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THE SECRET OF THE STICKS

A New Trail From Dyea To Lake Lindeman Is Shown to a White Man By Some Indians.

THE ROUTE PAR EXCELLENCE FOR A RAILROAD

The Grade is So Gradual That There is Practically No Summit. Little, If Any Longer Than the Present Chilkoot Trail

Truth is stranger than fiction.

Had the pen of a Haggard been called into play and conjured up some amazing dream of fancy, or some startling tale of an imaginative Alaskan land, the vision might have won its author glory and renown as a painter of the unreal, yet the picture conceived in the mind's eye of the dreamer and wrought into a semblance of reality by the skill of a master literary hand must have fallen short of a truth which has this week been revealed in Dyea.

Years ago a small band of Stick Indians in pursuit of game, made their way into new hunting ground. Game was abundant and season after season the Sticks hunted in these rich game preserves and appeared in Dyea laden with the trophies of the chase. The wonderful hunting ground of the warlike Sticks has been a carefully guarded secret for so, these many years, notwithstanding the great curiosity as to how they reached Dyea from the other side of the mountains without coming over the Chilkoot pass.

But the great secret of the Sticks is out. The favorite hunting ground of a handful of barbarians passes into Indian tradition, while another discovery of tremendous influence in the development of the gold fields of the Yukon takes its place in history as the most important event since the half-breed Carmack dug through Klondike muck and found the golden gravel of Bonanza.

Vale hunting grounds of the Sticks!
Vale White pass!
Vale Dalton trail!
Vale Stickeen route!
Vale St. Michaels!

The real railroad route to the Yukon is found.

The oft repeated prediction of the TRAIL that the first railroad built to the great gold fields would start from Dyea, was the vision of a seer. It will come to pass. The stars in their courses are fighting for us. Henceforth, as in the past, the destiny of Dyea is inseparably linked with that of the gold fields. Dead horse trails may come and go, but Dyea will go on forever.

To a white man prominent in Dyea the Sticks told a tale of a new trail to Lake Lindeman. They told how, many years ago, they had wandered into it while on the chase of game. They said that it was a much easier trail than the old one via the Chilkoot pass and that there were no hills to climb.

The white man was incredulous, but the Indians persisted in their story and offered to guide him over it. Still he doubted. Why was it he asked, that the alleged new trail had lain so long undiscovered? The Indians answered it might seem strange, but it was true. Unconvinced, but fascinated by the adventurous nature of the tale, he made a bargain with the Indians to explore the supposed trail. One morning recently, with three of the Sticks as guides, he started. In four days he was back in Dyea. As a result of his trip messengers have been sent south with news that will bring a corps of engineers to Dyea in a short time. They will go over the new trail and make an extensive report upon it. Then will come the railroad with Dyea as its starting point.

A TRAIL representative had the privilege of a conversation with the gentleman who went over the new trail with

the Indians. He is one of Dyea's best known merchants and a man who has constant dealings with both the Sticks and Chilkats. At his urgent request his name is suppressed for the present his grounds for the request being that his interests in the new trail would be jeopardised thereby, as he was aware that others were at work in efforts to corral a right of way over it and had already made important moves in this direction. He knew, however, that news of the discovery had somehow leaked out, and felt free to impart a general description of the new route.

The place of entrance to the trail he would not impart, but he laughed over the location of the townsite at the mouth of the canyon about a mile above Healy & Wilson's on the west side. To begin with, he said that as a route for a railroad the trail was superb. It would be as easy almost from start to finish as it would be to build a line from Dyea to Canyon City. The grade is so gradual that no idea of a summit anywhere presents itself. The only indication of altitude is when one finds himself above the timber line.

