PACIFIC COAST KLONDIKERS

LUCKY MEN FROM WASHINGTON AND NEIGHBORING STATES.

News of Their Experiences on the Yukon—Claims, Lays, Stakes and Stampedes, and the Dust and Nuggets That Have Come as a Result.

DAWSON, N. W. T., Nov. 22.—One of the luckiest men to leave the camp this fall for Puget sound is Fred M. Stevens, a Canadian boy, and latterly a resident of Juneau, who goes out with about $30,000. He first came to the Yukon in 1889, is one of the pioneers, and was among the first to camp on the present site of Dawson. He crossed the coast range at Chilkoot pass in the spring of that year and descended the Yukon river and went up the Stewart river and prospected the bars in the vicinity of the headwaters. Later he returned to Juneau and acquired valuable property interests in the Princess group of quartz claims which are proving very rich. Last spring he came to Dawson and has since become interested in eight claims on Eldorado, Bonanza and Sulphur creeks, and built the opera house, the finest two-story building in the city. Mr. Stevens will winter in Seattle and Montreal and return to the Klondike in time to assist in the next spring clean-ups on his claims. Mr. Stevens is of the opinion that the rim of gold through this belt is very old, formed, probably, during the age of granite in a spur of the Rocky mountains, and ground down and obliterated during the glacial age, the gold dropping down onto the hills and valleys below, the debris being carried out to sea and forming the lowlands or shoals at the outlet of the Yukon. Many people believe that an arm of the sea at one time extended from Bering sea to this vicinity. The gold taken out by Mr. Stevens is as much as one strong man can lift. The property owned by Mr. Stevens on Hunker is proving very rich and is in a good locality.

Arthur Knight and O. Saulsbury, formerly well-known contractors of Tacoma, and Mat Troll, a tinsmith of Tacoma, and Mr. Beckley, of Fern Hill, have profitable lays on claims 45 below discovery on Bonanza creek, and will realize several thousands of dollars.

Ex-Sheriff Alex. G. Matthews, of Pierce county, has a bench claim and a lay on Bonanza creek, and will make a stake this winter.

Billy Ewing, the old patrol wagon driver of Tacoma, has a good lay on No. 8 below Discovery on Bonanza creek.

Charles Wook, formerly with the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, Tacoma, purchased an interest in claim 8 on Bonanza.

Billy Minter, of Henderson Bay, and for a long time employed in the freight sheds at Tacoma by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, has interests in claims Nos. 36 and 37 and is part owner in the largest nugget ever found in the Klondike.

G. W. F. Johnson, of Hamilton, and later of Juneau, and well known on the Sound as the pioneer promoter of immigration to Alaska, is working three claims on Dominion and Bonanza creeks, and owns two bench claims in Skookum gulch.

Alex. Billenberg, formerly employed in the fish hatchery at Baker Lake, Skagit county, is associated with G. W. F. Johnson in several mining properties and is prospering.

Miss Maroney, formerly stewardess on the steamer City of Topeka, has a flourishing restaurant business.

Ed Whittemore and George Hummel, of Seattle, are developing a claim on Sulphur creek and have good prospects.

Billy McDonald, whose mother owns the Delche block in Seattle, is the owner of a good bench claim next to the claim where Clarence Berry took out over $130,000 last winter.

Pete McDonald, formerly of Snohomish, is in the saloon business and owns several mining interests.

Thomas Sapinsky, of Seattle, is at his old trade and owns a lay on Bonanza creek.

Oscar Betts, of Seattle, is off on a stampede to some of the creeks.

Al Beatty, of Seattle and Juneau, is the owner of two half interests on Sulphur creek.

W. G. Strong and his brother, Bob, of Port Townsend, own a good claim on Bonanza creek.

Chris Fisher, of Seattle, has located a claim on Sulphur creek and taken a lay on Bonanza.

Eddie Luvin, Joe Cooper and Emil Stauf own the Dominion saloon and several good mining properties.

Harry Pauley, of Auburn, is working in the sawmill.

George Alexander and George Rollins, of Dungeness, have located claims.

