

W. J. BRYAN AND A PASS HE RODE ON

Red Bluff Learns the News and Now It's the World's.

THE CONDUCTOR WHO TOLD.

And It Was Such a Little Pass for a Big Man, Too.

SOME BETS NOT QUITE MADE.

A Delicate Distinction Between the Pass That Is Free and the One That Isn't.

Admirers of William J. Bryan are slow to admit that while in this State the Nebraskan rode on a pass issued by the Southern Pacific. If forced to admit it they make a distinction between a pass and a free pass—a distinction so delicate as to be a credit to their powers of discernment, and calls to mind the justly celebrated difference 'twixt tweedledum and tweedledit.

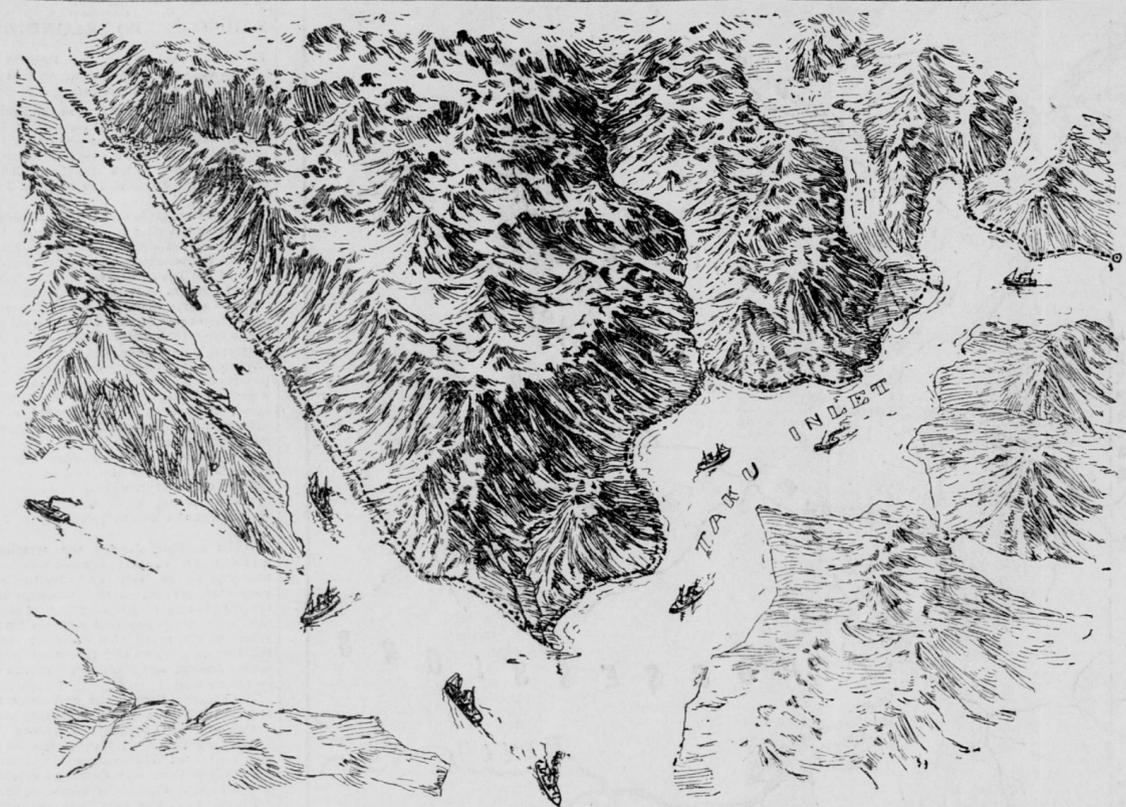
The secret leaked out at Red Bluff, where Mr. Bryan was up to his usual standard of eloquence in denouncing corporations, particularly railway corporations, more particularly the railway corporation on whose lines he had been riding, aided and abetted in the process by possession of a pass. Little wonder the Red Bluff Populists grew ruddy with fervor as they made denial; little wonder they offered to bet their money that it wasn't so. They didn't bet, however. Their faith was strong, but betting is wrong; and besides, people had been known before now to accept railroad passes with one hand and denounce the railroad with the other, as it were. And Bryan—even his friends admit it—Bryan, viewed in the fierce light that usually beats upon the place where he happens to be, is only human. So the Populists and the Democrats didn't bet. No. Now they are glad of it.