A loaded team could drive over it to Lake Lindeman in eight hours when the trail is broken and improved in places. The trail is through a wide valley with great towering mountains on each side. It is not possible for snow slides to cover the trail. No signs of such were seen. The Indians were anxious to show him a great black glacier which they said had been made by the avens, who at one time, according to Indian tradition, had been Indians, but had been bewitched and transformed. Departing from the trail, he went with them, and that night they pitched their tent on a mammoth glacier as black as coal. The view from the top of the glacier was grand. The trail could be distinctly seen stretching away into the distance with hardly a perceptible raise. The howling of wolves alarmed them that evening and as the cries kept coming from different directions the Indians became alarmed, and in the dark of the night they made their way from the glacier to a place where, if attacked, a better resistance could be offered. But they were not molested and next day went their way.

In obedience to the instructions of the white man, the party moved slowly, so that careful observations of the route might be made. The scenery was indescribably grand. That of the present

trail is tame in comparison. Great mountains and immense glaciers are to be seen and peak succeeds peak. In many places ledges of quartz were seen and float rock that indicated mineral was frequently met with. The trail ended at a lake which to his astonishment he found to be Kindeman. He could hardly realize that such was the fact, so suddenly had they come upon it. As to the length of the trail, he was not prepared to speak positively, but he was of the opinion it was little, if any longer than the present one via Chilkoot pass. Even should it prove longer than the latter, this would be no material disadvantage, as the grade is such an easy one for a railroad or wagon road that a few miles added to it will count for naught. The party returned the same way as they went, and the white man's first impression of the trail were fully verified.

As we go to press it is learned that the D. K. T. Company or its president, Oscar Meyer, is in some manner interested in the new trail, and it is said the latter is now in Portland enlisting capital for the building of a railroad to Lake Lindeman over it.

Dyea Literary Society.

On last Monday evening a number of ladies of Dyea met at the home of Miss Hartman, for the purpose of organizing a literary society. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Z. B. Patrick of Salt Lake; Vice-President, Mrs. P. J. Gearon of Wallace, Idaho; Secretary, Miss M. Cobine of Oakland, Cal.; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Hartman of Indianapolis.

The topic of study for the next meeting on next Monday night, at the same place, is Alaska. All who are interested in the study of literature are cordially invited to join the society.

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CAPT. JACK CRAWFORD

Purchased His Supplies In Dyea and Saved Four Hundred Dollars Thereby.

Among the notable people that are passing through Dyea on their way to the gold fields, is Captain Jack Crawford, the poet scout, who is known by reputation to every man, woman and child in the United States. Captain Crawford is going to the Yukon in the interest of the Klondike, Yukon and Copper River Mining Company of which he is the first vice president. The company is incorporated under the laws of Montana and numbers among its officers, directors and stockholders some of the leading men of the United States. Its capital stock is \$12,000,000.

The company has secured leases from the Canadian government for dredging one hundred miles of the Yukon, the Stewart, Indian and Hootalingua rivers. The company has also secured leases on the exposed banks and bars of 200 miles of rivers in the Klondike district for

HYDRAULIC MINING

On a large scale. A townsite of 160 acres has also been secured to be used as a general base of supplies for the upper Yukon trading post, saw mills, machine shops and other like purposes, at the junction of the Lewes and Hootalingua rivers from which comes the two streams of the States and Canadian emigration into Alaska. The company is the owner of four claims on the north branch of Bonanza creek, two claims on El Dorado creek, four claims on Too-Much-Gold creek, and two claims on Minook creek below discovery. The company has been awarded by the United States Government the contract for carrying the

UNITED STATES MAIL

From Seattle to Dyea, Skaguay and intermediate points on the Alaskan coast, for four years beginning July 1, 1898.

The company is now building the "Flying Dutchman" a steamship which when completed it is expected will be the fastest steamer in the world. This vessel is to run regularly between Seattle and Dyea. One hundred reindeer have been purchased from the United States Government together with sleds, harness and Lapland moss. Tentative herders have been engaged to drive the teams and in a few weeks, or just as quickly as Captain Crawford can establish the stations a reindeer express between the various points on the Yukon and Dyea will be an established fact. In conversation with a TRAIL reporter on Tuesday last, just prior to his departure for Lake Bennett, Captain Crawford remarked that in all his experience on the frontier he had never been so harassed and received so much pulling and hauling as he had been subjected to by the agents of the Skaguay trail. When he and his party arrived in Seattle, he made inquiries of everyone whom he thought knew anything about the qualifications of the two trails, and he was immediately set upon by the emissaries of the Skaguay trail, who seem to be legion in Seattle, and was assured by them that the Chilkoot trail via Dyea, was not only impassable and dangerous but that the charges were exorbitant, but the Brackett Company of Skaguay would send his freight over to Lake Lindermann in quick time for 5 cents per pound. He also received a letter from the Presi-

dent of his company who had been communicated with by Skaguayans, telling him to by all means avoid the Chilkoot trail.

