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## A LETTER ABOUT KLONDIKE.

### A Telephone Line From Haines Mission to Dawson City.

Our Correspondent, Mr. Sammons, Says Those Who Go Into the Klondike Before February Will Be Disappointed.

TACOMA, WASH., NOV. 14, '97.

And now the transportation people are saying 200,000 people will go to the new Alaska gold diggings next spring. That would mean 50,000 per month for February, March, April and May. Therefore about 200 steamers carrying 250 people each would be required, provided each made a round trip monthly. Already there are fully fifty steamers in the service and during the past week fifteen new ones, including several of the largest Atlantic Ocean liners, have been engaged for use during the Klondike rush. Several of the new companies that will go into the water transportation business have been organized in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. But other cities are represented, including some Nebraska, Missouri and New York state points. The demand for lumber to build steamers for ocean and river travel has already become a feature of local trade and the ship yards are as busy as a bee-hive when the bees are about to swarm.

Considering the immense shipping business already done on Puget Sound the sight during the next few months when scores of new steamships and sailing vessels are being loaded, will be a sight to behold. Already steamers and sailing crafts come to Puget Sound from all parts of the world and carry away lumber, shingles, brick, lath, sash and doors, flour, paper, wheat, coal and salmon to the four corners of the world. The leading newspapers in the cities of the Sound print a weekly table each Monday morning showing where these vessels are, what they are loading, and for what port they are bound. Yesterday morning the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, in its table, reported twenty ships and steamers at Tacoma and five at Seattle loading and discharging cargoes. At Tacoma, where the vessels are thickest, the scene is already one of intense interest. At times it is possible to see vessels loading simultaneously for China, Japan, Alaska, South America, California and Oregon, Atlantic States, England, France, Central America, Australia and the Hawaiian Islands. With the addition of the many magnificent steamships that are to join the Puget Sound fleet from the Atlantic sea board, the picture presented to the Klondikers as they come and go will be one of a veritable water carnival.

While it is true that many Klondike companies are being organized for the promotion of impracticable schemes, devoid of capital or backing, it is nevertheless true that the legitimate companies already in the field throughout the country for the one purpose of transporting people to the Klondike region by water represent an actual interested capital of \$15,000,000. In five of the largest of the steamers the Cramp shipbuilders will be interested and the headquarters for these vessels will be at Tacoma while plying on the Pacific coasts.

Transportation is one of the great problems connected with the rush to Klondike. Many of the best minds in the country are at work on its solution. One day last week no less than five of the general passenger agents of railroads in the United States called at the Klondike Bureau at Tacoma. Among the number were John Sebastian, of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, S. K. Hooper, of the Denver & Rio Grande, F. A. Wadleigh, of the Rio Grande & Western. "We know all about railroading and taking care of the crowd," said Mr. Sebastian, the spokesman of one of the parties, "but we do not know everything about your steamboats. We are just now getting out new folders and maps for the Klondike busi-

ness, and we must have the latest and best information."

But the railroad and steamship men are not the only hustlers in sustaining communication with the Klondike. The electricians are at work and a telephone line from Haines Mission to Dawson City is the latest. A. C. Sands, of this city, is ready to build a telephone line from Dyea to Lake Bennett over the Chilkoot Pass and for the more serious work of reaching Dawson City on the "phone" all of next summer will be given up by the telephone companies. The long distance line will traverse the Dalton trail, striking the Yukon at Fort Selkirk. For over 200 miles the poles for this line will have to be set in ground that never thaws. Some people have curious ideas about how the holes should be dug. Some experienced contractors contend that the hole for each pole will have to be "burned down" the same as the Klondike miner burns the frozen earth to reach bed-rock—by burning wood on top of the frozen ground, thus thawing four to six inches of earth by each fire. Superintendent Sands states, however, that a number of fine steel crowbars will be used and a small portable forgo will be taken along with the construction gang to sharpen the bars. The holes will have to be sunk between three and four feet, and the demands for positions on the construction gang are very numerous, inasmuch as those who thus seek employment hope to use the telephone pole holes for prospecting purposes. Each hole will, in a measure, be a prospect hole, and may result in the discovery of many new gold fields.

At any rate by next summer we may expect to be able to introduce the "hello girl" at Dawson City. The telephone people will not introduce the telegraph business over their line. They are in the telephone business, and, therefore, opponents of the telegraph companies.

