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It ls An Elderade.

It is not a question now as to whether or not there is a rich de posit of gold somewhere in Alaska; but how rich it is or whether the gold finds are minimized and the dangers and difficulties to obtain it are magnified, in order to secure the brink of crime. larger grabs for the knowing ones, or whether the finds are magnified and the rigo's of an Alaskan wiater are forming a death trap for the venturesome who are avarieously inclined is a matter for much speculation.

We insert below part of a letter from Mr. Chande O Ramsey, a na tive of Rowan, to the Truth written from the State of Washington:

"Some of these stories read like fairy tails, but knowing the men as I do, seeing them leave here 18 months ago with barely enough money to land them in Alaska, and then see them return, many worth \$10,000, others \$50,000, and not a few over \$100,000, it is no wonder the whole Pacific coast is wild with excitement.

"This is no guess work, for there men brought back the dust, and it took two big express wagons guarded by eight men with rifles to haul the gold from the boat to the office. The next boat down is expected to bring about \$2,000,000. Every one Fin Seattle has gone crazy, and the steamers cannot begin to handle the Understand our old friend Scott Lindsay is interested in a claim, so he need not worry much about the future. I expect to go into the Yukon next spring myself, and if I am not fortunate enough to locate a claim, work at \$15 per day and board is not bad you know. All along the Yukon river and its tributaries gold is found in great quantities, and I have yet to meet the miner from Alaska, who would 'not tell you that concerning the great riches of the Klondike the half has never been told or dreamed of by mortal man. Certainly nothing in the history of the world equals it even now where it has only been washed down the river from some fountain source, and when that is discovered it will simply revolutionize the financial system of the United States if not the civilized world.

The Firemen's Tournament.

The local firemen estimate that from six to eight hundred firemen from this and other States will take part in the coming tournament, and that thousands of visitors will flock here from aboard. They say it will be three times as great as any simifar event ever hold inthe State, says the Fayetteville Observer.

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Financial Success.

The appeal of the firemen to the citizens for help, financially, in their time of need, was liberally responded to Thursday night at their lawn party on the graded school grounds. It was a decided success, from a finoncial standpoint, and the weather and other conditions were quite favorable. About \$38 were realized.

The firemen request [that THE STANDARD thanks one and all for their contributions, especialy the ladies, who kindly assisted them. They certainly do appreciate what has so generously been done for them, and they wish the public to know it.

An Old Landmark Being Torn Down.

The old Methodist church, which stood on Church street, in which our fathers worshipped nearly threequarters of a century ago, has been torn down. It was probably one of the oldest landmarks in the city, and was abandoned by the present Central Methodist church congregation in 1864. In its time, the build. The ing has served as a place of worship, a skating rink, a buggy house, a common warehouse, and recently as a guano warehouse.

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