John Caldwell, of Seattle, is working on No. 32 below on Bonanza.

Silas Nettleton, of Seattle, has a lay on a good piece of ground on Bonanza.

Thomas Sweasey, formerly of the Nickel Plate saloon, Seattle, is with the Alaska Commercial Company.

Tom Nash, formerly a salesman for Webb & Co., Seattle, is the owner of some good properties.

Edward Engtebrecht, of Seattle, is a claim-owner at Skookum gulch.

Tim Young and Andy Hartman, young sports of Seattle and Port Townsend, are doing well and own some mining interests.

Archie Himmel, of Whatcom, arrived in time to contract a bad case of gold fever and is off on a stampede.

A. Smiley, of Lowell, has a good claim. Reynold Brothers, contractors, of Tacoma, have good lays and will realize handsome dividends in the spring.

Fred Nelson, formerly a fireman in the employ of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company, has two good claims on Bear and Hunker creeks.

Nels Peterson, a stevedore of Old Town, Tacoma, is earning $15 a day on Eldorado creek.

Dick Dasher, a railroad man of Tacoma, has a good lay on Bonanza creek.

George F. Snow, formerly a resident of Port Townsend, and for many years at the head of a dramatic company that toured the Coast, came to the Yukon in 1897 and is a large property-holder in Circle City and owns several promising interests in the vicinity of Dawson.

Fred Stone, a Seattle paper-hanger, is earning big wages at his trade and owns a claim on a good creek.

Ex-Chief of Police Davis, of Tacoma, is working a lay for George Gasford, formerly a Tacoma barber, and will realize a handsome dividend in the spring.

The Austin brothers, of Whatcom, are each working for the Berry brothers for $15 a day.

Robert Longmier, a former Tacoma business man, owns a bench claim on Bonanza and another claim on Sulphur creek.

Charles Meyer, an ex-Tacoma policeman, is earning a moderate fortune building log houses.

Peter Peterson, Fred Ewing and Louis Ganwich, all ex-Tacoma policemen, have good lays and will realize big sacks of gold at the spring clean-ups.

J. L. Coates, ex-councilman of Tacoma, and a cousin of the Berry brothers, is working the tailings of the latter's dumps, and the other day picked up a $78 nugget, besides finding many others ranging in value from $7 to $30.

A. Selone, of Whatcom, is one of the owners of one of the best mines on Bonanza creek and where the largest nugget was found.

Charles Johnson, formerly proprietor of the Oak saloon, in Old Tacoma, has a good lay on Bonanza.

Joe Blass, an ex-employe of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company, Tacoma, has a claim on Bryant creek.

Mr. Hebb, formerly with Wheeler, Osgood & Co., Tacoma, owns a half interest in a Bonanza claim and other properties.

O. H. Nilson, an ex-employe of the Northern Pacific car shops of Tacoma, is earning $15 a day.

Thomas Calhoun has a claim on Sulphur and his son Elmer staked on Montana. They are from Coupeville.

Joe Carr, of Seattle, is one of the proprietors of the opera house.

J. D. Chase, formerly a Seattle street car man, has a lay on Bonanza creek.

C. M. Weymouth, of Port Townsend, has acquired a partnership interest in a claim on Bonanza creek.

Billie Riley, a young Seattle sport, is working in the opera house.

George Stetson, jr., and T. B. Carr, of Seattle, are disgusted with the country and will return home.

Joaquin Miller, the "poet of the Sierras," will leave for San Francisco soon.

George Baker, formerly of Seattle, is outside solicitor for the Alaska Commercial Company.

Johnny Corbett and Thomas Rockwell, late of Seattle, are residents of Dawson and are doing well.

Ben Everett, the Tacoma politician, has acquired several good interests and is in a fair way to make some money.

John Sullivan, an ex-Seattle expressman, is making a moderate fortune out of claim No. 6, on Bonanza.

Joe Stitt and James Morrison, formerly of the Hotel Northern, Seattle, are each earning $10 a day and are claim owners.

Josiah Collins and his party, from Seattle, will locate in the new town at the forks of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks.

