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The Gold in Alaska.

THE REPORTS NOT EXAGGERATED, THE FINDS PROVING TO BE EXTREMELY RICH.

Something About the Country Where Millions of Dollars Worth of Gold Have Been Discovered Recently.

A Washington dispatch says Dr. Wm. H. Dall, one of the curators of the National Museum, is familiar with the country in which the Klondike gold fields are located through having been on several geological expeditions to the region in Alaska adjoining the gold district, and says that in his opinion the reports from there probably are not exaggerated.

"When I was there I did not find gold, but knew of it being taken out in profitable quantities for 15 years or more. It was first discovered there in 1866. In 1880, when I was up in that country, my last trip having been made two years before the party of prospectors, who make mining a profit, started out. The gold is found on the various tributaries of the Yukon and I have been within a comparatively short distance of the Klondike fields. I made one trip to Circle City, just over the boundary of Canada.

"The gold bearing belt in northwestern America contains all gold fields extending into British Columbia, what is known as the northwestern territory and Alaska. The Yukon really runs along in that belt for 500 or 600 miles. The bed of the main river is in the low land of the valley.

"The yellow metal is not found in paying quantities in the main river, but in the small streams which cut through the mountains on either side. These practically wash out the gold. The mud and mineral matter is carried into the main river, while the gold is left on the rough bottoms of these side streams.

In most cases the gold lies at the bottom of the thick gravel deposits. The gold is covered by frozen gravel in the winter. During the summer, until the snow is all melted, the surface is covered by muddy torrents. When the snow is melted and the springs begin to flow, the streams dry up. At the approach of winter, in order to get at the gold, the miners find it necessary to dig into the gravel formations.

"Formerly they stripped the gravel off, until they came to the gold. Now they sink a shaft to the bottom of the gravel and tunnel at right angles to the main stream, in the gold bearing layer. The way in which this is done is interesting as it has to be carried on in cold weather when everything is frozen. The miners build fires over the area where they wish to work and keep these lighted over that territory for the space of about 24 hours. At the expiration of this period the gravel will be melted, and softened to a depth of perhaps six inches. This is then taken off and other fires built until the gold bearing layer is reached. When the shaft is down that far fires are built at the bottom, against the sides of the layer, and tunnels made in this manner. Blasting would do no good, on account of the hard nature of the material, and would blow out just as out of a gun. The matter taken out containing the gold is piled up until spring, when the torrents come down and it is packed and carted by these. It is certainly very hard labor.

"I see many reasons why the gold fields should be particularly rich. The streams which cut through the mountains have probably done so for centuries, wearing them down several hundred feet and washing out the gold into the beds and gravel.

"It is a country in which it is very hard to find food, as there is practically no game. Before the whites went into the region there were more than 300 natives. They have hard work to support themselves, on account of the scarcity of game."

A Fort Townsend, Wash., dispatch of Saturday says: At 3 o'clock this morning the steamer Portland, from St. Michael's for Seattle, passed up the sound with more than a ton of solid gold on board and 68 passengers. In the captain's cabin are three chests and a large safe filled with precious nuggets, worth nearly \$700,000, and most of it taken out of the ground in less than three months of last winter. Of the 68 miners aboard hardly a man has less than \$7,000 and one or two have more than \$100,000 in yellow nuggets. The stories they tell are almost beyond belief. Instances are noted where single individuals have taken out, in two and a half months, gold to the value of \$150,000.

A man in Virginia, rode forty miles, to Fairfax Station, for the express purpose of getting Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and took home with him, a dozen bottles of the medicine. The druggist who relates the incident, adds: "Your remedy seems to be a general favorite wherever known." Its effects are indeed wonderful in all lung and throat troubles. Procure a bottle at I. W. West's and J. B. Smith's drug stores.

"Kuklux" in Arkansas.

