LIVE STOCK FOR KLONDIKE.

YAKIMA COUNTY WILL SHIP IN CATTLE AND GOATS.

The Goats Are to Go Over the Passes, Each Carrying Packs, While the Cattle Are to Take the Long Drive Up Through British Columbia.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Hon. H. J. Sniveley, of Yakima, member of the state board of audit and control, spent a few hours in Tacoma today, and has much to say of the Alaska mining movement from his county and the beneficial effect of it thus far. He says that up to the present there have been between thirty-five and forty well-known residents of Yakima county who have gone to the northern gold fields and that no less than 100 more will leave before the 1st of March.

"We feel the effects of the Alaska business in many ways over in our district," said Mr. Sniveley. "Our sheep, our cattle, our hay, and our potatoes are bringing good prices and are in steady demand. This is why we are in sympathy with the fight being made to control this business on the Sound. Should Portland or San Francisco get the bulk of this trade, our market would suffer. As matters now stand, we feel assured that the business will be retained on the Sound, and are consequently much pleased.

"Not long ago 1,000 goats were brought to a ranch in our county to be fed until early spring. They were purchased in Idaho, and are intended for the interior of Alaska. It has been demonstrated that these little animals are superior in every way to sheep, and the lot I speak of will soon be started northward. They can make the trip much easier than sheep, their meat is better, their pelts also are superior to those of sheep for clothing in the frozen north, and lastly the goats can each carry a pack of limited weight. It is the first herd that has been brought to the state, and should it prove as profitable as is expected, more will be bought up and taken north. I understand the whole herd was purchased for $2.50 a head; so you can understand the profit which will result in event of their safe delivery in the mining district.

"Then there has been a syndicate formed which has purchased 300 head of cattle. The company has put up $18,000, and early in April will start to drive the herd into the Yukon country. The cattle have already been bought and are now being fed and put in condition for the long drive."

When asked how the herd would be taken into the mines, Mr. Sniveley replied that he had no definite information on this point other than the route will lie through British Columbia territory. A few days ago a cattle man who is said to be interested in this speculation, while in Tacoma, pointed out a good route for such a trip, and it is likely this may be the road to be followed. He explained that by following the route indicated good grazing land would be met with all along the drive. He said the starting point should be Edmonton, B. C., over a trail through to Athabasca landing; thence on to the Peace river landing. From this stage of the drive the route should lie directly through to the Mackenzie river and down the river to a point where a well-defined trail leads to the Yukon river. The place for leaving the Mackenzie river, he thought, is the McMillan river, but on this point he was not certain.

It is estimated that the drive can be made over this or a near-by route in about 80 days, which will bring the cattle to the mines between the middle of June and the first of July.

NO MORE LETTERS OR TELEGRAMS.

Chief of Police Is Tired of Advancing Money Out of His Pocket.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—According to the statement of Chief of Police Hoge, the police department will from this time on send out no letters or telegrams. The chief is in anything but a good humor, because the city will not allow his department the necessary money for stamps, stationery, telegrams, etc., and today announced he would not mail another letter or send another telegram unless a fund shall be provided to meet such expense.

The little difficulty the chief is laboring under arises from the fact that what was known as the police emergency fund was several months ago abolished by the council. The fund was supposed to amount to $25 each month, but this sum was never entirely used during any one month, and what was left over was placed to the credit of some other fund. Since the council saw fit to cut off his expense money, the chief and his assistants have advanced the money needed from time to time, and thereafter presented a voucher for the amount, which is supposed to be paid upon its indorsement by the finance committee.

The payment of these vouchers, however, has in some instances proven largely a matter of supposition, and when the fund from which they are supposed to be paid contains no cash, Mr. Chief has to wait until the cash becomes available. This is what has made the chief "sore," and he now has several dollars due in this way, the time for the payment of which man knoweth not. Hence, when he today licked and placed on an envelope the last solitary postage stamp in his office, he jumped to his feet and declared himself. He says he will give orders to his subordinate officers that they must advance no more money to meet incidental expenses, and that he will hereafter send out neither letters nor telegrams until some arrangement shall be made by which the city will advance the cash to pay the tolls.