Capt. Frank Merriwald, of Port Angeles, arrived a day or two ago and located a claim in a good district.

Col. Joe Green, of Seattle, has staked out a good claim.

Frank Helm and Al Hyde, of Portland, have located claims on Sulphur creek.

Ed Auld, the Ballard shingle weaver, yesterday located in the nest of a bunch of rich bench claims on Skookum gulch, which, if reports are true, will make him wealthy enough to buy the old shingle mill.

R. M. Crawford and Col. C. F. Treat, formerly mayor of Ballard, have become interested in a hydraulic mining proposition, and with their associates have applied to the dominion government for a lease to work three miles of flat land at the mouth of Hunker creek, which is said to contain large quantities of gold too fine and diversified to be worked by a pick and shovel.

Pat Shannon, a brother of Drs. Jim and Will Shannon, of Seattle, is gaining fame and fortune by building log cabins. He has a large force of men employed and more contracts than he can fill.

Henry T. Hannon has become a full-fledged miner and is drifting on a good claim on Bonanza creek.

B. B. Brockaway, ex-court bailiff, of Seattle, has also a fine lay on No. 50 below, Bonanza.

Ex-Constable Fitzgerald located a claim on Montana creek the other night at 12 o'clock.

Sidney Hansard, formerly with the First National bank of Seattle, arrived a few days ago and went to work wheeling sawdust in one of the mills.

M. L. Hamilton, formerly of White river, and a brother of ex-United States Marshal L. J. Hamilton, owns some fine mining properties and has made over $6,000 this summer with one team of horses.

Joe Barrett, formerly of Seattle, last spring loaned Alex. McDonald $10,000 for six months, and as interest for the use of the money worked out 100 feet on claim 27, on Eldorado creek. Barrett's share was $30,000, and even in this country that is considered a fair rate of interest.

J. T. Kelly, formerly of the fruit stand in the Denver market, had a contest with Casey Moran over a claim on Sulphur creek. Kelly won, and is now the owner of a promising piece of property. Moran will be remembered by old Seattleites as the "Union Kid" and a member of the state militia. He is just the same happy lad as of old, making a big stake every month or two and losing it just as often.

George Wilson, who formerly lived in Ballard, has become well-to-do in this northland and is working rich land on Eldorado creek.

J. T. Steel, of Auburn, who was on unsuccessful candidate for one of the commissionerships of King county four years ago against John Woodin, has a valuable claim at the mouth of Boulder creek. He is accompanied by his son "Brick."

Capt. Fairborn, of Everett, made two trips into the Yukon this year and will pass the winter on the Sound.

"Happy Jack," of Everett and Monte Cristo, and who is not known by any other name, is the owner of some promising claims.

Joe Towney, formerly of the Tacoma police force and who drove a team for the Puget Sound Brewing Company, has a good lay on 40 above, Bonanza.

John Campbell, formerly a liquor dealer of Tacoma, is representing his brother-in-law's (Mike Knutson) interests this season in one of the richest claims on Bonanza creek.

Hank Costwell, Earl Wright and Hank Stewart, formerly employes of the Pacific Meat Company, Tacoma, have acquired claims and good lays for the winter.

Ed Lung, an ex-Tacoma real estate broker, owns a good bench claim on Bonanza.

H. A. Ferguson, formerly a Pierce county farmer and a real estate broker of Tacoma, is going home with $50,000, and is the owner of some good properties.

Ex-Chief of Police Ellis and ex-Policeman M. K. Stacy are each earning $15 a day for working on the Berry claim.

J. J. McKay and family and Mr. Maires and family, of Tacoma, all residents of the Klondike, have some good prospects.

James Dougherty, of Olympia, has an interest on Bonanza creek and several other good properties.

S. G. Kaufman, of Olympia and Juneau, did a good mercantile business during the summer and will winter on the Sound.

Mr. Crowe, formerly a clerk for Allen C. Mason, Tacoma, is in the employ of the North American Transportation and Trading Company.

