

THEY BREAK THE RECORD

Bob Insley and Jack O'Gara Come Out in Eighteen Days.

GREATEST COUNTRY UNDER THE SUN.

That is Their Opinion of Alaska and the Northwest Territory. Walsh Creek Strike Verified.

The travelling record from Dawson to Dyea has been broken again. Bob Insley and Jack O'Gara arrived in Dyea on Thursday afternoon, flying light, with Dawson only eighteen days behind them. This makes a new record, and one which will not probably be eclipsed this season. They left Dawson at 9 o'clock on the morning of March 13th. The second night out they slept at the mouth of the Stewart river. On the sixth day out they ate their noon meal at Pelly river. At noon of the eighth day they broke bread with Mr. and Mrs. Craft, five miles above Five Fingers. They were at Little Salmon at noon on the ninth day. Here they learned they had beaten Hughey Day's record to the same place by a day and a half. They reached the mouth of the Hootalinqua, on the evening of the twelfth day and slept there. At noon of the fifteenth day they ate dinner at White Horse, and at noon of the sixteenth were at Tagish. On the seventeenth day at 3:30 in the afternoon they arrived at Thorp's hotel on Lake Bennett and stopped there for the night. Noon of the eighteenth day found them sight-seeing at Sheep Camp, and three hours later they were engaging rooms for the night at the Hotel Olympic.

This record of a little over eighteen days, is authenticated by the records. Mr. Insley's papers bear the stamp of the gold commissioner at Dawson, and are dated midnight of the 12th of March. Bob had to pay overtime to the clerks in the commissioner's office in order to have his papers properly fixed up. The clerical force has seven months' work ahead, and as Bob was bringing out records of a number of claims the work had to be done out of the regular working hours. It was only at midnight, on the morning before his departure that he was able to obtain papers.

Bob Insley is one of Juneau's best known citizens. He was part owner of the opera house in that city. The theatre was destroyed by fire. He went to Dawson to recuperate his loss, interested himself with others in building a theatre there at a cost of \$50,000, and in December this also was burned to the ground. Bob thinks he will stay out of the show business; but he will return to the interior and will start back in about ten days. From here he goes to Juneau to take a look around and speak to a few friends and will then come to Dyea and make preparations to go in. Jack O'Gara will go with him.

The "Klondike News" party is coming from Dawson. Insley and O'Gara at the

head of it are "Arizona Charley" Meadows and Virgil Moore, of Sonoma county, California. For several months Meadows, Moore and another young man have been working on a newspaper proposition, and the probability is that they are going to make a barrel of money out of it. The scheme is to have a large edition of the paper printed in Chicago and sold throughout the world. It is said they have a mass of manuscript and hundreds of photographs. They have written up the Klondike as it has never been written up before. It will be full of news and information and will be capiously illustrated. A map of the Klondike country will be a feature. This map is said to be the most accurate ever sent out and bears the approval of the gold commissioner. A large number of the papers are already contracted for in the Klondike, and Bob Insley says the big claim owners have given their notes to the sum of \$30,000 for write-ups and photographs of their holdings, these notes to be paid as soon as copies of the paper reach Dawson. Another interesting feature will be a complete account of all the new creeks and bench claims. The "stampedes" will be graphically told of. The "Klondike News" party are expected to reach Dyea in a day or two.

Sam Wall, the well-known San Francisco correspondent, is also on the way out. He is representing the *Call* and *New York World*.

Although Dawson is rather quiet, a good deal of building is being done, in readiness for the lively times near at hand. Two sawmills are running steadily. When the clean-up occurs and the thousands of tenderfeet arrive the old town is expected to throb. Jenks and Tom Kirkpatrick recently bought a lot each for \$20,000.

Insley thinks Tom Kirkpatrick will be as wealthy a man, if not the wealthiest, in the Klondike. His holdings of good properties is very large and he is one of the shrewdest men in the inside. He is a speculator, but an exceedingly careful one.

The rich claims are turning out fully as much gold as was expected. Great dumps are everywhere seen on Eldorado and Bonanza, and Hunker is way ahead of early expectations. Frank Berry told Insley that the worst news he could hear was that his brother, Clarence, who is on the outside, had sold 4, 5 and 6 on Eldorado for \$2,000,000. Already on these claims there are big dumps, which will average over \$100,000 each. Anyone is a partner with the Berlys in

these claims. The Stanley and Warden claims, 25, 26 and 27 on Eldorado, are also throwing up big dumps and the clean-up will be large.

Bob thinks if he was asked to pick out the richest claim on the Klondike he would select No. 2 on Bonanza. Nothing has been done on it yet, but the owner would not walk across the street to take \$200,000 for it. It lies between big and little Skookum gulches and has probably caught enormous quantities of gold from the wash of both Eldorado and Bonanza creeks. Dick Low and Joe Barrett will clear \$20,000 each from a 50 foot lay on Alex McDonald's No. 80 on Bonanza.

Kreling, the Examiner correspondent, is well liked. Livernash was not. Stringers of free gold quartz have been found, but no ledges have been discovered.

Insley and O'Gara say that the interior is the greatest country under the sun. No man can conceive of the riches that will be wrested from nature there. Above and beyond all other portions of the world it is the place for them. They could not be hired, begged or bribed to stay away from it. It has its hardships to be sure, but rewards to industry, honesty and patience were certain. A year might find a man as poor as when he went in, but if he will stay with it for two or three years he will come out with money. Laziness and lallygagging in the cities will not pay, but if a party of men will go out into the country, prospect carefully and industriously and have ordinary patience they will never be sorry they went inside.

But Insley and O'Gara have decided convictions as to the best part of the interior to go to. Provided they had no interest there, and were going not to work for wages but to find diggings of their own, they would, to use their own words, "pass Dawson like a white chip." They would do their prospecting in American territory, where, when a man finds a few specks of gold, he can call it his own and is not restricted to a measly 200 feet but can lay claim to a good, large slice of dirt. There is lots of rich ground on the American side. The American and Birch creek districts offer excellent chances, but they are only a small part of the territory that can be worked at a good profit. The Keokuk, Black, Porcupine and Tanana rivers will without doubt prove rich fields for prospectors. It would not be surprising if the main portion of the crowd going inside this year will give the Klondike the go-by and push on to American diggings. The oppressive conditions imposed by Canadians upon mining will force prospectors into American ground without a doubt.

This will be good for both the prospector and for Alaska. The next two years will chronicle scores of rich finds all over the interior. The gold is there for a certainty.

Prospecting will find it. There is hope for all. But the man who expects to come out with a hundred thousand in a

year will be disappointed, and he ought to be. The careful, sober, industrious man who goes in to work hard and save will come out with a few thousands at least in a few years.

It is the country of hope for the poor man who is physically able and willing. Such a man need fear not. He will have to beg bread from nobody. Bone and sinew, honesty and courage count for a whole lot. Faint hearts should stay out.

There are chances for the women folk, too. Insley's wife, whom he left at Dawson, joined a stampede and located a second tier bench claim on Eldorado, which promises well. On the fourth tier a \$400 nugget was found. The Johnson boys are taking out \$6 to the pan right under the moss. Mrs. Insley is glad she went to the Klondike.

Insley has claims on Hunker, Henderson and other creeks. O'Gara is also in on Henderson and has several good claims on American creeks. His wife is also in Dawson. He says that he would not feel contented unless she was there, and asserts that instead of being a hindrance or drawback to him in any way she has been a real help to him. He

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Walsh Creek.

Insley and O'Gara did not stop to locate on Walsh creek. The reports were somewhat at variance, and they were not in a mood to "stampede." At the Pelly river post of the Canadian mounted police they first heard of the strike. Here Captain Norwood, inspector of mines, showed them gold which he sincerely alleged had been taken from Walsh creek. He said that of his own knowledge \$22 had been taken from five bucketsful of gravel.