A late special from Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, states that there is great excitement in Lawrence and Randolph counties over the continued outrages committed by a band of men known as the Kuklux. The band first made its appearance in Randolph county about a month ago, and its operations were confined to a few townships, but it is spreading until now the two counties are aroused over their actions. Hardly a week passes but some new outrage is committed. A number of men and even women have been dragged from their homes at night and whipped in a most cruel manner by the Kuklux, and one woman has died from the effects of a flogging administered on her bare back. The persons flogged have in every case been citizens with whom the Kuklux found some fault. In one case an old man and his wife were dragged from their bed, tied to a tree and whipped until their backs were raw because they did not send their daughter to school. Near Richwood, in Lawrence county, a few nights ago the band raided the home of Newton Gray, a respectable farmer, and Gray has not been seen or heard from since. It is believed he is dead. A number of outrages have been committed in the vicinity of Richmond in the past week and the excitement in that neighborhood is most intense. Thirteen well known residents of the neighborhood were arrested charged with being members of the organization, but at the examining trial ten of them were dismissed, three farmers, named Bishop, Gates and Fletcher, being bound over to the Circuit court.

Isaac Holderfield has been connected with the penitentiary for 26 years, and during his long service has made a reputation as a fearless prison official. The convicts are wary of trying to escape from him, for during his service he has shot down ten convicts, killing seven, while trying to escape.

A gentleman in Jackson township has a clock which is a true barometer and foretells rain more accurately than the oldest weather prophet. Before a rain the strokes of the clock become very indistinct and can scarcely be heard. In dry weather the strokes are very clear and distinct.—Monroe Enquirer.

Mrs. F. A. Slate died in Danbury a few nights ago. Mr. Slate had retired, leaving his wife sitting up reading in her usual health. During the night the husband was aroused by the child crying in the cradle. He then tried to awake his wife, but being unable to get her up, he got up, made a light and found that his wife was dead. She had one arm across the cradle.

It is learned from the Citizen that Mrs. Minnie L. Cooke, wife of ex-Mayor Cooke, of Asheville, committed suicide at her home in Asheville, while temporarily insane. She left a note to her husband, bidding him farewell and suggesting the arrangements for her funeral. She shot herself through the head, causing instant death. Mrs. Cooke was about 25 years old and was married last September.

Constable Sam Carter, of Ridge-way, shot a colored man last Friday and the wound proved fatal Sunday. A warrant had been issued against the negro, charging him with house-breaking and attempted rape. Carter was sent to serve the warrant, when the accused man resisted the officer, knocking him down two or three times. The constable killed the man in self-defence.—Leasville Gazette.

The Asheville Citizen says T. E. Gordon, an experienced tobacco man, is authority for the statement that the tobacco crop of the entire western section of the State will be unusually short this year. Mr. Gordon says he is reliably informed that the Madison crop will be about only one tenth as large as usual. This shortage is due, it is said, to the fact that the farmers were not satisfied with the prices last season and hence curtailed the acreage.

The Lincoln Journal says that a young man named James Hamrick died at Iron Station, Sunday a week ago, under peculiar circumstances. He was convalescing from an attack of fever, Saturday before his death a work train on the Carolina Central was engaged in loading railroad iron in front of his house. That night he dreamed that he was lying on the track, unable to move, and the train was about to run over him. The fright brought on heart failure, and he died.

Last winter Esq. Caffey harvested a large quantity of ice and it was housed in Trogdon's ice house. It has been used pretty freely this summer, until the other day. Several small, long white worms were observed in the water after the ice had melted. It seemed unreasonable that they should come out of the ice, but such was the fact. A piece of ice was washed perfectly clean and put in a glass and when it had melted a large number of these white worms were observed squirming in the bottom of the vessel.—North Wilkesboro Herald.

Ang. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Taylor & Banner's Drug Store.

North State News.

STATE ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE GATHERED FROM OUR MANY WIDE-AWAKE EXCHANGES.

Some People You Know and Others You Don't Know as Seen in Our State "Projectoscope."