Mr. Cushman, who was in the fire department of Tacoma for six years, has located and is working for the customary wages.

Mr. Sater, formerly a photographer of Tacoma, has been on the Klondike all summer, taking views.

George Dillabaug, of Tacoma, has a lay on 20 below Bonanza.

Mr. Fell, formerly with the Puget Sound Flouring Mills, Tacoma, is working in the mines.

Mr. Brewett, whose father and brothers are Tacoma tailors, has a lay on 7 below, Bonanza.

Ex-Policeman Larsen and Louis Eckman, of Tacoma, own two pieces of fine mining property.

Hans Squam, formerly a Pacific avenue (Tacoma) saloon man, is working for $450 a month in the mines.

The Langlo brothers, of Tacoma, own interests in three or four good claims on Eldorado creek.

Capt. E. P. Miner, formerly a sealer and afterward secretary and treasurer of the Seattle Rod and Gun Club, located a claim on Last Chance gulch and two weeks later sold it for $2,000. He then purchased a lay on Bonanza creek and will spend the winter working a windlass.

Tom Cashell, at one time private secretary to P. P. Shelby and a prominent member of the Rainier Club, has cast his lot on Gold bottom, with fair prospects.

F. X. Champeaux, an ex-Washington street liquor dealer, Seattle, on his arrival here was taken in tow by his French-Canadian friends and given an interest in a saloon, and is prospering.

Sam Stanley, of Seattle, whose father returned to Seattle last spring with $40,000, and who will be remembered in Seattle as a teamster and street grade contractor, and his partner, Charles Warden, both of whom are very young men, own half interests in claims, 25, 26 and 32, Eldorado creek, and came to town a day or two ago and purchased an interest in claim 24 for $75,000.

Mr. Cassius and Lee Monahan, the former once prominent in King county People's party councils and the latter from Whidby island, arrived in Dawson three weeks ago broke and got work in the mines, and today they bought a claim on Boulder creek for $1,000, paying $800 down. They like the country.

Thomas Openheiser, a rancher and hop-grower of Yakima, is interested in French gulch mines.

Pat Moran, well known on the Sound, is prospering in more ways than one.

Mr. Sheafe, a son of Col. Sheafe, of Seattle, has a good lay on Eldorado.

Attorney Eskridge, of Seattle, has a claim on Hunker creek and is employed in the Alaska Commercial Company's store.

Mr. Barnes, well known as a prominent packer in the Cascade mountains, has a horse pack train here and is coining money. He owns good properties on Eldorado and Bonanza creeks.

Fred B. Johnson, formerly a Victoria football player, has been in the Yukon two years and is working in the brewery.

J. C. Anderson, of Victoria, lately from the South Africa gold fields, came in during the summer as the representative of an English syndicate, purchased some claims and hurried off to London.

James Jackson and John Lathrop, one of the proprietors and reporter for the East Oregonian, Pendleton, Or., are reported to have contracted the gold fever and to be coming down the river.

Mr. Shaw, a boiler maker of Victoria, has a promising piece of property.

George Hunt and James Harrison, of Seattle, have good prospects.

Alex. Ranke, of Seattle, has made a stake out of a fraction on Eldorado creek and is going home to spend the winter.

Charley Anderson, formerly chief of the culinary department on the tug Magic, of Port Townsend, is interested in two good claims.

J. S. and H. A. Maculey, of Victoria, are interested in some good mining properties.

John Dodson, of Pendleton, Or., is internal revenue collector at Circle City, and occasionally comes to Dawson for a visit.

Capt. Randolph and his son, Brooks Randolph, of Seattle, have a lease to work seventy-five feet of ground on claim 55 on Bonanza creek this winter, and will realize a good dividend. They arrived in a canvas boat after a remarkably quick trip.

Frank Keane, formerly a tonsorial artist at the Hotel Northern, Seattle, arrived a few days ago and will soon be in business.

The Thorpe brothers, of Yakima, sons of Willis Thorpe, of Juneau, are interested in Eldorado property and doing well.

