

to the world the warning: "Bring provisions for a year and \$500." There's likely to be a shortage of provisions in the winter and then money cannot buy them.

The Juneau and overland route is reached by the steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and the office of that company here is likewise overrun with inquirers who have caught the fever from the newspaper stories.

In the crowd that bustled around on Yukon business yesterday was a comely little woman, Mrs. Ernest Maynard, who will leave for Seattle tonight to take the Portland for the Yukon.

She is going up there to ride up the Yukon with the bacon and the tenderfoot until she finds him, and then she will spend the long winter twilight by his side.

The captain of the steamer Portland told his story at Seattle yesterday along with the rest, but before he got there a letter from him, sent on ahead from St. Michaels, reached G. W. Hendry of C. J. Hendry, Son & Co. of this city.

We'll have a full list of passengers and lots of gold dust. It is nothing for me to give a receipt for \$50,000. It would take a good horse to pull all the gold dust on board the Portland in my charge on this trip down.

But the tale of the Klondyke is largely popular rumor yet. It should be noted by the judicious that there has not been published a line of calm and competent and detailed description of the value of the new field from a mining engineer or expert who would critically consider the geology, mineralogy, assays, methods, prospects and so on of the new field.

Good, sober, honest old men say that single pans have yielded \$600 and \$700, but there can be found no estimate or guess of what sections of claims would average to the cubic yard or ton, and no hint of any of the things that a mining engineer, a mineralogist or a geologist would note, or ask, or say.

The Yukon belongs yet to the prospector. As in the days of '49, the diggings belong mainly to poor, brave and lucky tenderfoot, who know enough to dig frozen gravel, and a mining engineer would likely be run out of camp.

The Yukon field is sul'generis among this world's gold fields in all but one thing: The "fool tenderfoot" who didn't know anything about mining seems to have got the best of it on the Klondyke.

"We had gone on together from Victoria," said Mr. Orr. "He was a young fellow and I was an old man. He didn't know anything about mining and I knew a good deal. There was never a word of partnership between us, but we were together and his money was my money and my money was his money until the day I left. But you need not put in anything about all that."

The partners were grubbing away on Glacier Creek clearing up the summer's work in September, when the news of the Klondyke discovery spread to them. The wise old miner had no faith in the report, but the young fellow obeyed the tingling in his veins and went while Mr. Orr went on to Forty Mile to buy provision.

The young man located two claims and bought a half interest in a third, and journeyed to Forty Mile after his partner. The old man went and his loyal friend recognized his half interest in it all.

When spring came the old man had a chance to sell out his interest in one claim for \$15,000, or whatever it was, and fortune had come at last. Why should he toil and grub longer in that wild waste when comfort was his for the rest of his evening? He had two other claims to stay for, but he said, "I am through now," and he said good by and good luck to his young partner and came down the river on his way to a peaceful anchorage.

"He wanted me to stay," said the old man, "and he was true blue, but I just told him that I was through. He'll come out with a pile of money, and I'll be glad of it. It's many a load and a day's work he's taken off my back. I've got enough, and the rest is all his."

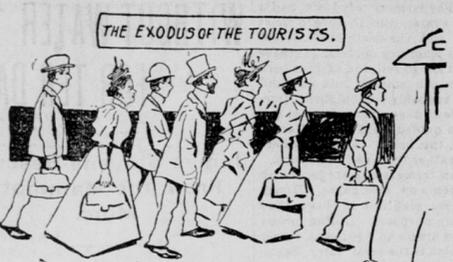
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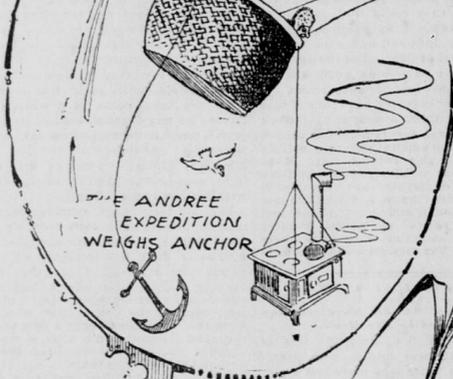
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They built lofty caches to keep their provisions out of reach of the wolves and bears, sat by their sheeterion stoves in the frigid winters and smoked and ate and toiled and slept together—the gray-bearded old man and the strong youth.

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