Chief "Romeo" has recently scored several little victories against the council, and his success leads him to feel quite confident he will bring the members to time in this particular matter.

COUNTY PHYSICIAN RESIGNS.

He Objects Because City Work Is Also Thrown Upon Him.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Unless the proper city and county officials soon get together to make some arrangement providing for the adequate compensation of the city and county physician, the incumbent will decline to further serve. Dr. James A. Beebe, who is now acting, has already presented his resignation to the county commissioners, but it has not been accepted. Instead the board asked for time in which to confer with the city authorities, insisting that Dr. Beebe remain. This was some time ago, and as nothing has yet been done, the physician is on the point of declining to continue his official duties.

Dr. Beebe was selected to act as county physician nearly two years ago at a salary of $900 per year. He was satisfied with the salary under the conditions then existing, but later new burdens for which no compensation is allowable, fell to his lot. The city fathers saw fit to abolish the office and cut off the salary of the city physician several months ago, the consequence being that all the city work has since been done by the county physician, without as much as one cent additional salary.

Dr. Beebe complained of this first, then upon getting no relief presented his resignation, which is still pending, and which the doctor says the authorities will soon be forced to accept unless steps are taken to increase the salary. Police and other city officials speak in terms of praise of the willingness and excellent work of Dr. Beebe, and are using all their influence to have him remain. The doctor said today he has been forced to abandon his private practice by reason of the extra duties as city physician, and that the salary as it now stands is wholly inadequate to compensate him for the loss.

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MISS BESSIE ANDERSON BETTER.

Will Suffer No Serious Harm From Her Plunge in the Bay.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Miss Bessie Anderson, who while in a delirious fever escaped from her home and threw herself into the bay, is today resting comfortably. She was last night removed to the Fannie Paddock hospital, and today her physicians announce she will suffer no serious trouble from exposure and drenching, and in all probability will soon be convalescent. Miss Anderson is one of Tacoma's bright and charming young ladies, and both her home and the hospital have today been besieged with friends inquiring after her condition. She was reported to be plainly better than in the past few days at a late hour this evening.

Young Girl Missing.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Nellie Keyes, a 13-year-old girl of good parentage, is reported missing, and the police have begun a search for her in the city. She left home Friday morning and despite inquiries of her relatives and friends no trace of her has thus far been obtainable. She is described as stockily built, with blue eyes and light brown hair. She was clothed in a black and white checked tweed dress, black plush cape and a street cap. The family can offer no solution of her strange disappearance.

An Old Colored Woman Insane.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—"Auntie" Lucy Shepard, a well-known negro woman, 80 years of age, was brought to police headquarters this afternoon, and will likely be sent to the insane asylum. She is very feeble and was not long since temporarily released from the Steilacoom asylum. Her behavior and inability to properly care for herself led to her arrest.

NORTHWEST NEWS NOTES.

A case has been brought in Spokane to test the law passed by the last Washington legislature requiring children to attend school.

The annual output of oysters on Puget sound, according to the report of Fish Commissioner Little, was 16,000 sacks, valued at $40,000.

John B. Cleland has been appointed by Gov. Lord judge of the Fourth judicial district of Oregon, to succeed L. B. Stearns, who has resigned.

A committee has been appointed by Baker's bay fishermen to ascertain from the cannerymen what price will be paid for fish this season.

Rafting on the Neuskah rivet, in Chehalis county, has about closed for the season, as most of the logs cut have already gone down to tidewater.

William Auld, of Springdale, who was on his way to the British Columbia mines, was crushed under the cars near Nelson, B. C., and probably fatally injured.

Pending the appeal in his case, A. J. Symes is in jail in Walla Walla, as his bond has been fixed at $18,000, which he has not been able to furnish.

James A. Hood, of Aberdeen, has been appointed deputy collector of customs for the subport of Aberdeen, vice Peter Autgen, to take effect February 1.

Kalama, the new town laid out at the south end of Kootenay lake, at the western terminal of the Crow's nest railway, while only two weeks old, has a population of 400.

Sheriff Sims, of Whitman county, is taking precautions to prevent further lynchings of prisoners in his charge. He has posted on the door of the jail a placard reading: "Notice 1. No one admitted here except on business."

