

GOOD FORTUNE IN NOME HITS WASHINGTON MEN

Discover Biggest Nugget Found in Alaska.

PHOTOGRAPH RECEIVED HERE

Eugene Ailes and H. Cowdin Have Equity in Lump of Gold Worth \$3,276.

A photograph of what is believed to be the largest nugget of gold ever discovered in Alaska or British North America, has been received by Milton E. Ailes, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and now vice president of the National Bank, Mr. Ailes confirms the find, as having been taken from bench claim No. 5, Anvil Creek, near Nome, of which his brother, Eugene Ailes, is part owner.

Eugene Ailes was at one time employed in the Treasury Department, but in 1890 went to Alaska with Dr. Cabell Whitehead, assayer for the Mint Bureau, for the purpose of establishing a new bank. This bank was organized under the laws of West Virginia by a party of Washington capitalists headed by Myron M. Parker and C. J. Bell, of the American Security and Trust Company.

Make an Investment.

Mr. Cowdin, who was made cashier of that institution, together with Mr. Ailes and several of the other clerks, united in investing in a mining claim last summer. They decided to remain at Nome during the winter instead of returning, as had been the custom, upon the last incoming steamer. Being hard-working fellows, they found time hung heavily when business lagged after a rushing season. They were not over-optimistic about their investment and they proceeded to give a "lay" on it to the Pioneer Mining Company for 50 per cent.

A miner in the employ of the Pioneer Company, working on the Ailes-Cowdin claim in September, 1902, after sluicing away two feet of moss, mud, and glacial ice, struck his pick into this big chunk of gold, measuring 7 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches, weighing 182 ounces, and valued at \$3,276. It is now on exhibition at Nome.

Anvil Creek Riches.

Anvil Creek, on which is situated the fine piece of property of these Washington men, is notoriously prolific in rich finds. Its suggestions, ranging in value from \$2 to \$500 or more. It is only four miles from the bank of Nome, and is connected with that town by a narrow-gauge road. Although the whole bed of Anvil Creek for over four miles has been worked over twice within five years, it is boasted that no claim on it has ever failed to pay.

This nugget is at present the largest ever found in Alaska or British North America, the Klondike prize being only valued at \$1,100, as compared with \$3,276 for the Nome nugget. In fact, the beautiful specimen compares favorably with the biggest "nugget" of California, Montana, and Nevada.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NEARBY STATES

MARYLAND. ANNAPOLIS.

The Sisters of Notre Dame in Annapolis have consented to give a place of refuge to Mrs. Kealy, who has for over a year defied the government by resisting all efforts to compel her to move from the house she occupied in the Naval Academy grounds. She will not live in the convent, but in a vacant frame building adjacent to the convent of Notre Dame.

A choir of midshipmen has been organized to furnish music at the Sunday service.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Winter Byrd, the son of Jacob Byrd, of Lawsonia, Somerset county, was found dead in a small skiff near Jenkins Creek Bridge, Sunday afternoon. Byrd left his home Thursday morning for the oyster grounds and was expected home Friday evening, but as he did not return at the appointed time search parties started out to find him. His skiff was found on Sunday in Jenkins Creek, and it then became evident that the young man was drowned.

The lowest tide in forty years gave the Chester River oystermen a chance to pick up oysters from the bars in large quantities. One man, near Chicker Neck wharf, succeeded in picking up nearly 100 bushels, while others took from twenty-five to fifty bushels. A buyer tried to buy up the day's work for 75 cents a bushel, but the oystermen held out for \$1.

The Rev. Martin Luther Young, pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Cumberland, a member of the board of directors of Susquehanna University, is advised that by the terms of the will of Rev. Dr. Reuben Hill, who died recently in Philadelphia, the institution has fallen heir to half an estate valued at more than \$40,000.

John L. Nock has been sworn in as deputy clerk of the circuit court for Worcester county to succeed John W. Stapon, resigned, and has entered upon the discharge of his duties. Mr. Nock was postmaster at Snow Hill during President Cleveland's last administration and more recently has represented a Baltimore school-book concern. He is well known in Baltimore and throughout the State.

