

A MAN WHO BELIEVES IN THE COPPER RIVER

As a Mining Expert He Will Advise His Friends to Invest in That Region.

Next season extensive mining developments, involving thousands of dollars of capital, will take place in the Sunrise district in the Copper River country. A. C. Sheldon, a mining expert from Minneapolis, who returned from Sunrise on the steamer Newport Saturday, said to a Star reporter, "I went to Cook's inlet in the interest of wealthy capitalists of Minneapolis. They hold options on a great many claims on Mills creek, California creek and Crow creek. The capitalists purpose engaging in extensive mining operations by using hydraulic machinery. They only await a favorable report from me to place orders for the necessary machinery."

I prospecting in every direction while there, and found plenty of gold. The formation of the ground in some places is not favorable to hydraulic operations, owing to its flatness. There is gold in these places, but the water would have to be pumped so far to acquire a sufficient head that the operations would not pay. The ground is only favorable to small hand operations. The best claim I found was on Mills creek. Here is a sample of what we find there.

Mr. Sheldon produced a fine large nugget. "That nugget is worth \$40, and it is not the only one I found. On that claim we will erect a large hydraulic plant. All of our claims are placer. We will also erect hydraulic plants on the other two creeks. They will be ordered as soon as a return, and will be sent up in the spring. There are some claims there that are spoken of very highly, that are really no good. On the whole, however, I was very much pleased with the district, and my report will be favorable."

WRANGLE OVER REQUIREMENTS SOCIETY NAME OF OUR NAVY

W. C. T. U. Opposes the Young People's Union. The Most Pressing Need is Foreign Coaling Stations

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The organization of the Young People's Christian Temperance Union has been the cause of widening the breach between the factions of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. When the young people were forming a national organization in Chicago on September 28, Mrs. Susanna M. D. Fry, national secretary of the W. C. T. U., wrote to Miss Eva Shontz, national organizer of the new union, as follows:

"As much confusion already exists in the public mind among our membership on account of the similarity of name, Young People's Christian Temperance Union and that of our organization, the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union, allow me to ask you to kindly consider the advisability of changing the name of your society."

"This seemed to us a rather presumptuous request," said an officer of the Young People's Union yesterday. "The letters exactly express the idea of our organization. We were, most of us, formerly members of the other organization, but left it because we believed young men and young women could work together to better advantage than could the young women alone. The only way a young man can affiliate with the Y. W. C. T. U. is as an honorary member. He cannot hold office, vote or go as a delegate to conventions. It was impossible to get young men interested in an organization where they had no standing. Our organization is founded on the same theory as that held by co-educational institutions. We find that young men and young women work better as companions than separately."

The charge that Mrs. Shontz has been offered the national leadership of the Y. W. C. T. U. if she would bring the new organization with her was denied by Mrs. Stevens, president of the W. C. T. U.

"I am sure nothing of the kind has been suggested, at least since the Y. W. C. T. U. was organized. When it was first talked of there may have been some suggestion of the kind, but if so, I never heard of it."

Mrs. Stevens also denied that circulars had been sent out warning members of the Y. W. C. T. U. from affiliating with the Y. P. C. T. U. She said that there had been perplexity caused by the similarity in the names of the two organizations letters had been written explaining the matter, but further than this the W. C. T. U. had paid no attention to the new organization.

A BATTLE WITH A SAFE-BLOWER

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Nov. 12.—Early this morning Sergt. Kendall and Watchman Clayton discovered burglars in the office of the Ohio Falls Chain Works at Jeffersonville blowing open the safe. Sergt. Kendall started on a run for the office but was met by a man who with a pistol in his hand ordered him to halt. The officer instead opened fire and a lively battle followed, each man emptying his revolver. During this fight the man in the office made his escape. The other man was wounded by the bullets from the officer's revolver, but managed to get away. Thirty dollars only was secured from the safe.

MURDERED BY INDIAN SAVAGE

AUSTIN, Nev., Nov. 5.—A Plute Indian who has been hunted and pursued across the wilds of Nevada for two days by a band of peace officers, cowboys and Indian trappers, was landed in jail here today. The prisoner, charged with a double murder that has deprived B. Del Grosse, a section foreman in the employ of the Nevada Central railroad, of his wife and thirteen-month-old child and has left a two-month-old infant to struggle for life without a mother's nurturing care.