H. H. Osborn, of Portland, prospected Lake Teslin last year and came to the Klondike last spring and is doing well.

George Butler, of Port Townsend, is engaged in the liquor business and prospering.

Petterson & Kerskare, formerly street grade contractors of Seattle, were the first to find gold in the side hill above Skookum gulch and the first day rocked out $800, which precipitated a stampede.

Judge Moffort, the last probate judge of Yakima county under territorial days, after experiencing a series of unusual hardships and great privations in taking the Yukon route from the Coast, bids fair to become one of the wealthiest men in the Klondike. His party passed through a part of the Northwest territory which is marked on the Canadian maps as being unexplored. Several times they were wrecked in swift waters and narrowly escaped with their lives. After four or five months of hard traveling and in an almost starved condition, they reached the headwaters of the Hootalinqua river and descended to the Yukon. They reached the Klondike four days after the first discovery of gold and located some good claims. Since then Judge Moffort has steadily advanced his interests, built a sawmill which is netting $1,000 a day in profits, and is the business representative of Joe Ladue and Arthur Harper, the owners of the Dawson townsite.

Col. J. D. Thagard, of Seattle, and William Emerson, of Everett, the other day purchased a business lot for $9,000 and are constructing a $10,000 building. They have located claims.

Robert McCutcheon, formerly steward of the Willapa, has a good claim in French gulch.

Harry Jordan, of Port Angeles, joined a stampede the other night and located a claim on a promising creek.

R. J. Mackinson, better known as "Spareribs," formerly a hop-grower of Yakima, has claims on French gulch and Hunker creek.

Billy Bounds, of Yakima, is interested in a good fraction on Eldorado creek.

Jack Crowley, a semi-pugilist of old Tacoma, is prospering.

W. G. Jenkins, formerly of the Seattle fire department, owns half-interests in two claims on Eldorado and Hunker creeks. For the former property he paid $25,000, and a few days ago declined an offer of $75,000.

John Ericsson, of Seattle, has a very rich claim on Eldorado creek.

Tom Wilson, Harry Wilkenson, Jack Moffitt, Bill Grieve, Gus Stiffin, Billy Biggs, Harry Shall, Walter Mills, Mr. Hubbard, of the Nanaimo electric plant; Billy Marshall, Dave McKinley, George Gibbs, Bill Seaborn, Jack McKenzie, Bill Johnson, Sam Price, James Aiken, Walter McAlpin, Charles Swanson, Charles Cheatwood, Charles Marten, Bob Byers, Bill Byers, Joe Campbell, Frank McPherson, Alex. Fraser, Magnus Jamison, Bob Dugan and James Dugan, all from Nanaimo, B. C., and mostly coal miners, arrived this year and have located claims or are working for wages.

George Scott, D. McKinnon, Alex. McKinnon, Malcolm McKinnon, Thomas Blakely, Harry McMillan, J. Dodds, Bill Jordan, Andrew Robinson, Martin Dunsmuir, R. Haddow, R. Marcear, George Mitchell, Thomas Gamble, Dan Nicholsen, Harry Smith and J. M. McNiel, coal miners from Wellington, B. C., near Nanaimo, are working for wages or developing their own claims.

J. B. Lynch, formerly of Everett and Seattle, is prospering as a mining broker and has accumulated some good properties. He is one of the Dawson rustlers.

William Scouse, of Nanaimo, B. C., owns interests in two claims on Eldorado creek and a claim each on Bonanza and Hunker creeks.

D. McGillvery, formerly a Nanaimo coal miner, for interests in four mines on Bonanza and two claims on Hunker, this week received $40,000 from Dave McKay, a carpenter, and Harry Wall, a coal miner, of the same place.

J. J. McDonald, a Wellington, B. C., coal miner, is heavily interested in two rich claims on Eldorado creek.

Dave Edwards, a Nanaimo coal miner, has two lays on Eldorado creek.

McKinnon brothers, of Wellington, own two claims on Sulphur creek and Last Chance.

Jessie F. Cochrane, ex-chairman of the board of public works of Seattle, is the oldest man that ever came to the Klondike, and also enjoys the distinction of having made the quickest time of the season from the Sound to Dawson, namely, twenty-three days. He is 74 years old and an old California '49er.

