





THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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is not an hereditary disease, to consumption is inherited.



Cure cured me, and to-day I...

orders which more than one has resented as an insult.

I am sending to you herewith a...

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THE DOSSAGE IN PORT

Brings News of Terrible Hardships Encountered by Those Now Travelling Over the Northern Trails.

A Victorian Suffers Severely - A Report That a Thousand Men Have Reached Tagish From Dawson.

Steamer Rosalie reached the outer wharf about 5 o'clock last evening with a very small contingent of passengers...

The bitter cold on the trails is working hardship on the prospectors travelling thereon, and some of them are reported to have died...

There were five in the party that started from Atlin and later two in-bound prospectors were picked up who decided to return with the party...

Another story of hardship is told by O. Vico, who with two others left the Atlin country on November 12th...

A report has reached Skagway that a thousand men have reached Tagish en route from Dawson to the coast...

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PLACER CLAIMS ON THE CELEBRATED BEAR RIVER

Are Now Being Developed by White Labor With Good Results.

The discovery of rich mineral deposits continues with such rapidity in this province that the public have scarcely time to recover from the surprise occasioned by the announcement...

A well known mining man of Claycoquet, who arrived in the city today from that region, brings news that the excellent water which is found throughout the district...

There is a well defined rumor that next year the Bonthon Company will install a concentrator and that a great deal of concentrating ore is to be had...

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

That Victoria merchants have fully awakened to the advantages to be derived from the northern trade is now evident.

EXPLORERS' LIST

The Scientists Who Were Searching in the Far North for Andree Said to Be Lost.

According to a letter received from Dawson by Dawson, the French scientist, who intended hunting for Andree with a balloon in northern Alaska...

Over a month ago he started to come over to his party accompanying him. Since that time not the slightest trace of them has been seen.

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Nuts, 20c. Figs, 20c. Dates, in cartons, 15c. Sugar, 20 lbs. \$1.00. Owl Milk, 3 for 25c.

Full lines of Winter Underwear, Clothing, Top Shirts, Fur Robes and Fur Caps.

SAUER'S CONVICTION QUASHED. An interesting judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Martin this morning...

HOME WORK FOR FAMILIES. We want the services of a number of families to do knitting for us at home...

Farm for Sale--Cheap. 1888 acres of land on the Koksilah River, south from Cowichan Station...

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NEWS OF THE NORTHLANDS

The Cold Weather in the North Causes Large Numbers of the Railway Builders to Desert Their Work.

Transportation Companies and Packers Preparing for a Rush of Freight - Dawson Notes.

The steamers Laurinda and Alki have reached the Sound from the north with news that the steamer Detroit, which was wrecked on a reef near Shelter Island, is now lying in these columns, is now nothing but a mass of shivered timber, lying beneath the waters of Lynn canal. She broke up a day or two after the accident, and scarcely a vestige of her remained above water.

The steamers brought news that winter has begun in earnest in the northlands, and the White Pass and Yukon railway officials are experiencing great difficulty in keeping their employees on account of the cold weather. A number of freighters and packers are preparing for the expected rush of freight over the passes, which they look for early in the new year. Two hundred men quit work in a body on the 21st before the just-returned steamers left. The inability to hold its employees well, it is expected, seriously retarded the work on the railway from the summit of White Pass to the lakes. There was a foot of snow on the ground at Little for a week, and the packers at Middle Lake were frozen over. Travel had not, however, been diverted to the lakes, because the snow was soft and no trail had been broken.

The various companies which purpose building new steamers on the upper lakes are in the north consulting with transportation companies and packers regarding the getting of their heavy machinery, lumber and supplies over to the lakes. There will be several attempts made to get single pieces of machinery as heavy as five and six tons over to Lake Bennett. Those who are familiar with conditions on the passes will recognize at once the enormous difficulties of such an undertaking. The Chilkoot Tramway Company on the Dyea trail is planning to commence operating its cable line January 1, and other companies are making preparations to handle the rush of business which is commencing and which will undoubtedly keep the trails crowded during the winter months.

Rates of packing to Lake Bennett promise to be from 3 to 4 cents a pound cheaper than in the last season, and many speculators are already planning to take advantage of the cheaper transportation facilities instead of waiting until spring.

It is expected that a large amount of freight will be taken over and into the Atlin gold fields immediately after January 1st. The packers at Skagway and along the route have figured out that they can take freight in to the new district from Skagway this winter for 25 cents a pound. They will use the route by way of Otter lake, which is much shorter than the summer route by the chain of lakes.

The main on the Skagway river freezes over soon, it is probable that a vast quantity of freight will be taken direct to Skagway, on the boats which go to Atlin. The packers seem to prefer starting their trains from Skagway, rather than from a point at the end of the railway. A very good business canyon is an excellent one, with proper weather conditions.

The steamer which the latest intelligence from Dawson that has reached the Alaskan coast. Some miners who have reached Juneau tell of rich finds in the Chukchi region. The steamer was famous in Klondike history as a gold producer.

