toothache. Most of the ones who lost all they had in the flood are doing business again today. While the flood lasted there was considerable buying and selling going on of houses and goods practically destroyed. I have seen a \$5000 building sold for \$300 and carried off into the ocean 20 minutes later. Some took big chances and made big money that way.

"I like mining camp life very much. There is some excitement to it and even if I do not obtain the very much desired results, the experience and wild excitement is worth a great deal. I have great faith in the coming year, and you could not get me out of here with an ax. If the climate was suitable to your constitution I would certainly insist upon your coming here. I sold \$40 worth of optical goods at invoice prices. Watches are bad actors. I can't get cost for them."—Stockton (Cal.) Independent.

One of Nature's Wonders.

At the sacred village of Totatiri, about 40 miles from Tinnevely, India, there is one of the most wonderful natural curiosities in the world. It is an oil well containing inexhaustible quantities of the liquid. The well or spring is situated within the celebrated temple of Narayan, said to be about the largest sacred edifice in India. At Baku, in the southeastern part of Caucasasia, there are also wonderful oil wells that spout petroleum high into the air. In September, 1886, a well tapped in the ordinary manner began to spout with such extraordinary force that it deluged the whole district. For eight days the outflow continued, finally reaching an output of 11,000 tons. Another fountain broke out in March, 1887, and rose to a height of 350 feet, leaving an enormous petroleum lake.

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Words by W. S. S. Music by A. Martin

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St. Andrew's memory true,
Her Sons shall guard her rocky shores
From every hostile band,
And in the cause of liberty
Shall live the foremost stand.

Chorus We lo'e the hills o' Scotland dear,
Where the thistle proudly waves
The emblem of our native land,
The motto of the brave.

2nd Where is the heart that widna warm
To hear o' Scotland's weal?
The name alone it breathes a charm
Her Sons shall ever feel.
Her Sons who's here in northern climes
Still mind the happy spot,
The noisy river (Glyde) the silver stream,
And ivy covered cot.

Chorus We lo'e the hills o' Scotland dear, etc.

3rd Home of our youth, our fond desire
Shall o'er the waters glide
For aye and Scotland shall be free,
Free as the Yukon tide.
And long may we be spared to meet
The many or the few
To cheer each others kindly heart
In friendship Scotch and true.

Chorus We lo'e the hills o' Scotland dear, etc.

WM. S. SMITH.

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There is no doubt that we do not drink enough. Our bodies consist largely of water, and the average man needs to drink from four to six pints of water daily in order to maintain health. This is the amount of water eliminated from the body by means of the kidneys, the skin and lungs. It is evident that a fresh supply is constantly needed to supply this lost aid in the process of digestion and carry away waste matter.

If the amount of water imbibed is not sufficient for all this, the health must suffer. Air, water and food are the essentials of life in the order given.

A person can fast a long time—experiments have proved this—but that same person could not get along without water for that length of time.

As a usual thing women are the ones who suffer the most from an insufficiency of water. Mothers should see to it that their children have plenty of water to drink.

There is a diversity of opinion regarding drinking at meals. Some assert that the practice is injurious, as it dilutes the gastric juice. Others again claim that a glassful of pure drinking water taken during the process of mastication is healthful. On one point, however, all authorities agree—namely, that ice water is injurious.

Generally speaking, the theory advocated by the best physicians nowadays is to drink often and much. It cleanses the system, increases circulation and helps to make a clear complexion. Therefore, ye men and women, the latter especially, drink. Take clear, pure, sterilized water and be thankful so simple a remedy of nature is near at hand.—Table Talk.

Fireproof Safes.

"For city use in modern buildings," said a safe manufacturer, "safes are nowadays made thinner walled than formerly, thus giving them more room inside in proportion to the space the safe occupies. The modern building is fireproof, or substantially so, and in case of fire the safe does not fall down through the burned floors into a mass of burning debris in the cellar, but it stays where it has been placed, supported by the steel floor beams of the room and, with less around it to burn, subjected to comparatively less heat."

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