KING OF KLONDIKE.

Alex. MacDonald's Career in the New Gold Country—Didn't Know he had Brains Until he Quit Working and Concluded to get Rich—Worth Millions Now.

Frederick Palmer in New York Press: Bill Conders, who had been in Alaska for eight years had $3,000 in gold dust in the spring of '96. "Never had so much before," he reasoned, "an' ain't likely to have so much again unless I go out an' blow it." Bill knew everybody in Circle City, and everybody—which includes the Indians and the Malamute dogs—came down to the steamer to see him off. Before Bill reached Seattle the rich diggings of the Klondike were discovered and Bill's old friends who had staked claims in the first rush were worth fortunes. A year later, when Bill returned, he sat down on a log in front of Dawson with his friends, and each one bit off a chew from Bill's plug.

"Well, Bill," said one of them. 'Alec MacDonald has got pretty near the whole shooting match. He's king of the Klondike now."

"What! Big Alec that was down in Circle?"

"Yep. He was workin' a windlass for Frank Conrad. You remember him? So tall he had to go down on his knees to get in a cabin door? Made him tired to lift up his arms and his legs used to get tied in a knot? Didn't drink and didn't seem to care a damn, anyway? Well, that lucky cuss is worth three millions if he is worth a cent. Fellers that come down the creek with white collars on and Jap cooks they call him Mister MacDonald."

"Staked it, I suppose? Fell into it and couldn't get out of it?"

"Nop. Never staked nothin'!"

"Well, how in h—l did he get it, then?"

"Brains!"

"Humph! Thought there was somethin' unnatural about it," put in Bill.

"That explains it all. We never knew he had 'em, and he didn't know he had 'em till one day he threw up his job and said: 'I ain't going to work any more. I'm going to get rich.' That was just after the Bonanza strike, when we didn't know what was in Eldorado. Most of us thought there wasn't a color in it. Alec scraped three or four hundred dollars together, and he bought No. 20 Eldorado, and everybody thought that he had only clinched another nail in his reputation for being a lightweight. God Almighty! But he took $250,000 out of No. 20 the first season. She's good for a million if she's worth a cent. Besides that, you'll find that wherever there's a good claim in the country Alec's either got his hand on it or is next door to it. Plunge! Why, that long, lanky Scot that was turning a windlass for $3 a day two years ago plunges in a way that'd turn you grayheaded in a night."

Indisputably, "Big Alec" is the leading man of the Klondike. It is a community of claim owners and of the king. In wealth nor in power no one there approaches him. After him there are a score of men, one of whom is as rich as another. He is six feet 2 inches in height, and not particular as to the clothes he wears. In the front room of the little cabin, where he rolls up in a blanket at night when he stops at Dawson, are two boards propped against the wall.

Only of late have the two boards risen to the dignity of three unassuming account books, in charge of a man who is the king's secretary. But, having these luxuries, the king continues to carry his accounts in his head. How would he know that the account books were right if he didn't? As a boy, he learned to read and write, which was considered enough for any boy in the rural part of Nova Scotia to know. If he had received an education, perhaps he would have more respect for written language. When a man goes to him, with a long written contract, the King says:

"Now, I tell you what I'm going to do. I'll remember just what I told you and I'll do it. If you don't like that I'll do business with somebody else."

If he goes to any man in the Klondike and says: "I'll give you $20,000 for your claim a month from to-day," the man knows that he will see the $20,000 on that day. He was one of the first to have confidence in the country. When his confidence was proved wise the miner of the Klondike in turn, had confidence in him.

The King drifted westward from Nova Scotia long before he was of age. In the '80's he accumulated as much as $15,000 in mining operations in Colorado. This he lost and then he started for Alaska.

Every cent that he got out of No. 20 Eldorado, the first winter, he invested in other claims, and with it all the other capital that he could get on the strength of the gold still in the ground at No. 20, and of the gold supposed to be under the untouched sod of his new purchases, paying as high, in some instances, as 10 per cent a month interest. For capital was scarce and knew its value.

The first time I ever saw the Klonghe was in the cashier's office of the Alaska Commercial Company, and he needed a shave as much as the men who were crowding around him. The men had packed down from his claim $200,000 in dust, which was piled on the counter in leather bags. This amount was all going for the grocery bills of his employes and the payment of sums that he had borrowed during the winter. "I'll pay when clean-up comes," was the promise that he invariably made; and he kept the promise. Even the men who worked for him waited for their wages until clean-up came. When he had bought a claim on his word he got men to work it on his word. He bought lumber for his sluice boxes on his word.