While in Seattle he was besieged by merchants who desired to sell him his supplies. He purchased nothing there, however, except some crystallized eggs and some evaporated fruits and vegetables. The rest of his supplies he

PURCHASED IN DYEA,

Thereby effecting a saving of over \$400 on his outfit, besides knowing that his outfit has been properly packed.

Captain Crawford upon his arrival at Skaguay proceeded at once to the office of the Brackett Road Company and presented the letters that had been given him by the agents of the company in Seattle. The person in charge at once thought that he had a "good thing, which he intended to push along" over his dead horse trail and blandly informed Captain Crawford that instead of 5 cents he would have to charge him 15 cents to take his freight to Lake Lindermann. The Captain declined to enter into negotiations with the Brackett Company and interviewed several other freighters but he could make no better terms with them as they told him that the trail was in such a terrible condition that it was worth much more than they asked to take his freight. He then took the boat for Dyea and within an hour from the time he arrived on the wharf he had made a contract with the Dyea and Klondike Transportation Company to take his freight to Lake Bennett a considerable distance further on for NINE cents per pound, by which he effected a

SAVING OF OVER \$600.

Captain Crawford allowed the TRAIL reporter to take a copy of the following letter that he had mailed to Mr. Brackett:

DYEA, April 18, 1898.

MR. BRACKETT, Dear Sir:—I was anxious to patronize you and your trail because Mr. Noyes and your agents in Seattle positively assured me that your trail was in good condition and that I could have my freight taken over to Lake Bennett for 5 cents per pound. When I arrived at your office in Skaguay your son assured me that 15 cents per pound was positively the lowest rate that he could give me to Lindermann, not Bennett. I immediately hunted up other freighters and 13 cents was the lowest rate that I could make with responsible parties so I came over to Dyea and on the wharf made a contract for 9 cents from the wharf to Lake Bennett and my freight is now there. This saves my company over \$600, hence I know that you will pardon me for giving Skaguay the go-by.

Very Truly Yours,
CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD.

In Mr. Crawford's party there are J. H. Crook, J. W. Cassidy, Dr. O. L. Wilcoxon, A. W. Larraway and Andrew Kidder, all of whom are stockholders in the company. This party will be followed in a few weeks by a very large party with several hundred tons of freight and Captain Crawford has arranged everything in advance for them.

He showed us a letter that he had just written to a syndicate of eastern newspapers from which we cull the following

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which is of interest to the people of Dyea:

To the general public and to all of my friends who intend coming to the gold fields I would like to give the following information: First, when you arrive at Skaguay, take the first boat for Dyea and you will find the agents of several reliable freighters with whom you can close negotiations for the transportation of your freight in a short time

Second—Don't purchase your supplies until you reach Dyea and you will save money and trouble, and will there get your goods properly packed.

I do not write and advise this for the purpose of booming Dyea, for I have had no concessions made to me. I have had to pay the same price for my goods that any one else does, no more nor no less.

I have never found a better class of people than live in Dyea, and I must say that it is a fine place. I have not seen an intoxicated person in Dyea since my arrival here, which speaks well for the morals of the town.

Our entire party attended church last Sunday evening and listened to an excellent sermon by the pastor, Rev. Larsen. The church was filled with as an intelligent and well dressed class of ladies and gentlemen as one would find in the churches of any of the large cities in the States.

I leave in the morning for Lake Bennett over the Chilkoot pass, with my old time friend Judge Irving, who has agreed to land me and 1000 pounds of personal baggage at Bennett free of charge, and this he does that I may give a truthful account of the trail as I find it, and this favor too when I have sent my freight by a rival freighter.

