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AN OVERLAND TRAIL.

uation, and consequently the mail service is certain to be extremely un- by the legislature with power to resatisfactory. As a matter of fact, claim lands donated to the state by

existing for the construction of an overland trail. The difficulties involved in such an undertaking are not Lewis and supposed at first thought.

tion of the trail is already con-

From Selkirk to Lake Lebarge the cut-off trail constructed by the C: D. ance of the distance to Whitehorse is tively small cost to build a trail.

the freezing of the Yukon river to itself an utter absurdity.

and the Yukon river has the faculty of doing things in its own good time and not considering the wishes of the

the opinion that the safety of men

To Reclaim Arid Lands.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 11.-What eems to be a good beginning in the solution of the great arid land problem was made yesterday by the state of Montana. The state arid land Carey act, celebrated the opening of the great canal system in district No.

including a representative of the 000 acres of land, was opened and water sent on its hission of making homes for the small farmer. District No. 4 comprises 33,000 acres of splendid land in the beautiful Dearbon valley in the nearly so many or varied as might be Helena is the county seat. The state proposes to sell this land in tracts of 160 acres to actual settlers at only the cost of placing water upon the trail hes along the system of land, giving ten years for payment, roads already partiallo constructed in ten equal annual payments at 6 and extending from Dawson to Clear per cert. interest. Eleven thousand creek via Hunker, and thence to acres are now ready for settlement. Stewart river. The distance across and to is fair to say there is no more country to Fort Selkirk by the route tain region. The picturesque main indicated is approximately one-third range of the Rockies skirts the westless than the distance by the river ern edge of the valley and abounds in and there is the additional advantage grand scenery, fish and all kinds of noted above that a considerable por- garde and timber, and the land lies in small valleys surrounded by lowlying hills that supply rich grass for

tock. The state is building the canal system and will own and operate it in perpetuity for the sole beneht of the occupants of the land and without profit to any one, making the enterprise entirely co-operative in so short as to require but a compara- nature. This is the first irrigating canal on the American continent to The necessity of an overland route be built and operated by a state gov-

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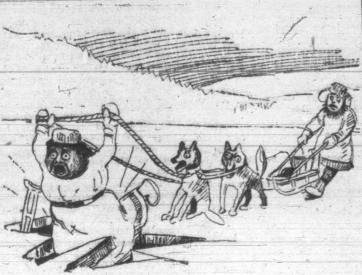
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# Stroller's Column.

the one theme of conversation during you kin put me right about a date I the week as its present mildness is have got sorter mixed on. It was something new to the people now either '73 or '4 and I ain't sure It has been around the fire- which, and you knowin' so all-fired of homes and on the streets, in much weather history, praps you kin the clubs, and, in fact every place, gimme the exact year it happened." and yet no theory has been advanced And the old man sneered a knowing I knew that a place in front of Moose for the present mildness or precedent sneer and looked wise, mentioned in which the weather act- No one said anything, ed similarly at this advanced period of the winter season. A number of ing that he had undisputed possession

"This will make seven winters for tory of this country that goes back der the the Yukon, two at Circle and to within 20 years of what I know

impossible at this gentlemen were in a local resort when of the floor he assumed his reminisone of them, a very methodical and cent expression and continueds " fore I spoke for you aint got no his-



LIMPIN' GROUSE WENT KERPLUNK AND DISAPPEARED UNDER

practical I have kept careful watch on the my feelin' by keepin' sich words as weather, and I have also a very ac- "unprecedented" and "phenomenal" curate account of the sort of winter to yourself when talkin' in my pres weather which prevailed in this coun- ence about the weather of this country for several years previous to my try - Thisb here warm spell ain't coming, having received information nothin' onusual, but it ain't hapwho from old timers such as trappers and pened in your limited experience, that fact that the lives of early day prospectors, Jack McQues- is all. ten and the others, who preceded me, "It was in

urn cold like it did ten days ago, and on November 4th the river closed. the matter of big men, as he himself emain so for three days and then In the course of two weeks there was remarked in the presence of the Stroluddenly warm up to the thawing a good trail between our camp where ler one night this week that he had oint and keep that way for a week Klondike Citynow is and Moosehide it has done and is now is wholly and me and Limpin' Grouse was it rithout precedent in the civilized and the habit of runnin' down to see our

und I think I can say without faer of sort of a summer and a fair fall, the ation would be appalling. However, the weather to weather turned quite cold in October Mr. Bittner is not entirely alone in

into the water and down with the arrent under the ice.