It was a case of make or break, and the Alec MacDonald who was a poor man in the summer of '97 in the summer of '98 was worth $2,000,000. His claims seem to have been selected in the right places. He had no interest on Lower Bonanza, which was the disappointment of the season. The claims he owned on Upper Bonanza and Eldorado happened to be the best there. Whereas his confidence in the new creeks, Sulphur and Dominion, seems to have been perfectly well founded. For his claims on Dominion and Sulphur he could have received three times their cost last June, but he wouldn't sell.

"I am no speculator," he said. "When I buy a claim I work it, and when I go broke it will be because I've made mistakes in buying." Big Alec talks this way to his intimate friends, but not to a stranger. The giant seems as awkward to the stranger as a country boy in town.

His best friend is Captain Hansen, the most popular man in the Klondike, and the captain worked all of his wiles for fifteen minutes to get Big Alec to pose for the photograph for this article, which was taken in the captain's office. There is about the giant, however, a certain natural power and awkward politeness which an outsider is more likely to observe than his old comrades at Forty Mile. "Just to look at Big Alec," say the elect of the Klondike, "he don't know nothin'. But get him out on a dump and you find out how ignorant you are yourself. The only thing he can talk about is placer mines, and when he talks about placer mines, damned if he ain't eloquent.

The success of his clean-up this year has made him literally a fetish. The first recommendation of a claim put forward by its owners is that the king has looked it over with a view to buying it. Probably the King has.

The King does not drink or smoke. He never plays faro or hangs about the saloons and his legs are long. A part of his superiority is his physical fitness, for no man in the Klondike can travel so many miles between the different creeks and between the creeks and Dawson in a day as Alec MacDonald. That he has looked at a claim is nothing in its favor, but the owner of the claim uses it as an argument to show that MacDonald wants to buy it.

Wherever a discovery is made the King's long legs soon make footsteps toward that spot, and he examines it in his own way. He has long since ceased to buy claims in his own name. If he speaks of buying a certain claim the owner of it will at once come to think that he has underestimated the value of his property—else why should the King want it—and proceed to increase the price. The King's puppets, varying from rough miners to the amusing Yukon dandies, who lotter in the saloons, do his buying. As he has examined all claims, it is never known which one he favors, until he has consummated a purchase, and he rarely employs the same puppet twice. The puppet is well paid for his work, and if he is clever he may make a fortune. For the King owns few claims outright, and, indeed, this seems against his policy. The King has an army of partners. A partner, who will always be on the claim in serving his own interest by getting the most gold possible at the least expense out of the ground must also serve the King; and the King's long legs carry him about from property to property often enough and at such times as to protect the interest of partner against partner.

"I've been working a lay up on No. 21," said a young man, who had waited his turn at the King's cabin door, "and I know pretty well what's in it. The owner doesn't. He's no miner and he wants to get out of the country. I could get the claim, myself, for $50,000, this year's dumps included, and there's $300,000 in it if there's a cent, and I thought I'd put you on it, and maybe, if you bought it, you'd give me something for the information."

"I've had my eye on No. 21 all along," said the King, "but I've been looking for the proper man to work it. You've handled your lay better than any one else on No. 21."

"Didn't know you had ever seen it."

"Oh, I've noticed it when I passed by," said the King, 'and I took a little closer look one day when you were up on the hill rustling firewood. I'll put up the money, you work the claim, and your share of the cost will come out of the first clean-up next spring."

This was a great thing for the young man and also a great thing for the King, for good placer miners and capital are still pretty rare in Dawson—and this is the combination and the only combination that can make money in the Klondike at the present moment.

Most of the newly rich in the Klondike are inclined to buy the best clothes in the market, and they wear large nuggets on their watch-chains and for scarf-pins. The King dresses no better than any other workman, and this helps him to glean from the workmen the information that he needs. They were the first men to accept his word without a contract, when he said he would pay so much money for such a thing at a given time. For the curbstone brokers and speculators in patent leather shoes, who always sneeze whenever the King takes snuff, the King has the profoundest contempt.

