

### TANANA MEN WILL RETURN SOON

Many Intend to Take Valdez Route, Hitting Snow Trail Early in January.

### CLEARY CREEK EXPECTED TO OUTCLASS ALL OTHERS

This Stream Has Most Remarkable Pay Channel Found Since Klondike Discoveries — Kantishna Brilliant New District.

Early in January the return of Tanana miners will begin, as several in Portland and Seattle are arranging to take steamer to Valdez about that time, and hit the trail across the divide, a distance of 400 miles. This route is being taken in preference to the long circuit via Skagway, White Horse, Dawson, Circle and Fairbanks. Valdez means several days of hard work, but will save weeks of time and the mineowners who made good in Tanana last year and came out at the close of the season want to be there again by February and get things arranged for heavy washing in the spring.

Cleary creek is expected to lead in the Tanana basin next year, as it did the season just closed. Cleary is credited with about six times as much gold this year as Fairbanks creek and the other districts which were just being opened did not have time to make an impression. Kantishna, which is about 114 miles from the confluence of the Tanana and Yukon, is regarded one of the most hopeful of the late discoveries and is sure to produce heavily next year, as its pay is at the surface. Some remarkable gravel was panned there late in the season and a swarm of miners have gone in, 800 to 900 of whom will winter on the ground.

Cleary creek is reported by the Alaska argonauts to have the most remarkable pay streak opened since Klondike days. In one or two places it has been proved to have a width of 100 feet and a continuity with the stream for many miles. The gravel is deep, working being at a varying depth of from 40 to 70 feet. Only three to four feet of pay streak on bedrock is handled of all this alluvium, as high values are found only at the bottom. On one claim where the owners worked but 300 feet last year nearly \$1,000,000 gold was recovered and the finished work on this one claim is said to block out \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000 pay gravel. This, with other favorable conditions regarding enlarged equipment is taken to indicate a production on Cleary creek alone next year of \$7,000,000 or more. Last summer there were between 200 and 300 steam thawing plants at work on this creek and the owners who cleaned up heavily have been enlarging their outfit, and during the early winter with the purpose of heavier operations.

Local men who were in the Tanana last year believe that the reports recently sent out of \$8,700,000 production for the entire Tanana is too small. They say that the official figures are based upon bank receipts and express shipments, while large quantities of gold are brought out by men having a few hundred or thousands in dust which never reached either the banks or the express companies. Wages being paid in gold dust, each man coming to the states at a regular interval, where this is farmed in wherever they happen to need funds.

### MINING NOTES.

Rugene, Or., Nov. 20.—At a meeting here of the directors of the Le Roy Mining company, which operates in the Bohemia district, it was decided to resume at once extensive development on the company's properties. Enough stock has been sold to enable the company to press the work to such a point that the erection of a stamp mill will be necessary.

Sumpter, Or., Nov. 20.—Four new locomotives for the Sumpter Valley railroad, ranging in size from 50 to 65 tons, shortly will be put into service.

O. C. Wright, who represents the Wheeler mining interests here, reports that two loads of ore from the Sheridan recently shipped to the Sumpter smelter netted more than \$100 a ton. Three four-horse wagons are hauling ore from the Sheridan smelter. Mr. Wright is interested in the Gold Bug mine, where a rich strike was made recently in a blind lead, and says the main ledge, for which they have been driving, soon will be cut and drifting commenced. A mill has been ordered for this property, the building for which is being erected.

La Grande, Or., Nov. 20.—The owners of the Muir mine in the Grand Ronde district are making arrangements to install a mill which is to have a capacity of 30 tons a day. The owners estimate that they have ore in sight to the value of \$150,000, a portion of which now on the dump. An order is being placed for 50,000 feet of lumber for the construction of suitable buildings at the mines.

### SUES TO ADMIT NEGROES TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Journal Special Service.) Asheville, N. C., Nov. 20.—The trial of the mandamus suit which Robert Gilliland had instituted to compel the Buncombe county board of education to admit his six children to the public schools of the county was opened here today. The children had been dismissed from a county school on the allegation that they had negro blood in their veins. The case has attracted a great deal of attention in this and other southern states and promises to be highly sensational. Gilliland claims that his ancestry can be traced for a hundred years. Should the suit be decided in favor of Gilliland, the result will affect about 500 persons living in Buncombe, Madison and Henderson counties.

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### GIGANTIC MINING SCHEME IS BEING FORMED

Company With Twenty-Five Million to Consolidate Many Western Claims.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Butte, Mont., Nov. 20.—One of the greatest mining enterprises that has been undertaken in Butte since the formation of the Amalgamated Copper company is now under way here and will be consummated within two weeks. The enterprise is backed by Joseph A. Coram of Boston, who reorganized the Butte & Boston company of the Amalgamated and has been instrumental in launching other large corporations in Utah, California, Mexico and Montana. A \$25,000,000 corporation will be organized to take over the following mines: Yellow Jacket, Carrie, Destroying Angel, Baltic, Colorado, Red Chief, Lizzie, Thomas, Smokehouse, Heperus, the Hearst syndicate interests and the Silver King. The new corporation will sink a shaft 2,000 feet deep directly in the heart of Butte on the Smokehouse claim, just across the street from the Thornton hotel.