Local buyers in Yakima county estimate that there are only 2,500 bales of hops left in the hands of growers in Yakima county, and those are medium to prime in quality. Dealers report that there are only one or two choice lots in the county.

Pat McDonough, living near the mouth of Deadman creek, in Garfield county, who is about 60 years of age, and who lives alone, was stricken with paralysis, while feeding his stock, one mile from his home, and lay where he fell all night, and until the following afternoon. The actions of his dog attracted the attention of neighbors and he was cared for and removed to the hospital at Walla Walla.

The Ashland, Or., Times says that W. H. Breese, of Talent, and M. Van Houghton will head a colony of eighteen people who will start for Costa Rica, Central America, to engage in coffee planting. Seven will start from Ashland, and a number will join between there and Portland, and several others from Minnesota. They will sail from New Orleans for Port Limon, Costa Rica, by steamer on the 28th of this month.

Several of the government packers at Vancouver have received letters from a former lieutenant with whom they served in Texas campaigns, making them flattering offers to join and organize a pack train for a private expedition. The lieutenant resigned his commission in the army to take charge of a gold-hunting party backed by well-known New York bankers and capitalists. The party will be limited to twenty, who may take claims on a bar already located. Then the expedition will proceed on a hunt for new auriferous deposits.

Three on a Side.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 16.—At a dance on the Falls Plantation in Mississippi county last night a shooting affray took place between the three sons of Mr. Phillips on one side and the three sons of Wright Ray on the other. Two men were killed and two fatally wounded. The casualties were equally divided.

Carrier Pigeon Service.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 16.—The United States government is to establish a carrier pigeon loft in this city, to be used in connection with the naval service.

Monkeys for the Klondike.

Chicago Tribune.

Two dozen monkeys, equipped with all the paraphernalia of gold miners, are now on their way to the frozen treasure fields on the Yukon, under the care of one of the wealthiest mine owners in the British empire. The name of this millionaire, who is going to startle the Klondikers, is Capt. Edward Moss, a well-known club man in London, who is one of the most important operators of gold fields in South Africa. This corps of twenty-four monkeys is intended by Capt. Moss to be but the vanguard of an army of these animals. As soon as the first installment is put to work successfully on the claims his syndicate controls he promises to have more monkeys ready to do manual labor.

While the idea of having monkeys act the part of miners is startling in America, Capt. Moss says that he has them working right along on his claims in the Transvaal for the last four years. In an interview Capt. Moss said:

"The advantages to a mine owner of having his claims worked by monkeys rather than by human laborers are many. Monkeys do not know enough to be dishonest. They will not hide any of the precious metal that they find, for even if they were to steal it they would not have any possible use for it."

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COMING WEEK IN CONGRESS.

HAWAIIAN TREATY DEBATE WILL CONTINUE IN THE SENATE.

Wolcott Will Bring Up the International Bi-metallic Commission and a Debate on Cuba May Come Up on the Appropriation Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The Hawaiian treaty will this week again occupy the major portion of the time of the senate. It appears improbable, however, that the treaty will be taken up on Monday. There is an unanimous agrement to vote on the immigration bill during the day, and it is altogether probable that this vote will be preceded by some discussion of the merits of the bill.

Senator Wolcott has given notice of his intention to address the senate on Monday, when he will make a report of the transactions of the recent international bi-metallic commission. Senator Wolcott has never given extended public utterance concerning the commission's work, and there is very general interest manifested as to the course he may pursue in his speech.

When the senate resumes consideration of the Hawaiian treaty, Senator Morgan will take the floor, and it is expected will consume at least another day in the presentation of his views in favor of annexation. He will be followed by Senators Pettigrew and White in opposition to the treaty, and by other senators for and against it. There is no hope that the debate will be concluded during the week.

A great many senators wish to speak, and as long as the result of the vote is as uncertain as it is at present, neither side will be disposed to allow the vote to be taken.

The senate has agreed to vote on the confirmation of Attorney General McKenna as associate justice of the supreme court on next Friday, and the probabilities are that this vote will be preceded by some discussion on Mr. McKenna's merits.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill will, in all probability, be reported on Monday, and there may be an effort to secure its adoption during the week.

What the House Will Do.