This side of Big Salmon a man was met who said he was the owner of claim No. 6 on Walsh creek. He took an oath that he had panned thirty-five cents from one pan of gravel. As it was his first experience of the kind, he had sent it not to his wife, mailing the letter when he went to Tagish to record his claim and bring down his outfit, which he then had with him on a sled. He was evidently telling the truth, and Insley and O'Gara believed him.

As they came on up the river they met various parties going a-flying, puffing and sweating at a great rate, for fear they would not be in time to locate on the new Eldorado. The indications all point to a good strike having been made on Walsh creek. The new find bears earmarks of being bona fide. The smaller tributaries of the creek are also located, and a pretty good stretch of country is now filed on. If there is gold on Walsh creek, in Insley's opinion, it comes from the proper direction, and he will not be surprised if it proves rich. That gold should be found on any creek in the interior should astonish no one. It is a land of gold, such as has never been heard of, and the coming years will only add to its fame. It will be the scene of wonderful development. Gigantic enterprises will be undertaken and a great population will inhabit it; many cities will spring up and there will be fortunes amassed in business as well as in mining. Those who consider the gold fields as nearly a new "boom" country, and suppose that a year or two will witness its decline, will be grossly mistaken. It will have a career of prosperity lasting over decades, and the rush that is now taking place will form but a fractional part of the population that inhabit it in the near future. Horace Greely's advice to-day, were he living, would be: "Young man, go to Alaska."

THERE IS GOLD

IN OUR HILLS. Hail to the Prospector!—He is Getting Ready for Summer's Work

The rays of the sun are baring the hills of their mantle of snow, and in a few weeks more the gigantic steeps of granite will be clear and clean, so that the sharp eye of the prospector will be able to detect the variations in formation, for which he is ever on the alert. Already scores of impatient searchers are scouring the foothills, bringing in each day specimens of mineral-bearing rock which may or may not contain fortunes for the finders.

The notable prospecting developments of the week are the discovery of a copper ledge and a piece of float with free gold in it.

A good deal of discussion is being had over the probabilities of quartz discoveries being made in the immediate neighborhood of the city. As usual, the "experts" differ; but the preponderance of opinion is that valuable finds will be made at a very early date. There is no gainsaying the fact, that a half-day's search in the hills will reveal quartz leads to any prospector.

But, aside from what the experts think, THE TRAIL is in a position to know that gold-bearing rock of the very highest grade has been found close to Dyea, and there is no reason to believe the find will be an isolated one. On the contrary, from the little prospecting that has been done, under the most disadvantageous conditions, it is reasonable to conclude that Dyea is as much favored, from a mineral standpoint, as Juneau or Berners Bay, out of which more gold has been taken than from all the Yukon placers, American and Canadian.

So far, not a piece of quartz from this neighborhood has been found which does not contain gold, so that it becomes positively a safe prediction to say that rich rock will be found in abundance as soon as the warm weather dissipates the snow. Alaska is essentially a mineral country. It is our great resource, and the output of gold will one day reach stupendous proportions. The little cities of Dyea, Juneau and Skagway will be dwarfed in insignificance by the great mining centers which will soon be built. With a whole world crying for gold, and with mountains of the desired mineral hungry for the hammer of the stamp mill, how can it be otherwise than that Alaska, on which the eyes of the world are now centered, will see marvellous development in the next decade?

Already the great movement is under way. From Juneau comes word of an approaching season of great activity. Everyone has heard of the vast increase in capacity contemplated by the immense mills on Douglas island. At Berners Bay and Seward City, too, preparations for a busy summer are going ahead. The Newell complications have been adjusted and the rich properties of the company will be worked as they never have been. The tramway of the Portland & Alaska Mining Company will be considerably improved and the stamp mill at Seward City doubled in capacity. Last year's operations by this company were devoted to developing the Horrible mine, with ore averaging \$7 a ton; but, as another mine owned by the same company and located near the Horrible has developed into a much richer proposition, going uniformly over \$100 to the ton, attention will, this summer, be turned to it. The company has already expended \$100,000, and has, as yet, gotten little of it back; but they are going ahead to increase the expenditures, with the greatest confidence that it will repay many-fold. This company is composed of Portland men

in 48 hours; and that said quartz will contain gold.

J. B. AGNER.—When it comes to the gold question, Dyea is good enough for me. I know whereof I speak, and three months' time will tell the story. Dyea will not have to depend altogether on Dawson. We have a few resources of our own. I have been investigating, and am satisfied I am right.

G. L. STREFFENS.—An experience of 17 years in Montana leads me to believe there is gold around Dyea. I have seen many excellent indications. Not only are the indications good, but I have applied crude tests and found the yellow metal. Others have done the same. There is no doubt, in my mind, that some very good mines will be developed, and if the business men of Dyea have a grain of sense they will do all they can to encourage the development of mineral resources in this part of Alaska.

F. D. BOYKER.—I have paid little attention to the mineral possibilities of Dyea, but I think, from what I have seen, and heard that there is rich quartz close by. I can be depended on to do my share toward helping along the good cause.

PROSPECTOR JOSEWSKI.—There is gold here, to be sure. I can say this with certainty, because Hickey, Hagquist and I have already located claims and had our rock assayed. It shows \$13 in gold and \$88 in silver. It would, therefore, be idle for anyone to say there is not gold here. As soon as the snow is gone, we will do a little hard work on our claims, so that we can show capitalists whether or not we have a good thing.

A. P. BAXTON.—In our hills are a world of riches, I am neither a prophet nor son of a prophet, but I have seen enough to warrant the prediction that when it comes to quartz, we are strictly in it.

PROSPECTING NOTES.

Louis Dahlman is willing to grabstake a good max to prospect in the Dyea district.

Colonel Charles Reichenbach and associates are getting out some quartz to be sent to the Tacoma smelter. They will send enough for a mill run.

Dyea's assaying office will be open in about ten days.

Barney Levy is on the scent of a good thing; but he is keeping it to himself.

"Gus" Steffens goes prospecting every once in a while, and always brings home something that looks like mineral. He has quite a collection.

Phil Ward is thinking of making a bee line for Walden creek.

Instead of grubstaking men for the Klondike, why would it not be a much better plan for some of Dyea's business men to stake a score of experienced quartz miners to scour the country in our own vicinity? The chances of a return on the money invested are certainly as large. Louis Dahlman is willing to set the example. Who will follow suit?

Prospector Hickey went into the hills on Tuesday, in the direction of the find recently discovered by himself and Messrs. Hagquist and Josewski.

An old Colorado miner bound for the Klondike put in two days prospecting around Dyea last week, and said afterward that if he succeeded in selling his outfit at Lake Bennett for a figure that would reimburse him he would spend a year prospecting in the hills hereabout.

The great excitement caused by the Klondike finds, and the consequent rush of people to Alaska and the Northwest Territory will result in great and lasting good to this part of Alaska. Thousands of miners will look for quartz, and find it too. The great mining camps of the world in the future will be in Alaska.

The year 1898 will inaugurate a movement for its development that will increase with astonishing rapidity. The people of Dyea should be among the first

Why would it not be a sensible idea for those who are interested in mining matters to establish a sort of headquarters where prospectors and miners can gather for discussion and where specimens of ore may be placed on exhibition? Some one will no doubt donate the use of a room for the purpose, if it is requested by a number of those interested. A gathering-place of this kind will serve many useful purposes, and will bring together those who search for mineral and those who buy mines. THE TRAIL does not suggest anything in the nature of a mining exchange. That would, as yet, be a farce. The headquarters, if established, should be as informal as possible—merely a gathering-place for congenial spirits interested in this matter. Such a place will do more for the development of Dyea's mineral resources than a pretentious organization with a high-sounding title and a lot of formality attached to it. It would also be a place which incoming miners, prospectors and capitalists would visit with pleasure. WHO WILL OFFER A ROOM FOR THE PURPOSE?

