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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Proves Its Poverty.

People Are Doing There.



NOME, Alaska, July 26,-Nome, Alaska, continues to device as the biggest of big fakes and the results are fast proving disastrous to hundreds of honest, but am-bitious men and women, who canne to force fortune from unwilling sands. force fortune from unwilling sands. Scarce two months ago it was anything to get to Nome: today it is anything to get home again and sat ple like that your mother used to make.

Destitution is increasing daily and it is, Destitution is increasing daily and it is, with many, a serious problem as to the means of securing passage for home on almost any old tub. The Senator has just taken out 400 returning argonauts, footsore, wenry and disappointed. The Valench takes out a full complement of passengers and lists are rapidly filling for other steamers. About 15,000 still remain here of the former population of 30,000, while fully 500 more are scattered up and

here of the former population of 30,000, while fully 5000 more are scattered up and down the beach for 25 miles each way. I have just returned from a trip to the summit of Rodney Mountain, a high peak or headiand justing into Behring Sea, 13 miles west of Nome, whither I wont to observe the beach mining industry of West Nome. Miners along the beach are making from \$2 to \$5 a day to the man with rockers, the former figure being the prevailing per diem. It seems to be this or nothing and with the majority it is prevaining per domit is been to be majority it is simply a question of earping a home stake. In many places the beach sands have been worked over three ilmes and are now being worked the fourth.

Nome has been visited by no coplous rains this reason as it was hast. We have had no rain at all and there is little prospect of any rain soan. As a result prospect of any rain soan. As a remain the creeks are multily drying up and work has censed altogether on many. With the exception of a few claims on Anvil, Dexier, Oregon, Buster, Snow and Glacier, very little good pay ground has been developed this senson. Add to this the additional handleap upon the camp of a convent theory by the court all abase general tie-up by the court all along te line of the claims originally located y the Laps and subsequently transferred to Lindblom. Lindeberg & Lane, and the camp has had a set-back from which it cannot recover this year. The present legal difficulties of these owners of the best paying ground here has arisen through the alleged violation of the allen

laws, and the present action seems to have some foundation. The people of Nome are trailing with one another simply on the money brought here. Until this shall have been exhausted, traile will continue, although, it is falling away steadily. In consequence of which prices continue to decline. Eggs are 50 cents a dozen, heef 50 cents a pound; beccd. four haves for a quarter polations, 15 pounds for 31; meals, 30 cents and 35 cents; milk, 50 cents a quart; four-pound salmon for 25 cents; flour a sack; coal of?, \$2 25 a case, and so on.

Healthiest City in the World.

I think that Nome is at present the healthfact city in the world in proportion to its population. Perhaps this is due to the good weather, as water has had to the good weather, as water has had no chance to become contaminated. The germs of discuse remained dormant from inability to percolate through the soil from lack of precipitation. What may happen when the rains begin it is hard to foretell. The germs of typhold have un questionably lain dormant in the tundri questionably lain dormant in the tundra since last acason and when they shall have been forced into the water supply of the town by perce ation, the

horus the worst gang of interes and thugs on earth infest the purlleus of Nome, conditions cannot be expected to improve until the population thins out considerably, or until the citizens organ-ize for self-protection. Even the latter cannot be very effectual in view of the careful and adroit work performed by the licht-forgened rentry.

light-fingered gentry. It was confidently expected that by this time reliable reports of strikes would have been obtained in Nome from localfites irbuitary to the town, but so far nothing of a definite character has been reported. Koogarok first attracted some attention but has been pronounced a faka. This stream empties into Grantly Harwhen hor in Port Clarence Bay. Council City then drew hundreds of men away from Nome, who now are returning sadder but wiser men. Council City is situated on Neukluk River, a branch of Fish River, which empties its waters into Golov-nin Bay, 86 miles east of Nome, Coun-cil is 30 miles north of the mouth of Fish. The reported Koogarok strike is about 200 miles around by Port Clarence, while both the localities named are about 80 miles, as the crow files, north of Nome. Bris-tol Bay is now engaging the attention of the Nome argonauts and a few straughing

parties have started thither while others are preparing to go. The Bristol Bay Diggings.

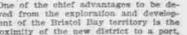
Bristol Bay is 500 or 600 miles south of Nome and at the base of the peninsula and in the interior at two different points wide apart. There seems to be consider-able color of truth in the reports coming from these, judging from the source whence they emanated.

The possibilities of Alaska are immense It only requires a robust constitution, moderate caution and persistence-other-wise tormed "nerve"-to accomplish a measurable degree of success in this

country. With absolutely nothing to commend Name to the consideration of the gold hunter, except the seductive low metal, one can readily imagine physical impairment can come through careless habits, but about country having other resources than gold, such as Bristel Bay, with its softened climate, it would be difficult to imagine that one's health difficult to imagine that ones health should not be perfect. Thermometric variations are not wide there as they are en this bleak and treeless shore. Timber abounds, wild game, such as carlbon, moose, elk, deer, bear-many varieties of fur-bearing animals and wild fowl inhabit its forests and frequent to choose and base and make it a variet. inhabit its forests and frequent its rivers and lakes and make it a verit-able sportsman's paradise, we are told, while trout and salmon literally swarm in

One of the chief advantages to be derived from the exploration and develop-ment of the Bristol Bay territory is the proximity of the new district to a port, by which one may reach or communi-

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