The house is likely to become the arena for a general discussion of our foreign relations in connection with the consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill during the week. The Cuban situation, the annexation of Hawaii and the designs of the European powers toward China will, of course, be the principal topics to attract attention. The house managers do not want an extended debate on Cuba precipitated at this time, but the minority is determined to press the question during the consideration of this bill. They believe the time is particularly inopportune, owing to the autonomy riots in Havana.

Tomorrow is District of Columbia day, and on Tuesday the consideration of the army appropriation bill will be resumed. This is likely to be finished Tuesday, after which the consular bill will probably consume the remainder of the week.

Hanna Called to Washington.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 16.—Senator Hanna left for Washington at 1:40 this afternoon very unexpectedly. His hasty departure is said to have been brought about by the receipt of a message urging him to come to the capital at once. It is believed that the Hawaiian treaty will be taken up this week and that his presence was desired on that account.

FIVE STEAMSHIPS COMING.

Empire Transportation Company Formed to Engage in the Yukon Trade.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—The negotiations between the Cramps & Sons' Ship & Engine Building Company and the International Navigation Company, for the purchase and sale of the Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Connemaugh for the trade between the Pacific coast and Alaska have resulted in the International Navigation Company deciding to organize a company to be under its own management. The company will be called the Empire Transportation Company, of which C. A. Griscom will be president.

Cramp's shipyard is now busy thoroughly overhauling these boats and refitting them with passenger accommodations especially adapted for the Pacific coast-Alaska trade. They will be newly furnished throughout and equipped with all the modern conveniences for the safety and comfort of the passengers. They will be lighted by electricity, well ventilated and have ample bathrooms and lavatory accommodations. The cuisine will be looked after, and to secure an ample supply of fresh meat and vegetables a cold storage plant will be installed. The boats will be dispatched to the Pacific coast as soon as the alterations are completed.

General Manager Hibbee, of the International Navigation Company, stated in an interview today that the fact that his company has organized the Empire Transportation Company indicates that the organization is likely to limit its sphere of action to the Alaska trade.

The officers of the International Navigation Company are now busily engaged on plans for larger steamers to replace the five boats withdrawn from the North Atlantic service. The new ships will be equipped with all modern improvements and adapted to the requirements of the traffic. They will be built in this country, probably by the Cramps.

THE RUSH IS FAIRLY ON.

Walla Walla Loaded With Passengers Bound for the Klondike.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—The steamer Walla Walla sailed today for Seattle with forty-four cabin passengers, four being women, bound for the Alaskan gold fields and 320 in the steerage. The number of passengers was so great in proportion to the accommodations that about one-half of the goldseekers were glad to secure sleeping accommodation on the floor. Some expect to begin to march on the Klondike early in February.

All are thoroughly outfitted and the steamer was unable to carry all the freight offered. In the vessel's hold is stowed 127,500 pounds of baggage and provisions, the supplies of the passengers. The freight manifest includes four horses, four burros and forty-eight dogs. These animals are trained to pack the baggage and provisions of their owners over the roads from Dyea to Lake Bennett. Three-fourths of those who sailed are going over the Chilkoot pass. Some are prepared to make the overland trip to Dawson before the winter breaks.

KID MCCOY'S CHALLENGE.

Anxious to Fight Corbett, Fitzsimmons or Both of Them.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—"Kid" McCoy has issued the following challenge:

"To Robert Fitzsimmons and James J. Corbett—Gentlemen: You have declined to contest with me for the middleweight championship of the world. You have offered many reasons and excuses for your refusal, but your principal reason was that you could not get down to my weight. I am therefore compelled to waive the question of weight and go to your weight.

"I hereby challenge either or both of you to a finish boxing contest for the heavyweight championship of the world, terms to be hereafter arranged.

"I fully realize the possible stand you both may take in answer to this challenge. I know it will be your policy to evade in every way, to cast aspersions and even attempt to ridicule my defi.

"I know you will tell me to fight other men and gain a reputation, etc., but your evasions are discounted not alone by me, but by the entire public, who fully realize the fact that I am the only living boxer who is entitled to the credit of being able to gain a victory over either or both of you.