When I arrive at Bennett I shall write you a full account of my experience on, and impression of the Chilkoot trail."

Captain Crawford has promised to send the TRAIL a copy of this letter. He says that there are thousands of people in the eastern states still to come. His trip to the Yukon will be a flying one as he has made dates to lecture in one hundred cities in the States this winter on Alaska, how to get there in the cheapest, easiest and quickest manner.

In the departure of Cms. J. Steffans for the Yukon next week, Dyea will lose the best jeweler who has ever practiced his art in Alaska. His creation from Dawson gold have attracted a great deal of attention and praise, and of late his entire time has been taken up in manufacturing rings, brooches and trinkets from Klondike dust—presents from returning Klondikers to relatives, sweethearts and friends in the States. There is little doubt that his talents will win him fame and fortune about gold fields. While his hundreds of Dyea friends will regret his departure they will unanimously wish the generous River street jeweler the success he so richly deserves.

During the thirteen months ending February 28, the governor of Northwest Territories issued permits for the importation to the British Yukon district of 14,152 gallons of liquor. Besides these a permit was issued to the North American Transportation and Trading Company for a quantity not stated in the report of the minister of the interior.

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All the reports that have come from Dawson City of late, indicate that the amount of treasure that will come out by St. Michaels early in July will be something enormous—in round numbers not less than \$20,000,000. This will not represent the total output for the season as a great deal of gold will be retained in Dawson for speculative purposes. The amount however, will increase the excitement in the States to such a pitch that people will be falling all over each other in their efforts to reach the land of fabulous wealth, where the poor man stands equally as good a chance to make a fortune, and quickly at that, as the man of means. The stampede will be something unprecedented in the history of mining excitements, and it will commence early in August. At that time it will be too late to go to the Yukon by way of St. Michael, consequently the seething mass of humanity will have but one way of getting into the land of gold and that is over the Chilkoot pass by way of Dyea. At that season of the year all other trails are utterly impassable, as has been proven by past seasons, while the Dyea trail is at its best. The wise and farseeing business man is aware of this fact and is now during the lull, preparing for the rush that is sure to come. Dyea has a great future as it is truly the gateway to Alaska and the northwest territory.

The message of President McKinley on the Cuban question was a very able document, and has been so recognized by the European press and the press of the United States. The message sets forth the condition of things in a clear and concise manner. The President also informs Congress that in case that body decides that war is necessary, that he will aid with all means at his command. It now remains for Congress to decide whether the grim visage of war shall spread its sable wings over the land, or whether the white winged dove of peace shall continue to cast its influence over our people and our country. In event of war the spirit and temper of the American people is just as strong now as it was in 1776. If peace can be maintained by Spain freeing Cuba and paying a stiff indemnity to the United States for the destruction of the cruiser Maine and the loss of life that it entailed then the people of the United States will be satisfied, but not until then.

The space writers who reside in Skagway, and who represent the Seattle papers and the associated press have demonstrated by their reports of the recent snowslide, their utter unreliability as truthful correspondents. Their reports of the accident were distorted and seemed to be actuated by a spirit of maliciousness, with intent to injure Dyea and the Chilkoot trail. In their lists of the dead they made no investigation whatever out put down the names of whole parties whom they knew had gone over the trail and sent them below for publication, and in consequence the Sound papers are now busily engaged in apologizing for the untruthful reports of their correspondents. THE TRAIL was the only paper that published an absolutely correct list of the dead.

The trail over the summit to the lakes via Dyea is now in excellent condition and large quantities of freight are being taken over every day without interruption, notwithstanding the frantic efforts that are being made by the people of Skagway to have the argonauts tug and strain to get over their dead horse trail which is now guarded by thousands of croaking ravens who are awaiting the melting of the snow before beginning their feast upon the three or four thousand dead horses that perished on that trail last summer and fall and which will be increased this summer to the full number of horses that their owners attempt to force over the Skagway imitation of a trail and so called wagon road.