There are warm Bryan partisans in Red Bluff, and there are partisans just as warm the other way. When the charge that Bryan had ridden on a pass first began to circulate there were sounds of contention by night and by day. They have about died away now. The plain facts came out and silence seemed the most natural consequence. The story was unfolded in this manner. The night of July 8 Mr. Bryan left Sacramento for Red Bluff. He spoke in the latter city on the day following. It was known to the conductor in charge of the train from Sacramento to Red Bluff that Bryan was riding on a pass issued in San Francisco. The conductor in charge of the train from Red Bluff to Ashland came into possession of the secret and on his return to Red Bluff disclosed the fact in confidence to a Republican friend. A resident of Red Bluff who is now in this city yesterday gave this version of the disclosure.

"During the last campaign I was an active supporter of McKinley, and got into many hot disputes with my Populist and Democratic neighbors. Another staunch supporter of McKinley was a railroad conductor, and we exchanged notes during the campaign. One day, shortly after Bryan's recent journey by rail from Red Bluff to Ashland, the conductor called me aside and told me he had knowledge that Bryan rode on a pass between the points named. I expressed my doubt. He assured me that there was no mistake—that he had positive proof to sustain the statement in the form of an entry giving the date of the pass, the name of the officer by whom it was issued and the name of the person to whom it was granted. I replied, 'Say nothing about it, and the next time I hear the praises of the great orator sounded in Red Bluff I will make the assertion that he accepts favors from the corporations while professing to plead the cause of the people against the trusts and the corporate tyrants of the country.'

"In a short time thereafter I happened to meet an ardent Populist, a great admirer of the silver-tongued statesman. His admiration that day was at high tide and he spoke of Bryan as a man like Abraham Lincoln, who had been raised up to plead for the people against the tyranny of wealth and the oppression of corporations. I remarked to him that it was singular that a man of such high and lofty principles should denounce corporations on the stump and then accept free passes from the corporations so denounced. My Populist neighbor became exceedingly angry, and characterizing the statement that Bryan had accepted a pass from the railroad company as a grossly falsehood he offered to bet me \$150 that it was a lie. I took his bet and demanded that he should put up his money, but the coin was not produced. This caused a general discussion of the story.

"The Democrats and Populists were indignant and persisted in challenging proof of the accusation. Republicans were not too confident, fearing that the story could not be confirmed, so the editor of the Red Bluff Sentinel was urged to write to W. H. Mills and inquire if the statement was true that a pass had been issued to William J. Bryan on advertising account of the Omaha World-Herald. The editor wrote as requested and received in reply a letter stating that such a pass had been issued to Mr. Bryan. Mr. Mills, however, declined to give the editor permission to publish the letter. There is no doubt that Bryan rode on a pass. I saw the entry on



VIEW SHOWING JUNEAU AND TAKU INLET, With the Route of the Proposed Extension of the Taku, Lake Teslin and Yukon Railroad.

the conductor's book, and I saw the letter which Mr. Mills wrote in which it was admitted that a pass was issued to Bryan. Mr. Mills was appealed to for a version of the incident and gave it. It was in his statement that the nice distinction alluded to above put in an appearance. "I cannot deny that a pass was issued to Mr. Bryan," said Mr. Mills, "but it was not a free pass. He applied for the transportation on advertising account, and it was so issued and duly charged against the paper which he represented. Hundreds of other journalists have made similar application and received passes on advertising account. The amount involved in the contract was \$10—equal to the reduced fare from Sacramento to Portland. Mr. Bryan paid his fare on all other trips through the State. This pass from Sacramento to Portland was the only one he applied for."

