

THE NEW EL Dorado

THE GOLD FIELDS OF ALASKA AND THE YUKON.

Geography, Climate and Resources of the New Famous Region of the Far North—Great Extent of Ground to Be Prospected.

Special Correspondence.

Purchased from Russia in 1867 for \$7,500,000, Alaska was a portion of the United States for 30 years without attracting the attention its resources and wealth merit.

Coal and coal oil have both been discovered and may be of future value. The timber of the coast and islands grows very large, owing to the humid atmosphere.

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as low as 60 or 70 degrees below zero.

It snows about one-third of the time in winter, but the snow does not become extremely deep, though frequently the storms are very severe.

The mean temperature of the interior during the summer months is 80 to 70 degrees, there being many very warm days. The Yukon region, being so far north, has the long summer days and long winter nights of that latitude, though, being south of the Arctic circle, it just misses the continuous day and continuous night of the Arctic summer and winter.

Aside from gold, the chief resources of Alaska are timber, fish and fur-bearing animals, including the famous fur seals which are giving the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan so much trouble.

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The coast mountains divide the climate of Alaska into two distinct classes. A branch of the warm Japan current skirts the coast, its influence modifying the climate of the islands and adjacent mainland.

EXPIATED HIS CRIME.

Kelley Porter Died on the Gallows at Union, Oregon.

Union, Or., Nov. 22.—In the gray dawn of an approaching day, while most of the citizens of Union were still asleep, Kelley Porter, murderer of the Mache family in Pine valley, January 1, 1896, expired his crime on the gallows.

It was about 5 o'clock this morning when Porter was aroused and told to prepare for the trying ordeal before him. Realizing his last moments had really come, he displayed nervousness. After dressing in a suit of black clothes provided for him, he ate a light breakfast, the first meal for several days.

Porter, in refusing to see press representatives, stated that all he had to say would be spoken on the gallows, but before leaving the jail, he changed his mind, and from the time he passed out of the door of his cell, mounted the scaffold and was hurled into eternity, he did not speak a word.

The crime for which Kelley Porter suffered the death penalty was the killing of the Mache family—Benjamin Mache, his wife and 17-year-old son, Benjamin—in Pine valley, Union county, January 1, 1896.

LOCKS FOR THE DALLES

Government Has Abandoned the Boat-Railway Scheme.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The probabilities are that a boat railway will never be constructed at The Dalles.

Chairman Hooker of the river and harbor committee, has made an examination of the rapids, and has interested himself more or less in several matters which will require appropriations coming from his committee.

Mr. Hooker is very reticent about expressing his views, but there were other members of the river and harbor committee with him on his Western trip, and the press correspondent has been able to learn that the boat railway plan will not be approved in the next session of congress, and that the committee on river and harbors will not taken favorable action for any improvement there that does not have for its object a different plan than either a boat railway or a portage railway.

It is very probable that what will be done is the authorization of a survey to be made for construction of a canal and locks, and which will secure the passage of boats that operate successfully above the dalles, and that boats of this draft can go far up the Columbia river, the Snake and the Clearwater.

FATE OF PROSPECTORS.

Three Men Are Drowned in White Horse Rapids.

Port Townsend, Nov. 22.—News reached here tonight of the drowning of two men belonging to the party of Colonel Will E. Fisher, of San Francisco, in the White Horse rapids November 4.

Accompanying this news was the information that Frank Anthony, of Seattle, was drowned at the same place October 29. Anthony's boat capsized. His two companions, Murphy and Hepburn, were rescued by the Canadian mounted police.

Heavy snows are reported on the summit of the passes leading into the interior. Travel is becoming difficult and dangerous, yet people are still going back and forth over the mountains. The lakes and rivers in the interior are more or less frozen.

A Hog-Killing Secretary.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 22.—Secretary of State Porter was fined \$6.20 in the police court today for violating the health ordinance by butchering hogs within the city limits.

Carrier Pigeons for Alaska.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—A pigeon fancier of this city has given the United States government eight pairs of his best pigeon service between the more remote portions of Alaska. They will be taken north on the Bear and sent to various points, such as St. Michaels, Point Barrow and Herschel island, where they will be taken care of until they become thoroughly acclimated.

NEVER AWAKE.

Some people will never wake up till the last hot blow, and then they'll ask if that's the horn for dinner. Delays are dangerous and ruinous.

The recent experiments made by a special commission to ascertain whether the mines laid in the Dardanelles are capable of preventing the passage of ships have proved the utter uselessness of the present mines, and at the same time the extreme difficulty of laying down mines at all on account of the strong current.

A BIG REGULAR ARMY.

The mightiest host of this sort is the army of invalids whose bowels, livers and stomachs have been regulated by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Proposed Floating Tunnel.

In connection with the railway communication between Scotland and Ireland it is proposed to send trains through a tunnel which shall float at a depth of 60 feet below the surface, and which shall be kept steadily in its place by means of anchors.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

A False Prophet.

The reputation of a certain well-known "prophet" in London, who but lately announced positively the end of the world in 1900, has been seriously impaired by the fact that a fortnight ago it was discovered that he had since paid a high premium to secure the lease of business premises for 15 years.