The Kinston Lumber Company has, on motion of the Emerson Company, of Baltimore, and other creditors, been placed in the hands of Mayor Temple, of Kinston, as receiver. The plant is valued at \$20,000. Liabilities are \$16,000. The plant will be sold.

That is a sad piece of news that comes from Sparta. Prof. Olin P. Ader, principal of Wilkesboro High School, went to Elkin to be married to Miss Beatrice Smith. She was sick in bed, but they were married, and the next night the young bride died. There couldn't be a sadder incident.

Thirteen well known residents of the neighborhood were arrested charged with being members of the organization, but at the examining trial ten of them were dismissed, three farmers, named Bishop, Gates and Fletcher, being bound over to the Circuit court.

For Mothers. To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself.

Stories first heard at a mother's knee are never wholly forgotten, a little spring that never dries up in our journey through scorching years. The sooner you get a child to be a law unto himself, the sooner you will make a man of him.

Children need models more than criticism. We can never check what is evil in the young unless we cherish what is good in them.

Line upon line, precept upon precept, we must have in a home. But we must also have serenity, peace, and the absence of petty family finding, if home is to be a nursery fit for heaven's growing plants.

There is not a man or woman, however poor they may be, but have in it their power by the grace of God, to leave behind them the grandest thing on earth, character; and their children might rise up after them and thank God that their mother was a pious woman, or their father a pious man.—Dr. McLeod.

Lon. C. B. Bush, president of the Gilmer County (W. Va.) Court, says that he has had three cases of flux in his family, during the past summer, which he cured in less than a week with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Mr. Bush also states, that in some instances there were twenty hemorrhages a day.—Glenville, W. Va. Pathfinder. This remedy has been used in nine epidemics of flux and one of cholera, with perfect success. It can always be depended upon for bowel complaint, even in its most severe forms. Every family should keep it at hand. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by I. W. West and J. B. Smith.

It Cured Them All. Mr. Henry Shira, Girard, Ala., says: "Two years ago I had a severe case of Grippe and could not recover from its effects. About a year ago I tried King's Royal Germetuer and was soon well. It also cured me of bowel trouble, which I had for four years, and I find it to be a quick cure for headache. It cured my wife of Grippe also, and she says it is the best thing she can get for Asthma and Vertigo. I heartily recommend it as a good family medicine." New package, large bottle, 108 doses, \$1. For sale by Taylor & Banner.

Several years ago, as all the world remembers, a flood tore away and buried nearly the whole of Johns town, Pa. At that time a young woman came near to losing her life. She was rescued by John Conroy and afterwards married him, and they removed to Duquesne Junction, New York State. There on Wednesday, in a flood somewhat similar to that at Johnstown she lost her life, needlessly too for she left a place of safety in a panic, and got in the path of a wave from the broken reservoir. And this sort of thing is what we call fate.

The news of the death of Mr. James A. Leach, of Trounsville, was received with sadness in this office. He was the oldest continuous subscriber of this paper, having taken it under all changes of management and name since its establishment. He was a public-spirited citizen, a prominent Mason and devoted Methodist.—News and Observer.

The State superintendent of public instruction has a letter from Attorney General Waiser regarding the petition of Craven county commissioners, saying his decision stands that the public school tax election is legal and must be held.

The School Tax.

It is well known among our readers that The Standard has never been favorably impressed with our new school law. The matter for consideration, though, is not whether we like or dislike it. The vote to be cast on the 10th of August is not whether we will adopt the law or not. The law is made and whatever good there is in the new way we should grasp and whatever evil there is we should meet and overcome as best we can.

It the present location of school houses does not suit the new law, they will have to be made to suit. Without some extra funds from somewhere the small amounts of the school funds will be made still smaller.

The law requires a new election every two years until the tax is voted and each tax payer must help to pay his part of the State bounty to those townships that do vote to tax themselves.

This minimum tax of ten cents per hundred on property and 30 cents on the poll will not amount to much increase of burden and is not apt to work hardships on many that can keep out of jail with the ordinary tax.