These are the circumstances, and the right to draw conclusions from them belongs to anybody. If a pass is not a free pass when Mr. Bryan uses it in his missionary tours, all right. But the association between Mr. Bryan and the World-Herald is remote, a memory of the time when he converted the editor of that paper and was hired by the convert to bring others into the fold. Mr. Bryan retired from the World-Herald when he went into the campaign. Since the campaign he has been practicing law, oratory, bookmaking, the proper handshake, the correct bow, the pursuit of the dollar. If he has returned to the practice of journalism he has been strangely reticent about it. If he hasn't returned to it the pass and the free pass merge into each other until no break in the beautiful continuity can be described by ordinary means; in fact, there's your tweedledum and tweedledee.

In order to ascertain whether Mr. Bryan was connected with the World-Herald at the time the pass was issued on his account THE CALL made inquiry of the editor of the Omaha Bee last evening. In reply the following message was received: OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 20, 1897. "The Call," San Francisco: Bryan's connection with World-Herald ceased the date of his nomination at Chicago. OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 20, 1897. "The Call," San Francisco: Editorial announcement of Bryan's resignation was made August 8, 1896. WORLD-HERALD.

BREAD IS TOO HIGH. So the French Seek a Reduction in Duty on Foreign Wheat.

PARIS, FRANCE, Aug. 20.—An agitation has been going on here some days against the advance in the price of bread. The discontent is increasing, and radical socialist members of the Chamber have constituted themselves champions of the poor consumers. M. Richard, the well-known socialist deputy, has written to Prime Minister Meline, asking the abolition of, or a reduction in the duty on foreign wheat imported into France. He will raise the question in the chamber on re-assembly, complaining that the Government has not applied the law empowering it to suppress duties under certain circumstances. Some of the newspapers are also making attacks upon the Government for not taking action which it is empowered by law to take to relieve the distress.

CONFIRMED BY HER MAJESTY. The Queen Regent Establishes a Truce With the New Cabinet.

MADRID, SPAIN, Aug. 20.—The Queen Regent has confirmed the selection of Azcaraga as Prime Minister and also confirmed the other members of the Cabinet in the offices previously held by them. Her Majesty requested the Ministers to continue the policy of Canovas, and endeavor to consolidate the conservative group. This is regarded as a truce until the Queen Regent returns from San Sebastian to the capital and convokes the Cortes in October.

EXPLOSION OF A BOMB. It Causes the Arrest of Several Armenians on Suspicion.

CONSTANTINOPLE, TURKEY, Aug. 20. A harmless explosion occurred yesterday on a hill behind Buyukdere, where is situated the summer residences of European Embassadors. It is believed the explosion was caused by some person experimenting with a bomb. Several Armenians have been arrested on suspicion.

GROWTH OF THE COFFEE CREEK BOOM

Fresh Arrivals Invade the Country in Quest of Gold.

ALL KINDS OF OUTFITS TAKEN IN.

Stories of New Discoveries Encourage the Many Prospectors.

MORRISON GULCH STRIKE MAY PROVE A BIG THING.

An Investigation of the Truax and Dillon Claim Made by a "Call" Correspondent.

CARRVILLE, CAL., Aug. 20.—The Coffee Creek boom had a delightful day of growth to-day, and thirty or forty recruits arrived at the lower end with the usual picturesque variety of pack-bearers, pack mules and all sorts of vehicles. One big four-horse freighting wagon, two days from Redding, deposited a crowd of eleven from Oakland at the mouth of Coffee Creek.

Six guns and eleven picks and shovels struck out from the mass in all directions, and all sorts of big and little bundles and packs constituted bed rocks. When they unloaded at Trinity Center for refreshments five languages were heard in the gabble from the strangers and the residents. The day brought its share of stories of strikes.

The chief one in point of sublimity is about the city editor of a San Francisco paper and a four-ounce piece of unclean rock. J. M. Carroll, journalist and tenor-ferret, got here the other day to rest amid the boom, and yesterday went a mile or two back into the hills and located the Tom Cook claim for luck on the big porphyry dike on which the Blue Jay and the Truax and Dillon discoveries in Morrison Gulch are located.

