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**THE GOVERNMENT'S TRIAL OF A CORPSE.**

THE dispatches tell us that the Government is about to begin proceedings to test the validity of the location of the McDonald coal claims, on Bering lake. These claims furnish an interesting example of the way in which the Government of the United States has strangled the development of Alaska coal lands. Mr. T. P. McDonald, a Montana coal operator acquired three coal claims, through purchase from the original locators in 1906, and early the following year began their development in a workmanlike and comprehensive manner. During the year 1907 and a few months of 1908 he expended in development work a sum upwards of \$100,000, when the Department of the Interior notified him to quit work. He obeyed instructions, and though he was just about ready to mine coal for commercial purposes, and had closed contracts for several thousand tons of his product, he was forced to abandon the mine. It is needless to say that it has remained closed ever since, and the development work that was done is, of course, now practically useless, should the mine at any time hereafter be again opened up.

Mr. McDonald purchased the claims in good faith, from the original locators, whose title under the law was good, and whose locations were bona fide. Mr. McDonald was not the agent of any corporation, nor was any corporation interested with him directly or remotely. The money that was spent in the endeavor to open up an Alaska coal mine was largely his own, the remainder having been furnished by a few personal friends.

The Government of the United States first ruined him financially, by placing an embargo upon him by refusing him a permit to mine the coal he had developed; and now more than four years later the same Government has decided to test the validity of these coal locations. It is on a par with robbing a man of his all and then sandbagging him because he had not more; or to be more explicit, it is like killing a man first for an alleged crime and then trying the corpse to see if a mistake had been made.

It is difficult to refer to the gross crassness of the Government's policy toward Alaska in the matter of its coal resources without resorting to the strongest animadversions, because mere criticism is wholly inadequate to meet the exigencies of a situation that has been forced upon a young and struggling territory.

The question of a transportation employee's "right to get drunk" when off duty is agitating England. The sentence to one year's imprisonment of a New York chauffeur convicted of recklessly driving his car while under the influence of liquor establishes an excellent precedent for dealing with employees whose occupation concerns public safety who get drunk while on duty.

And now the House Merchant Marine Committee has begun to probe the alleged existence of a steamship trust. This may give the railroads breathing space.

**THE SILENCE OF THE "MONEY TRUST."**

WHEN J. Pierpont Morgan recently appeared before the Congressional Committee investigating the alleged money trust, he was valuable to a degree, as soon as a temporary diffidence had passed. And while the committee had ample evidence of the powers of speech possessed by Mr. Morgan, the sum total of his remarks shed but little additional light on the subject under inquiry. The New York financier was something more than an adipose bundle of mere negations; he was positive at all times, ever insistent that a money trust was but the phantasy of an idle dream. And he left the committee room satisfied, and as smug as cold molasses. Neither the investigators nor the world at large received much information of real value from Mr. Morgan, apart from the fact that he illustrated definitely what was well known before—that in the varied intricacies of finance his is a master mind.

For several months William Rockefeller evaded the process servers, who, armed with subpoenas, desired to meet him on behalf of the Committee of Congress. Finally, through his attorneys, he accepted service of the summons. But now comes the news that Mr. Rockefeller has no power of speech, and that were he to give oral testimony before the committee strangulation might result at a consequence.

Chairman Pujio of the committee seems to be a sort of doubting Thomas, and has announced that the unwilling witness must be examined by a competent physician before he will consent to Mr. Rockefeller submitting his remarks in typewritten copy.

Whether Mr. Rockefeller's physical condition is such as is claimed is a matter of only passing interest. That which seems to have created doubt and distrust of the men who are supposed to control the alleged money trust, is their very evident reluctance to tell the whole truth. If there were nothing to conceal why this attitude in a matter that is considered of vital interest to the people of the United States.

The Oregon coast annually reaps its tale of human life. The wreck of the oil tanker Rosecrans and the loss of thirty-three lives adds to the gruesome list.

**THE SEARCH FOR THE "MISSING LINK."**

CHARLES DARWIN took up the old theory of man's descent from the higher apes and gave it standing as the modern doctrine of evolution, and science has ever since been seeking the missing link between the highest ape and the lowest man. It is still missing although it has been several times "discovered." There was the "Sussex skull," found in England; and the Pithecanthropus, as the missing link, was providently named in advance of his discovery. He has now been reconstructed by

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German scientists. He was, if he ever existed, a low-browed, hairy fellow, with thick lips, long, sinewy arms, and short, bowed legs. His foot had straightened out, his big toe no longer served as a thumb like the ape's and he lived on the ground.

Knowing what they sought, the scientists have had several disheartening false alarms. The Neanderthal man, discovered fifty-six years ago, was fully human though primitive. The Java man found in 1891 was too advanced for a missing link. The lady who originally owned the Sussex skull could speak and use tools, and her brain was as good as that of a Tasmanian of today. No ape has much more than half her brain.

With the possible exception of the Java man, whose bones are too incomplete for the scientists to agree about him fully, no human skeleton was ever unearthed of a type so low that it cannot be matched among living men; nor has any trace ever been found of ape remains higher in type than existing apes. The cave man and the stone-age man still exist. The ape-man is still to find.

Husbands desiring to retain a wife's affections are advised by a Boston feminine authority in domestic happiness to "call her 'dear' once in a while." Yet in New York a wife has caused her husband's arrest for his too frequent use of "dearie" in addressing her. The "rule of reason," of course, has to be considered in domestic precepts as well as in Federal laws.