We hope our citizens will see their way clear to give this new scheme a fair trial. If it proves satisfactory we will learn to like it and reap its benefits the sooner.

If it prove defective we shall know the sooner where to amend it.—Concord Standard.

A Big Watermelon for Mr. Bryan. Douglas Glesner, the secretary of the Georgia State Silver League, calls for a monster watermelon for Mr. Bryan, for which a reward of \$10 is offered. It seems that the commercial freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has offered a reward for the largest melon grown in the South to be presented to Mr. McKinley. Mr. Glesner declares that as the defeated candidate in the "big battle" remains the popular idol of the people, there is no reason why he should not have the largest watermelon that Georgia can send him. He, therefore, offers \$10 for the largest one grown in Georgia to be selected at once and sent to Hon. W. J. Bryan, at Lincoln, Neb. A great deal of interest has been aroused by this contest, and there can be no doubt but that Mr. Bryan will have a monster melon within a few days.

Mr. Glesner offers five dollars for the largest melon grown in Spalding county or the eight counties adjoining it, to be sent to Hon. H. S. Chapman, the democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, in which State the fight is being waged this year on single issue of free silver.

In All Respects Well. "I have been subject to great debility and attacks of rheumatism. I never received more than temporary relief from medicine, until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla which toned up my system and made me in all respects a well woman. I am thankful for Hood's Sarsaparilla." Martha Jackson, Bumpuss, Va.

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Dr. Hubert C. Hamlen, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hamlen, in this city, Tuesday, after a protracted pulmonary illness, aged 20 years. The deceased was born at Roxboro, Person county, and removed with his parents to Winston, early in life.—Winston Republican.

The Forsyth County Fair Association announces an entertainment at Oak Grove on Saturday night, August 14th. Several bands of music and numerous recitations will enliven the evening. Refreshments will be sold for benefit of the County Fair.

A young man who has been in the employ of the Norfolk and Western railway company for several years, arrived here in search of work. He says the company dropped 64 men on one division a few days ago.—Winston Sentinel.

Evangelist W. P. Fife has been sick with malarial fever, but is better now. He is at Thomasville, whence he will go to Northfield, Mass., to attend the Moody summer school.—Charlotte News.

Chas. Man Keith of the "national silver party," in this State, says he expects to see a silver club organized in every township in the State before 1900.

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Happened Long Ago.

GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION TO MR. DAVIS, JUST PUBLISHED.

The Following Letter, Written Just After the Battle of Gettysburg, Settles a Controversy of Long Standing.

A volume of war records now in course of preparation at the war department will settle the controversy whether Gen. Robert E. Lee tendered his resignation after the battle of Gettysburg. The reply of Jefferson Davis declining to accept the resignation has been a matter of common information, but the character of the letter in detail which called out this reply has been a matter of inference only until recently. The letter of resignation of General Lee will be first printed officially in a supplemental volume of the war records, which is now being prepared. It is given herewith in its entirety:

"Camp Orange, August 8, '63. "His Excellency, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States.—Mr. President: Your letters of July 28 and August 2 have been received, and I have waited for a leisure hour to reply, but I fear that will never come. I am extremely obliged to you for the attention given to the wants of this army and the efforts made to supply them. Our absentees are returning, and I hope the earnest and beautiful appeal made to the country in your proclamation may stir up the whole people, and that they may see their duty and perform it. Nothing is wanted but that their fortitude should equal their bravery to insure the success of our cause. We must expect reverses, even defeats. They are sent to teach us wisdom and prudence, and to prevent our falling into greater disasters. Our people have only to be true and united, to bear manfully the misfortunes incident to war, and all will come right in the end.

