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CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

SEATTLE, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

TIME TO CALL A HALT.

It is certainly time to call a halt in the rush to the Klondike. When the first news of the rich strikes in that mining region came out to the world, conditions as to transportation and food supplies were not thoroughly understood, and while words of warning were freely uttered, there was a general tendency to discount them, and to underestimate the dangers of the situation

The warnings which have reached the world by the Portland, on her present trip, are too direct, positive and emphatic to be disregarded or overlooked. There is only too much fear that the warnings have come too late. Briefly summarized. the situation presented is that there are fully 5,000 people at Dawson City now, who are dependent for their supplies for the next year upon the trading posts now in the country. With the present transportation facilities, supplies enough to feed the present population cannot by any possibility be taken up the river before the winter sets in and navigation ceases. This shortage of provisions means to those on the ground possible starvation and certain suffering and distress. The river will cease to be passable in the first week of October. From that time on until the middle of June, or for fully eight months at the least, there will be no possible way to get provisions into the country.

Yet the population will be largely augmented within the present month, and there is too much reason to fear that many of those going in will be insufficiently supplied. It is known that many who left Seattle well supplied with pront to last them for fully a year have been unable to get their outfits across the passes; and with feverish haste to get early on the ground have taken the desperate course of abandoning the greater portion of their supplies and pushinto the country.

The warnings which have come out from the Yukon are not sent out by the miners alone, but by every intelligent man who has taken pains to inform himself as to the situation. They are sup-

be that the stronger, more hardened and | will reach enormous figures. more desperate will see that their own | All of this has followed solely because

and so remain for a period of eight months. Klondike when the first boats descend the

whatever exists for any attempt to go into the Yukon country at this time. All who have returned, without exception, say that proper season in which to attempt to reach the country. Over the snow in the mountain passes provisions can at that season ha transported on sleds with comparative ease. The mining regions can be reached in time to do all the prespecting of which the short season will admit, and with as fair prospects of success as though the entire winter had been spent in the country. The dangers of starvation and suffering aside, there is little or nothing which can be accomplished during the next seven

These words of warning are given, not

ing to try their fortunes in the Klondike, but in the true interests of the city of Seattle. It is the part of everyone who has with any show of truth, that the people of Seattle encouraged men to go in to meet prospective starvation and death for the sake of profitting by the trade created as an incident to the rush.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THEFT.

crease the police force and to establish a rock pile are steps in the right direction. It will be necessary, however, to do something with the detective department. The men engaged in that branch of duty are competent and can do effective work, but they suffer from the disadvantage of being too well known to successfully perform the more delicate work required of men who must shadow suspicious characters. Some of our men are known to every citizen, and are among the first to be sought out for identification by thieves whose chief object in that direction is to know and avoid them.

It will be necessary to have one or two experienced thief catchers who shall not even be known to the police force. Their work is of the most secret kind, and their presence around the city hall would soon scome known to thieves, and they would be watched fully as carefully as the deectives could watch the thieves.

Burglars of the better class and confidence men do not frequent the saloons and public places where the lower order of criminals may usually be found. They are frequently men who never indules in any form of dissination when they have work on hand, but come into a town quietly, make a haul or two, and depart as quietly as they came. It is more difficult to obtain a clew to a burglary than to most murders, because more carefully planned in advance and every precaution taken to conceal the tracks.

A rigorous application of the punishment of rock breaking will do much to rid the city of suspicious characters, and so long as they are kept in the city they can render a service. We have already had a warning which has brought ruin upon a merchant who has been in the city for many years. While the police will do their duty, there is a responsibility upon storekeepers and others whose property is likely to tempt the cupidity of the thieving fraternity, and greater precautions must be taken.