It is the same dike that puts out on the Oregon stage road below here, where two ladies have located on the seam which has been neglected for forty years. Mr. Carroll bought a pipe and a pair of overalls, became a typical miner, climbed 1000 feet and dug all day finding a vein of something or other. The vein does not yield anything, according to the great horn spoon, but he picked up a little piece of loose rock in his claim from which an assayer here got 25 cents worth of gold.

The expert says the rock is worth \$300 a ton, and Mr. Carroll will detail a miner to find where the rich chunk came from. The ladies who located that promising seam the stage wheels have scraped for forty years have named it the Bonnie Briar, and Mary Calkins Johnson, the newspaper writer, has located the Blue Top as an extension.

With not and tremendous labor I visited to-day the discovery in Morrison Gulch made by Truax and Dillon, which according to reliable reports, may prove a big thing. Dillon had gone trout fishing and Truax to buy powder. The Blythe dike, twenty miles long, winds around and along the upper part of Morrison Gulch up hundreds of feet above the creek, where the dry and unused dike was dug out of the rock where Truax found his sulphurets. At this point about three cubic feet of rock have been dug out from the bottom

wall of the dike, and samples of this have indicated a value in base ore of \$150 a ton. To the eye the gold-bearing belt of porphyry appears from fifteen to eighteen feet wide, but no average for the width has been made in an assay. Three hundred feet above similar values are said to be indicated.

The claim is called the Iron mine and is in a large formation of porphyry next to the Blue Jay mine and probably the source of the gold in the pockets the Graves brothers found. This is the situation and present measure of the Truax and Dillon discovery, which is heralded as a great one and which may be great for all anybody knows.

On Big Boulder Creek, several miles up Coffee Creek, Thomas Bighouse has been prospecting along the Blythe dike, as many others are doing, and the other day found a ledge of doubtful value. E. A. Wagner, owner of the Eleanor and part owner of the Black Warrior and other promising quartz mines in Coffee Creek, reports that Bighouse announced to him to-day that he had found a very rich deposit of quartz conglomerate along the dike high on the mountainside yielding 50 cents to \$1 to the pan.

A working miner from McCloud & Johnson's new quartz mine on the east fork of Trinity River, seven miles east of Trinity Center and three miles west of the county line, reports that while digging out a site for a stampmill at that mine a 12-foot ledge of rich quartz was found the day before yesterday.

Along Coffee Creek to-day I learned of four discoveries and locations of quartz ledges of the value of which there are no indications. The prospectors now flocking to Coffee Creek will find many quartz, porphyry and other veins bearing a little gold, but of small value, and a few ledges and pockets of value will doubtless be found. Some rich developments will likely follow when the exaggerated tales about the discoveries have been forgotten.

E. T. Casey of Randsburg is here and announces that he is going to locate and form a townsite on Coffee Creek near its mouth. Coffeeville may or may not materialize from a boomer's energy, but business began in Coffee Creek to-day. A rancher hired a man and went up the creek with a pack mule, peddling 200 pounds of potatoes, cabbages and turnips among the campers. J. O. DENNY.

NEW FINDS REPORTED. Increase of the Excitement Among Those Who Are Heading for Trinity.

BEDDING, CAL., Aug. 20.—This has been another day of intense excitement here over the Coffee Creek gold rush and hundreds of people have flocked out and left here during the past twelve hours.

Some seventy-five prospectors arrived from the south on this morning's overland train and about thirty more came up on the local this evening. It has been a great day with stores and hotels and thousands of dollars' worth of outfits have been put up. One of the largest outfits yet sent out was taken to the mines this afternoon by John Middleton. It consisted of a four-horse outfit filled with provisions, etc., and fourteen prospectors perched on top. All along the Sacramento Valley there is a general exodus this way. Two large outfits from Gridley arrived here this evening. They were typical prairie schooners loaded down with prospectors. They will have traveled 100 miles by the time they arrive at Trinity Center. Miners in the mines around Oroville, Butte County, are leaving for Trinity.