EDITOR TRAIL.—Please allow me space to deny that, in company with my friend, Mr. J. B. Agner, I returned from a prospecting trip with a bag full of the "rockiest looking rock ever seen in Dyea." It was not rock at all. It was gravel. And out of that gravel came the spoonful of placer gold which Attorney A. W. Gale is now exhibiting. If you will send your representative to my office I will allow him to pan some gold out of that "rockiest looking rock." Yours,
EDWARD L. EENSEL.

DYEYEA MINING DISTRICT.

It was Regularly Organized in the Month of December Last.

A miners' meeting was held in Dyea on December 23th, 1897. Among others present were R. B. Franklin, J. H. Imor, J. B. Agner, John S. Fillmore, Geo. S. Town, C. E. Phelps, Nat. W. Toklas, John Montgomery, Ed. L. EENSEL and James T. Sullivan.

John S. Fillmore was elected secretary, and Nat. W. Toklas treasurer, to serve for one year.

The record books of the U. S. commissioners office show that the meeting took action defining the boundaries of the new district, and regulating the staking and filing of claims, as follows:

"This district shall be known as the 'Dyea Mining District,' and shall extend from Dyea to the Summit, and six miles on each side of the Dyea or Chilkoot river, and three miles on each side of and along its tributaries.

"Sections 3628-29 of 'Hill's Annotated Laws of Oregon' are hereby adopted as governing the location of claims in this mining district.

"The United States Commissioner, at Dyea is hereby designated and acknowledged the official recorder of this mining district.

"Any location of water right made hereafter shall not exceed 64 miner's inches.

"The term 'miner's inch,' shall be considered that amount of water which flows through an aperture of one inch square under a 12-inch head.

"Each corner stake of a claim must be three feet long, set into the ground one foot, and be on four sides, four inches square.

"The location, notices of claims hereafter located in the Dyea Mining District should be placed at the point of 'discovery,' and when recorded, the description of the claim shall begin at the center of one of the end lines of the claim.

"The chairman and recorder are hereby empowered to call a meeting at the request of three or more members."

The next bowl will be heard from the Copper River idiots, when they return from trying to surmount the glacier. Might as well have tried Skagway! When they failed there they would, at least, have been near Dyea and a trail, over which they could get into the gold fields.

Dyea has a cracker factory.
 "The 'dead horse trail' can't last much longer.
 Crocuses are blooming in Sam Heron's yard.
 Bob Wright was prospecting for trespassers on his ranch this week.
 Dyea will have an assaying office in a few days.

The good Catholics of Dyea performed their Lenten duties this week.
 The Seward City and Berner's Bay mines will soon start up again.
 Where is there any finer weather than Dyea has had for the past month?
 Cal Bragonier, the Tacoma carpenter, has the finest residence lot in town.
 George W. Jeffries is always on the move. He is now moving freight.

It is time Dyea had a school. There are enough children here now to fill it.
 Dyea will be the outfitting point for the interior for this time next year.
 J. C. Paulson, the shoemaker, has his river street shop ready for business.

Scott Lindsay & Co., have removed from River street to Second and Main.
 Ed. L. Ensel will build a two-story structure upon his Broadway corner.

The Olympic News Stand is a wide-awake establishment. Everything there is up to date.

Robert Blei is putting up a substantial two-story building on Main street near Fourth streets.

Colonel Charles Reichenbach is one of those who think Dyea is bound to be Alaska's greatest city.

The soldier boys are enjoying the good weather. On Sunday last they had a game of baseball.

Louis Dahلمان did not go to Walsh creek. He thinks he will await developments. Meanwhile, he will go prospecting in the Dyea hills.
 Ex-Mayor Wood, of Seattle, is said to have been four months coming from St. Michaels. He earned all he made out of that trip of the Humboldt's, last August.

W. H. Moore, of the Skaguay News, was in town this week. He has been in Skaguay six months; but this was his first visit to Dyea. He should come oftener.

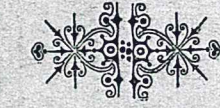
J. B. Agner and Ed. L. Ensel are back from Haines' Mission. They report the ground covered with snow, and the season not far enough advanced to make any improvements.

Antone, the steadiest boarder at the Hotel Chilkoot, will be with us only another month. He goes to Seward City to resume his position with the Portland & Alaska Mining Co.

G. J. Steffens, the Old Town jeweler, is one of the best off-hand judges of mineral in the city. When you have a piece of rock, you don't want to go to the expense of having assayed, ask "Gus" to pass his opinion upon it.

Joseph A. Costello writes from Skaguay to the Seattle *Times* that the few deaths at Dyea are accounted for by the fact that Dyea buries its dead under cover of night. Mr. Costello is a typical Skagwayan—he has lots of trouble. This time his trouble is nightmare. His story is but an instance of the reign of silliness that prevails over the hills. Trouble, trouble, trouble—always trouble. That is Skaguay's fate, it seems. But why does it try to shift the blame?

The Skaguay papers are all generous advertisers of Dyea. There is never an issue of any of them in which a great deal of space is not devoted to our city. One of the things they have recently forgotten to mention is that freight can be laid down on the summit of Chilkoot pass from Dyea's waterfront for four cents per pound. With all her wharves and wagon roads, the dear-old spindal-meniguis-city will never see the day when freight can be delivered over her summit for that figure.



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Charley Anderson, who owns one of the rich claims on Eldorado, came near dying recently; but careful nursing and good medical treatment at St. Mary's hospital, in Dawson, pulled him through, and at last accounts he was doing very well.

Charley is an interesting fellow, and a great believer in the richness of Eldorado. Some representatives of outside syndicates tried to buy his claim last summer. They knew it was a pretty good one; but had no doubt he would sell cheap, if a proposition were made him. One of them approached him with an offer of \$25,000; but it was received so frostily that he next day doubled the offer. It had no more effect than the first. Charley laughed at the proposition. Then \$100,000 was offered. Charley still laughed. The syndicate, after a consultation, made it \$200,000; but it didn't even phase Anderson. He showed no more sign of weakening than when \$35,000 was offered. The syndicate was puzzled. It wanted Charley's claim, but wanted it cheap. He was hard at work digging out nuggets, one day, when one of the representatives approached Charley's claim with his mind made up to buy.

"Say, Anderson," he called to Charley, who was down in the hole, "I am here to offer you \$300,000 for this piece of ground."

"All right," said Charley, "stay there; no harm done."

"You won't take \$300,000?"

"Not I."

"How much will you take?"

"I do not wish to sell."

"That's nonsense, Anderson; you know you have a price."

"Well, if you think so keep on bidding."

"I'll give you \$400,000; and that's my last bid."

"You might as well go home, then, and not be bothering me," said Charley.

"Have some sense, Anderson. This is the chance of your life. Listen, now; I'll give you \$500,000 for this claim. That's a good deal more than it's worth, and more than you will ever get out of it. Is it a bargain?"

"It is not; and you might as well make up your mind that no man in camp or out of it can buy this claim."

"Why not?"

"Well, if you must know, come down and see."

The syndicate man went down into the hole and learned Charley's reason for not taking \$500,000. The bottom was literally lined with nuggets, aggregating thousands of dollars.

"Now, why should I want to sell a piece of property like this?" asked Anderson.