The funeral of Mrs. Anna Hubbard Watts, wife of Prof. Roland Watts, of Western Maryland College, took place at Chestertown yesterday. The services were held at the home of Wilbur W. Hubbard, Dr. T. H. Lewis, of Westminster, and Dr. D. L. Greenfield, of Philadelphia.

Phil Krieger, of near Indianapolis, Ind., who says he is the heaviest man in the United States, weighing 715 pounds, is the guest of his cousin, ex-Judge of the Circuit Court, Frank Krieger, of Hagerstown. He will exhibit himself at the Hagerstown fair. He always sleeps on the floor. His cousin offered him a bed, but the fat man said he would be sure to break it if he got in.

DECORATING BEGUN ON NEW GARRIGUE LIBRARY

No Provision for Work in Original Donation.

URGENT NEED FOR BINDERY

Valuable Books in Constant Danger of Destruction in Outside Shops.

A large force of painters and decorators are at work on the Washington Public Library, erected with funds given by Mr. Carnegie. No provision was made for interior decoration, and the bare white caissons walls were greatly in contrast with the outer embellishment. Owing to the lack of money nothing could be done.

Mr. Carnegie made an additional donation of \$25,000 in the past summer, and a contract was made with the decorators. The workmen have now been at work more than a month. Two months longer at least will be required to complete the decorations, which are on the order of those in the Library of Congress.

In the northeast end of the basement of the Carnegie Library room was reserved for a bindery when the building was erected. The institution is in need of a bindery, but there is no money with which to establish one. Should Mr. Carnegie not feel disposed to make the necessary donation, it is understood that the directors of the institution will ask the general public to subscribe the necessary amount.

A Menace to Books.

It is said there is a great deal of risk attached to sending out books to be repaired because of dangers of fire, theft, and wear and tear. Constant handling of books by readers and employees of the library injure the books to an extent, and there is much repairing and binding to be done every day. As there is no place at the institution where this work can be done, it is necessary for Librarian Flint to send the books to binding shops.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE SOCIETY HEARS TALK ON TARIFF

The regular monthly meeting of the District Women's Suffrage Society took place at the home of Miss H. P. Miller, 147 Staughton Street, the president, Mrs. Belva Lockwood, in the chair. Julian West, of Berlin, Germany, gave an address upon the gradual abolition of the protective tariff, contending that the future progress and development of all nations demand that this bar be taken away.

Both Mr. West and his friend Mr. Russell, who are members of the District Women's Suffrage Association.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

A warrant was issued in Newport News for the "Rev." Harry McKnight, who represents himself to be the secretary of the National Newsboys' Association, charging him with grand larceny. McKnight has disappeared. He came here six weeks ago, rented a building and canvassed the city for funds for the establishment of a local branch of the National Newsboys' Home.

Estelle Jones, twenty-three years old, a well-known woman of Nottoway county, committed suicide yesterday morning at her mother's home, near Wellville, by shooting herself with a gun. She had been in bad health for some time. She was a daughter of the late Napoleon Jones. Her half-sister committed suicide some months ago by shooting herself with a pistol.

The Democratic primary in King George county on Saturday resulted in the nomination of J. T. Minor, Jr., for county treasurer by fifty-eight majority over H. B. Coghlin, the incumbent. J. A. Pullen was nominated for commissioner of revenue over J. H. Boggs by twenty-nine majority.

The battleship Maine is coaling at Norfolk for her speed trial to Culebra Island, having returned from the Barren Island course, where she was given a thorough test, one of the prime objects of which was to determine the best ship's obedience to her helm. She was taken over the course twelve times with a speed reduction on each.

PLENTY WORK COMING TO CENSUS BUREAU

Philippine Statistics to Be Tabulated and Record to Be Kept of Immigration.

November 15 has been set as the day on which the Census Bureau will begin the work of tabulating the Philippine census. While the date for the beginning of the work has been set it is not yet known when the work will be completed. General Sanger, who has charge of the census in the interests of the War Department, has not signified whether he desires the work to be rushed, in which case it would be completed in three months, or is willing to let the bureau take its time and complete the census in six months. The only limit is that the census must be completed by July 1, 1904, when the appropriation expires.