FREE TO OUR READERS.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the great discovery, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, has been so universally successful in quickly curing all forms of kidney and bladder troubles, that those who wish to Prove for themselves its wonderful merit may have a sample bottle and a book of valuable information both sent absolutely free by mail.

English Fevers.

Of the entire number of English peagars, only five go back as far as the 18th century. Of the 538 temporal peagars, 350 have been created during the present century, 136 during the last century, and only 63 trace their titles beyond the year 1700.

A HEALTHY WIFE

Is a Husband's Inspiration.

A sickly, half-dead-and-alive woman, especially when she is the mother of a family, is a damper to all joyousness in the home.

If a woman finds that her energies are flagging and that everything tires her, her sleep is disturbed by horrible dreams, and that she often wakes suddenly in the night with a feeling of suffocation and alarm, she must at once regain her strength.

The following from Mrs. F. S. Buxxxx, Westphalia, Kans., shows the power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and a letter of advice.

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham—I have suffered for over two years with falling, enlargement and ulceration of the womb, and this spring, being in such a weakened condition, caused me to slow for nearly six months.

Some time ago, urged by friends, I wrote to you for advice. The treatment which you advised for a short time, that terrible flow stopped. I am now gaining strength and flesh and have better health than I have had for the past ten years."

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nebraska 11@18; Oregon, 13@14; Northern 14@16 per pound.

Milwaukee—Middlings, \$20@22; California bran, \$16.00@18.50 per ton.

Onions—New red, 70¢ per cental.

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WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

(Office of Davenport, Hopkins & Co., Chicago Board of Trade Brokers, 117 1/2 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.)

The action of the market has been a great disappointment to the bulls, and there is a growing feeling that with favorable conditions in the winter wheat sections for the next two weeks, that wheat possibly may sag still lower.

The demand has been, so far, easily met, causing together a shade of indifference on the part of purchasers.

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Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 73@73 1/2; Valley and Bluestem, 75@76 per bushel.

Four—Best grades, \$4.25; Graham, \$3.70; superfine, \$3.40 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 35@34; choice gray, 31@32 per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton.

Milwaukee—Bran, \$14 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$15.50.

Hay—Timothy, \$13@12.60; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton.

Eggs—22¢ @ 24¢ per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 45@50¢; fair to good, 35@40¢; dairy, 25@35¢ per roll.

Cheese—Oregon, 11¢; Young America, 12¢; California, 9@10¢ per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$1.50@2.50 per dozen; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; geese, \$6.00; ducks, \$3.00@4.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11¢ per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35@40¢ per sack; sweets, \$1.40 per cental.

Onions—Oregon, new, red, 90¢; yellow, 80¢ per cental.

Hops—8@13¢ per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 6@7¢.

Wool—Valley, 14@16¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12¢; mohair, 20@22¢ per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$2.50@3.00; dressed mutton, 5¢; spring lambs, 5¢ per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.50; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.25; dressed beef, 4@5¢ per pound.

Veal—Large, 4 1/2@5¢; small, 5 1/2@6¢ per pound.

Seattle Market.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 24@25¢; ranch, 16@18¢.

The South Polar Expedition.

The commercial and scientific expedition to the South Pole, under Herr Borghrovnick, will start from England next July. Inquiries are now being made for a suitable ship in Scotland and Norway.

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HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand 24 hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys.

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Sensational Predictions.

Old Moore's almanac, which won notoriety the past year by predicting the Paris fire, predicts for 1898 a terrible civil war in the United States, the death of the czar and the kidnapping of the young king of Spain, and that about the second week of November of that year communication will be opened up with Mars.

The Century Magazine for 1898.

The Century Magazine, with its November number, enters its twenty-seventh year. During its long existence, by reason of its many notable successes, it has won an assured and commanding position.

Its pictorial features will be notable, and it will command the services of the foremost artists, illustrators and engravers of this country and of Europe.

Nothing like a complete announcement of its literary features can be attempted now. Dr. Weir Mitchell, whose novel of the American Revolution, "Hugh Wynne," is the great success of the year, has written a new story for the present volume. It bears the quaint title: "The Adventures of Francois: Foundling, Adventurer, Juggler and Fencing-Master during the French Revolution." The tale is full of romance and adventure.

There will be a group of clever stories about horses and people who like horses, under the general title of "Gallop." "A Woman's Reminiscence of the French Intervention in Mexico" will be given in a series of graphic and highly picturesque papers by Mrs. Cornelia Stevenson. Further contributions to the interesting series of "Heroes of Peace" will be made by Jacob A. Riis, Gustav Kobbe, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, and others.

For the benefit of readers of The Century an unusual combination offer is made for this year. There has been issued "The Century Gallery of One Hundred Portraits," made up of the finest engravings that have appeared in the magazine, and representing a total expenditure of nearly \$30,000. These are printed on heavy plate paper, with wide margins, like proofs. The retail price of the gallery is \$7.50, but this year it will be sold only in connection with a subscription to The Century, the price of the two together being \$6.50.

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