Telegraph Creek, at the head of navigation on the Stickeen trail route, is a constant reminder of the attempt to reach Europe via a telegraph line backed by American capital. Those who are thinking about the Klondike and examining the maps of that country have, no doubt, noted that there is a place on the map named Telegraph Creek. There is nothing up there to indicate that the place should be so named, but by delving into the history of telegraphy in this country the fact is brought out that when Cyrus Field was being called a lunatic for booming the Atlantic cable project, arrangements were made to build an overland line via Alaska to Siberia and Europe. Gangs of men had the work well under way when the Atlantic cable proved a success and Cyrus Field was heralded a genius. One of the points visited by the construction gangs was a point on the Stickeen river now known as Telegraph Creek.

Some of the miners who are going into the Klondike country in advance of the rush are to go by way of the Stickeen river and Telegraph Creek. Those who go before February 1 will meet with disappointment. I have carefully investigated all of the routes, and while it is true that the Stickeen river freezes over above a point where the tide does not dislodge the ice, it is also true that it is impossible to make headway until the heavy fall of snow is melted sufficiently during the day to cause a "crust" to form at night. On this crust good headway can be made. It is also true that while, as a rule, only from 18 inches to three feet of snow falls in the interior of Alaska during the winter, a six to eight foot fall is frequently experienced near the coast.

About 200 miners who believed they could proceed as soon as the snow fell at Telegraph Creek went there a month ago, but they will have to remain there until February 1 unless assisted over the trail by men who are to work all winter packing in supplies and material for a saw mill and steamboats for the headwaters of the Yukon.

For the benefit of parties now organizing in the east to go to Klondike in the spring, let me suggest that it would be wise to either send a repre-

sentative to make a personal examination of the route at the outfitting and embarkation point here, or, if the party is too small to warrant that expense, then the matter of securing detailed information referred to a friend or member of the party here or to a well-established and reliable business man or to the Citizens' Klondike committee. Too much care cannot be exercised. This is a word to the wise.

THOMAS SAMMONS.

## Facial Cream

To remove dirt from window glass rub a little kerosene on the spots.

To blacken worn boots, cut a raw potato in halves, with which rub the blacking in, and then polish.

To clean white silk lace, soak it in milk over night, and souse in warm soapsuds the next morning.

To whitens shoes, stand in soapsuds exposed to the rays of the sun.

To polish worn boots, there is no better preparation than melted beeswax applied with a clean cloth and well rubbed.

An excellent furniture polish is made by mixing turpentine and beeswax to the consistency of a thick cream.

Grass stains may be removed from light summer dresses by damping the soiled parts with alcohol and rubbing well until no trace of the green is left.

To prevent colored things from running: Boil a quart of a pound of soap till nearly dissolved, then add a small piece of alum, and boil with it; wash the things in this lather, but do not soap them. If they require a second washing, alum to that also as well as to the rinsing blue water.

## Observations.

Neatness and moderation is a virtue: but it is carried to the extreme in the case of the planets.

The planets are nearest heaven, at the smallest planets are nearest the sun.

A set of mortals has risen who believe that truth is not a printed speculation but a practical fact.

We should ponder the particular characteristics which are needed to encounter manfully all failures in life, and secure from them whatever benefit they are capable of bestowing, for these are very different from the qualities which enable a man to ride triumphantly on the tide of success.

## The Hicks 1898 Almanac and Paper.

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## BAD DOLLARS DESTROYED.

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"Every working day in the year Uncle Sam destroys a million dollars; deliberately tears up and grinds to pulp one million dollars' worth of paper money—genuine bank notes and greenbacks," writes Clifford Howard in the Ladies' Home Journal. "A million dollars in one, two, five, ten, twenty fifty, one hundred, and one thousand dollar notes, are daily punched full of holes, cut into halves and thrown into a machine that rapidly reduces them to a mass of mushy substance. Whenever a piece of paper money becomes soiled or torn it may be presented to the United States treasury and redeemed. Sooner or later every note that circulates among the people becomes unfit for further service, for it is bound to become dirty or mutilated by constant handling, and the United States government stands ready to give the holder of such a note a new note in exchange for it; or, in other words, the government will redeem it. The majority of the clerks employed in this important department of the government are women, many of whom are the most expert money counters and counterfeit detectors in the world. In fact, only experts can properly perform the work that is required; for not only must the soiled and mutilated money be accurately and rapidly counted but all counterfeit notes must be detected and thrown out. When we consider that some counterfeiters can so cleverly imitate genuine money that their spurious notes will circulate through the country without detection, and are not discovered until they are finally turned into the treasury, some idea of the proficiency of these experts can be gained, especially when we bear in mind that these notes are often so worn that the imprint on them can scarcely be deciphered. It not infrequently happens that these bad notes are detected simply by the feel of them, which in some cases is really the only way of discovering the fraud; for while a counterfeiter may occasionally succeed in so perfectly imitating the design of a note as to mislead even an expert, it is next to impossible for him to counterfeit the paper used by the government."