EXTINCTION OF THE FUR SEAL

The American commissioners who have been for a year past investigating the condition of the fur seal rookeries are decidedly of the opinion that the seals are being exterminated, and that unless further steps are taken for their preservation they will soon become extinct. On the whole, it does not appear that this would be the most unsatisfactory solution of the sealing question. Aside from sentimental considerations, no serious damages would follow upon the complete extinction of the fur seal. The sealing industry has been, so far as the laws of the United States rigidly enforced could make it, a monopoly in the hands of one company composed of a limited number of stockholders. The total amount of the labor bills of this com- | Eldorado creek for \$1,200 and within a pany in any one year would hardly ex- few months saw \$96,600 taken out ceed those paid by any one of a dozen of it, must be a philosopher if he can product was an article of luxury solely, ity and describe it in language free from and was not essential to the comfort or happiness of any single individual. Moreover, there are innumerable substitutes for seal fur, every whit as useful and ing on with barely sufficient to take them | some even more fashionable, if fashion is to be considered the test.

Pelagic sealing, the only method of capturing the fur seal which was open to the citizens of the country, aside from those belonging to the favored company, has been rigidly restricted until it has ceased ported by the actual figures as to the to become profitable. In addition to this amount of supplies which have gone up, it has, through the repressive policy of or which may go up the river before it our government directed against it, been closes. The comparison of the amount | driven entirely into the hands of the citiof supplies with the number of those who | zens of Canada, in whose pecuniary welwill be compelled to subsist upon them | fare there is no reason why our governtells the story, and there is no escape | ment should take any particular interest. from the conclusion. The predictions as The attempts at suppressing pelagic sealto the results which will necessarily fol- | ing have cost the taxpayers of this government enormously, as a large fleet of whether a person going in now by paying | ployed in Bering sea, trying to enforce the the exorbitant packing charges is en- regulations governing the taking of seals abled to get sufficient supplies for his in open waters. The disputes over the right own use into the country. The dangers of the Canadians to take seals in the open which he will have to meet are substan- | waters has been the cause of friction betially as great as though he went in there | tween this government and that of Great unprovided. If there are only sufficient | Britain; and, in fact, the diplomatic comprovisions in the country for one-half of plications created thereby still remain to the present population, it makes very lit- be untangled. Our government, through tle difference who are the owners of those lis seizures of Canadian vessels engaged provisions. Starving men will care very in pelagic sealing, has, according to the little for questions of property rights. The | decision of an unbiased international best that can be expected is that when | tribunal, made itself liable to the owners the pluch comes, as come it will, all will of the captured vessels in damages which share alike. The more likely issue will have not yet been liquidated, but which

wants are supplied, no matter at what of the desire to preserve to the North American Commercial Company the It is not the intention to paint the situa- profitable monopoly of the killing of seals tion darker than it is, nor to needlessly in their breeding rookeries on the Pribilof play the part of an alarmist, but the situa- islands. It does not seem as though the tion must be looked squarely in the face. game were worth the candle. If the entire That situation simply is that there will be fur seal herd were to disappear off of the far from enough provisions in the Klon- earth, not two hundred American citizens dike country to support the lives of those would suffer the loss of employment, and now in that country during the present not an American home would lack winter; that within a very few weeks the in any of its comforts by reason of the country will be sealed in by ice and snow, fact. The government would lose the with good dog teams on which their sup- put annually by the necessity of patrolling others must of necessity remain until re- abandon a pursuit which has for some lief reaches them next summer. It may be years past proved to be entirely without a fearful story which will come out of the any profit, and the food fish in Pacific waters would be rid of their most dement could compensate that company for loss if it can be shown the gain already made has not amply repaid the

> It is very satisfactory to observe that General J. D. McIntyre, of the Washingten National Guard, has an appreciaered other than an honor to be a member of the national guard. The members were almost made to feel when the Populists got control that it was a disgrace to be a defender of the interests of a state. A

outlay of capital.

only for the benefit of all who are intend- military organization carnot be a success unless it is governed by military rules and inspired by military spirit. The appointment of an inspector from the regular the good name of the city at heart, to do army will have a most salutary effect uphis part to check from this time on and on the discipline of the militia, and revive until spring opens the mad rush to the some of that ardor which has always here-Klondike country. It must never be said, tofore distinguished men enrolled under

the Stars and Stripes.