The rich strike reported yesterday above the Tower House, is even of a greater magnitude than at first stated. The strike is a rich quartz mine and was made by Alex. Gavin, E. Morse and W. A. Harit of Los Angeles, who arrived here to-day for supplies and who will return immediately and develop their mine. They have taken out several nuggets varying from \$5 to \$25, and the dirt laying on the bedrock is exceedingly rich.

Reports from Salmon River, just beyond Coffee Creek, to-night give an account of a rich discovery on the banks of that stream. A large party of prospectors were looking for a gravel mine and found a deposit that yielded on an average \$750 to the pan. When it is said that 100 pans

Minister to Russia. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—The president to-day appointed Ethan Allen Hitchcock of St. Louis Minister to Russia, vice Clifton K. Breckinridge of Arkansas.

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NEAR L. RABORDORE'S GREAT STRIKE.

Good Diggings Reached by Penetrating to the Bedrock.

LUCK OF MR. BENNETT AND HIS PARTY.

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FRESNO, CAL., Aug. 20.—A letter was received in this city to-day from Samuel Jennings, the store-keeper at Kenyon station on Pine Ridge, in which he stated that a man named Bennett and nine other miners had found rich placer diggings about the falls on Laurel Creek, near where Louis Rabordore made his great strike last week. The source of Mr. Jennings' information is not known, but the report he sends down is credited. How rich the new placers are he does not state.

Laurel Creek, above the falls, has many small flats along its banks, and on these the new diggings have been located. They have always yielded fairly good indications of gold, but never before have been thoroughly prospected. The miners have always confined their work to the surface, and never went down to the bedrock, having a mistaken idea that it was no use to penetrate very far into the earth.

Mr. Bennett formerly ran a sawmill on the ridge, and after he gave up the lumber business he turned his attention to mining. Early this season he began prospecting for gold on Laurel Creek. He picked out a flat above the falls and worked industriously till he reached bedrock, where, according to the report, his efforts were rewarded. The lucky prospector said nothing about his strike, but quietly came to Fresno, filed a location on his claim and organized a party of nine relatives and friends. They have located a good store of supplies and a complete outfit of mining tools, and with pack animals quietly made their way back to the Sierras, where fortune was awaiting them.

It was last Wednesday that the party passed Jennings' store. The travelers stopped there to rest awhile, and one of them remarked to Mr. Jennings that they were bound for goldfields that might rival the Klondike. The party has sixteen pack animals, which are now engaged in carrying lumber back to the diggings for building living-cabins and constructing sluiceways. Sluicing will be commenced as soon as the rains set in.

The miners are busy running a tunnel from the bed of the creek down to the bedrock of their claims, several of which have been located by the members of the party. The tunnel will facilitate the mining very much.

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RUSHING TO THE STEWART RIVER NOW

Discovery of Gold Fields That Are Richer Than the Klondike.

BUT THERE IS A SCARCITY OF FOOD.

Reports That May Cause an Additional Stampede to the North—More Gold Comes Down on the Steamer Starr.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 20.—Confirmation was received to-day of the indefinite report current for some time that the discovery of a richer gold field has caused a rush even from the Klondike.

A letter which has come through Juneau states definitely that this great strike has been made about sixty miles from Dawson City in the direction of Stewart River, and that the news of forty-seven pounds of gold having been taken out of the Discovery hole caused an immediate rush of 150 men from the Klondike for Stewart River.

The same letter says that all the tributaries of the Klondike are proving even richer than at first reported, and that the only fear in those parts is whether there is going to be enough grub at any price to feed the gold-diggers through the coming winter. Every day makes it more evident that it will be a matter of years to exhaust the rich placers already discovered, and capitalists are making preparations accordingly.

On Monday next F. M. Yorke of this city, who represents a Victoria company of abundant means, goes up to Teslin Lake to erect a sawmill and prepare for the construction of two large stern-wheel steamers for use on that lake and the Teslin River.

The opinion is gaining ground that there are quite as rich placers in Cassiar and Omineca as have been discovered in the Klondike. This opinion is based on the positive statements of miners who after a very brief experience abandoned this territory in the early sixties because of the then enormous cost and almost insuperable difficulty of getting in supplies, and next spring is expected to witness a rush overland from Ashcroft of men who will prospect Cassiar, Omineca and Northern Cariboo on the way to the country now monopolizing attention.