"Poor man! And did you never see "Say stranger,"

the old sled and dogs outen the wahad needed fer uppards of a year."

ian's closing sentence was becoming ainful when the statistician mildly entured the question 'And did you have

reather that year? in just eight weeks say, pard, you had better donate them statistics of you'rn to the Yukon museum I have hern talk about.

the statistician but the relic of Limpin' Grouse and he declined because the bartender had no sulphuric acid with which to supply a dash for his whisky. However, the change was left on the bar and later it kept company with a hunk of dried moose

never been in a town of Dawson's size that had more large men. A gentleman yesterday evening

DAWSON IS LONG ON BIG MEN.

nothing short of phenomenal."

"I'm durned glad you've got sich low the Sisters sick house the ice after every trip to the creeks Wagons

When In

Doubt

uncivilized history of this country, neighbors most every day. About the said that during the afternoon he had pound and white water ernment, and undoubtedly marks an Without precedent did I say? It is middle of November the weather met on the block between the Aurora ernment, and undoubtedly marks an more than that, it is phenomenal turned warm like it is now, only a and Bank saloons 18 men, all of epoch in the great irrigation problem.

That is the word, gentlemen, it is durned sight warmer, but the river whom weigh not less than 225 pounds lem. bein' frozen we paid very little attention to the weather, bein' busy

Everybody turned and looked to- gettin' ready fer the big winter's in Dawson for the past month, but FOR SALE-Boilers, engines, pum ward the dark corner behind the stove hunt up the Klondike about six or until within the past 24 hours the and there, reclining on a pile of cord-eight miles. We was breakin' in a fervor appears to have been mostly ood with his three-legged dog for a couple of young bogs and one day as on one side. The factions referred to pillow lay. the three star, double X we was comin' up from Moosehide on are the freighters on one side and

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pillow lay the three star, double X we was comin' up from Moosehide on are the freighters on one sade and sour dough. Seeing that his sneer-couple of young dogs and one day as the blacksmiths on the other. Ever ing comment had drawn attention to Limpin' Grouse was runnin' ahead to him he sat up straight and began; coax 'em when right off the pint he a horse has required to be re-shod sale at all news stands. Price \$2.50.

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dozen places on every trip and the rethe blacksmiths have been making all kinds of money while the freighters have been driven Until last night it looked as though blacksmiths had the pull, became too busy to pray and it looks as though the freight

At the present time Dawson terally over run with rats.

10. In some countries people go or trading and buy a variety of articles and say I'll take the balance in hacco. Here they say these time

after the operator of a still, but to bring him before a magistrate except in pieces is a hard task. In fact, unless strategy is worked and confidence brutally betrayed, very few moonshiners are ever brought sale and ound before a tribune of justice. And then the maledictions expressed in the face of the accused are usually so unmistakable that the betraver does not care to remain in that section after "time" has been done and his victim returns to his mountain home only to resume his old In court on such an occasion wills be seated away back in the furthest corner a slatternly looking voman with her face hidden within the researches of a slouchy Clustered around her will be from to 10 flaxen-haired, established at the mountain home. If the sheriff or anyother court official should be prompted to notice one of the children it is prompted by the sullen mother to spit on the snake." And then the nother usually boxes the ears of each child and says "I'm ashamed of ye er hevin sick a cow-ardly dad. He had no business to

be tuck by them pesky officers." When a mountaineer is killed in fence of what has been handed down what's good to take. from generation to generation as an individual right his wife usually continues the business, although it may he necessary to move a mile or two back into the mountains, and woe to the "pesky" officer caught "snoopin"

round her place. It was having the knowledge these things that caused the case of the Finlanders to appear incongruous to the Stroller

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