The King is not fond of books or magazines, or of the theatre—not yet. He says he has never thought about getting married. He is as busy as a quartermaster in the army. Wherever he goes there are always men waiting to see him. He is prone to admit that he is a natural plunger, that he enjoys it; that he would rather tackle a big thing than a little thing any day. "So long as I stick to what I am doing now," he says, candidly, "I am all right; but if I get to fooling with other things I may lose all I've got. And I'm likely to get into other things. I like to be doing something."

The King has not been out of the country in five years—since his arrival, in fact. As he is only thirty-five years of age, he has time yet in which to cultivate civilization after the manner of John Mackay. If he becomes as rich as Mackay—and his friends say that he will.

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To be Mustered Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 29.—The following troops have been ordered mustered out:

Ninth Massachusetts from Middletown, Pa., to South Framingham, Mass., where they will be mustered out; Seventh Illinois from Middletown to Springfield; First Illinois, Lexington, Ky., to Springfield; Fifth Illinois, Lexington to Springfield; Sixty-fifth New York, from Camp Alger to Buffalo; Fifth Ohio Infantry from Fernandina, Fla., to Columbus, Ohio; First Wisconsin, from Jacksonville, to Camp Douglass, Wis.; Third United States Volunteers Cavalry, (Grigsby) at Chickamauga; Fourth Texas at Austin, Texas.

Wreck of the Soldiers Train.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 29.—The total list from last night's accident on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, in which a train bearing six companies of the Sixty-ninth New York regiment was wrecked, remains at two, Private Potter Farley and Quartermaster Sergeant Frank Glennan, both of Company M. Sergeant J. J. Manning, of Company E, is suffering from a compound fracture of the spine and is expected to die. None of the others are thought to be seriously hurt, although about twenty-five privates are at the hospital and are suffering from bruises, shocks and other minor injuries. A number of the regiment left here for Huntsville, at 4 o'clock this morning.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, August 29.—Money on call firmer at 2@3 per cent; last loan 2½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 84¾@4 85 for demand and at $4 83½@4 83¾ for sixty days. Posted rates $4 84@4 84½ and $4 86. Commercial bills $4 82@4 82¼. Silver certificates 58¾@60c. Bar silver 59¾c. Mexican dollars 46½c.

Prices of stocks broke sharply today and showed depression throughout. The first rally showed considerable vigor, but later in the day the recuperative power of the market became feebler and the close was barely steady at affghtly above the lowest. Net losses ranged from 1 to over 2 per cent in leading stocks. There was a growing disposition to realise profits both by professional traders and by outside holders. The latter was shown by the steady stream of selling orders that came from the commission houses all day. Professional traders quite generally took the side of the market and bears sold with growing confidence, the demand to cover at the close being very light, even with the substantial reduction of prices. There is evident a large growth of the powerful trading element which has lightened its holding of stocks and is anxious for lower prices to buy back again. There was palpable manipulation at the opening to fix a low level for prices. In some of the leading stocks the opening was about the lowest of the day. Others held quite firmly for the rest of the day's session, but eventually yielded to the persistent demonstration of the bears in other stocks. Buying for London account was a distinctive factor in the firmness in a number of international favorites, notably Southern preferred. Erie first preferred, Denver preferred and Norfolk & Western preferred. There was a steady absorption of stocks at the decline, which was especially marked in Burlington & St. Paul. This seemed to be the result of buying orders below the level of the market for traders account, as well as from comm ission houses. The same thing was evident in the Pacifics and other stocks here and there throughout the list. The tendency to sell was undoubtedly due to the prospects of tight money. The minimum rate for call loans was held at 2 per cent and 3 per cent was paid in some cases. In sympathy with the money market and with the increasing supply of grain and cotton bills, actual rates for sterling exchange declined ¼ in the pound. The London money market was marked up a sharp fraction to-day and there was buying of gold in the open market there, said to be for shipment to New York. No engagement was announced, however, in Wall street. Other departments of the money market showed a hardening tendency, but there was no change in the quotations. Aside from considerations of the money market there was nothing in the situation to account for the day's decline.

The higher rates for money caused a depression in the bond market, even more acute than that in stocks. Some of the speculative bonds that have been recent favorites showed marked reactions and heaviness predominated in all issues. Total sales, $3,725,000.