CLAIMS AT YORK.

Latest advices from Cape York report the country staked for 12 miles in every direction. The principal location here made on the Anovik river and its tributaries. The best claims are located on Honber creek. There are also valuable coal diggings in the same locality.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

A Joint Tariff Raising Present Schedule of Prices.

All the Pacific coast steamship lines, acting in conjunction with the trans-continental roads, have published a joint freight tariff advancing rates on all shipments save cotton 25 per cent. The tariff is now in effect.

This action has been contemplated for some time, but has just been taken. The exception of cotton from the list of commodities on which freight has advanced is made in view of the increasing shipments from this country to the Orient, and under the belief that it was better for the trade to leave the rates as they stand for the present.

The Suez canal routes were first to announce the increased freight rates, and while the Atlantic lines were raising theirs, the Pacific lines were still carrying freights at former rates. The increase of 25 per cent. equalizes the rates. This is the reason given in railroad and steamboat circles for the increase.

Equally as important among the reasons for the advance in rates is the fact that the traffic has become much heavier, charter rates have advanced, and the business in general, which has not noted transportation lines as much as it should, can readily stand the increase.

Interior shippers and the Oriental merchants will feel the increase most. Shipments to all Oriental ports are included in the new tariff.

As a matter of fact," continued Admiral Bradford, "it may be stated without fear of contradiction, that at present it would be impossible for a United States fleet to carry on active operations during a war anywhere, large about the coast of Europe, a large portion of Asia and South America, for want of coal."

"This country has assumed a position of great responsibility in connection with the maintenance of the sovereignty in the territory of the South American republics against any aggression on the part of a European nation, yet there is not a single port where coal or supplies may be obtained in time of war by a United States ship anywhere on the eastern or western coast of South America. In the West Indies and the Pacific ocean we are somewhat better off. It is of paramount importance to establish a coal depot on each side of the Isthmus of Panama, near the terminal of the Isthmian canal."

The force of childhood recollections and the truth of its quotation, "A touch of nature makes the whole world akin," were shown graphically by a little incident in a restaurant the other day. A quiet-looking, middle-aged man of prosperous appearance was eating his dinner, and another well-dressed man took a seat opposite to him. After giving his order in a bluff, genial manner, the newcomer took a sip of water and faced around. Suddenly a queer expression came over his face as he watched attentively the actions of his vis-a-vis, and apparently without realizing what he was doing, he burst out in a loud tone: "Well, well, well!"

Every man at the table, including the quiet-looking man, started, and the others, observing the direction of the speaker's gaze, turned their eyes also upon him of the quiet appearance to see what had caused the exclamation.

The man who had come in first was in the act of spreading sugar over a slice of buttered bread, but when he realized that all eyes were turned upon him he blushed like one detected in a heinous crime and almost fell off his chair. It took him a minute or two to recover, and then he said to the table in general: "I used to get bread and butter and sugar for being good when I was a child, and eating it is a habit which I like to indulge in even yet. I know I lost it on the restaurant bill of fare, but I couldn't resist the temptation."

"I must beg your pardon for my rude exclamation," replied the other man. "My mother used to put bread and butter and sugar in my lunch box when I went to school as an 8-year-old up to the country town where I was raised, and I haven't eaten any since my childhood, and I guess I'll join you in a piece now for the sake of old times." And he did.

AMUSEMENT BULLETIN.
SEATTLE THEATRE (Tonight)—"The Electrician."
THIRD AVENUE THEATRE—Murray and Mack in "Finnigan's Ball."
OLYMPIC HALL—Vaudeville and moving pictures.

A BIG POW-WOW HELD BY ALASKA INDIANS

The Loss of the Totem Pole Discussed --How the Pending Damage Suit Was Instituted.

The totem pole excitement among the Fox Indians of Tongas island has recently been fanned to a great height. The northern natives, like all American Indians, are prone to debate and counsel about the camp-fire. Mr. Bitoux, who is representing the claimants of the totem pole in this city, says that there was a big impromptu pow-wow when the Cape Fox tribe returned to their homes and found their idols had been taken by white men.