"Suppose I should take your \$500,000, I might, and probably would lose it easily, and soon. On the other hand, I cannot lose this. I can take out enough for my needs right along, and in the long run, I doubt not that I will have taken ten times what you offer me out of this hole. That's why I will not sell."

Australian Quartz Miner.

At least 5,000 people will leave Australia during the coming season for the gold mines of Alaska. These men are more accustomed to quartz than placer mining, and it is not unlikely that the rich deposits of southeastern Alaska, which are so very obvious to a mining man may be sufficient to attract a good proportion of these newcomers.

We Join Hands.

The Alaska Miner says: "Alaska is remarkable in this respect, that every mine upon which development work has been done becomes a producer, and it is our duty to circulate this information, and we intend to do so, and, if Alaska is not known to the world at large, it will not be the fault of the Miner."

Good Miner, THE TRAIL joins hands with you. We've got the greatest piece of mineral land on the globe, and the people of earth should know it.

Alaska's rapid growth demands legislation fitted to her needs. The proposed code of laws recently introduced in Congress does not fill the bill. Governor Brady's presence in Washington will do much good.

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The permanency of Dyea as a city is as much an established fact as is the great present and greater future of interior Alaska and Northwest Territory. The wildest flight of fancy can not adequately picture the riches that will be taken from the gold fields near the Arctic Circle. Inside of a few years there will be hundreds of thousands of people in the interior and the traffic in and out will be immense. Will not Dyea get its share of this business? Does it not now get it? Is it not beyond peradventure the very best route into the interior? Has it not for years been the poor man's trail? Railroads may be built; but if they are Dyea stands as good a chance of seeing the iron horse go up its streets as any place now mentioned in that connection. The enterprise that is building and operating tramways over the Chilkoot summit will build a railroad when the time is ripe for it. Make up your minds to these things, good people of Dyea. Our city is here to stay. It will grow faster and better than any place in Alaska. It will be the seaport of the gold fields, the greatest outfitting center in America, a mining point of importance—the metropolis, in fact, of the northern wonderland. Dyea was the first, she is here yet, and when mushroom cities—born of disappointed hopes are matters of history she will be the scene of great activities and large enterprises.

The early development of the mineral resources surrounding Dyea, is a matter in which our business men can well afford to take more than a general interest. It will be the part of wisdom if all who are interested in the welfare of Dyea, will do something to help along any movement tending to bring before the world the fact that here in Dyea we have great mineral riches, so that our dependence as a city may not rest altogether on the development of the Yukon country. In mountains, there are undoubtedly great deposits of gold-bearing rock. If we all do what lies in our power to make this fact plain, capital will come here readily to treat these riches from mother earth. That the mineral is here is not a supposition. It is a fact. Dozens of rich specimens are already being shown. In a few weeks scores of prospectors will be scouring our hills. As is well-known, prospectors are usually poor men. The Trail wants to suggest that these men will be of invaluable service to Dyea and that the business men of the community will only be doing a duty to themselves and the city by extending to them a helping hand whenever the occasion offers. The prospector will go, of course, to find riches for himself; but should he be fortunate enough to uncover valuable mineral, it means good fortune for every business man in Dyea. There is no gaining this. One good mine, working steadily, is a great support to any city. It ought to be our aim to get not only one mine going but a dozen of them. But preceding this stage must come the arduous work of the courageous prospector. For him we plead. Encourage and aid him in every possible way. The man who sneers at him should be taken out and braided. The prospector and the miner deserves our greatest respect. There is a nobility about their work which attaches to few other occupations. In many callings a dollar made is a dollar won or snatched from the pocket of a fellow competitor in the same line of business; but a dollar made by

the miner makes the whole world that much richer, as it is taken from no man's pocket; but comes in its native state from its hiding place in the earth. It is a dollar which has no associations of crime, want or misery to be ashamed of, and, unlike other productions, is not condemned or destroyed, but is a permanent contribution to the wealth of the world. Therefore we say: All hail to the prospector! It is he who finds the mine and makes it possible for the miner to carry on his work of making the world richer.

The Seattle-Yukon Transportation Co., of Seattle, of which, W. D. Wood is president, is advertising the following file:

"Every steamer returning from Dyea and Skagway brings news of the blocked condition of the trails, but more substantial proof of this is the fact that the steamers bring back also many passengers who have given up trying to get over the summit. Those who have shipped the bulk of their freight via the all-water route, and have taken supplies enough to last them until midsummer, have passed on over the trails quickly and comfortably."

How much of this is true regarding the Skagway trail we do not know, but we do know that as regards the Chilkoot pass the whole thing is a fabrication, of which ex-mayor Wood, of Seattle, is thoroughly aware. The reason of this glaring lie is found in the following paragraph, also taken from the advertisement of ex-mayor Wood's company:

"Before you attack the trail consider whether it is not the only safe course to follow this example of the experienced Yukoners, which is to go light over the divide, taking only sufficient supplies to last through the summer and ship the balance required for the following winter via the all-water route."

"Via the all-water route," indeed! This is the same old route by which Mr. Wood attempted to take over 300 passengers to Dawson in August last. And where is that valiant 300 now?—Where, oh, where?—Scattered on every bar of the Yukon, from the delta of the river to Rampart City, hiding in tents from wintery winds, living on half rations on Wood's steamboat, or trying to prospect frozen soil on the headwaters of the Tanana?

"The all-water route!" Better call it the "all-wait route."

"Swiftwater Bill" should, by no means, be considered a typical product of the Yukon. He is not the true type of a miner in that country is a hard-working, honest, self-reliant man who has too much respect for himself and for the gentler sex to talk as disgracefully as does Gates of his relations with women. If Gates could stay sober long enough to know what he is doing, it might be well for some of his friends to take him aside and read the newspaper accounts of his babbling. It would shame him.

Seattle will get a United States assay office. This is about right. It should be on Puget Sound, the point first touched by the treasure ships from St. Michaels. The building of a railroad into the interior may change the situation; but at present the Soná is the most central point for all concerned. San Francisco is entirely too far away from the gold fields to be considered.

What excuse is there for the existence of any other supposed route to the Yukon when outfits can be taken from the wharf at Chilkoot and landed on the summit of Chilkoot pass in nine or ten hours at a cost of a few cents a pound? Vale dead-horse trails, and all Canadian routes!

Dyea is thrice rich: She has great mineral resources, is the starting and outfitting point for the Yukon, and the seaport for the gold fields. Who doubts her future is shortsighted.

The latest telegraphic advices from the seat of war are to the effect that "Sonny" Smith still holds the fort and will likely win the day.

Here's to Frank Brady and Marie Isharov! Long may they wave!

The Dyea hills are full of gold. Get out and find it boys.

What has become of that Rothschild railroad at Pyramid Harbor? Plus, it goes the way of Pierre Humbert's expedition?

According to reports from below, the people of the States are just recovering from the effects of the epidemic of spinal meningitis at Skagway, and are coming out of their hiding places. A lie travels a thousand times faster and farther than the truth. The total number of deaths at Skagway and Dyea for the season did not aggregate the reported total for one day at Skagway. The frightened liar is as harmful as the cheerful liar.

Newspaper in Dawson. Within the next fortnight, Mr. G. B. Swinehart, late editor and publisher of the *Juneau Mining Record*, will start over the Chilkoot pass with a complete outfit for the publication of a newspaper at Dawson City, which will be called the *Yukon Midnight Sun*, the first number whereof will be issued immediately upon his arrival at Dawson. A plan for this purpose was shipped last fall by Mr. Swinehart and is now at St. Michaels, but by taking with him this second outfit he will be able to issue the *Midnight Sun* a few months sooner than if he waited for the first plant to come up the river.