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eighteen inches wide and filled with spar and quartz, parted from the walls by clay seams. A large quantity of quartz lying next to this clay seam in the manner described. The gold contained in this brick was pounded out of this rock in a mortar by Dyer in less than a month. An arrastra just erected at the mines is expected to grind out \$5,000 every twenty-four hours from the rich ore now in sight.

THE NEW MATRON. Lady Managers of the Protestant Orphanage Hold Their Regular Meeting.

Mrs. F. W. McCulloch presided yesterday afternoon at the usual monthly meeting of the lady managers of the B. C. Protestant Orphan's Home, at which the most important business was the selection of a matron to succeed Mrs. Walker, whose resignation was unwillingly accepted at the last meeting. A large number of applications were sent in and the ballot resulted in the choice of Mrs. McGregor, widow of the late Dr. McGregor, formerly city librarian.

"Enclosed please find draft for \$22.70, being the amount of net proceeds of a social held on Thanksgiving evening under the auspices of Miriam Rebekeh Lodge, No. 3, N. S. W. M. L. O. E. in aid of the B. C. Protestant Orphan's Home, the same being a most successful and acceptable at this festive season of the year."

"FANNY NORRIS, Secretary Miriam Rebekeh Lodge, No. 3, L. O. E. F."

Another communication was received with thanks, Lt.-Col. Gregory, on behalf of the Fifth Regiment band, tendering their services and the use of the drill hall for a band concert and entertainment to be given in aid of the orphanage on a date in December to be decided upon by the committee in detail.

The report of the visiting committee was to the effect that the 64 little ones now in the home are all well. The remembrance was made that the Christmas "good time" be held on Thursday, December 20th, Mrs. W. R. Higgins and Miss Carr to be a special committee to arrange the details.

The following donations for November were received and are gratefully acknowledged: Clothing - Mrs. T. Earle, A. Friend, Mrs. M. H. Higgins, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. D. H. Rose, R. S. E. D. Friend, Mrs. H. M. Brown, Mrs. Brown, McMillan Bros., A. Friend, Publishing Co., Cash - Mrs. Moxon. Special gift of new clothing from "Stoney" - 28 fannette night-dresses, 28 grey flannel night-shirts, petticoats, 1 pair drawers, A. Friend, \$10.

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NO NEWS OF THE PIONEER

Steamer Willapa Returns From Cape Scott Without News of the Long Overdue Sealing Schooner.

What Sealing Men Think of the Missing Vessel's Fate Indians Mourning for the Stivach Crew.

Steamer Willapa returned to port this morning from Cape Scott and way ports. Sealing men were still hoping to hear by her of the missing schooner, but when they learned their hopes were soon abandoned and they now regard her as lost. No news of any sort or kind was given of the missing schooner, it is now 71 days since she left Unimak pass bound homeward after her season's sealing cruise in Behring sea. There is now in the opinion of sealing men, very slight hope for her, for should she—as some seem to think—be drifting about the seas disabled, the chances of her being discovered would long since have been gnawing their seakins, for they are said to have been provisioned only for a month when they left Unimak for home. It is thought by some that she may have turned turtle, but they who believe so are in the minority. There is no belief gaining the biggest following being that she has been disabled by the storms which raged soon after she left Unimak pass, and has since been in the mercy of the tides, which have carried her out of the course of navigation into out of the reach of the coast.

There is, however, yet a faint hope—a grasping of a straw, as it were—that she may be found in some outlying island, or on some of the Queen Charlotte Islands, where she is lying far from the ken of civilization. This is the course pursued by those who are many hamlets of the coast Indians on the out of the way inlets of Queen Charlotte Island and the northern coast of British Columbia, and where she might lie all unheard of for many months. Then when the Canadian authorities, against the protest of the Indians, refuse to return to Victoria she would return.

This, however, is a slight hope, for the chances are many against the lost schooner. The Indians have long since regarded her as lost, and they are now in the habit of referring to her as "the ship that was lost." The Quatsino Indians, to which tribe the schooner was being towed, believe that the loss of the schooner was brought about by the "Big God" to punish Louis for his alleged crime. So strong are they in their belief that they will never believe that the schooner was brought about by the "Big God" to punish Louis for his alleged crime.

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THE RUSH NORTHWARD.

Travel to the Northern Gold Fields Growing in Volume Weekly.

Already a decided increase in the travel northward is noticeable, and in the opinion of transportation companies it will get heavier each week passes. The majority do not expect a stampede, they say that the movement northward will be gradual, increasing steadily in proportions, but it will not be a general stampede, as occurred last summer.

A prominent Tacoma shipping man talking to the Tacoma Ledger yesterday said: "I do not believe there will ever be another stampede to Alaska. You have never heard of more than one stampede to a newly discovered gold region, and Alaska has had its stampede. There will be a general movement north, and the business of the steamboat companies operating in Alaskan waters is bound to gradually increase, but it will never amount to an overcrowding of the boats on the run."

"There are more people going into Alaska now than there was at this time last year, and the reason is that the steamboat companies are able to handle the crowd and they are being moved north rapidly. It is simply a heavy travel. The people are going to Alaska to go into the interior and work the gold fields. The movement northward will probably increase, but there is no immediate prospect of a falling off."

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