Congress should pass that \$125,000 appropriation for a lighthouse at Cape St. Elias. A lighthouse there has been needed for years. It will be needed more and more in the years to come, with the development of the Westward country.

**AEROPLANES MEET IN MIDAIR.**

PARIS, Jan. 7.—An aeroplane collision in midair today imperilled the life of the son of Theophile Delcasse, Minister of Marine, and two aviators at Villacoublay, near Paris.

Young Delcasse was a passenger on board a monoplane piloted by George Collardeau. Another machine ascended, and the two aeroplanes started maneuvering around the aerodrome. The false movement of a lever caused them to come into collision, and the two wrecked machines interlocked and crashed to the earth.

One of young Delcasse's legs was fractured and Collardeau was badly bruised, while the pilot of the other aeroplane was probably fatally injured.

**GLIMPSE AT THE PAST.**

"I hear," remarked the Queen of Sheba, as she greeted Solomon, "you have just married your 1,400th wife."  
"Reports concerning my marriage, Your Majesty," pleasantly answered King Solomon, "are greatly exaggerated."

From which we seem to learn where Mark Twain got the idea.

**RAPID-TRANSIT NOTE.**

One girl tried to argue with us the other day that we should not object to having the back of our neck tickled with a \$15 feather.—Toledo Blade.

**A PRESENT.**

He—What are you going to give Kitty and Jack for a wedding present?  
She—Oh, I guess I'll send Kitty the bunch of letters Jack wrote me when we were engaged.

**POINTED PARAGRAPHS**

A scientist has discovered that the onion is a cure for love.

Public enthusiasm is often succeeded by public forgetfulness.

When a man develops into a growler it's time to rush him.

It's easier to persuade a man to stand alone than it is to induce him to stand a loan.

It's a safe bet that most of your friends are people who want you to work for them without pay.

Of course, love is blind, but it might be just as well to remember that the eyesight of the neighbors is good.

The successful man strikes while the iron is hot, but there are others who fail to recognize hot iron when they see it.

No doubt a prophet would have more honor in his own country if the natives didn't get tired of hearing him say, "I told you so."

A hint to advertisers—all that glitters isn't sold.

Many a man has reached the heights by putting up a bluff.

Every man is taken at his face value in the barber shop.

The fact that talk is cheap is what makes it so expensive in the end.

A woman is apt to cultivate the latest wrinkle, unless it happens to come in her face.

Some girls go through a marriage ceremony as though they had been used to it all their lives.

**"100 PER CENT BANK" IS CLOSED**

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—A private bank which advertised to pay 100 per cent interest a year "on all deposits, from one cent to \$15,000,000,000," was closed today with the arrest of F. B. Carson, its promoter, on a charge of using the mails to defraud. Circulars were sent to principals of schools throughout the country asking for deposits. Carson is said to have obtained many thousands of dollars.

The first poinsettias ever shipped to Alaska are on display in the show window of the WINTER & POND Store.

Every thing that will please a smoker may be found at BURFORD'S.

**The Juneau Steamship Co.**  
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**GEORGIA**  
Juneau-Sitka Route—Leaves Juneau for Hoonah, Gypsum, Tenakee, Killisnoo and Sitka—8:00 a. m., Nov. 5, 11, 17, 23, 29, Dec. 5, 11, 17, 23, 29, Jan. 4, 10, 16, 22, 28, Feb. 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, March 5, 11, 17, 23 and 29.  
Leaves Juneau for Funter and Chatham, 8:00 a. m.—Nov. 17, Dec. 11, Jan. 4, 28, Feb. 21, March 17.  
Leaves Juneau for Tyeo, 8:00 a. m.—Nov. 23, Dec. 23, Jan. 22, Feb. 21, March 23.  
Juneau - Skagway Route—Leaves Juneau for Pearl Harbor, Eagle River, Yankee Cove, Sentinel Light Station, Jualin, El dred Rock Light Station, Comet, Haines, Skagway, 8:00 a. m.—Nov. 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, Dec. 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, Jan. 2, 8, 14, 20, 26, Feb. 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, March 3, 9, 15, 21, 27.  
Returning leaves Skagway the following day at 8:00 a. m.  
WILLIS E. NOWELL, MANAGER

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**FERRY TIME SCHEDULE**

JUNEAU FERRY & NAVIGATION Co.—Operating Ferry Service Between JUNEAU, DOUGLAS, TREADWELL and SHEEP CREEK

Lv. Juneau for Douglas and Treadwell	Lv. Treadwell for Juneau	Leaves Douglas for Juneau	Leaves Juneau daily for Sheep Creek	From Juneau for Sheep Creek Saturday Night Only
8:00 a. m.	8:25 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	11:00 p. m.
9:00 a. m.	9:25 a. m.	9:30 a. m.	4:30 p. m.	for Juneau Returning Leaves Sheep Creek 11:40 p. m.
11:00 a. m.	12:00 noon	12:05 p. m.		Leaves Sheep Creek for Juneau Leaves Treadwell 11:45 p. m.
1:00 p. m.	1:40 p. m.	1:45 p. m.		Leaves Douglas 11:50 p. m.
3:00 p. m.	3:25 p. m.	3:30 p. m.		
4:30 p. m.	4:55 p. m.	5:30 p. m.		
6:30 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	7:05 p. m.		
8:00 p. m.	8:25 p. m.	8:30 p. m.		
9:00 p. m.	9:25 p. m.	9:30 p. m.		
11:00 p. m.	11:25 p. m.	11:30 p. m.		

Sunday Schedule same as above, except trip leaving Juneau at 8 a. m. is omitted

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