United States 3s when issued declined ½ per cent in the bid price and quarter on actual transactions. The new 4s coupon sold at 126¾, a decline of ½c, but the closing bids except the 3s, were unchanged.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 472,900 shares.

BONDS AND STOCK QUOTATIONS.

U. S. new 4s reg.	128	Ore. R. & Nav..	59½
do coupon	128	Pittsburgh	169
U. S. 4s	112	Reading	19⅝
do coupon	112½	do first	44½
do seconds	98	Rock Island	104⅞
U. S. 5s reg.	113	St. Paul	112¾
do 5s coupon	113	do preferred	154
Pacific 6s of '95	102¼	St. P. & Omaha	84
Atchison	13⅝	do preferred	153½
do preferred	36	Southern Pac.	22
*Bal. & Ohio	22	Texas & Pac.	13¼
Can. Pacific	86	Union Pac., pre.	66¼
Can. Southern	53½	Wabash	8¾
Central Pacific	20	do preferred	21¾
Ches. & Ohio	23½	†Wheel. & L. E.	2¾
Chi. & Alton	159	do preferred	14¼
Chi., Bur. & Q.	117¾	Adams Ex.	108
C. C. C. & St. L.	42¼	American Ex.	130
do preferred	88	U. S. Express	41
Del. & Hudson	108½	Wells Fargo	120
Del., Lack. & W.	153¼	Am. Spirits	13½
Den. & Rio G.	14¾	do preferred	39¼
do preferred	55¼	Am. Tobacco	143
Erie (new)	14⅞	do preferred	132
do first pre.	38⅝	People's Gas	104½
Fort Wayne	171	Col. F. & Iron	27½
Hocking Valley	5	do preferred	90
Illinois Central	111½	Gen. Electric	40½
Lake Erie & W.	18	Illinois Steel	70¼
do preferred	74½	Lead	37⅝
Lake Shore	192½	do preferred	110½
Lou. & Nash.	58½	Pacific Mail	37⅝
Mich. Central	105	Pullman Pal.	154
Mo. Pacific	36	Silver Cer.	59½
N. J. Central	92⅝	Sugar	142⅞
N. Y. Central	115¼	do preferred	114⅝
Northwestern	134½	Tenn. Coal & I	31
do preferred	175	U. S. Leather	7¼
Northern Pac.	39	do preferred	72¼
do preferred	76¼	Western Union	94⅜

*First assessment paid.
†Third assessment paid.

Breadstuffs and Provisions.

CHICAGO—Expectations of increased receipts to-morrow, together with a decrease in the visible supply, where the opposite had been predicted, caused almost the complete loss of an early advance in wheat to-day. Compared with last night September left off 1@1¼c higher, and December gained ⅞c. Corn is unchanged to ¼c up. Oats unchanged. Pork and lard are unchanged, and ribs rose 7½@10c.

Wheat experienced a strong start because of disappointingly small receipts in the northwest and higher quotations from Liverpool, although the latter were not unexpected in view of the advance on this side Saturday. Minneapolis and Duluth received 562 cars, compared with 939 on the previous Monday and 324 on the corresponding day of last year. The visible supply statement shows 77,000 bushels for the week, making the total 5,327,000 bushels. A year ago the visible supply decreased 1,256,000 bushels, and the total then was 15,473,000 bushels. As a decrease had been expected in to-day's statement, the bullishness of the market received a partial extinguisher. People who needed September wheat and had found considerable difficulty in buying were now enabled to have their wants supplied without shouting for the wheat, sellers being compelled to take a turn at the shouting.

The estimate that the car loads of wheat at Chicago for to-morrow's inspection would number 405 was another blow to the bulls in the market. That, in addition to the disappointment about the visible supply, caused September to drop for a time all its early advance. December was relatively firmer and did not decline more than ¼c while September was losing 1c. December was much more largely dealt in than September, and has most profoundly become the active trading future. September was difficult to buy when wanted, and hard to sell when considered desirable. The total for the day at all primary western markets amounted to 1,281,000 bushels, compared with 1,412,000 bushels a year ago. The clearances from Atlantic ports for the day were smaller than of late, the total in wheat and flour being 191,000 bushels. September opened unchanged to ⅛c higher at from 64@64¼c, but before much could be bought it was up to 64½c, and from that worked gradually upward to 65c. It declined again to 64c, touching 63¾@64c for a moment, and was 64@64¼c at the bell tap. December started ⅛@¼c up at 61¾@62c, advanced to 62¾@62⅞c and reacted to 61⅝@62c, which was its final trading.