The statistical atlas will be ready some time this week. This atlas does not differ materially from former issues except in shape. It will be uniform in appearance and size with the ten volumes of the census report, instead of being constructed like the large geographical atlases. The change was the result of complaints that former issues of the atlas were unhandy.

Immigration Statistics.

Starting January 1, the bureau will each month keep a record of the immigration figures by the card system. The

immigration figures are becoming more important each year, and there has long been a desire on the part of the officials to keep them in the most improved manner, so as to be accessible upon short notice.

The figures will be taken direct from the manifests of the ships landing at the ports of entry, and after the work is once thoroughly started it is not thought there will be much extra labor involved. By utilizing the advantages offered by the Census Bureau, those who have been studying immigration from the standpoint of its effects upon the country, anticipate learning many new facts of vital interest.

Religious Census Postponed.

The Philippine census, and the necessity for making arrangements for tabulating care of the immigration statistics have caused Director North, of the Census Bureau, to postpone the beginning of the religious census until after the first of the year. The religious census will be the most complete of the kind ever taken, and Director North has decided not to jeopardize its success by accumulating the statistics before the bureau is able to give them proper attention, as fast as received.

SENATORS CAN'T AGREE ON AN APPOINTMENT

Iowa Statesmen's Differences About Selection of District Judge.

Another disagreement between United States Senators over a Federal appointment has come about in Iowa. There Senators Allison and Dolliver have so far failed to reach an understanding as to who should be selected by President Roosevelt for the position of judge for the northern Iowa district. There are three candidates, each Congressional district of the northern half of the State furnishing one. This condition of things of course leaves the Congressmen completely divided, as each member of Congress is forced to support the candidate from his own district.

In these circumstances, the outcome largely depends on the Senators, and if they could come to an agreement the question would quickly be settled. Senator Dolliver favors State Senator Thomas D. Healy, of Fort Dodge, while Senator Allison is supposed to have leaning toward Craig Wright, a lawyer of prominence in Sioux City.

When the Iowa delegation assembles here for the extra session a caucus will be held and if an agreement can be reached by a majority of the members, an appointment will no doubt at once be made by President Roosevelt, inasmuch as Judge C. P. Shiras desires to retire as soon as possible after November 1.

An increase of cholera is reported at Manila and several Philippine points.

YELLOW FEVER ASSUMES SEVERE FORM AT LAREDO

Sixteen New Cases and One Death in a Day.

The yellow fever outbreak at Laredo, Tex., has attained serious proportions, according to the latest reports of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service. The efforts of the local and Federal health authorities continue unabated, but new cases are constantly discovered.

Up to October 6 there had been 102 cases, with five deaths. A report on October 8 tells of sixteen additional cases and one more death. There has been fear of an outbreak of the disease at Corpus Christi, but Surgeon Murray reports to Surgeon General Wyman that he has been unable to locate any cases.

The most careful watch is being kept on a number of surrounding towns in order to prevent any outbreak. Beaumont and San Antonio have recently been inspected, owing to fears that the disease is gaining foothold there.

At San Francisco a death from plague on September 12 has been confirmed by bacteriological examination. A report from Havana officially denies existence of the plague at Daiquiri, Cuba is said to be entirely free from yellow fever.

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TAMMANY TO ATTACK GREENE AND ASPHALT

McClellan Will Declare Purpose to Remove Commissioner.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The record of the asphalt trust will figure in the city campaign. The present head of the police department is Gen. F. V. Greene, who was also head of the asphalt trust.

Greene is a Republican appointed by Mayor Low, and if the mayor is re-elected Greene will continue in his present office.

Many times the question has been asked at McClellan, Tammany's nominee for mayor: "If you are elected will you keep Greene in office?" McClellan has refused heretofore to answer this question.

Tammany leaders say he will declare boldly that he will remove Greene from office if he becomes mayor, and will point to the record of the asphalt trust in this city as his justification.