Some of the best prospectors in the country are now scouring the hills and mountains adjacent to Dyea, and they report that the prospects thus far encountered are very encouraging. Every night the camp fires of hardy and adventurous prospectors can be seen far up the mountain sides which is evidence enough that the work of making Dyea a great mining center and supply point has been commenced in thorough earnest. A number of the business men of town are preparing to grubstake reliable prospectors and in the course of another month the result will be known, and the TRAIL predicts that it will be greatly for the benefit of Dyea.

Straws show which way the wind blows and the fact that nearly all of the freighters that have been packing over the Skagway trail during the winter have moved their outfits to Dyea, and that Knapp, the largest and principal freighter has announced his business for sale, indicates an early abandonment of the Brackett wagon (?) road and dead horse trail upon which all the hopes of Skagway are founded.

Notwithstanding the present depression, new buildings continue to be erected and new business houses are starting up, which all goes to show that capital has unlimited confidence in the future of Dyea.

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GRAND JURORS.

L. Blumenthal	E. Cardinal
John Gorman	A. Brant
J. M. Davis	B. M. Behrends

TRIAL JURORS.

John Arvey	S. Blackburn
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M. Orton	E. Valontine
John Calhoun	M. Galvin
Wm. Webb	E. R. Jaeger
Geo. Walker	Willis Nowell
James McCluskey	L. G. Kaufman
Frank Young	L. Schooling

One of the Snowslide's Victims.

The case of Calvin Harrison, one of the men killed on Chilkoot trail, is not worse than that of the other victims, but he is an excellent illustration of one of the sad phases of the disaster. He was a strapping young fellow; he had been in the *Post-Intelligencer* mechanical department for years, was always to be relied on, quick, attentive, obliging and industrious. When he made up his mind to try his fortunes in the Klondike, none seemed better fitted or more likely to succeed. He talked joyously and confident of the future as a certainty; and when he was taking his leave every man in every department, responsible heads and youngest lads, felt a personal interest in his success and a genuine wish for his prosperity. And now, but a few days after, they sorrowfully prepare to follow his remains to the grave.—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

The Bonanza King, or as it is better as the Crofton mine, is one of a rich group of quartz mines recently discovered above Dyea and near Canyon City, is developing better and better every day. Mr. Crofton who was one of the first men to erect a good hotel in Dyea is now personally superintending the development work now going on. This group of mines was originally located by Frank Carpenter who afterwards sold them to Mr. Crofton. The first assay made showed \$20 gold to the ton.

United States Commissioner Norman E. Malcolm, recently appointed by the President from California, has arrived in Juneau and has assumed the duties of his office, vice Commissioner Ostrander who resigned to try his fortunes in the interior gold fields. Mr. Malcolm is a graduate of Stanford University and a practitioner of high standing before the bar of California.

The steamer Discovery, with 60 passengers on board for Dyea, arrived on Wednesday last in the afternoon and departed at 2 o'clock on Thursday morning for Sound ports.

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His Unexpected Death Causes Sorrow Throughout the City.

Almost before it was known that he was ill, the announcement was made of the death of Duncan B. Monteith. It came like a shock. He was one of Dyea's most prominent and respected citizens and he counted his friends by the hundred. It was therefore with pain that news of his demise was heard. No death has occurred in Dyea occasioned more widespread sorrow. He was ill for about ten days and from the time he took to his bed his case was a most serious one. The best physicians in Dyea were in constant attendance at his bedside, but medical skill and careful nursing were inadequate to cope with the extremely severe case of spinal meningitis to which he fell a victim. He contracted the disease on a trip to the Scales on the day of the snowslide. Leaving here about 10 o'clock in the morning he hastened to the scene of the avalanche on foot, returning the same day and arriving in Dyea at 11 o'clock at night. He had overheated and completely exhausted himself, and the disease took a ready hold of him. He daily grew a little worse and was finally compelled to take to his bed. He never rallied.