Earlier than Talk the Truth. The *Alaska Mining Record*, of Juneau, is a paper that tries to tell the truth about the passes. In its issue of March 26th, it says:

"In view of the statements made that the Dyea trail is packed with men and freight to an extent that makes it impassible, we are in a position to meet them with a positive denial. There is absolutely no congestion whatever at this time. The rate from Dyea to Linderman now is 9 1/2 cents a pound. This is a great improvement on the 40 cents of last season. There are facilities now for handling every pound of freight, and there are about 1,000 tons en route to the summit, and about 5,000 men all heading in the same direction."

Joe Brandt Goes in a Trough.

Joe Brandt, the well-known Dyea freighter, went through Dyea this week with his fine dog team. He will take Pat Galvin to Dawson as a passenger, Pat Galvin was to meet Brandt here, but disappointed the latter. He fell in with the trackett crowd at Skagway, got full and sent word to Brandt that he would meet him at Bennett; as things were coming easy at Skagway and they were going to send him over the trail free of cost. He was anxious to see the dead horse trail anyhow, and thought this a good opportunity at others' expense.

The Hotel Olympic.

The Hotel Olympic, at Taird and River streets, is now open. This is without doubt the largest hostelry in Alaska or the Northwest Territory. It contains 115 rooms and is one most substantially and comfortably constructed. It is a credit to Dyea, and will doubtless get a large patronage. Over 60 guests stopped there the opening night.

Alaska Homestead Bill.

The conference on the Alaskan homestead and railroad bill have agreed on the provision of the bill deciding that each homestead to be taken in Alaska shall consist of one-quarter section of land. It has also been agreed on in conference to make the total land given for railroad purposes as terminals and junction points sixty acres.

Citizen's Meeting.

A Citizen's Meeting was held on Thursday evening for the further consideration of measures looking toward sanitary improvement and protection from fire. No business of a definite nature was transacted, however, and the matter remains in about the same condition. It would seem that protection from fire is a most necessary thing, and property owners should take immediate action.

Lost.

One bundle of blankets, wrapped in canvas, with dog harness on the outside. Return to Skagit Saloon, receive reward. SAM BURMAN.

THE WALSH CREEK STRIKE.

Greatly Exaggerated Accounts of the Rioting at the Sound.

The Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* of March 28th contains a column account of the strike on Walsh creek. It is headed "Mad Race for Walsh Creek," and is prefaced in this manner:

"One of the greatest stampedes in the history of the Alaskan gold excitement is now under way over the frozen surfaces of the lakes and rivers whose waters flow into the mighty Yukon. The confirmation of strikes of wonderful richness on Phil Walsh creek, started hundreds of prospective Klondikers toward the new discovery in all haste and with the lightest possible outfit."

According to the P. I., Charles Kilpatrick, of Philadelphia, and G. V. Parker, arrived at Dyea on Monday March 11th, having left Walsh Creek March 6th. It says: "Both men had sacks of gold which they had taken from their claims on the creek, and the news they brought caused great excitement all along the line. Kilpatrick says that by this time 1,500 people must be on the ground, which is more than enough to locate the entire creek. The regulation claims are 250 feet in length, and run rock to rim, rock. Bed rocks is from seven to eight feet below the surface. Up to the time they left no one had gone deeper than four feet, and at that depth the averaged per ton along the creek was \$2.50. A number of nuggets had been taken out and Parker had a sackful with him, some of which weighed \$4 and \$3. The dirt seemed to increase in richness with depth, and everyone believes that when bed rock is reached Phil Walsh creek will be found richer than the Klondike."

This is the story Kelpatuck is said to have told the passengers on the Anstralia on her trip down, and one reads, if can almost imagine that bucketsful of nuggets might be shoveled out of Walsh creek with very little trouble. The people of Dyea are pretty slow if they don't get up and dust at once. Pans-averaging \$2.50 at a depth of four feet; with nuggets every second shoveful, are exciting enough surely.

It is quite evident that while Kelpatuck was telling a story he deemed he might as well tell a good one. And he did.

To give a high polish to a little tale he finished in this style:

"The effect of the late news from the interior has been to raise excitement at Skagway and Dyea to a fever pitch. One after another the citizens of the towns have taken small packs and started over the passes to get to the new El Dorado. With the Easterners bound for the interior the gold stories from Walsh creek have caused the greatest excitement. For several days past there was a great jam at Sheep Camp of men hastening across the pass. At times as many as twenty in a string could be seen struggling up the steep slopes, their packs crushing against each other."

Notes.

All persons interested in starting a school in Dyea, will please meet in the M. E. Church, on Monday, April 4th, at 7 P. M.

Very Little Steaks.

The physicians of Dyea are not very busy these days. The good weather has apparently cured all the sick people. There is no more spinal meningitis nor talk of it.

Knabel's oyster, chop and coffee house is open night and day. River street, opposite Dyea hotel.

Up to the 7th inst, the Dominion government had granted 84 leases for dredging in the Yukon river and tributaries covering a distance of 1,184 miles. The revenue derived from these leases is rather more than \$110,000.

The steamer City of Seattle holds the record trip record for fast time from Seattle to Dyea and return, having made her last voyage in 8 days and 19 hours.

When you want something good to eat go to Knabel. He will feed you right. Knabel's is the place for a square meal. He will feed you right.

SEATTLE CLIPPER

GOVERNOR BRADY'S ENTRY. The Secretary of the Interior Says He must Take His Land in Square Form.

Secretary Bliss has rendered a decision modifying one made by the general land office in the case of Governor John G. Brady, who made a cash entry of 160 acres in the Alaska land district under the law which provides for the sale of lands in that territory for trade and manufacturing purposes. The land occupied for such purposes by the governor was only thirty acres of that entered, and it is held that he must limit the entry to the land covered by the improvements or have it cancelled. There is no sufficient reason, it is held, why the claimant should not be allowed to take enough land to include all his buildings in an approximately square form, which would give him about fifty acres. Governor Brady owns and operates a sawmill at Sitka and the entry was made with a view to securing a right of way from the mill to a point whence shipment can be made of the mill product. The decision quoted practically built a Chinese wall about the premises, as subsequent locators may surround the property with their entries and enforce payment of tolls for the privilege of crossing their holdings.

Depth of Pay Dirt on Klondike.

The pay dirt on Bonanza, Eldorado and Hunker creeks averages four feet in depth, this term including not only the pay gravel, but so much of the decomposed bedrock as the miners work at present, an average depth of one foot. The pay dirt rests under gravel, muck and moss as follows: On Bonanza creek there is on the earth's surface about eighteen inches of moss and the pay is a depth of about thirteen feet of muck; on Eldorado creek, the surface moss is as on Bonanza, the muck and non-pay gravel between moss and pay are together about thirteen feet in depth, and the portion between muck and non-pay gravel is about as 6% to 6%; on Hunker Creek the conditions in this regard are about as on Eldorado. All of the depth between moss and the lowest known pay point is frozen throughout the year. The pay streak of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks is narrow and runs to mere "colors," or no "colors," before the rims are reached, even where the bottom from base to base of hill is less than 800 feet wide.

Swiftnator Bill Says a Few Things.

"Swiftnator Bill" has returned to Seattle from New York. As usual, he has been talking. He says:

"I shall bring back with me my wife's sister, Gussie LaMore, and will leave my wife behind. Gussie wants to come with me, and, of course, I shall have to take her, as she is the only girl I love, and my wife, you know, is willing that I shall obtain a divorce. I will marry Gussie after the divorce is granted, as I don't want to be arrested for bigamy, by getting married before that time. I forgot to say that while in San Francisco I shall perfect arrangements to establish a Wells-Fargo bank at Dawson, and it will be a branch of the bank of the same name in San Francisco. It is now our intention to take Henry Wadsworth, president of the Francisco bank, along to run the business, and I think he can be induced to go. The object of the bank will be to give drafts on the outside bank in San Francisco for large sums of money in exchange for gold dust."