A good speculative business was done in corn, and in the main the market was strong. The bone of contention was the condition of the growing crop, upon which subject there was a wide difference of opinion. The wheat market influenced corn when it was advancing, and correspondingly depressed the latter when it was declining. September opened unchanged to ⅛c lower at 28¾@28¾c, advanced to 30@30¼c, and closed at 29¾c for sellers.

There was little done in oats except changing from September to December, and September to May. The bulk of the changing from September to December was made even, and September and May changed at from 2@2¼c premium for the latter month. September opened ⅛c lower at 19¼c, rose to 20¼c, and reacted to 19¾c at the close.

Moderate buying by an English house held provisions firm. Lard and ribs were comparatively stronger than pork. September holdings have been transferred or sold, and the trade was no longer under the influence of operations by people who had no use for provisions on delivery day, now close at hand. September pork opened 2½c down at $8 87½ and sold up to $8 85. September lard started unchanged to 2½c lower at $5 10@5 12½, declined to $5 07½@5 10, then firmed up to $5 17½ at the close. September ribs began 2½@5c off at $5 20 and improved to $5 22½, the closing figure.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow: Wheat, 405 cars; corn, 1,080 cars; oats, 650 cars; hogs, 14,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2.				
Aug.	65½	65⅝	65¼	65¼
Sept.	64	65	63⅞	64½
Dec.	61⅝	62½	61⅝	61⅞
May	64½	64½	63⅞	64
Corn, No. 2.				
Aug.	30	30¼	29⅝	30
Sept.	29⅝	30¼	29⅝	30
Dec.	30¼	30½	30	30¼
May	33¼	33⅝	33¼	33⅝
Oats, No. 2.				
Sept.	19⅝	20⅛	19¾	19⅞
May	22	22¼	22	22
Mess Pork.				
Sept.	$ 8 82½	$ 8 85	$ 8 82½	$ 8 85
Oct.	8 90	8 90	8 87½	8 87½
Dec.	8 87½	8 95	8 87½	8 95
Lard.				
Sept.	5 10	5 17½	5 07½	5 17½
Oct.	5 15	5 22½	5 15	5 22½
Dec.	5 17½	5 27½	5 17½	5 27½
Short Ribs.				
Sept.	5 20	5 32½	5 20	5 32½
Oct.	5 20	5 35	5 20	5 35

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour quiet.

Wheat—No. 2 spring 63@64¼c; No. 3 spring 62@65c; No. 2 red 65c.

Corn—No. 2, 29½c; No. 2 yellow 30½@31c.

Oats—No. 2, 20¼c; No. 2 white 22½@25c; No. 3 white 22½@23½c.

Rye—No. 2, 43½c.

Barley—No. 2, 39@40c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, 86½c.

Timothy Seed—Prime $2 52½.

Mess Pork—Per barrel $8 85@8 90.

Lard—Per 100 pounds $5 10@5 17½c.

Short Ribs—Sides (loose) $5 20@5 50; dry salted shoulders (boxed) 4½@4¾c; short clear sides (boxed) $5 60@5 75.

Butter—Market firm; creameries 13@17c; dairies 12@17c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh 13½c.

NEW YORK—Flour, receipts 28,800 barrels; exports 8,145 barrels; market quiet but steady.

Wheat, receipts 224,775 bushels; exports 73,024 bushels; spot market steady; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 73¼@74¼c afloat to arrive; 75c f. o. b. spot afloat. Options opened firm and closed ½@¾c net higher, but ⅛c under the best point; August closed at 75c; September closed at 69¼c.

Corn, receipts 292,950 bushels; exports 72,627 bushels; spot market steady; No. 2, 36@36¼c f. o. b. afloat; options opened firm and closed partly ⅛c higher; September closed at 34½c.

Oats, receipts 216,000 bushels; exports 40,563 bushels; spot market easy; No. 2, 25½@27c; No. 2 white new 30½c; options quiet, but about steady, closing at ¼c advance.

Cheese steady. Rye steady. Tallow dull. Molasses steady. Cottonseed oil easy.