"I can beat either of you or both of you. I am not going to fight any other man or men but you and any excuse by you will not deter me from pursuing you until I achieve my object and win the heavyweight championship of the world.

"I am not going to indulge in any blackguardism. The public is disgusted with such methods. I give you credit for all that either of you have accomplished, but I know I am your master as a fighter and my challenge is sincere.

"As a further evidence of my sincerity, I have deposited a check for $1,000 in the hands of Samuel Austin and I stand ready to post an additional $1,000 if either of you signify your intention of acceptance."

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The agrarian socialistic movement in Hungary is serious.

The Belgian government has issued invitations to a sugar conference.

The Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union is in session at Peoria, Ill.

Joel Putnam, a retired shoe manufacturer of Boston, committed suicide Saturday by shooting.

Emperor William celebrated the coronation fete on Sunday with all the usual pomp and ceremony.

Ambassador Hay and family will sail from Geneva January 20, for Egypt and a tour of the Nile.

The casino at Willard beach, South Portland, Me., valued at $31,000, was destroyed by fire Sunday night.

A steamship, supposed to be one of the Allan line, was sighted to the eastward of the Brand Links, heavily listed to starboard.

Gen. Sir Arthur Power Palmer, K. C., will succeed Gen. Sir William Lockhart as commander of the Tirah field force on the northwest frontier of India.

The executive committee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen is holding its annual session at Peoria, Ill. The membership increased 3,000 during the last year.

British steamer Newlyn is reported disabled in latitude 51 north, longitude 26 west, with her shaft and propeller gone. The Gladis towed her for thirty hours, but was obliged to drop her.

Three suicides occurred in New York city Sunday, W. P. Morrison, a stock broker, by hanging; Bertha Valenier, a waitress, by carbolic acid, and Sigmund Politsko, also by carbolic acid.

Italian brigantine Celestia, while on a voyage from Venice to Savannah, was lost on the south side of Walting's island. The crew landed safely and were taken to New York on the steamer Antilla, from Nassau.

Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, has been sent to Denmark to study the Danish method of treating hog cholera, in the form of anti-toxine serum. Of 244 animals treated in affected herds, but 39 died. He asks an appropriation sufficient to carry on the work thoroughly.

A fire in the Boston dry goods store, at Butte, Mont., which did $25,000 damage, narrowly missed creating a panic in the Maguire opera house, adjoining, in which "Under the Dome" was being given. Sunday night. Several men were trampled on in the rush, but no one was seriously hurt.

THE PASSING THRONG.

"In the mad rush to get to the mines of the Klondike district thousands of people will pass by known wealth in great quantities," said an old Alaska miner at the Butler last night. "I refer to the mines of Birch creek and the Circle City district. You must remember that these mines were not discovered till 1894 and that before the district was well prospected the Klondike was discovered and the men at Circle City abandoned dirt that paid them from $10 to $25 per day and skated over the ice as fast as they could to Dawson.

"These mines lie entirely within American territory and are not subject to the unfair and unjustifiable restrictions that are being imposed on miners in Canadian territory. The character of the soil and country are approximately the same as the Klondike—that is, there are many points of similarity. Fortunes have been taken out of the Circle City diggings by the pioneers in that field. But the country was simply scratched over. There never were more than 3,000 men in the camp, and it is practically deserted now, save for those who went down from Dawson last winter in order to get food."

"I have become convinced of one thing since I came to Seattle," said Edward S. Richards, the Chicago business man last night, "and that is that Alaska offers wonderful opportunities for every young man of pluck, physical strength and enterprise, who has an ambition to better himself. If I was a few years younger—well, it's no use telling what I would do, but I can see the chances that exist in that country for a man to build up his fortunes such as are found in no other portion of the continent. It is my opinion, too, that the policy now being pursued by the Dominion government will result in developing the mineral areas of Alaska. Indeed, this is the logical conclusion and effect of the policy of reducing the size of a man's claim and in demanding that he pay a royalty to the Dominion authorities on the amount of gold he digs out of the frozen muck by hard labor. The settlement of Alaska by Americans and its thorough exploration and prospecting for gold and the development of all its resources—these are matters which the ensuing years will bring forth. No small part of the development of the country will be the location of an all-Alaska route to the Yukon basin, by Copper river or some other way. This, to my mind, is only a question of a short time."