James Daly and Fred DeLong, of Tacoma, have staked claims on Last Chance.

C. W. Johnson, a well-known Seattle salesman, has a winter's lay on Hunker creek.

Mr. Rayfield, formerly of Moran Brothers, was one of the first to discover gold on the side hill above Skookum gulch and precipitate a stampede.

The Jeroh brothers, of Seattle, are prospering. One is working a lay on Prof. Lippy's claim and the other has a lay on Bonanza creek.

Al. Dalton, formerly a Seattle dairyman, has a good lay on Prof. Lippy's claim and will return home next year with $15,000 or $20,000.

W. N. Cowley, formerly a merchant of Seattle, owns half interests in three claims on Bonanza and Hunker creeks.

Mr. Comber, formerly a money-lender of Seattle, has staked a claim on Sulphur.

W. E. Williams, formerly in the commission business in Seattle, though only here a few days, has acquired some good interests.

A. Becky, a Tacoma stone mason, is the owner of a claim on Sulphur creek.

Mr. Moulton, a brother of the junior Seattle, is employed by one of the commercial companies.

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C. H. McGrew, formerly a Seattle grader, has located claims on Bonanza, Dominion, Hunker, Montana, Sulphur and Bryant creeks, and is still a tenderfoot.

W. G. Morrison, of Seattle, has some good property interests.

M. F. Knight, a Tacoma carpenter, has a claim on Sulphur creek.

Charles Bare and brother, of Whatcom, are getting into the swim, and will be rich men in a year or two.

Herbert Burke, of Seattle, has located a claim on Dominion creek.

S. Archibald, of Seattle, after being employed in the Alaska Commercial Company's store all summer, has taken a lay on Eldorado creek.

Prof. C. H. Smith, the Port Townsend football player, and T. F. Trumbull, an attorney of the same city, are out prospecting.

W. G. Crawford, formerly with the Seattle Guaranty Loan and Trust Company, has acquired extensive mining interests and expects to go home next year a rich man.

Fred Fay, of Seattle, has a clerkship with the Alaska Commercial Company.

James Higgins, a Seattle blacksmith, will work a lay on Prof. Lippy's claim next winter.

Oskar Brown, the well-known mountain-climber of Seattle, has a lay on Bonanza.

Mr. Jensen, formerly of Cass & Co., Seattle, is employed in one of the stores.

J. H. Howell, formerly with Chamberlain & Co., Seattle, was the original discoverer of gold on Bryant creek, which was before the creek was named. Desiring to honor an old schoolmate and friend, William J. Bryan, the late boy candidate for president, he named the creek Bryan, but the Canadian recording officer, having never heard of the fame of the youthful orator, with an upward stroke of the pen added the letter "t" to the word, and Mr. Bryan was deprived of another honor. Mr. Howell has interests on Dominion and Sulphur creeks.

J. A. Carlisle, formerly in the fish business in Seattle, has a claim on Bryant creek.

J. W. McDonald, a well-known commercial travele, of Seattle, has a claim on Eldorado creek.

Fred Anderson, formerly a fireman on the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railway, has a claim and a half on Bonanza creek, and his brother, Gus, for a long time employed on the steamer City of Topeka, owns a half interest in another claim on the same creek.

B. B. A. Phillips, an ex-Seattle attorney, has a claim on Sulphur creek.

Ex-Collector of Customs Wasson, Ned Brown, Ben Hammond and George Moffitt, of Port Townsend, arrived tonight.

W. J. Walthers and party, of Port Townsend, are prospecting along the Yukon river near Big Salmon.

Cole and Tozier, saloon men of Seattle, arrived lately.

Mr. McElroy, the Hood canal logger, came in today.

A. B. Thompson, formerly of the Dayton Inlander, has a good claim, which he is letting out on lays.

Abe Spring, of Seattle, has done some good rustling since coming to the Klondike and is interested in a good claim.

"Col." Yorkey Sykes, a well-known Puget sound sport, is a hustling miner.

