

EXPERT TO GO TO KLONDIKE

Bureau of Labor Will Send One to Examine the Mines.

WILL START IN A FEW DAYS

Hopes to Arrive in Sitka by August 19—He Will Communicate to the Government the Result of His Investigation as Speedily as Possible.

The ever-increasing rush for the Alaska gold fields has resulted in official action on the part of the Government, and in a few days an expert on mining will be sent by the Commissioner of Labor to the Klondike region.

He will make a careful and exhaustive study of the conditions which exist there, and his observations, embodied in a report, will be sent to the Bureau of Labor as early as a date possible. Such a report, giving the facts and facts as to the opportunities for investment or capital, the employment of labor, wages and cost of living, will be of great value to the people of this country.

For several important reasons the name of the gentleman selected for this special mission cannot be divulged at present. He is in the regular employ of the bureau and has had years of practical experience among the mines of the West.

The journey will be made alone, and it is the intention of Commissioner Wright that the gold fields be reached before winter sets in.

The start will be made from this city on the 21st of August and Sitka will be reached by the 19th. All arrangements, such as the securing of a berth on one of the outgoing steamers and the means of transport when Alaska is reached, have been provided for some time in advance.

"I am very anxious to get to Klondike," the expert said yesterday, "and will endeavor to reach the scene of excitement as rapidly as possible. I shall, of course, be accompanied by an observer as often as possible, so the bureau can embody them in its regular reports. I shall make no purchases here, but will defer that part of my preparations until I reach San Francisco. There I have friends, and I shall meet one of the Klondikers who are apt to meet one in the Klondike country, and I shall rely on their advice in the selection of my outfit. I shall take a camera, of course, and secure as many photographs as possible.

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"If the reports so far received are half true, the amount of gold in the Klondike discovery cannot be over-estimated. There will be room for thousands of men at the mines, and for the first few years the chances of almost everyone will be good. Mind you, I do not say that the conditions there are such. I am sure of that. There would be no need of my being sent to the country, and it is with the sole object of determining how things stand up at the Klondike that I am now leaving the city.

"Tip to the present there appears to be nothing but a mining boom. Not in many cases is it even truly mining. Those who have struck rich, in many instances, have done nothing more than what is known as 'prospecting.' The gold found has been mainly in nugget form. It may vary in size from the proportions of bird shot to a robin's egg.

"Complaints are being made against what people here in the East term 'extortion' and 'unheard-of charges for living necessities. As an old miner and Westerner I consider that the store people are only charging moderate prices, and by no means do they appear to be marking their staff as such as those in Butte and Coeur d'Alene did when gold was discovered in those camps. Why, the storekeepers and boarding-house proprietors fairly faked in dirt. Every other business building was a saloon, and in some streets there were nothing else but these 'drink factories.'

"Every drink, even beer, was 25 cents. Cigars cost a quarter, but I must say that all the saloons kept first-class cigars. The cost of provisions, however, was something almost unproportionate to prices here in the East. Nevertheless, we made no comment on it at the time, as such a state of affairs was sure to exist at all new mining camps.

"And it was cold there, too. Almost as much as in our own country. I have often seen the thermometer 50 degrees below the zero mark in Montana, yet that deterred no one from remaining there.

"In the early days of the camps I have mentioned most of the gold ore was secured by placer mining. Indeed, the placer mines of Montana are fruitful of results to the present day, and large quantities of dirt are obtained from them.

"Placer mining is very simple. The prospector carries with him a shovel, a shallow tin basin, and a piece of canvas. He goes to the ground and places the tin in his basin, goes to some running stream and immerses it in the water. The action of the current gradually carries away the soil and the heavier material settles to the bottom, and any other heavy substances sink to the bottom. If there is any gold it will be thus found.

"If any traces of the precious metal are present the locality is carefully examined, and if the find proves to be a paying one the prospector stakes his claim by a stream of running water is almost invariably near by, and at its bank the cradle is placed and after being filled with earth is held in the water and the same operations as those performed in prospecting are pursued.

"Another and a more general and extensive manner of obtaining gold is by mining it. After being a short time in the country men learn the indications which point to the existence of 'lodes.' The gold is embedded in the rock and the greatest care is necessary in searching for it, although very frequently the greatest strikes have been made by accident.

"Expensive and massive machinery is necessary in this class of mining, and as a rule the operations had their rock in such and send it to the great mills pretty much as a farmer sends his wheat to be ground. Hydraulic mining is extensively practiced also. Here with huge nozzles are directed against solid bearing strata, and the earth is washed away in immense volumes. Though it is done above the other and as the dirt is carried down the gully becomes separated and lodges in the last trough, from which it is collected.

"The scientific theory as to the origin of the yellow metal is that it exists in vast quantities in a molten state in the interior of the earth. Volcanic eruptions have forced it into the rocks and soil, where it has hardened and remained.

"The gold which is obtained by placer mining is almost without exception washed down from a mother lode.

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Kensington Methodists Formally Occupy Their New Church.

THREE SERVICES YESTERDAY

Rev. Mr. Naylor Preaches in the Morning—Dedictory Sermon by Presiding Elder Wilson—A Handsome Sum Subscribed by the Congregation.