A. Morley Stewart, the well-known Tacoma druggist, is in the city to attend the session of the state board of pharmacy, which meets this morning for the examination of applicants for certificates. Mr. Stewart is a brother of A. B. and George M. Stewart.

Albert Allen, attorney for the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad, of Spokane, arrived from Eastern Washington last night to attend the trial of the Mallory case in the federal court today. He is accompanied by Stephen O'Brien, the well-known Democratic politician, formerly of Tacoma, but now a resident of Spokane.

PHILADELPHIA'S LATEST FAD.

Covering Furniture With Cast-Off Finery of Theatrical Favorites.

Milwaukee Journal.

A queer fad is being followed by women in the Quaker City. It is that of covering furniture with the costumes of theatrical favorites. The idea originated with a Mr. McCaffrey, of North Seventeenth street, whose parlor suite contained many specimens of this finery, which was worn in bygone days by some of the leading actresses and singers. It has taken much time and patience for Mr. McCaffrey to gather his collection, it being necessary for him to visit many different cities in order to get the real articles. The sofa is by far the prettiest and most composite piece of his collection, being covered with parts of dresses worn by Ada Rehan, Kate Castleton and Pauline Hall. Those who are attempting to imitate Mr. McCaffrey's idea find that it's just a little more trying than going out shopping. The more desperate ones are getting their original (?) gowns from customers, and the latter are rejoicing at getting rid of their "much hired" and shopworn stock. In their efforts to surpass each other several of these enthusiasts claim to have parts of the first costume worn by Lotta, but if all these parts were put together, there would be enough to supply a small chorus.

England's Oldest Baronet Dead.

St. James' Gazette.

Sir Henry Paul Seale, the oldest baronet in England, died at Norton Parks, Darmouth, last week, at the advanced age of 82. He had been mayor of Dartmouth sixteen times, chairman of the harbor commissioners, church warden and patron of the living of Sownstall and St. Savoir's, deputy lieutenant of the county of Devon, a county magistrate, ruling councilor of the Primrose League, charity commissioner, and income tax commissioner. He succeeded to the baronetcy on the death of his father in 1844 and is succeeded by his son, Mr. John Seale, of Wonaston court, Monmouth. The deceased was uncle to Mr. Charles Seale Hayne, M. P.

LOOKING FOR INVESTMENT.

MRS. ADDIE M'DERMOTT IS MUCH PLEASED WITH SEATTLE.

Manages Her Own Business Affairs, and Thinks Women Are Not Out of Place in the World of Commerce—A Figure in Washington.

A voice gentle and sympathetic; brown eyes that flash the cordial welcome that speaks in the hearty grasp of her dainty white hand; a frank, open countenance, whose beauty grows on one, and a broad, white forehead, clustered about with dark wavy hair—such is but a poor picture of Mrs. Addie G. McDermott, of Washington, D. C., who came clear across the continent, leaving the asphalt streets, shaded avenues and throngs of statesmen to take a look at Seattle and catch a glimpse—by proxy—of the golden Klondike.

For years Mrs. McDermott has divided her time between New York, Washington and Baltimore. Her home was in Baltimore for a number of years, but she is now a resident of the capital city. She is a figure in the gay life of the national capital, and to her teas and afternoons at home come the brainiest men and women of Washington—the senators and most distinguished statesmen and financiers of the day. She is the life-long friend of the Gormans and the Garys of Maryland.

A few days ago Mrs. McDermott came to Seattle and registered at the Butler. Her coming was known to no one aside from a few well known Seattle people to whom she brought letters. For a few days she was a guest at Mrs. Baker's, at Third and Marion streets. Tomorrow she will go to Tacoma to visit for a day or so, and will then return to Seattle for a short stay before returning East.

"I am in Seattle simply on a business mission," said Mrs. McDermott at the Butler last night. "You see, we women have some claims to business as well as you men. Indeed, I have managed my own business affairs for so long that I feel quite at liberty to go wherever and whenever necessity demands. I had heard so much of Seattle that I determined to come and see for myself what sort of city the people of the Pacific coast were building here on Puget sound. I have an eye for business, too, for I believe that the next few years will witness a growth and development in the West, and especially in Washington and on Puget sound, such as was never before equaled. Now, don't misunderstand me—I don't mean a boom, but we Easterners know something of the prosperity that has come to Seattle and the Pacific coast, of the Klondike and of the crowds that are rushing into that promising region.