On next Monday there will be seen in Seattle the fastest bicycle riders on the Coast. These races are a new departure, inasmuch as they are held under the auspices of the C. A. C. C., an opposition organization to the L. A. W. The cause of the new organization is the claim of the riders that the Eastern managers of the L. A. W. did not understand the needs of the Coast riders, and made no effort to cater to them. Whether this is right or wrong, it will give the Seattle public an opportunity to see the best riders on the Pacific coast, and this should certainly be the desire of all lovers of good

There will be scant sympathy for the niser who starved to death although he had sufficient money to afford an ample supply of the necessaries of life. It is 5 cents a day if a man has no more, but it cannot very well be done unless that plan is followed which London Punch made famous. His regimen was to eat an apple for breakfast, drink a glass of water for lunch in order to swell the apple, and dine with a friend.

If any prospector attempts to go to the Yukon it will not be without ample warning that he is taking a great risk. The same warning was given to the men who crossed the plains in '49, but that did not discourage tens of thousands. The fatalities on that route were many, but they were scarcely noticeable in comparison with the number of people who got safely through. The danger now is less from exposure than from shortness of provisions.

There are not many regiments in the United States which can claim the honor of having two of its officers become presidents of the United States. R. B. Haves and William McKinley both served in the Twenty-third Ohio. It has not escaped the memory of the people that Mc-Kinley began his military career in the ranks.

Gov. Rogers does not believe that the farmers will ever pay off their mortgages at their present profits. His belief does not carry as much weight as the experience of the farmers themselves. Mr. Regers says he has raised wheat himself. Well, he seems to have come out all right so far as emoluments are concerned.

A daring jail-break has occurred at Leadville. Sheriff Moyer will scarcely need reminding that he is likely to have for his guests some men who have both the daring and the skill to take every advantage mistaken leniency affords. Vigflance is quite compatible with humane treatment of prisoners.

The prospector who sold a claim on look at the situation with entire equan adjectives. It affords a fine lesson on the virtue of perseverance.

The situation in India is undoubtedly becoming very grave. The tribes have so far had an uninterrupted succession of victories, and much anxiety is felt concerning the women and children at some points. The massacre of Cawnpore is not forgotten yet.

It will be remembered as one of the notable incidents of the journey of C. K. Zilly up to Alaska that he kept up the spirits of his fellow passengers by playing on the banjo. He does not need that kind of an instrument now to keep him in good bumor.

France is beginning to have a little of the agitation in regard to the duty on corn, which racked England forty years The corn riots of London were among the most desperate civil outbreaks known to that country for two hundred

In case they should have overlooked it. the attention of the Populists is called to the fact that President McKinley has dined at the home of Senator Hanna, What makes his offense the greater is that it took place on the Sabbath.

The first duty owed by the new rector of St. Marks is to explain how his name is to be pronounced. Seattle is so accustomed to have its double liquid-letters at the other end, that it does not know just

Australia has sent three million dollars to San Francisco. That looks like sending coals to Newcastle

how to catch hold of Llwyd.

THE PAY OF THE POLICE.

Seattle, August 30, 1897. To the Editor: Permit me through the columns of your paper to say a few words in behalf of that faithful, hardworking, men, the members of the Seattle police

For the past three years the patrolmen his is not enough money for a man who olicemen in this city cannot at the nt time be hired for that salary. by four of the principal cities of this try. I will omit the chief and surrofficers and confine myself, to the eration of the amounts paid to the

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The class of men who could be em.

ployed at this increased salary and the ndered would more than comwith the corpse. pensate for the ade he additional cost. EDWARD C. CHEASTY.