The new St. Paul's M. E. Church, at Kensington, was formally dedicated yesterday. Invitations were sent out to the Methodist clergy and laymen of this city and vicinity, and in response a large number attended the afternoon service. The program observed was an interesting one. Rev. Henry B. Naylor, D. D., pastor of McKendree M. E. Church, preached the first sermon in the new edifice at 11 o'clock. The dedicatory sermon was delivered at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Luther B. Wilson, D. D., presiding elder of the Washington district of the M. E. Church, and in the evening an eloquent sermon was delivered by Rev. J. St. Clair Neal, of Baltimore.

The initial sermon by Dr. Naylor in the morning was a learned and eloquent discourse on "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." The text was taken from Malachi ii, 10, "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why, then, do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?"

After the morning sermon money to the amount of \$1,200 was subscribed by the congregation. At 3 o'clock the dedicatory service was begun by the singing of "Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," followed by reading the Apostles' creed, prayer by Rev. Wilson, singing by the choir, "In Heaven, Let's Sing," "Surround Us, O Lord," and "The Blessings of Grace M. E. Church, and sermon by Rev. Mr. Wilson. Rev. Wilson said in part:

"The house of God, the gate of heaven, means a great deal. But I am thinking that no man here should regard investment in the erection of the house of God. In early days, great enthusiasm, both of benevolence and generosity, was manifested, so that they gathered spires and spires with the mortar, and after 2,000 years of prayer, God's message came to this land. May God will make you perfect in the house of God, and you will have entered the gates of heaven."

This was followed by the formal presentation of the edifice for the board of trustees by the W. H. Moore, who said, "We present to you this building to be dedicated as a church for the instruction and worship of the Almighty God."

Mr. Percy S. Foster, leader of the Moody Choir, sang a solo, and the congregation sang an original hymn, written by the pastor, Rev. Robert M. Moore. It is as follows: (Music of Duke Street.)

The work is done, the altar is raised, The laborer rests, the work is done. After anxious days of toil The building finished stands fast. The thought was thine, Divine Lord, Which led us to this happy day. That while Thou art Thyself the Way, Mortals might build the gates to heaven. So wood and stone their place have found, And love hath given and zeal hath done. And out of common things—for Thee We have a holy temple wrought.

Take then our gift, O God, today, Which to Thy glory we have done. Enter, possess and bless it, And may Thy will be done. Here may the peace of God abound, To every burdened, troubled soul, And over every sin and sorrow May the gates of heaven be found.

Not only in our temple, Lord, But in our hearts as well abide; Thy love and grace, O God, Thy love and grace, May reign and worship at Thy side.

St. Paul's Church was originally a portion of Filgo Church, but it outgrew its parent, and was erected into a separate station several years ago. It was applied first by local preachers, then by supernumeraries, and finally by regular ministers in active service, the present one being Rev. Robert M. Moore. Rev. Mr. Moore is a native of Montgomery county, and was educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. Since entering the Baltimore conference he has had three charges, including St. Paul's, all in Montgomery county. At the last session of the Baltimore conference a devoted effort was made to secure him at Hagerstown so favorably he thought of it by the Methodists, but his present congregation, by dint of urging and hinting that they would not hold the lady needed new church under another pastor, succeeded in having him reappointed for the fourth year. His congregation has grown wonderfully in three years' pastorate, and is one of the strong suburban churches. Several of its prominent members were members at the very beginning, and are still actively connected with it, among whom may be mentioned Messrs. W. H. Wheatley, George Duval, J. F. Stook, and Dr. Dietrich. The new church is in the northern portion of Kensington, on the south side of the railroad, and faces east. It is of stone, brick and wood, the latter forming the material for the major portion. The tower, heavily buttressed with brick at the base, fourteen feet square, and rising up to a considerable height, surmounted by an open belfry, forms the main feature of the exterior. The main entrance to the edifice is through this tower, though there are two other entrances. Over all there is a high, gabled roof, shingled and tinted green, and having just below the front a handsome rose window. The organ and major portion of the interior is occupied by the main auditorium, with the pulpit platform at the northern side, and the pews arranged in two aisles, running therefrom to the southern corner of the church. At the farther end, and separated from the auditorium by partitions, is the Sunday-school room, but the two can easily be thrown into one at any time by means of the partition, thereby giving the church a total seating capacity of 400. The usual equipments of a church complete the building above, while underneath there is a cellar, in which the heating apparatus is located. The plans for the building were prepared by Architect C. L. Harding, who also supervised the construction.

BITTEN BY DOG AND CAT. Man and Boy Have Wounds Caused at the Emergency Hospital.

While playing with a small dog yesterday afternoon, Roger Murray, a ten-year-old white boy, was bitten on the under lip, and his parents fearing hydrophobia had him taken to Emergency Hospital. Dr. Jeune examined the wound and cauterized it with a silver nitrate. It is believed that the dog, although there is considerable meanness felt on the part of the lad and his parents, the dog will be killed.

The Emergency physicians were also called upon to cauterize a wound made on Mr. Charles Scott, a mail carrier, by a cat. While attempting to drive the feline out of a room it became enraged and bit Mr. Scott, who thought it best to have the wound cauterized. He does not fear hydrophobia, but there will be a dead cat in his neighborhood.

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