"Now, while I have heard Seattle talked of continually in the East, and while I have been told time and again that this city was lively, pushing, enterprising and all that, I must confess frankly that I was not prepared for what I have seen. Nothing, after all, impresses one quite like seeing. I was not prepared for such splendid business structures, such handsome streets and such an air of business activity as prevail here. Of course, I know that it isn't all due to the Klondike rush, for the people that built this handsome city must have had something to keep them busy before the Klondike was found.

"Yes, I am interested in Alaska and the gold fields. How wonderful it all is! I think I should like to take a trip to Dawson—some day it will be like running over to New York, a thing to be done in two or three days. There is no reason why they should not have railroads in Alaska. Transportation problems will be solved, the country will be opened up and it will be an every-day occurrence to take a flying trip to Dawson. But I am not afraid of the hardships incident to a journey to the gold mines even now. Other women have done it, why should not I?

"Then I'd like to take a summer trip down the Yukon. How nice it would be to float down the river, passing the gold mines, camping for a time where there was good hunting or fishing, and then coming out in the early autumn by St. Michael. I believe I should thoroughly enjoy such a trip.

"Do I like Seattle? Splendidly. This weather is delightfully warm and pleasant. I suppose one would have to get used to the rain, but then I don't mind it. I really think Seattle is to become a great city. Everywhere in the East you hear Seattle spoken of as the starting point for the gold fields. Seattle is known everywhere—her name is on everyone's tongue, and there is positively more talk of the gold mines and of the crowds and crowds of people that are going there than you can possibly imagine. All this is going to help make Seattle a great city. I see so many chances for people to make money—it's no wonder that everyone is busy, for now is the time to work—to harvest the reward that is justly Seattle's."

Mrs. McDermott is pre-eminently a woman of business. She and some of her Eastern friends are quietly picking out some bargains in real estate in Seattle. When she returns to Washington she will make a full report of what she has seen in the West, and will probably return next summer.

PAYMENT FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS.

Question of Hospital Charges Has to Be Determined.

Health Officer Smith has decided that he will not send any more patients to the hospital until some action is taken tending to settle the responsibility in such cases.

The bills, amounting to $20, contracted by the health department last month in caring for the indigent sick and emergency cases, have been held up somewhere in the government and the health officer takes the position that he will not act in the future until such time as some action is taken to settle the complications, which have been a source of deep annoyance to every health officer for the past six years.

"I understand," said Health Officer Smith last evening, "that a committee from the council will confer with the county commissioners to see what can be done. In the present condition of affairs I shall not take the responsibility of sending patients to the hospital. The county commissioners require that a person shall be in the city or county a year before they will admit him to the county hospital. There has been an arrangement by which emergency cases were sent to a hospital in the city for a day at the city's expense and then transferred to the care of the county. As I understand it, the bills for last month's patients sent by me to the hospital have been held up. I shall not assume the authority to send any more patients to the hospital until some action is taken. If a person dies on the street I am not responsible.

"The rapid increase in the population of Seattle has brought about a corresponding increase in the number of applicants for medical assistance. Many of those who apply to me are really in need of assistance, and wholly without means to pay for it. What is to be done with them? They have not, in a majority of cases, lived in the city a year. The county commissioners will not take them, and the city has made no provision for them. It is a question that is bound to become more serious during the next two or three months and I should like to have some action taken."

The last time the problem of the case of the indigent sick was occupying public attention the prosecuting attorney, John F. Miller, rendered an opinion in which he held that the county was responsible for their care and that the city had only to look after people that were sick while under police surveillance. The board of health, in the face of this decision, agreed to allow the health officer to handle all emergency cases and investigate indigent sick cases if the county would furnish drugs and give the health officer authority to send patients to the county hospital. The agreement was put in writing, but the county commissioners did not sign it. Matters have drifted along until the same old trouble has bobbed up.

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