Engineering and Mining Journal. On July 27th the Dominion cabinet decided to demand a royalty on the output of the new diggings of the Yukon. Under regulations previously issued, a fee of \$15 per claim for registry and a tax of \$100 per annum were imposed. Now, in addition to this, a royalty of 19 per cent. of the output is to be collected from all claims pro-ducing \$500 per month and 20 per cent. on those producing more than that amoun such a system, which is, we believe, with-

Canadian and Klondike Placers.

reover, every alternate claim on all cer ground is to be reserved as the property of the government, to be sold or workout precedent on this continent since the end of Spanish rule in Mexico, is startling to those who have already acquired prop-erty on the Klondike by right of location and possession, if not by title from the government, and to prospectors who are proposing to go there. The right of the Canadian government to make such regulations is unquestionable; the policy is doubtful. There is a suspicion that they would not have been so severe if it were not that most of the miners

in the district were Americans, and the rush of prospectors thither promises to be chiefly Americans also. It was, of course, ment would take measures to reimburse itself for the expenses of administration i the new district, and there is a plausible reason for a departure from the policy of rality in granting public mineral lar for the purpose of developing the unsettled parts of the country, since it is likely that the Yukon district has few natural resources besides its mines, and when the er are exhausted the district will be abandoned; but this looks only to the easlly worked placer deposits and falls to take into account the lodes whence they originated, which some day will require capital and industrial freedom for their exploitation. The measures adopted, however, seem to us unwise, owing to the retardation in the development of the mineral re-sources of the Canadian Yukon which they will cause, and the hard feeling they are sure to breed among the American pros-pectors, who are likely to clamor for re-taliatory measures. These will be, more-over, difficult and expensive taxes to colect, since it will be nearly impe watch every miner, and the Klondike is so near the American frontier that clans tine exportation can hardly be prevented. It is a sound principle of government that revenue needed should be raised in the nost inexpensive manner possible, and any other system is unjust to the people

Most of all to be regretted, however, is the possibility of friction arising between two nations whose interests are really identical; since recent history has dem strated that rich gold mines are a prolific source of contention and hard feeling.

Wigless Justice in England. London Telegraph.

In the course of yesterday morning the lord chief justice, having endeavored in vain to cool the heated atmosphere in his court by having the doors and windows opened, at last removed his wig, remark-ng that he did so because the temperature was exceedingly oppressive. He intimated to counsel that they could follow his ex-ample if they liked, and the majority of arristers present speedily did so.

Mr. Baron Pollock shortly afterward announced in his court that he had been informed that the lord chief justice had, in view of the heat of the weather, dispensed with his wig. He thought the course pursued was a sensible one, and removed his wig, and gave members of the bar permission to do the same. The harristers are don to do the same. The barristers present were chary to follow the suggestion, though subsequently some of them did so.

Proud Day for Halifax.

New York Tribune. All Halifax turned out to witness the trance of the Indiana into its big dry dock and it was one of the proud days in its history. To have a bigger dock than the whole United States, with the warships of that great nation enforced to take refuge in it because there is none spacious enough at home, is a legitimate ans were entitled to make the most of it.

Tin-Plated Facts.

A demand abroad for American tin is reported. Democrats will call the state ment a myth, but they no longer apply that name to the immense production of

WHEAT.

Spokane Chronicle: The present price of wheat is, according to the opinion servative wheat men, about as high as it will go and the farmer who sells now will in all probability not regret his action.

Snohomish Riverside: Well? Where are those "educators" who said that wheat and silver grew on the same stalk, or that wheat and silver would ever keep pace other in the world's markets' Demand is what rules these things, Mr

Whatcom Reveille: There was an advance in prices of corn, oats, rye, hay, poatoes, wheat, beans, cotton seed oil, hemp beeves, bacon, lard, rice, eggs, mutton, cqtton, tobacco, wool, and other articles of farm production during the month of July. How do you account for it?