The Boundary.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce received the following communication from the treasury department at Washington in reply to inquiries sent last month regarding the collection of duties by Canadian customs officials on goods passing through that part of Alaska designated as "portage" and lying between Lakes Bennett and Linderman.

"The treasury department has made inquiry of the secretary of State, concerning the matter, and was informed that the surveys of this government do not extend to the head of Lake Bennett. Until the survey is completed the boundary cannot be established, and it is not possible now to state whether that strip of land is United States territory."

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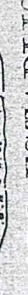
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Discouraging Reports on Copper River

Said that the valley there is proving a serious stumbling block to hundreds of prospectors looking for copper river, and that the prospects are not so bright as they were a few months ago. Many others have their outfits packed up and are waiting for a chance to strike up the snow and ice. In Copper City there are said to be 2,000 men. W. A. Conover, of Red Bank, N.H., who spent several weeks in the vicinity of Valdes looking over the situation has returned, having given up all hope of getting in. In speaking of the conditions at Valdes, he said:

The crowd of Copper river prospectors is meeting with considerable trouble on the first stage of its overland journey, which is over the enormous Valdes glacier. It is about five miles from the point where the steamers land on the ice to the foot of the glacier, and the elevation is considerable. Up to March 12th only ten men had succeeded in getting their outfits across all-year benches. Some had reached the third bench with part of their outfits; but the most of those who had attempted to cross the glacier have gone only a few miles. The trouble is due to the warm weather, which keeps the snow very soft. A great many have gone across the glacier without their outfits. At one place it is said to be very dangerous, and it will not be strange if some of the prospectors slide to a terrible death. In one place the trail is but three feet wide, and to slip over either side would mean a fall of hundreds of feet. It is very easy work getting your goods from the edge of the ice to the shore. In some places the water is more than a foot deep, and the ice is more than a foot thick. The little steamer "Sally" is having a rough harvest from the prospectors who have given up the Copper river and are making their way to the coast. The little steamer "Sally" is having a rough harvest from the prospectors who have given up the Copper river and are making their way to the coast. The little steamer "Sally" is having a rough harvest from the prospectors who have given up the Copper river and are making their way to the coast.

News from Little Minook.

Harold Preston, the well-known Seattle attorney, has received a letter from E. M. Carr, formerly brigadier general of the Washington State militia, who is now at Minook Creek. As the letter contains the latest news from this promising American district, some extracts are worth printing. Gen. Carr says: "I fully believe that Little Minook will turn out, almost a second Borama creek. I went out to examine Claim No. 8, with a view to purchasing it. With the aid of a crowbar we propelled the frozen dump, and took out one pan which contained \$3, each pan averaging \$1. Eight pans averaged 80 cents. "The pay creek is sixteen feet wide and eighteen to twenty-four inches in depth on bedrock. Using these figures the claim ought to be worth \$100,000. "A nugget, weighing \$21 has been taken out of pure gold, and like beaten gold of a very fine grade and estimated to go at the mint as high as \$19 an ounce. "McLain and Hinkley, of Seattle, are working a lay on No. 9. It is turning out a boulder they took out \$52. They found a nugget weighing eight ounces and another one weighing five ounces. "The Minook creek men have poor facilities for operating their property. Gen. Carr cites the case of Joyce, saying: "On Claim No. 24, Little Minook, he in November sunk twenty-four feet through solid rock, every inch of which had to be drilled. He had done it single handed, using a ladder which he had to climb every time he went to take out a bucketful.

The gold taken from the different claims is of the same kind and appearance, especially heavy and coarse. The

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claims on Minook are 1,000 feet long, and on Alder 1,820. On all other creeks they are 500 feet, having been reduced by fire regulations.

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It's war with Wrangel. People are tearing in droves, it is said.

Four cents from the waterfront over the summit! And still old Wagon Road Brackett is paying a high price to advertise the barefaced lie that no goods are going over the summit.

All talk of railroads and the interior during the year 1898 is absurd. There will be no railroad to carry people to the goldfields during this blessed anno domini. Common sense only is needed to make this prophesy. When a railroad is needed it will start from Dyea, the old, tried and tested route. Dead horse trails are as expensive for railroad building as they are useless for any other method of transportation. The tramways over the Chilkoot summit have solved the problem of getting into the gold fields.

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A Montana Miner Wins a Polish Maiden.

(Special correspondence to THE TRAIL.)

SHEEP CAMP, March 29, 1898.
 One of the strangest, most unique and interesting events that ever occurred in the history of the Chilkoot pass, took place at high noon on Sunday last, when Maria Isharov, a young Polish girl, was married to Frank Brady, a miner from Montana. The couple had become acquainted on the trail and friendship soon ripened into love. The young lady is accompanied by her father, who is evidently not a poor man, as he has had a large outfit for himself and daughter hauled from the wharf at Dyea and packed over the summit. Miss Isharov, who speaks very little English, is a handsomely formed and strikingly beautiful girl of about 20 years old. She is modest, lady-like and well educated.

Mr. Brady, the bridegroom, who is 30 years old, is one of the best men who ever went into the interior. He is a good-looking fellow who knows a whole lot about mining, is intelligent, perfectly sober and able to take care of himself under any circumstances, although it must be confessed that he shrank under the rather public character of the wedding ceremony between himself and his beautiful bride. He wished to be married as quietly as possible; but, as he and Miss Isharov had left the wedding arrangements in the hands of Brady's friends, a party of seven or eight Montana boys, he having nothing to do but fall in line with their desires. They decided that there should be a wedding march, and that it should begin at "The Scales," ascend the famous steps cut in the snow and ice, and that the wedding ceremony should take place on the summit of Chilkoot pass. This program was carried out to the letter.

The wedding procession started from "The Scales" at 11 A.M. Leading the way, accordion in hand, was Phil Ward, of Virginia City, Montana, one of the most accomplished players who ever evoked "Home, sweet Home" from that instrument, and, as the strains of Lohengrin's "Wedding March" were taken up by the breezes, Archie Burns' tramway ceased its creaking and the workmen at Stone House stopped to listen and to look at the interesting procession going up the famous-marble stairs of Chilkoot pass. And nobly did the musician play. Almost like that of a great organ the music seemed. Following musician Ward were ushers Gilbert and Seigfried, also of Virginia City. Then came the bride, accompanied and assisted by Bert Fenner. Miss Isharov was sensibly attired in neat fitting, modest Klondike garments, and appeared as happy as any bride, on whom the sun ever shone. Following the bride came her father and Mrs. Decker, a handsome young widow from Puyallup, Wash. who is on her way to the interior. Mrs. Decker was becomingly attired in a brown corduroy suit and high walking shoes, and looked as handsome as the bride. After Mrs. Decker and the bride's father were Ushers W. A. Stevenson, Knute Ellingson and William Marnberger, all of Virginia City, and Arvin L. Kells, of Dawson City. Then followed a great crowd of interested spectators, many of them with loads of 100 pounds on their backs.