More Klondike gold came down to-day. The steamer George E. Starr of Seattle called at Union for coal and reported having a number of successful miners on board. One Seattle man who went in last year brings back \$16,000. A Victoria party of four bring \$25,000, and say that they are going right back to Dawson City.

THE RUSH SUBSIDING. But the Steamers to Depart From Seattle Will Carry Plenty of Gold-Seekers.

SEATTLE, WASH., Aug. 20.—The next news from the thousands of prospectors who are endeavoring to cross the trails from Dyea and Skaguay to reach the golden Klondike beyond will be brought down by the steamer Rosalie, which is due in this port on Sunday. The Rapid Transit is also expected the same day. These vessels are also likely to bring letters from Dawson City which may have been sent overland. But the greatest expectancy is in the coming of the steamer Portland from St. Michael. She may get in next Thursday or a day or two later, and it is believed that the returning miners will have in their possession the most glittering and substantial evidence of the continued richness of the Upper Yukon country.

It seems to be the general impression that the rush for the Klondike country is beginning to subside. A prominent hotel-keeper, in speaking on the subject to-day, said: "A month ago we had to turn people away. We had as high as three in a room and improvised beds were the order of the day. A good many people were actually compelled to walk the streets because they were unable to find a decent lodgins in the city. Now it is different. True, we are comfortably filled up now, but it is not the stampede it was three or four weeks ago. These reports that have come down from Dyea and Skaguay concerning the difficulty of crossing the summit this season are deterring a good many from starting out this year. I look for a tenfold bigger rush about next March than we have had this summer, but it is my opinion that the stampede for this year is over."

The rush may be pretty well over, but the list of passengers on the outgoing steamers for Alaska does not seem to indicate it. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company is selling tickets rapidly for the Queen, and it is settled that she will carry a heavy load of freight and passengers when she sails on Sunday. The company expects to keep its full complement of steamers on the Dyea route until about the middle of September, possibly until the last of the month. The Rosalie, belonging to the Alaska Steamship Company, is due in Seattle Sunday, and will sail again for Dyea next Tuesday. Carl Stoltenberg, agent for the company, said this morning that nearly every ticket for her next trip was sold. The various transportation companies figure that if the Portland brings down a large amount of gold such as she brought down the last

trip, all the rigors of an Alaskan winter will not prevent several thousand people from going up this fall. It was the return of the Portland last month that fanned the flames of the Klondike excitement and which threatens to do it again. Therefore it is very probable whether the Klondike rush for this year is over or not.

The Washington and Alaska Transit and Trading Company has been organized at Tacoma to operate the bark Shirley on the Alaska run. She is now at the city dock in Seattle, undergoing repairs and being refitted, at a cost of \$1500, and is causing considerable comment among those who talk of water craft. One thing is true, it is not an esthetic spectacle to look at. But this hardly argues that it is unseaworthy. The Shirley was built in 1850 at Medford, Mass., and nearly all the time since then she has been engaged in the Puget Sound trade. She is 180 feet long, 30 feet beam and 21 foot hold, having a capacity of 1000 tons. The Shirley will leave the Sound the latter part of next week for Dyea and Skaguay. Freight will be carried in the hold, and in the 'tween decks will be built stock and horse pens. She will carry a large number of horses. On the upper deck passenger accommodations will be placed.

Among the passengers who come north from San Francisco on the City of Puelia was L. F. McCormack of New York City, who took the steamer Al-Ki last night at Port Townsend for Alaska. He announced his intention to commence the beginning of next week the construction of a wire-ropeway tramway from Dyea to Lake Linderman, so that transportation facilities will be afforded all persons who may desire to go to the Klondike. McCormack was captain of Company B, Fourth United States Cavalry, during the war and is reputed to be a thoroughly practical business man. He seems to have every confidence in the success of the venture. He says a thorough test has been made by skilled engineers of his

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