Walla Walla Union: While the Union is onfident that wheat will command higher prices before the next harvest, it does beleve that the present advance has been more rapid than is justified by a sound business demand and that fluctuations in the market may be expected for some time. The sales have been extensive, the shipments very great and the danger to sta bility in prices will come from forcing the markets beyond demand for shipment. It price for wheat is the top notch around which prices will linger for some time and the speculative battle between the bulls and the bears will go on regardless of the interest of the farmer or consumer.

STATE PRESS.

Olympian: Stewart river goes the Klonlike a few nuggets better. And this is no

Tacoma News: The New York Times is so strong in its dislike of silver that it pub-lishes with relish a sneer of some one that the white metal will soon be so cheap and common that spittoons will be made of it.

Mount Vernon Post-Argus: What is the se of being in a hurry to get to the Klon-tke? Scientists tell us it will take 500,000 people fifty years to dig all the gold buried that region. According to that we have plenty of time, and do not need to worry over burdened wealth for several years to come.

Colfax Gazette: If a man had a boot or a tub full of gold dust, and yet was without food and without the opportunity o procure any, he would, from a life ardous risk. That is why some insurance companies refuse to issue policies on the ves of people proposing to prospect in the

COAST PAPERS.

San Francisco Chronicle: Lead is one of the few metals not yet found in Alaska, but that may be because the coroner hasn't yet qualified.

Salem Statesman: It was a God-sent ject lesson that helped to defeat Bryan ism last year. It is a God-sent ob esson that is helping to bury Bryanism

number of leading Popocrats -roughout the country who have voluntarily ex-pressed the belief that the free silver issue is dead, but it is somewhat disappointing ing.

to observe the length of time that some of their followers persist in setting up

San Francisco Call: If everybody who claims to have seen a balloon hovering over widely diverse parts of the Arctic is correct, a Klondiker could not well shoot into the air without bringing down an

San Francsico Examiner: Prof. Elliott says David Starr Jordan is a very "nice man," but he doesn't know much about seals. Mr. Jordan might retort that Prof. Elliott doesn't know much about seals, and is not a "nice man" either.

Portland Oregonian: The assassination of the president of Uruguay, coming so soon after that of the Spanish prime minister, suggests the operation of the imitative faculty, so prominent an element in the mind of both man and brute. There is scarce, v a great crime that attracts universal attention which does not soon find imitators, and the tendency of certain crimes to become epidemic in their character has a fixed law in the science of penology. Assassination is one of these. We may well congratulate ourselves if some man of unbalanced intellect does not make a similar attempt in our own

FACTS OF INTEREST.

The Oregon board of agriculture is offering premiums for flax culture. The Bank of England contains silver ingots which have lain in its vaults since

into a kind of rope, can suspend as much as \$29 pounds upon one end and not be injured. The Brooklyn bridge gives employment

to a permanent force of 773 men and wo-men, of whom ninety-five are policemen and 216 in the train department. An Eau Claire (Wis.) correspondent of Printer's Ink tells of a dry goods firm which advertises that its "store is the coolest place in town, as the trade winds are kept constantly circulating from aisle

to aisle, and there is such an air of polite attention." 50,907 are Europeans. The number of ac-tual Europeans, apart from immigrants from the British South African colonies and the Orange Free States, is 24,489, subdivided as follows: English, Scotch and Irish, 18,265; Russians, 3,335; Germans, 2,263; Dutch, 819; French, 442; Swedes or Norwegians, 311; Italians, 206; Swiss, 139,

and other countries, 709. An old gentleman in Lewiston, Me., now believes in miracles. He has had a great desire to own a hive of bees, and not long ago one of his neighbors promised him the bees, providing he would secure the empty hive. He accordingly did so, and left it standing on the plazza over night. What was his surprise in the morning to find his beehive occupied by a stray swarm that apparently came to him or were sent to gratify his earnest wish.

BITS OF HUMOR.

Mrs. Humbug (whose husband manufac tures patent medicines)—Scientists have just discovered a new disease! Mr. Humbug (aghast)—The deuce! That will cost me dear.