A singular incident in connection with Mr. Monteith's death is the fact that he was mortally afraid of spinal meningitis. On the 10th of March he went to the beach to take a boat for Skaguay. While waiting he was taken with a chill and pains in the back and he immediately made up his mind he had contracted spinal meningitis and returned and wrote a letter to his family and other relatives telling them he was taken down with his last illness and bidding them farewell. It was a pathetic letter, but Mr. Monteith got better and did not send it. The letter was found in his effects this week and will be sent by Mr. Rawlins to the relatives of the deceased.

Mr. Monteith was 42 years of age. He came to Dyea from Albany, Oregon between two and three months ago with Mr. C. G. Rawlins and formed the Oregon Real Estate Company. He was an experienced and accomplished broker and while there was any business the firm got its share.

Mr. Monteith leaves a wife and two children in Albany, besides an invalid mother and two brothers, one of whom is also an invalid. Previous to coming here he had been engaged in the real estate business in Albany under the firm name of Curran & Monteith.

His body was shipped by Mr. Rawlins on the steamer Farallon.

Free Reading Room.

The trustees of the M. E. Church, aided by the pastor Rev. Charles Larsen and the ladies of the congregation, have opened a free reading room for the people of Dyea. It is located on Third street between Main and Broadway, in the Hart row of buildings. Among the periodicals noticed on the reading tables were the Cosmopolitan, Scribners, Munnys, the Home Queen, the New York Journal, the World, Examiner, Chronicle Post-Intelligencer, etc. Contributions of books, magazines and papers will be most gratefully appreciated by those in charge of the new reading room.

The soldiers have erected a handball court and are practicing daily. There are some excellent players among them. The court is located near Seventh and West streets.

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MINING NEWS

The most significant and important development in the local mineral situation during the week was the opening by Mr. Chas. H. Bridges of his assaying works, which are located in the rear of Blei's hotel, on Main street near Fourth. It is a thoroughly modern and most complete metallurgical laboratory. There is no other assaying plant in Alaska or the Northwest territory that will compare with it, and there is little doubt that it will play a prominent part in the mineral history of this part of the world. Mr. Bridges, the master hand in this metallurgical workshop which is destined to accomplish wonders for Dyea, is a man whom prospectors and mining men can place the utmost confidence. He will be the last man on earth to egg on a false mining excitement by misstatements or unwarranted enthusiasm, and when he renders an opinion it can be relied upon, for he will do it with care and caution. And considering that he will be the most important figure in Dyea's mineral development, it is a matter for sincere congratulation that he is a man of unquestioned character and skill, instead of some over-enthusiastic graduate fresh from a school laboratory with nothing but a diploma to recommend him. Mr. Bridges' skill is that of the practical hand. The hills are no stranger to him. He is a prospector, miner, mining engineer, assayer and—student always. He was one of the first to prospect in and around Dyea this year. While the snow was yet on the foothills he was investigating the formation of the neighboring country, and one of the good things that he will do at an early date is to make up a mineral cabinet composed of specimens of the different rocks found around Dyea. The specimens will be labeled and their character shown. This cabinet will be of

great service to prospectors, as it will give an approximate idea of the rocks which may be considered meritorious and those which may be deemed worthless from a mineral standpoint. The cabinet will be placed in the public sitting room of Blei's hotel, where there will also be a mineralogical library. Assayer Bridges will have as his laboratory assistant Mr. Charles Perkins, a prospector and mining man of many years experience in California.

Without the slightest exaggeration the TRAIL can say to the people of Dyea that they can be sincerely congratulated upon the fact that Mr. Bridges has decided to cast his lot here and give us the benefit of his laboratory and skill,

SKAGUAY EXCITED.

Reports have been received during the week from Skaguay to the effect that the townsite was being located for placer ground. The cause of the stampede is said to be the discovery that the muck of the Skaguay river is similar to the muck of the Klondike.

PROSPECTING NOTES.

Dr. Lewis Lee is very much interested in the mineral possibilities of Dyea. He is sure that rich ore will be found.

J. B. Zimdars snatched enough time from his legal duties this week to go out prospecting for one day.

The sounds of blasting are heard every day in the hills. A good many prospectors are putting in shots.

