

# THE ESKIMO BULLETIN.

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## BRYAN ELECTED.

Special Dog-sled Dispatch.  
GOLOVIN BAY, Mar. 25.—Bryan is President, and U. S. is at war with Spain. This news comes from the Yukon.

## LAPPS TO COLONIZE ALASKA.

NORTON SOUND WILL BE SETTLED FIRST.

Twenty Pack-deer Gone to the Yukon Gold-fields.

Looking forward to the establishment, in the near future, of a Lapp colony, Dr. Sheldon Jackson, last Sept. instructed Supt. Kjellmann, of the U. S. Teller Reindeer Station, with two Lapps, to make an exploring trip on deer-sled to the Yukon and Kuskokwim valleys. On Dec., 15, 1896, Mr. Kjellmann and Lapps started on their long journey and returned to the Reindeer Station April 25, 1897, having travelled the Lapps estimate, about 1500 miles. While in the Yukon valley, they were five days without moss and five of their deer died of starvation. Unalakleet, on Norton Id., was selected as the most suitable place for the first colony. The Lapps' three years contract with the U. S. expires this Summer. Most of them will return to Norway. Per Rist, the wealthiest and most influential of them, accompanied Mr. Kjellmann on his trip of exploration, and it is thought he will be able to persuade many of his countrymen to colonize "Uncle Sam's" big unused deer-pasture, in case the Bureau of Education offers satisfactory inducements.

Dr. Jackson has just sent twenty reindeer to the Yukon gold-fields, where their utility and adaptability as pack-animals will be tested.

## Distilling a "Home Industry" 400 Gallons of Molasses Made Into Rum.

The oldest inhabitants say that, in the history of the Kengik-meets, the Winter of '96-'97 has never been paralleled for drunkenness, disorder, and bloodshed. Liquor has been distilled in almost every house. Some have manufactured it for trade and others for "family use." Those who had no outfits, borrowed their neighbors'. Protracted drunken brawls often prevented many from taking advantage of favorable conditions of ice and wind for seal and bear hunting. At times, many were on the verge of starvation.

It was a common occurrence, for the teacher, when returning home from Night school, to meet ten or fifteen drunken men and women. On two occasions, intoxicated men staggered into Sunday School. A five gallon oil can attached, at the top, to the end of an old gun-barrel which passes almost horizontally through a barrel filled with snow or ice-water, constitutes the still. A fermented mixture of molasses or sugar and flour, when placed in the oil can and heated sufficiently to cause the alcohol to pass off through the gun-barrel worm, produces a kind of rum, which, judging from the effects, seems to have all the desired properties of the imported article. A bottle full of the "Moonshine," "Aurora Borealis," or "Midnight-sun" brand, can be readily exchanged for a red fox skin. More than four hundred gallons of cheap black molasses and a quantity of sugar and flour have been used for this purpose. This same process of distilling is known and used in all the large settlement from St. Michaels to Pt. Barrow.

## CHIEF KOKITUK'S DEATH.

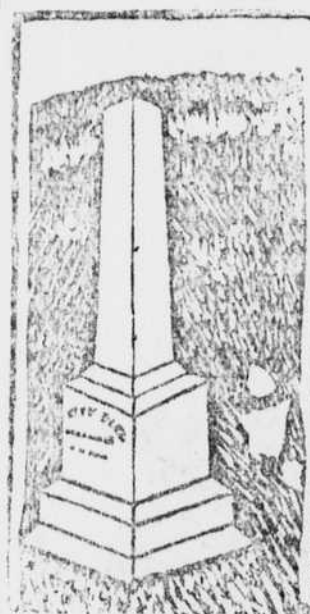
### SHOT AND STABBED BY TWO BROTHERS.

### His Brother is His Avenger.

On the night of Jan. 2, '97, the people were aroused from their slumbers by the startling news that the young chief, Kokituk had been shot and stabbed to death by Setartuk and his brother, Eraheruk, and that Setartuk was mortally wounded. It was difficult to

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## MR. THORNTON'S MONUMENT



Last Summer, friends of the late H. R. Thornton, sent a monument to mark his grave. This is the most western, if not the most northern marble grave stone on this continent. This cut, by our Eskimo engraver, is a true representation as

it stands on the hill-side facing the Strait. On one side is inscribed

"HARRISON R. THORNTON. Born Jan. 25, 1858. Died Aug. 19, 1893. A good soldier of Christ Jesus." On another side, "ERECTED BY FRIENDS IN SOUTHPOWERT, CONN."

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