Mr. Simpson, son of the well-known Nanaimo police magistrate, arrived during the week and went to work in the gulches at the regulation wages.

Dr. J. J. Chambers, formerly of North Yakima, has been on the Yukon two years and is enjoying an extensive practice. He is interested in some good claims.

Dr. Le Blanc, formerly of Seattle, and Dr. Howe, late of La Conner, are prospering, professionally and otherwise.

The two wide-awake sons of Capt Debney, of the steamship City of Puebla, are more than prospering. One is chief accountant in the Alaska Commercial Company's store and the other has accumulated some splendid mining interests.

Judge Richard Osborn and son, of Seattle, are reported to have ascended the Stewart river on a prospecting tour.

Among the late arrivals in Dawson are: C. J. Mulkey, of Tacoma; Jack Jolly, of Yakima; John Rigby, of Portland; Charles Phillips, L. E. Chestnut, L. S. Humes, Judge Osborn and son and L. R. Rockwell, of Seattle.

Joe Barrett, formerly of Seattle, has purchased claim No. 31, on Eldorado, for $47,500. WILLIAM J. JONES.

FACTS OF INTEREST.

Every winter with excess of west winds is followed by a cold summer.

The thieves of Great Britain steal about $40,000,000 worth of property every year.

Scotchmen have almost entire control of the stonecutting industries of New York.

Scandinavian sailors are said to predominate on vessels of nearly all nationalities.

Ships built of steel are said to be able to carry 20 per cent. more freight than those of iron.

M. Bondeard states that Roentgen rays can diagnose pleurisy and similar complaints.

It has been stated that a murder is committed in Italy every two hours on the average.

As far as calculation can decide, the temperature of comets is believed to be 2,000 times fiercer than that of red-hot iron.

A Spanish inventor renders from grasshoppers a fatty substance which is declared to make the finest soap yet produced.

The eastern hemisphere, on which dwell 92 per cent. of the population of the world, has 170,792 miles of railway, or 46 per cent. of all the railways.

It is said that the patterns on the fingertips are not only unchangeable through life, but the chance of the finger prints of two persons being alike is less than one chance in 64,000,000,000.

There are no undertakers in Japan. When a person dies it is the custom for his nearest relatives to put him into a coffin and bury him, and the mourning does not begin until after burial.

Safes, which outwardly resemble iron ones, but really made of thin boards, are now supplied by various firms, and are sold to people starting in business who want to make a big show.

Two parishes in Berkshire have four inhabitants each; in Buckingham there is a parish with seven inhabitants; Oxford one with eight, and same other counties have parishes with less than twenty.

Dr. Nansen is a lover of bright colors. His ship, the Fram, was painted green, gray, scarlet and white, picked out with gold—a bright dash of color among the everlasting white of the Arctic seas.

Dr. Marpillero, an eminent Italian scientist, who has for a number of years been making experiments and observations relating to children's ideas of life and death, has published his experiences. He found, in answering questions about life, the poorer children almost invariably took a brighter view than the children of the rich.

According to statistics, the number of yearly telephonic conversations in the United States is 75,000,000; of telegraphic messages, 65,000,000; of arc lights, 1,000,000; one hundred thousand electric motors. There are 1,000 electric railways. It is estimated that to 2,500,000 persons in this country electricity contributes a means of livelihood.

In one of the Canary islands there is a tree that, as evening comes on, quite frequently rains down a copious shower of water from its tufted foliage. This forms a pool at the base of the tree, which the natives use as drinking water, it being absolutely pure and fresh. The leaves have innumerable little pores on their margins, and through these the water flows.

When a river steamer, whose speed of fourteen miles had been inexplicably reduced to six miles, was hauled up on the ways at Jacksonville, Fla., it was found that the whole lower part of the hull was covered with water hyacinths. A few barnacles had given sufficient opportunity for the water plants to take root on the ship's bottom, and they had spread with their wonted rapidity.

Dr. Shields, an eminent physician of Tennessee, says: "I regard Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best blood medicine on earth, and I know of many wonderful cures effected by its use." Physicians all over the land have made similar statements.