This will lead to an attack on Greene because of his associations with the asphalt trust, of which he was one of the main promoters.

Comptroller Grout can produce figures showing that when Police Commissioner Greene was president of the Barber Asphalt Company, that concern had a monopoly of paving in this city, and charged many times as much as is paid now for the same work.

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PORTO RICO BEGINS WAR AGAINST ANARCHY

Many Malcontents Sentenced for Insulting Flag.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Oct. 13.—Governor Hunt returned here today from Ponce, where he attended a banquet in celebration of the extension of American railways in the island.

During the governor's absence the anti-American socialists and anarchists had a clash with the police on the plaza of this city. Forty arrests were made, and many of the prisoners were today convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, including the Anarchist Conde, who was recently convicted of insulting an American flag.

Americans here are particularly incensed at the carrying of black and red flags and a craped American flag by a mob yesterday as an incitement to disorder. Conde delivered an offensive harangue in which he approved of the mob resorting to bloodshed if necessary.

The Americans demand the punishment of all the dangerous socialists. They urge that an immediate deathblow be given to anarchy here.

PAYNE'S YACHT AT FAYAL.

FAYAL, Azore Islands, Oct. 13.—The American steam yacht Aphrodite, belonging to Col. Olin H. Payne, of the New York Yacht Club, which sailed from Gravesend, England, for New York, October 2, has arrived here.

ENGLISH COMMENT ON PURE FOOD CRUSADE

Best Wine Expert in Europe Sends His Views.

International interest has been aroused in the pure food tests now being carried on by the Department of Agriculture. This has been shown by a letter addressed to Dr. H. W. Wiley, by William Phesey, the most competent wine expert in Europe.

Mr. Phesey is superintendent of the wine and spirits department of the world-famous "Army and Navy Stores," in London. He incloses a clipping, expressing the "great indignation" expressed by dealers that there should be any governmental inquiry into the quality of food or drink on public sale. He says this development shows "the cat is among the pigeons," and adds: "The indignation, I imagine, is great, but will not alter the facts."

Registration of Brands.

Mr. Phesey suggests that governments require manufacturers of all vineyard, chateau, and class wines to register their respective label, capoule, and cork mark, and to provide a list of all houses authorized by them to bottle their wines. He thinks the Government will thus have control over the export and import trade of reputable dealers, and all others would have to show their authority for handling goods.

If wines are shipped in casks, the same marks as on the bottled goods are suggested for the heads of casks to identify the contents as the genuine vintage.

A Help to Other Nations.

"You are doing much to cut the heart out of the swindles now going on, both on this side of the water and ours," Mr. Phesey concludes, and expresses the hope that the department will continue its crusade against all adulterations of food or drink.

SUN SPOT MENACES EARTH WITH STORMS

It Is Larger Than Its Predecessor of 1882.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 12.—The great sun spot recently observed by astronomers may pass over the meridian of the earth without affecting the surface by electrical disturbances as did the great sun storm of 1882. It is so much larger than the sun spot which produced the previous disturbances that if it affects the earth it is expected to create more storms on the earth's surface than did its predecessor.

Prof. John A. Brashear observed the spot Sunday night and Monday morning and arrived at this conclusion. He said: "The great sun spot was observed between 11 and 12 o'clock last evening at 5:35 o'clock. The quadruple bridges of flames seen crossing the umbra on the eastern end of the great disturbances had broken up and appeared as a single tongue of flame extending 20,000 miles across the spot."

"At 5:45 P. M. a thin veil of cloud covering the sun's surface made it possible to view it with the naked eye. Yesterday morning a fine view was had of the solar storm."

FIREMAN LUSKEY'S ACT HIGHLY COMMENDED

Major Sylvester has requested the Commissioners to announce that Fireman E. M. Luskey, of No. 13 Company, be informed that his services in arresting one Charles Wren, now charged with highway robbery, are highly appreciated by the Superintendent of Police. The major also says that Luskey's intelligence and good reasoning is worthy of emulation by members of the police force and others. Luskey apprehended Wren for matching a pocketbook from Mrs. Grenville Lewis several days ago.

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