The effigy whose faces now blandly smile on Pioneer square was particularly dear to them. It had just been completed after months of patient carving with the ax and knife. The erection was to take place next December, amid a grand pow-wow and potlatch.

The Indians held a council at Tongas in the presence of the white men at that place. Cape Fox John, Billy Williams, Joe Brown, Johnny Johns, Daniel Kakhakes, Moses Kakhakes, Geo. Pui, Young McKay and others were present.

Cape Fox John opened the meeting. After his speech general debate followed. Every man talked to his neighbor, and all listened to the general trend of argument.

It was decided to let Mr. Bitoux, who was on his way to Seattle, interview the mayor and other dignitaries, and find out whether they would return the pole. If they refused, legal action was to follow.

It now transpires that the city council does not claim the pole. It simply allowed the "P.-I." committee to put it up in the square.

A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION
COUDERSPORT, Pa., Nov. 13.—Seven girls of this town have organized a musical society which they have named "The Primrose Quartet Club." Every member of the club, besides being pretty, is a good musician, and there is a scramble on the part of the young men of the county to engage the club for entertainments.

It has been suggested here that the popularity of this uniquely named organization will result in the marriage of all of its members before spring. At several assemblies where the Astoria Man-dolin club played, the musicians were so much of an attraction for the young men that the other girls at the dance were left to entertain themselves.

Union of Oil Workmen.
MARION, Ind., Nov. 13.—A union is to be formed in Grant county among the oil well workmen. It will have a membership of 5,000 men composed of contractors, drillers, tool dressers and pumpers. The contractor are getting 42 cents a foot for drilling wells. They will demand 50 cents a day and will demand \$5. The tool dressers are getting \$1 a day and will demand \$4. The pumpers want an increase from \$50 and \$60 to \$60 and \$75 a month. The increase will affect the Standard Oil Company and the Ohio Oil Company.

FATAL CLASH OF COAL MINERS
MACON, Mo., Nov. 13.—Two miners were killed and several wounded in a clash between negro non-union and white union factions today at Kansas and Texas mine No. 61, southwest of Bevier.

The negroes were warned not to leave the stockade, but several broke the rule and the fight resulted. A party of non-union negroes invaded a mine lately leased to W. E. Murkin by the Kansas & Texas company, which was to start up next week with union men, and after an exchange of a few shots, were driven off.

WILL WITHDRAW FROM BUSINESS
NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Isaac E. Gates, the treasurer of the Pacific Improvement company, in which Huntington and Crocker interests are involved, said today that the company had taken steps to conclude its affairs, but that the proceeds would be likely to require a considerable time. "It may be ready to go out of business in six months, or it may be as many years before the affairs of the company are wound up," he said. Gates said that it was not true that the Southern Pacific is about to absorb the Pacific Improvement company.

Monkey Cigar Lighter.
A monkey which bites the end of your cigar off and gives you a light or a match is one of the latest novelties for cigar stores. By pulling his tail his mouth comes down and bites off the end of the cigar. Then you can take a light from the top of his staff and matches from the glass in his left hand.

NEWS FROM THE REPUBLIC DISTRICT
REPUBLIC, Wash., Nov. 13.—The weather still continues disagreeable. The rain falls at short intervals, and the sun shines out for a few minutes occasionally. The pioneers of the camp have seen nothing like it before, and even the "breeds" cannot recall its kind.

Freighting is practically suspended, and there is no reason to believe that there will be a material change in the situation very soon. This will cause a raise in the price of hay and grain, as the stock on hand is none too large, and the time when any more may arrive cannot be told.

TIRED OF LIFE.
While in a fit of despondency, Wm. John, a tenderloin character, attempted to commit suicide Saturday night by drinking an ounce of carbolic acid. Dr. Borles was summoned, and after working several hours with John, declared him out of danger.

FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER
Max Miller, who was stabbed by Peter Florida, near Auburn, about six weeks ago, has been discharged from Providence hospital. Florida will be tried on a charge of assault with attempt to commit murder.

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