"I know how prone we are to censure and how ready to blame others for the nonfulfillment of our expectations. This is unbecoming in a generous people, and I grieve to see its expression. The general remedy for the want of success in a military commander is his removal. This is natural and in many instances proper. For, no matter what may be the ability of the officer, if he loses the confidence of his troops disaster must sooner or later ensue. "I have been prompted by these reflections more than once since my return from Pennsylvania to propose to your Excellency the propriety of selecting another commander for the army. I have seen and heard of expressions of discontent in the public journals at the result of the expedition. I do not know how far this feeling extends in the army. My brother officers have been too kind to report it, and so far the troops have been too generous to exhibit it. It is fair, however, to suppose that it does exist, and success is so necessary to us that nothing should be risked to secure it. I, therefore, in all sincerity, request your Excellency to take measures to supply my place. I do this with the more earnestness because no one is more aware than myself of my inability for the duties of my position. I cannot even accomplish what I myself desire. How can I fulfill the expectations of others? In addition I sensibly feel the growing failure of my bodily strength. I have not yet recovered from the attack I experienced last spring. I am becoming more and more incapable of exertion, and this prevented from making the personal examination and giving the personal supervision to the operations in the field which I feel to be necessary. I am so dull that in making use of the eyes of others I am frequently misled. Everything, therefore, points to the advantages to be derived from a new commander, and I the more anxiously urge the matter upon your excellency from my belief that a younger and abler man than myself can readily be obtained. I know that he will have as gallant and brave an army as ever existed to second his efforts, and it would be the happiest day of my life to see at its head a worthy leader—one that would accomplish more than I could perform and all that I have wished. I hope your excellency will attribute my request to the true reason, the desire to serve my country, and to do all in my power to insure the success of her righteous cause.

"I have no complaint to make of anyone but myself. I have received nothing but kindness from those above me, and the most considerate attention from my comrades and companions in arms. To your excellency I am specially indebted for uniform kindness and consideration. You have done everything in your power to aid me in the work committed to my charge, without omitting anything to promote the general welfare. I pray that your efforts may at length be crowned with success, and that you may long live to enjoy the thanks of a grateful people.

"With sentiments of great esteem, I am, very respectfully and truly yours, "R. E. LEE, General."

Mr. Davis wrote, declining to accept the resignation, and General Lee remained in command until Appomattox.

An Arrangement of Wall Street. I noticed with surprise that Mr. Clews in his sketch of Wall street dwells not at all upon the benevolent agency of that power during the civil war. This is an oversight which I beg leave to supply. There has never perhaps been an instance in human history in which a great power has so ardently devoted itself to the preservation of free institutions as did Wall street in that epoch of mortal agony. Then it was that Wall street engaged in the patriotic work, first of destroying the national credit, then of buying it up at half price, then of converting it into a bonded debt to be perpetuated for a full generation and finally of compelling the people to pay it in a dollar worth four times as much as the dollar with which it was purchased. It was a beautiful scheme of devotion and self-sacrifice the like of which history has never before recorded. It was a speculation which involved the life of the American republic. The union was on trial. All nerves were strained, and all hearts were torn. The nation was bleeding at every pore. Every freight train that came from the front brought back its loaded boxes of dead. Fathers and mothers gathered at the station, and each received his son. The rough coffin containing the body of the patriot boy who had given his life for the flag was taken by the silent father and mother to their resting place under the apple tree. All true men had tearful faces, and a stern resolve in the heart, and while this was the condition of the nation and the people, the heightened Wall street was speculating on the life of the republic. It bought and sold blood. It was a bull on disaster and a bear on victory. It established bureaus through which to falsify intelligence and to bring the nation to the verge of ruin. It had no compunction. It regarded the gore of battlefields as the rich rain and mould out of which its own harvest was to grow. The more blood the merrier. The more tears the richer the yield. The more war the more debt. The more depression of the national credit the more cheaply we shall be able to gather it up! The more grave-diggers despatches the more distraction and the better opportunity for us. The more death the more millions. The more horror and devastation the heavier will be our coffers. The more the people groan the more we shout. The more they die the more we will live. The more the flag is torn the more our damask curtains will flutter. The more liberty perishes and withers from the earth the more we shall plant ourselves and flourish and rule and reign over a nation that we have destroyed and a people whom we have enslaved.—John Clark Ridpath in July Arena.

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