## The Ananias Club.

It was at one of the regular weekly meetings of the Ananias Club, and there was a candidate for admission. According to the invariable custom of the club the officers told stories and at their conclusion the initiate was required to make an effort. Immediately thereafter the balloting took place. If the members were satisfied that his story showed him to be a worthy companion they elected him one of their number; but if they were dissatisfied with it he was blackballed without mercy.

On this occasion the grand exalted chief liar, the highest officer of the club, said, "I was fishing in Buckskin creek a few weeks ago, and for nearly two hours I had no luck at all. I was beginning to think I had better return home when I felt a tug at my line, and I hooked what at first I thought was an eel. As I hauled the creature in however, I found that it was a big water snake. The reptile was ten feet long and swollen in the middle to enormous dimensions. I promptly killed him, and found inside no fewer than two hundred and fifty-three trout which I emptied into a little pool. They soon recovered from the comatose state in which they had been thrown by the process of swallowing, and when I took them home they were as

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fine eating as any trout I ever ate."

"Is that a fish-story or a snake-story?" asked the vice-grand exalted liar, who then proceeded to say, "My story is a very short one. I borrowed an umbrella of Jones yesterday, when it was raining hard, but I returned it to him this morning before he was up."

"Well, it seems to be my turn," said the grand mendacious scribe. "As most of you know, I was married something like six months ago. When my wife and I went to housekeeping we had the fortune to obtain an excellent cook; and, gentlemen, although we live fifteen miles in the country, that cook is with us still."

"It is now your turn," said the presiding officer as he turned to the applicant for membership, who stood up and began,

"Well gentlemen, the incident I am about to narrate took place last week. I was going to the park on a bicycle. It was the very first time I had ever been on a wheel, and I was riding with the ease and grace of an expert when"

The candidate was interrupted by wild shouts from the members. "That's enough!" they cried. "Proceed to balloting." He was elected unanimously.

## Her Pocket.

Appropos of the difficulty even their fair owners experience in locating ladies' pockets, an English paper tells a story of a lady who, arrayed in a new frock, took a hansom the other day, and, on alighting, hunted vainly for the entrance to a pocket where she had confidently placed her purse. The quest was so unduly prolonged, that at last her charioteer, who was not a man of refinement, remarked, from his perch: "Now, then marm, when you've quite done a-scratchin' of your back will you pay me my fare?"

## A Camel's Vengeance.

Camels have a great share of intelligence, and the Arabs assert that they are so extremely sensible of injustice and ill-treatment that, when this is carried too far, the inflietor will not find it easy to escape their vengeance, and that they will retain the remembrance of an injury till an opportunity offers for gratifying their revenge. Eager, however, to express their resentment, they no longer retain any rancor when once they are satisfied; and it is even sufficient for them to believe that they satisfied their vengeance. Accordingly when an Arab has excited the rage of a camel, he throws down his garments in some place near which the animal is to pass, and disposes them in such a manner that they appear to cover a man sleeping under them. The animal recognizes the clothes, seizes them in his teeth, shakes them in violence, and tramples on them in a rage. When his anger is appeased he leaves them, and then the owner of the garments may make his appearance, and without any fear may load and guide him as he pleases.

At one time a case of very trifling importance, which had well-nigh run the gauntlet of legal adjudication, came before the supreme court of Vermont. The counsel for the plaintiff was opening with the usual apologies for a frivolous suit, when the subject-matter, "to-wit, one turkey, of great value," caught the ear of Judge Chase. "Mr. Clerk," he called out, in an irate tone, "strike this case from the docket. The supreme court of the state of Vermont does not sit here to determine the ownership of a turkey."

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