Proprietor Clatt, of the Pioneer restaurant, has located a vein of good looking copper sulphuret ore.

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As we go to press advices of the 17th inst. to the army officers stationed in Dyea, are of a character which indicate that war would to an absolute certainty be declared, and no doubt by this time such action has been taken.

On the 16th, the U. S. Senate, by a vote of 67 to 21, passed the following resolutions, after a long and impressive debate:

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

"First, that the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent and that the government of the United States hereby recognizes the Republic of Cuba as the true and lawful government of that island.

"Second, that it is the duty of the United States, and the government of the

United States does hereby demand that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

"Third, that the president of the United States be and he hereby is directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several states to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

"Fourth, that the United States her. by disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereign jurisdiction or control over the island, except for the pacification thereof; and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people."

WILL INVEST IN DYEA.

Eastern Capitalists Will Open a Bank and Put in an Electric Plant.

William B. Mears and August Peterson, representing themselves and eastern capitalists, have been in the city for the past ten days investigating the outlook for an electric light plant and a bank. They spent a week in Wrangel with the same object in view but dismissed that place from their minds as an intermediate point destined to be of little importance. Another week was spent in Skaguay with the same result. They then came to Dyea, and after a thorough investigation of the whole situation have decided to not only install a modern electric light and power plant but to open a bank. They have already leased quarters for the latter for a period of six months, at the end of which time they will have bought or built a substantial structure in the best part of the city. They have a six-ton safe and the very best of fixtures, and intend to give Dyea a first-class banking institution. Messrs Peterson and Mears have acted like business men from the moment they landed here. Not an hour has been wasted and the gentlemen have made an excellent impression upon the people of Dyea with whom they come in contact.

Mr. Peterson is an experienced banker and Mr. Mears a thorough electrical engineer. The former left for Puget Sound on Thursday to purchase an electric light plant and conclude arrangements for the opening of the bank. Mr. Mears will remain in Dyea and will have quarters at Blei's hotel where he can be interviewed by those interested in the projects of the new company. It is possible that the company will also put in water mains. They have looked into the matter somewhat, and if the citizens of Dyea are really desirous of having a water plant Messrs Peterson and Mears are of the opinion that their company will readily invest the necessary capital. They have unbounded faith in the future of Dyea. It is their belief that the cities of Alaska are already established, and that here in the valley of the Dyea river, at the head

of navigation is the coming great city of the northern wonderland. They have arrived at this conclusion after a thorough investigation of all the trails and towns that have been prominently spoken of as gateways to the gold fields or as outfitting points. In their opinion Dyea is the one safe, sure and reliable route to the interior—the only one that is accessible at all seasons of the year.

THE FRENCH BALL.

A Merry Time at the Hotel Northern Last Thursday Evening

Messrs Weisman & Anhalt, proprietors of the Hotel Northern gave a delightful hop in the dining room of the hotel on Thursday evening last. The room was tastily decorated with evergreen boughs and presented a very attractive appearance.

The grand march took place at 9 o'clock and was composed of about 25 couples, who danced and made merry until "the dew more stood tiptoe upon the misty mountain tops," and warned lovers of terpsichore that another day was on.

During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was rendered by some of the guests.

The ladies were all nicely dressed and one could almost imagine that he was attending a dance in a large city instead of in Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Weisman and Mr. Anhalt were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Semple in caring for the guests and all who were present had a most enjoyable time.

It is the intention of Messrs. Weisman and Anhalt to give these hops quite frequently. If they do so the Northern will become even more popular than it is at the present time.

The death of Curtis Ripley which occurred at Sheep Camp a few days since, is indeed a sad affair. His parents are among the leading families of Iowa, where his father has held many positions of trust, and is a lawyer of much ability. The affections of both father and mother were centered in this boy and his death will be a sad blow to them. Mr. E. G. Tennant one of the proprietors of the Hotel Mondamin of Skaguay took charge of the remains and shipped them to the sorrowing parents. We deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Ripley in their great bereavement.

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