Mrs. Humbug—How so?
Mr. Humbug—Why, I've just had 1,000,000 circulars printed advertising my new "Cureall." Now I'll have to have them all reprinted, so as to get that confo ew disease into the list of certified cures.

Hindle-What a nuisance Jorkins is! He has gone and clipped out of this paper the only thing in it worth reading. Gamton—How do you know it was worth reading, when you haven't seen it?

Hindle-I have seen everything else that's in the paper.—Boston Transcript.

Teacher-If one servant girl could clean two rooms in two hours, how long would it take two servant girls to do it? Little Girl-Four hours.

Teacher-Wrong. It would only take one Little Girl-Oh, I didn't know you was talking about serva speaking terms .- Tid-Bits.

Brown-Did you ever try that tailor I recommended to you?
Green-Yes. Too expensive. Got two from him-one dress suit, one lawsuit .- Punch.

"Queen Victoria always looks so sol-"You'd look solemn, too, if you had had the Prince of Wales for a son all these years."-Chicago Record.

And now my tandem bicycle To Mabel's door I bring. I want a belle upon my wheel,
And one that I can ring.

—Detroit Journal.

NOTABLE PEOPLE.

Gen. Ira P. Jones, of Tennessee, who died the other day, was a member of Gov. Isham G. Harris' staff during the war, had served in the legislature, and was more generally known because of his connection with the newspapers of Nashville. Byron's sword, which he wore in the Greek revolution, was saved from the Chicago fire by Mrs. Keith, and now hangs in her library in Chicago. A picture of it appears in the September Scribner's to accompany Mr. Sanborn's article on "Lord Byron in the Greek Revolution."

Byron in the Greek Revolution."

Prof. Bushnell Hart, of Harvard, is editing a work in four volumes to illustrate "American History as Told by Contemporaries." It is made up of extracts from original sources. Volume I. deals with "Discovery and Colonization, 1462-1683." The succeeding volumes are "Making of the Republic, 1698-1783;" "Growth of the Nation, 1783-1845." and "Welding of the Nation, 1884-1885."

Senator Hale describes himself as follows: "Here I am, well dresed, and my tailor never has to wait for his pay. I live well. I have never done anything very mean. I am rich. I enjoy my riches. I am a gentleman in walk and in talk. Sometimes I am any any and can't conceal. Sometimes I am ennul and can't conceal it. If the Persians be right, that 'every man is as God makes him,' then I am that man, and if every man be as he fashions himself, then I am that man, too, and the senate is full of bigger fools than I am."

Notwithstanding eighteen wounds re-ceived in battles. Col. "Jack" Kavanaugh, of the English army, walked up and down the corridor of Chicago Auditorium Annex the corridor of Chicago Auditorium Ahnex one day last week with quick and active steps. "Oh, I am only in this country taking a little rest," said the well-known fighter and officer, "It has been a long time since I have been away from the army, and I am going to see America." Col. Kavanaugh is known all over the world for his many deeds of bravery. He is known in British army circles as the "man with a charmed life." Eighteen times he has either been shot or stabbed while in battle. Of late he has been actively engaged in Southern African troubles. He refused to discuss any of his many natrow escapes from death. "I never did believe in a man's talking about many narrow escapes from death. "I never did believe in a man's talking about himself," he said.

IS IT A DREAM?

What's that? Wheat up to a dollar? Did I hear you speak aright? Shingles a dollar and forty And hop prices out of sight?

The Eastern Washington farm hands Getting four dollars a day Helping to move the monstrous crops To the markets and away?

the mills in the East all running, That for years have idle lain, Thile everything is prospering 'Neath Republican rule again?

Why, a year ago the nation Was in the slough of despond. Did it follow Guide McKinley To shores of pienty beyond? Or is it a dream, and haven't Good times in earnest begun? Is Windy Bryan still talking? Oh, yes. But he's on the run. —Judd P. Todd. Union City, Washington.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS. Cohasset .- The expressions are not strictly correct, but are so frequently u that they seem to have acquired a mean-

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