Coffee, options opened steady and closed steady at 5 points higher to 5 points lower; sales 17,500 bags.

Sugar, raw strong and held higher; refined strong and higher.

BALTIMORE—Flour dull. Wheat firmer; spot and mixed 78¼c; September 70@70¼c; receipts 83,500 bushels. Corn steady; spot and month 34¼@34⅝; September 34@34¼c; receipts 126,900 bushels; exports 170,000 bushels. Oats dull and lower; No. 2 white western 27@27½c; No. 2 mixed 24½@25c; receipts 17,855 bushels. Butter steady; fancy creamery 15c; do imitation 14@15c; do ladle 14@15c; good ladle 13c; store packed 12@14c. Cheese steady.

CINCINNATI—Flour dull. Wheat firmer; No. 2 red 67½c. Corn dull; No. 2 mixed 31c. Oats active; No. 2 mixed 21½@22c. Rye quiet; No. 2, 46c. Lard firm at $5 00. Bulk meats firm and higher at $5 60. Bacon firmer at $6 60. Whisky active and firm at $1 25. Butter easy. Sugar steady. Eggs firm and higher at 12c. Cheese firm.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO—Cattle slow and 5c lower; choice steers $5 20@5 60; mixed $4 05@4 85; beef steers $4 15@4 60; stockers and feeders $3 00@4 70; bulls $2 45@4 20; cows and heifers $2 00@4 45; calves $4 00@7 25. Hogs—market 10c lower; fair to choice $3 85@4 02½; packers $3 60@3 85; butchers $3 90@4 05; mixed $3 85@4 00; light $3 85@4 15; pigs $3 00@3 95. Sheep 5@10c down; poor to choice sheep $3 50@4 60; native lambs $6 00. Receipts: Cattle, 12,000 head; hogs, 28,000 head; sheep, 17,000 head.

EAST LIBERTY—Cattle lower; extra $5 15@5 25; prime $5 00@5 10; common $2 50 @3 85. Hogs fairly active; prime mediums $4 25@4 30; good Yorkers $4 20@4 25; heavy hogs $4 10@4 15; common to fair Yorkers $4 10@4 15; grassers and stubblers $3 85@4 00; pigs, as to quality, $3 70@4 00; roughs $2 50@3 00; skips and common pigs $2 00@3 50. Sheep strong; choice $4 60@4 65; common $3 25@3 75; choice spring lambs $5 00@5 80; common to good $4 00@5 50; veal calves $7 00@7 25.

CINCINNATI—Hogs stronger at $3 25@4 10.

Metals.

NEW YORK—Although generally metals showed a firm undertone in nearly all departments, holders regarded the outlook as very promising and offered sparingly as a rule. At the close the metal exchange called pig iron warrants steady at $6 70 bid and $6 90 asked; lake copper firm at $12 15 bid and $12 25 asked; tin dull and easy at $16 00 bid and $16 10 asked; lead very quiet at $4 10 bid and $4 15 asked; spelter quiet at $4 75 bid and $4 85 asked. The firm naming the settling price for leading western miners and smelters quotes lead at $3 90.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK—The opening conditions in dry goods are, on the whole, satisfactory. There is a fair proportion of buyers in town. Mail orders continue in fairly heavy proportion to provide an outlet for widely diversified classes of goods. Print cloths show the best results in cotton goods. There is continued curtailment at Fall River this week. It is almost impossible to obtain any but spots at 2c.

Petroleum.

OIL CITY—Credit balances $1 00; certificate sales 3,000 barrels of cash at 99½c; closed at 99½c bid for cash. Shipments August 27 and 28, 137,999 barrels; runs August 26, 27 and 28, 208,792 barrels.

Wool.

NEW YORK—Wool steady.

Beats the Klondike.

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Home-seekers Excursions.

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2	6:00	20	2:00	1	6:30
4	7:00	22	4:00	3	7:30
6	8:00	24	5:00	5	8:00
8	9:00	26	6:00	7	9:00
10	10:00	28	7:00	9	10:00
12	11:00	30	8:00	11	11:00
	p. m.	32	9:00		p. m.
14	12:00	34	10:00	13	12:00
16	1:00	36	11:00	15	1:00
18	2:00			17	2:00

19	3:00	21	4:00
23	5:00	25	6:00
27	7:00	29	8:00
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