KODAKS and other cameras for holiday presents can be obtained at 211 Columbia street, opposite postoffice. Washington Dental and Photographic Supply Co.

THE best assortment of Klondike fur outfits for ladies and gentlemen at Windmiller, the furrier, 520 Second avenue.

"I hope," said the girl's father, "that you expect to surround my daughter with all the luxuries to which she has been accustomed."

"Oh, yes," was the prompt response. "We have talked it over, and we agreed that we would just as leave come right here to live as not.—Washington Star.

CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

PACIFIC COAST WINTER WHEAT IS ABOVE AVERAGE.

An Increase in Acreage in Washington, Oregon and California of 4.5 Per Cent.—Present Estimated Supply About 315,000,000 Bushels.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The special crop report of the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says:

"Final returns make the area of winter wheat 28,662,000 acres, as compared with 23,930,000 acres harvested last year, an increase of 11.4 per cent.

"The increase in California, Oregon and Washington is 4.5 per cent., the approximate acreage being 3,929,000, as against 3,798,000 acres last year.

"There has been a material increase in wheat seeding in the Southern states, due to the low price of cotton. Favorable weather during December improved the condition of wheat. The present average is 87.8 per cent., as against 84.1 per cent. last month.

"In the six principal states east of the Rocky mountains the improvement has been more noticeable.

"The condition now is 84.8 per cent., as compared with 79.5 per cent. December 21. On the Pacific coast plant life is in nearly perfect condition. The average for Oregon is 99, Washington 98 and California 96. The average for the three states is 96.6 per cent., as compared with 94.8 last month.

"Unfavorable results of drouth and late seeding have been partially counteracted by favorable weather during the past two months. The temperature has been below normal, and thus far there has been no urgent need of snow protection. No damage is reported from ice or freezing.

"The condition at 87.8 per cent., is equivalent to about 14.6 bushels per acre, indicating an aggregate winter wheat yield at date in the neighborhood of 390,000,000 bushels.

"According to the January returns, there are 240,000,000 bushels of wheat held on farms, which is 41.4 per cent. of last year's production. On the corresponding date of last year there were held in the same position 190,000,000 bushels. Of this total, six principal winter wheat states east of the Rockies have 83,000,000 bushels, or 44.4 per cent. of the last crop; Minnesota and the Dakotas, 59,000,000 bushels, or 41 per cent., and the Pacific coast, 30,000,000 bushels, or 38.9 per cent.

"The present estimated supply of wheat in all positions is 315,000,000 bushels. Domestic requirements for bread, to next July, 150,000,000 bushels, and for spring seeding, say 20,000,000 bushels more, in all 170,000,000 bushels, leaving a surplus for export during the ensuing six months and for home reserves at the end of June of 145,000,000 bushels."

How to Live.

Sir James Sawyer, a noted physician of Birmingham, Eng., has been talking to an audience in that town on longevity. Its secret, he thinks, lies in the keeping of the nineteen commandments following:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
2. Sleep on your right side.
3. Keep your bedroom window open all night.
4. Have a mat to your bedroom door.
5. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
6. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
7. Exercise before breakfast.
8. Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
9. (For adults). Drink no milk.
10. Eat plenty of fat, to feed the cells which destroy diseased germs.
11. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells.
12. Daily exercise in the open air.
13. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.
14. Live in the country if you can.
15. Watch the three Ds—drinking water, damp and drains.
16. Have change of occupation.
17. Take frequent and short holidays.
18. Limit your ambition; and
19. Keep your temper.

In the same lecture he points out that the enormous decrease in the death rate during the last 200 years has been between birth and 35 years of age. He says: "Those who have passed that age have not so good a chance of living as the people who lived 200 years ago. The meaning is that now the weaklings among the young are less easily killed off than they were 200 years ago. With regard to those of 35, those who lived in the olden days had the advantage that there were no telephones, telegrams, trains, daily share lists or daily newspapers."

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*For Aberdeen ..... 9:50 a. m.
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