Coram and his associates already have secured \$100,000 insuring the claims. They have also tied up a large number of properties pending the formation of the company, and Coram is backed by American and English capital. It is currently reported that the deal involves the takeover of the Montana Coal & Coke company, the Balaklava and White Knob properties in Idaho and possibly the Bingham Consolidated of Utah, besides several other Utah and California properties.

### COMPLETE PLANS FOR PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Nov. 20.—Senor Calvo, the minister from Costa Rica, who is the chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the next Pan-American conference, had a conference with Secretary of State Root concerning the matter and came to a complete understanding. President Roosevelt will probably refer to the advisability of holding such a conference in his message to congress, and it is expected that soon after the opening of congress the committee will hold a meeting to determine the program and to decide where the conference is to be held. There is a strong sentiment in favor of holding the conference in Brazil, but the Argentine Republic has also made a strong bid. Most of the projects indorsed at the second conference, which was held in the City of Mexico, four years ago, have been carried out. The sanitary conference recommended has recently closed its labors.

A coffee conference was held two years ago and other matters have been handled through the bureau of American republics. The second conference was composed of delegates from 19 republics. Since its adjournment two more have been born, Cuba and Panama, both of which, it is expected, will be represented at the approaching meeting.

### POPE MAY CANONIZE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

(Journal Special Service.) Rome, Nov. 20.—The matter of the canonization of Christopher Columbus, which has been petitioned for by the congregation of rites for some time, will be given a new impetus by the express order of Pius X. Next May the fourth centennial of the death of Columbus will be celebrated under Spanish initiative, and it is considered desirable at the Vatican that his canonization shall be coincident with the anniversary. Thousands of bishops from all over the world have petitioned the Vatican to have the canonization of Columbus considered by the congregation of rites.

A work published under Pius IX, designed to prove that Columbus was the father of an illegitimate son, caused a temporary stay of the cause of canonization, but it was resumed under the late pope. Pius X, soon after his election, received a memorial from many Italian bishops, headed by the Archbishop of Turin, asking for a new consideration of the case, and the pope has now given orders that a definite decision must soon be reached.

### PURE FOOD CRUSADE IS BEARING FRUIT

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, Mass., Nov. 20.—The committee on food standards authorized by congress to collaborate with the secretary of agriculture in fixing standards of purity for foods began a week's session in this city today. The members of the committee are Dr. E. H. Jenkins, director of the agricultural experiment station, New Haven, Conn.; Dr. H. A. Weber, Ohio State university; Director M. A. Scovell, Lexington, Ky.; Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the United States department of agriculture; and Dr. William Freese, chief of the Pennsylvania department of agriculture.

At the present meeting it is expected that tentative standards for fruit and fruit products (including standards for tin plate and solder used in making food containers), flavoring extracts, edible vegetable oils and table and dairy salts will be finally revised and adopted.

### ADVENTIST COLONY IS STARTED AT ECHO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Echo, Or., Nov. 20.—A number of Seventh Day Adventists from Baker county and different parts of eastern Oregon are making arrangements to move to Echo where they expect to establish a colony on lands adapted for small farms.

Freda Andrews, who resides about two miles from this place, is having 40 acres of land leveled for water from the Allen ditch and Miss Nuthank is having 50 acres leveled for water from the Butter creek ditch, and a large number of tracts will be leveled in the near future, which will all be sown in alfalfa.

### TELEPHONE FOUND IN OLD INDIAN TEMPLES

(Journal Special Service.) London, Nov. 20.—News has just been received here that an English officer in Hindoostan has discovered that many ancient temples in out-of-the-way places were connected with each other by metallic wires and a kind of telephone. Through archaeological investigations the same officer has discovered that practical telephone communication somewhat like that of the present day was known to the inhabitants of India more than 2,000 years ago.

### WILL HOLD WHEAT CONVENTION

Expert Millers, Buyers, Growers and Shippers to Meet at Pullman.

### TO STUDY CROP AND MARKET CONDITIONS

Annual Dairy School to Open at College and Continue Ten Weeks, Covering Every Detail of the Handling of Milk.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pullman, Wash., Nov. 20.—A wheat convention, to arrange measures to improve the conditions of the wheat grower, is to be held in Pullman early next January. The matter has been under consideration by the faculty and experiment station staff of the Washington State college for several weeks and many inquiries were sent to millers, shippers and wheat growers, asking their opinion of the project. All who answered gave it their hearty indorsement. Among those indorsing it are all the members of the state grain commission, who urged that the matter be pushed and that it be made a permanent feature of the annual winter school for farmers, which is held in the college every January.

The object of the convention is to make a close study of crop and market conditions in the northwest, with a view to making the production, shipping and milling of wheat more profitable and to have harmonious action among grower, buyer, shipper and miller. The question of the best methods of feeding the by-products of wheat will also be given attention. Expert millers, buyers, growers and shippers will be present to address the meeting. Excursion rates are assured by the railroads and a large attendance is confidently expected.

Dairy School Opens. January 2, 1906, the annual dairy school will open in the college and continue for 10 weeks. A fine new refrigerator plant has been added to the college creamery for the purpose of illustrating the methods of refrigeration. Refrigeration, making ice cream, condensing milk, pasteurization and the production and handling of sterilized milk will also be taken up.



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