When the wedding procession reached the summit it was met by Gus Steffens, the well-known Dyea jeweler, and Rev. Christopher L. Mortimer, a Missouri minister who is seeking fortune and seeks to save in the gold fields. In a very short time the miners had everybody pictured snugly arranged for the first wedding

on the Chilkoot summit. The Canadian mounted police furnished a table, pen, ink and paper; and a devout Catholic, hearing that the bride was of that faith, drove a stake unto the ground beside the table and upon it mounted an onyx crucifix. It was a strange scene—this wedding ceremony upon the mountain summit—and the Montana boys who had arranged it felt repaid, as they looked around. A great crowd had gathered. Never, perhaps, had there been a more unique spectacle. Resting their heavy packs on the snow, this gathering of gold-seekers from all parts of the earth, stood with uncovered heads and reverently watched the minister of God join in holy wedlock the handsome Montana miner and the beautiful Polish girl. Mrs. Decker acted as bridesmaid, and Bert Fenner the groom's best man. The bride bore herself with a modest composure that told of her happiness. The groom, too, was manifestly happy, but was not as composed as the trying gaze of the hundreds of interested spectators. Best man Fenner, however, was equal to the occasion, and his management of the affair was so clever that no delays of any kind were experienced from the start of the procession at "The Scales" to the consummation of the ceremony on the summit.

With their feet on a mountain and their faces turned toward the summit of the Stars and Stripes, Frank Brady, a true type of the brave American miner, and Marie Isharov's father, got into the habit of the bride's hand, and the groom's hand was made one with the bride's. A great gathering of spectators as usual, and the wedding ceremony was completed in a few minutes. Nothing more was needed for the ceremony to be completed. The bride and groom did not as the eyes of the bride and groom were made who gave them a better of words, under some circumstances.

With tears in his eyes, Mr. Brady the Poland, gave his daughter into the keeping of the Montana miner, saying he knew she would be as good and true a wife as she had been a daughter and obedient child, and hoping that the course of their lives would not be as stormy as that of his separation from his daughter, Marie.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. Mortimer delivered a short, happy and encouraging address, and then, on the table kindly loaned by the Canadian customs post, made out the marriage certificate.

The wedding ring was an amazingly heavy one, rolled by Jewish blacksmiths, out of gold presented by Arvin L. Kells, who himself dug the nuggets out of claim No. 27 below on Hunker creek.

In thousands of tents from Sheep Camp to Lakes Linderman and beneath the story of the wedding on the summit was told that night, and never, while they remain in the great gold land is it likely that Mr. and Mrs. Brady will be in a place where there is not a witness to their marriage ceremony.

The Montana boys gave a great supper on Sunday evening in their largest tent in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Brady. The Polish father, with his daughter and son-in-law are now members of the Montana party, and all will go down the river together.

C. D. HELLAR.

Rate of Duty Prospectors Must Pay on the Outfits They Carry.

Here is the rate of duty prospectors will be called upon to pay the Canadian Government for the supplies they carry into the Klondike. The table covers every article that may be required in a miner's outfit:

Shovels and spades, picks, etc., 25 per cent; axes, hatchets and adzes, 25 per cent; baking powder, 6 cents per pound; bed comforters, 25 per cent; blankets, 5 cents per pound and 25 per cent; boats and ship's sails, 25 per cent; rubber boots, 25 per cent; boots and shoes, 25 per cent; breadstuffs, 25 per cent; flour, and meal of all kinds, 20 per cent; butter, 4 cents per pound; candles, grain, flour, and ammunition, 20 per cent; cheese, 3 cents per pound; cigars and cigarettes, 25 per cent; clothing—socks, 10 cents per dozen pairs and 25 per cent; knitted goods of every description, 35 per cent; ready-made, partially of wool, 30 per cent; waterproof clothing, 35 per cent; coffee, condensed, 30 per cent; roasted, 3 cents per pound; condensed milk, 3 cents per tub; 2 cents per pound; extracts, 3 cents per pound; condensed, 3 cents per pound; cotton knitted goods, 35 per cent; crowbars, 30 per cent; cutlery 35 per cent; dogs, 20 per cent; edge tools, 25 per cent; duck, from 20 to 30 per cent; earthenware, 25 per cent; flour, wheat, 20 per cent; firearms, 20 per cent; fishhooks and lines, 25 per cent; fruits, prunes, raisins, currants, 1 cent per pound; fruits, jellies, jams, preserves, 3 cents per pound; fur caps, muffs, capes, coats, 25 per cent; furniture, 2 per cent; salvanized iron or tinware, 30 per cent; guns, 20 per cent; hardware, 25 per cent; harness and saddlery, 30 per cent; jerseys, knitted, 35 per cent; land, 2 cents per pound; linen clothing, 32 1/2 per cent; maps and charts, 20 per cent; meat, canned, 25 per cent; in barrel, 2 cents per pound; oatmeal, 20 per cent; oiled cloth, 30 per cent; pipes, 25 per cent; pork, in barrel, 2 cents per pound; potatoes, 15 cents per bushel; potted meats, 25 per cent; powder, mining and blasting, 2 cents per pound; rice, 14 cents per pound; socks or bags, 20 per cent; sawmills, portable, 30 per cent; sugar 64-100 cents per pound; surgical instruments, 15 per cent; tobacco, 42 cents per pound and 12 1/2 per cent.

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MY DEAR BRETHREN:

I am a plain uneducated preacher of the Gospel. I know nothing about grammar talk, nor college highfaluten, but what's been foreordained in the day of wrath.

My text will be found somewhere's between the first chapter of Generations and the last chapter of Revolutions, and when you find it you will find it in these words, They shall all file and flee unto the mountains of Hipsidam whar the Lion roareth and the Whangdoodle mourneth for its first born.

My beebching Brethern, I have come amongst you to guide your weary foot-steps over the pathless desert of Alaska, whar Skagway blizards and White Pass quagmires stormeth and roareth and hay-seeders mourneth for the loss of the fire that quenochet not, ah!

I have met sisters who stuz about the streets of Dyea with criss rings on their fingers, laid on their hair, slouched heads on their heads, gummed boots up to their middle, looking like dude clerks with their hair parted in the center, but they shall all file and flee unto the mountains of Hipsidam, whar the Lion roareth and the Whangdoodle mourneth for its first born.

My dear brethren whar the Lion roareth and the Whangdoodle mourneth, this part of my text must not be taken for what it says, it does not mean Alaska's ice fields, nor the howling wilderness whar John the Hard-Shell Baptist fed on locusts and wild turkey buzzards; but it means the city of Skagway, whar the mother of barlots and hard lot; whar flour is worth five dollars a sack one day, and tomorrow a red next; whar raged millionaires are thicker than Yukon prospectors; whar gamblers, thieves and pickpockets go skipping about the streets like weasels in a barn yard; whar once your beloved teacher was taken in by a strange woman and bamboozled out of five-fifty in the twinkling of a sheep's tail—but she can't do it again, halloja!

My dear brethren, you left the land of apple-jack and hard cider; you have been victims of ticket-scalpers and other varmint; you have been tossed on the boundless waters wher the mountains of the great deep were broken up, and gotten here to the land of nuggets; but what would it all amount to if you have not got religion—it is better than all the gold of the Klondike. A man can no more go to heaven without it than a tenderfoot can climb the Chilkoot Pass backwards and on a patent bike. But they shall all file and flee unto the mountains of Hipsidam whar the Lion roareth and the Whangdoodle mourneth for its first born.

My dear brethren, the narrow road to heaven is by the Hard-Shell Baptist trail; it is not like the roaring Methodist that preaches hell-fire; it is not like the Presbyterian that sends the babe to perdition; it is not like the Universalist that gets on the broad-sage and goes the whole hog; it is not like the Baptist that ducks you in the mill pond; it is not like the Catholics that gets through-tickets from the priest; but it may be likened unto the hardy prospector who had to cross Dyea river—he tucked up his trowsers and wended across.

CHROMO.

Two Hundred Reindeer Sold. Rev. Sheldon Jackson, acting on behalf of the war department, has sold 200 head of reindeer to private parties. The deal was made on March 16th, the negotiations being conducted by telegraph between Washington and Seattle. The terms of the sales have not yet been made public, but it is understood that the consideration is approximately \$100 per animal.

