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PERILS OF THE KLONDIKE.

The Post-Intelligencer has given the news from the Klondike without exaggeration, and has been no less careful to point out the dangers with which the quest for gold in Alaska will be fraught.

This is not a very profound argument; it pretends to be no more than an answer to the very superficial argument of the worshippers of silver.

There are certain precautions which may be taken, however, which will tend to minimize the dangers to be feared. The minister of the Interior of Canada has addressed a report on the Klondike mining district to Secretary Gage, which supplements and emphasizes the advice given by Secretary of the Interior Bliss and Mr. Ogilvie, the Dominion land surveyor.

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If any man goes up to the gold country unprepared for the undertaking it will not be because he has not been sufficiently warned. The Eastern papers are reprinting all the stories of hardship published in the Coast papers.

The Philadelphia Ledger says that the gold fields of California and other Western states wrecked the lives and hopes of thousands. That is true, and yet the survival of the fittest led to the creation of a great state, to the opening up of thousands of acres of valuable arable lands, and gave to the world hundreds of millions of dollars.

hardships or accomplish any results cross the rocky pass in safety, float down the rapids, fight their way through an Arctic winter, toiling day and night with pick and shovel, and emerge from the desolate regions hearty, rugged and rich.

THE VALUE OF THE GOLD FINDS.

A gentleman who rejoices in the name of Goodnight, and who lives down in Kentucky, is one of those pleasant gentlemen who find comfort in everything. He is a believer in the free coinage of silver at a fictitious ratio, but he sees in the discovery of gold in Alaska a disturbing factor which has to be quieted.

There is no man in ordinary circumstances in the Republican party who will not be content to see sufficient gold discovered to make it as plentiful as silver. When everybody has received enough gold to buy all he wants, he can then turn his attention to silver, but meantime all the people of the country, irrespective of party, will rejoice at the prospective plentifulness of the yellow metal.

One of the strong arguments—in its effect upon the people—was that the monetization of silver would double the available supply of money. Now, there are very many people who do not want silver if they can get gold, and if the supply of gold is sufficient to double the volume of money they will be just as content as if that were done by the addition of silver.

Justice Field has now had his ambition justified. With all respect to the venerable jurist, he should now pay some deference to the exigencies of the public business, and resign.

A GREYNA GREEN ABOLISHED.

New Jersey is no longer the Greytna Green to which couples can fly from Pennsylvania to get wedded without the usual preliminary requisites. On the first of this month the new marriage license law of the mosquito state will be in operation.

The experiment is to be tried on non-residents, but the probability is that it will soon be extended to residents of the state, for such a law is only justifiable on the ground of being in the interest of public policy and public morality.

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There are many cases where, without any improper motive, persons desiring to get married might wish to avoid publicity, but it is to the greater good of the community that runaway and secret marriages be prohibited. In contracting a marriage under civil conditions, the parties assume a social responsibility, and it is due to society that it be protected.

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