P. C. Richardson, the well-known Alaska mail carrier, purchased 100 of the reindeer. The other purchaser was W. A. Broomann. Both Richardson, D. C. Broomann are in Washington, D. C., where they applied to the secretary of war for the purchase of the deer. Secretary Alger referred the would-be purchasers to Mr. Jackson, and the deal was completed by wire.

Claims Recorded. Four new claims were recorded on Wednesday in the commissioner's office and six more will be sent in from the Canyon. In all, 47 claims have been recorded in the Dyea district. Eight of these are placer, which are located about 30 miles from the city on West creek

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J. D. Jourdán contracts for freighting and packing from Canyon City to Sheep Camp and over the summit. Mr. Jordan owns and controls his own pack train, and can be found at Hotel Eldorado.

F. L. Smith has a most popular meat market.

The Sunset Laundry is a new and prosperous institution.

Mrs. Weisman, of the Hotel Northern, is proud of a promising garden. Lettuce planted last week is showing up nicely.

The Eldorado Hotel is headquarters of the B. P. O. E.

The Hotel Northern is catering to quite a large contingency of tourists and prospectors. Among the most prominent late arrivals are J. H. Watson, of St. Joe Mo., B. S. Ralph, of Savannah, Mo., and J. Turrish, of Wisconsin.

Chicago boys who passed through the city and over the summit this week are J. B. Wickery, Chas. E. Johnson, F. D. Wrokey, Allegheny Lodge, No. 389; Wm. Jost, Cleveand Lodge, No. 18; Wm. Chrig, Robt. Waddell, J. S. Greasley, Warren C. Wilkes, Allegheny Lodge, No. 338, C. O. Snyder and Dr. J. E. Maples.

Dr. J. E. Maples, one of the prominent physicians of Chicago is taking in a large supply of drugs to Dawson City. He has the entire outfit over the summit. The doctor has opened a drug store at Sheep Camp, and having all the practice he can attend to. He will continue at Sheep Camp till the lakes open.

Tents are pitched so thickly on the river beds and benches that it is almost impossible for one to get about. It is estimated that there are 2,000 people in Sheep Camp.

It is a grand sight to see the thousands of people meandering their way from Sheep Camp to the Seales, taking up freight in every conceivable way—man-sleds, mule sleds, dog sleds, and goats; Oxen, Cows, Sheep, Jacks and Jennies; several women, with loaded sleds, were in the procession yesterday. The majority of the prospectors now pack their own freight. From the Seales to the summit a man can make four trips each day, carrying 100 pounds each trip. Fully 500 people make the summit trip daily. Two tramways are in operation, and the big Chilkoot tramway will be running full blast, in four days.

The "Summit" saloon at Sheep Camp, owned by Jack Cavanaugh, is one of the most popular of places. He will not allow anything but the best of everything in his place.

The "Klondike" lodging house and saloon, at Sheep Camp, is headquarters for several pack trains.

J. W. Moore, "Whitey," from West Superior, finished taking his extensive outfit over the summit last week, and is now on the way to the lakes and Dawson. Mr. Moore has the well wishes of a host of friends here.

Mr. Richard Palmer, proprietor of the Palmer House, Sheep Camp, says he is doing such a big business that he doesn't need to advertise; but he gave THE TRAIL an ad all the same, in case business fell off.

The Grand Pacific Hotel is one of the new and popular places of Sheep Camp. A. Tull is proprietor.

The Hotel "Woodlawn," at Sheep Camp, is crowded at all times. A nice bath house and barber shop have been added the past week, also a lunch counter.

Sam Williamson, well-known all over Alaska, is proprietor of the "Masscot," at Sheep Camp, a very popular resort.

Sheep Camp has a fine hospital now. Doctor Klinger, the proprietor, is meeting with much success, as he deserves.

Pete Abbey, a well-known Oregonian, has a grocery store new at Sheep Camp. John Penn and Col. Davis are prospering with the big test sample room.

The captain of the Vigilante is running one of the largest and most successful pack trains out of Sheep Camp. "Jim" as he is commonly called is one of the popular men on the trail, and when he rides up on his splendid white Mustang for his presence, as they know they are safe when he is around.

The Arctic Hotel, under the able management of M. H. Lynch, is doing a rushing business.

Harry Green in Seattle. Harry Green, partner of Sam Roberts, who was murdered at the door of his cabin on Main street, several weeks since, returned to Seattle recently. Harry openly confesses that Roberts' death frightened him, and that he felt too uneasy to stay here. He is reported to have said in Seattle:

"After my partner was so foolishly murdered I did not like the idea of remaining at Dyea. I don't mean to say that I was really afraid of my life, but at any rate I felt somewhat uneasy. Nearly all of the 'sure thing' men and 'grifters' have left Dyea and gone to Sheep Camp. They keep on following the crowd, and will be found wherever easy prey is found. There are, however, many men in Dyea of the same calibre as Roberts' assassin, and they are dangerous to have around. I know of a place where a man is employed at \$3 per night to look out for this class of men in order to protect the proprietor and employes. Skagway is even worse than Dyea, and, as usual, 'Soapy' Smith is in charge of nearly all of the games. Before leaving I gave my partner a good burial, and the funeral was attended by many of the business men and best citizens of Dyea. Friends of Roberts wanted me to take up a collection for his wife, now in Missouri, but I will see that she gets a check calling for a larger amount than would have been subscribed in Dyea."

Green says he will leave Seattle for Victoria in April, and from there he will take 400 gallons of whiskey in bond to Dyea and take it through to the interior.

JOSEPH LA DUE.

He Will Take 2500 Tons Through Dyea And Over the Chilkoot Pass.

Joseph La Due, whose traders' instinct and enterprise enabled him to pile up a fortune early in the history of Dawson, will come through Dyea next week. He has purchased in the East 2500 tons of supplies of various kinds; but largely staples, such as flour, beans, bacon and clothing, and intends to take them to Dawson, following the ice in the Upper Klondike city from four to six weeks in advance of the first steamer from St. Michael. La Due thinks that there will be a real shortage of the necessaries of life in Dawson before the first steamer of the trading companies can possibly reach the camp this summer. The shipment of 2500 tons is expected to arrive in Seattle within ten days, and will be forwarded to Dyea as soon as transportation facilities have been provided. Negotiations are now being conducted between the La Due Company and the transportation companies of this city for handling the supplies from Dyea to Lake Bennett.

La Due figures that by getting his staff over the pass by May 1st he will be ready with everything aboard, to float down the lakes and rivers comprising the ice to Dawson. Last year prospectors arrived in Dawson, after floating down the river from Lake Bennett, as early as May 15th. The first boat to reach the camp from St. Michael arrived late in July.

To Open a School.

Miss Ruth Van Baskirk, of Michigan, is in Dyea, for the purpose, if possible, of giving the children of our city an opportunity of going to school. At 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon, at the M. E. Church she wishes to meet parents who are interested, to talk with them about establishing a school. Miss Van Baskirk is said to be a teacher of experience and ability.

Lost.

Three Diamond rings, tied together. Lost on Thursday or Friday last, while shopping. A liberal reward will be paid by leaving the same at this office.

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Tom Flynn, manager of the Miners Restaurant, is under the impression that nothing but the finest kitchen in Dyea will satisfy him, and he has gone about to build it. It is nearly finished, and Tom is waiting the day when he can show it to the patrons of his well-managed and liberally patronized house.

Postal News.

UNITED STATES SENATE.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14, 1898.
Chas. D. Ulmer, Sr., Dyea, Alaska.
My Dear Sir.—I am in receipt of yours relative to the postal situation in Alaska. I have done all I could to better conditions there, and at last we have secured the detail of a special inspector to make a personal investigation and report what is best to be done.
Very sincerely yours,
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