FORTUNES ARE WAITING IN YUKON

William Meikle, Alaska Miner, Gives Advice and Warning to Those Who Would Seek Gold in the Far North.

Out of the north, away from its winter and snow, William Meikle has come; an old, old man, with beard as white as the frost, yet unscathed by the bite of the cold after many seasons spent in the search for gold, and preparing again for work.

Strangely picturesque is this old man, still proud of his Alaska-given title, "King of the North."

"I'm takin' but a wee bit breathin' spell," he said at the Oregon last night, his voice of a depth and strength that the air vibrated when he spoke. "Next month and it will be the work again, the forty-seventh year lookin' for the yellow stuff—for pay, ye might say. They tell me I ought to quit, ought to look for a home where to spend my last days. But I tell them it is home where the diggin's are; it's life sinkin' the shafts; it's fun dazin' the frost to bite ye when the mercury's frozen hard."

William Meikle, the boy, lived in a Scotch settlement in Nova Scotia. From the west came by many lips the tale of gold found in California and toward the west he turned his face. This was 47 years ago. The raw youth with the burr on his tongue was a wizard for luck. Three different locations he made and as often his pans were heavy with the yellow metal. Other men who made their stake sought the towns and scattered as rapidly as they had gathered. The Scotch boy remembered his aged mother and sent much of what he had back to Nova Scotia. He kept on digging.

"I was kind of thinkin' of settlin' down away from the camps when I learned of the find in Alaska," he said, seemingly ashamed to confess that he had, even in so much, recognized the increase of age.

The veteran gold miner talked slowly, each word carefully enunciated. First he told how there are tens of thousands of square miles in Alaska yet untrod by the foot of man. A little smaller than the United States, Alaska is, he said. He expressed his opinion that more miners would go to the Alaska and Yukon countries this year than ever before and he is confident that every man who sticks to it will make a fortune.

"They've Got to Know."

"But, lad," he exclaimed, clapping his listener on the back, "they've got to know what sticking to it means like they never knew it before. Thousands of men go to the gold fields. Ye ken that as well as I. They're clerks out of the stores; they're laborers out of the ditches; they're gamblers from the little, quiet, back rooms. They're lads with families and boys with sweethearts—they're all hopin' their hearts out.

"And they go up there and try to cook when they don't know anything about it. They shove their messes down the throats of them, then they're sick and then they die. Ye ken the misery of it all, and how they'd done better to stay at home. They're glad to eat anything when the cold comes and the dark. They eat things that to think of would have sickened them at home. They don't have onions and potatoes and cabbage—they get the scurvy; then they discover that all the poor dust they've given their lives for, isn't worth the price of a potato or an onion.

"Don't ken how it is. Once up there McDonnell, king of the Klondike, sold three sacks of flour for a mine he got $1,400,000 worth of gold dust from. When he was pretty near starved with nothin' but the wild meat to live on, he offered his big mine and another one for what was left of the flour, and they wouldn't listen to them. Things like that make ye realize that food and clothes are worth more than all the wealth you can't feed or clothe yourself with. It's the value that's in a thing, not the value people put on it that counts then.

"Once a lad flat boated an ox to Dawson. They don't freeze so quick as horses because they don't sweat. It was a big ox but by the time it reached town ye could count all its ribs when the wind wasn't blowin' hard enough to keep them swayin' back and forth. That ox hadn't lit on the street till a little weazened Yankee asked the lad what owned it the sellin' price. 'Fourteen hundred dollars,' he says, after thinkin'.

"'Will ye be takin' it in dust,' the Yankee asked. 'No dust in mine,' comes back the other lad. 'It must be cash.'

"The little Yankee skirmished up the cash, and he butchered the ox. He sold beef at $5 a pound and he cleared $1000 on the deal inside of 24 hours. Yes, that was some quicker than minin', even in good pay.

Have Some Good Neighbors.

"They tell about everybody bein' so hard and graspin' in the north, but ye find neighbors there. Once I found two laddies that was dyin' of the scurvy and I went to the only woman what had any potatoes. I asked her for love, or kindness or sympathy, to sell just a handful of potatoes at any price she might name. She said she couldn't sell for she hadn't enough for her own. Then I told her about the two poor laddies dyin' without a fair show and told who they were. They had been neighbors back in the states. She divided up the potatoes, and made me carry back two loaves of bread for them. That looks like a small favor do you think? Listen!

"Flour was $200 a sack and you could buy it at that price if the man what owned it was a friend of yours. Sugar had been sellin' $100 a pound on the same conditions. It was all night, no day at all, but just twilight for a little while near noon. We didn't know how cold it was because the thermometers were frozen. We didn't go out of doors with a patch of skin as big as a quarter exposed to the frost. A friend of mine had given me a quart of whiskey that I'd been savin' for a special occasion. The whiskey froze in its flask, split the glass as nice as with a knife, and I had to burn precious wood to thaw it before I could have a little sip."

William Meikle sat still for a moment. A mind reader would have said he was thinking of days that he could picture in memory better than he could tell of them. Suddenly he spoke again:

Police Are Most Useful.

"Up in the Yukon country is one place where police serve a good use. The mounted police are the fine institution. They don't take life nor catch criminals so much as they save life. Up at Dawson in this cold was Colonel Steel and some of his men from the Canada mounted police. Word comes of two men 800 miles away dyin' of cold and hunger. 'Out after them we go,' says the colonel in his short way. 'But,' says one of his men, 'they're only a couple of nobodies that ought to have known better and ain't worth the trouble.'

"'A life is a life to me and it's to be saved when in danger!' Colonel Steel snaps out, then he leads the rescue party 800 miles after two men, and he saved them, too.

"Yes, the Yukon countries are wonderful. Let me talk from daylight to dark and I haven't the patch work of a description started. And, nobody can know all of it, till they've been there, not but to see the wild flowers bloomin' in the summer, but to feel the nip of the dead frost in the winter. And then they'll know what livin' is."

The old gold miner left yesterday for San Francisco.

CARDINAL CHIEF AND HIS MATES

From left to right—Catcher Phelps, Outfielder Delahanty and Manager Bresnahan, snapped as they were watching St. Louis recently.

SENATE GALE THREATENS ALDRICH

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made public Aldrich promised the president that the measure would include many more reductions than have been made in the Payne bill and would in every way meet platform promises. One has therefore but to read the Aldrich bill to see that the president is not at all satisfied with it. Aldrich declined to talk after the conference this evening, and no statement was given out at the White House. It can be said, however, that some changes will have to be made in the Aldrich bill before it gets the presidential indorsement, and that no Republican senator will be ignored by the president if he be found advocating an income tax or some tax plan closely modeled. It can be said, moreover, that while the president undoubtedly desires to get the tariff disposed of quickly, it is not regarded as possible that he will urge haste at the sacrifice of party honor.

Talk is rife at both ends of the capitol of the capture of the house by the Democrats at the next congressional elections. Taft has an executive program that he does not want to have smashed by the loss of the popular branch of congress during the last years of his administration. It does not require the prediction of James J. Hill recently that if a Republican congress does not properly revise the tariff the people will turn to the Democrats to show to the president that the work of the present session must be done well to save his party from defeat.

Another tariff message in the near future would not be surprising.

PATTEN SAYS THAT WILSON IS WRONG

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situation that Secretary Wilson's informants ever were."

Patten's statement early in the day in which he intimated that the big wheat shorts in Wall street who have been squeezed by the Patten operations are responsible for the present agitation in Washington lookin' towards the prevention of speculation in grain futures, has created something of a sensation here. It has also served to start speculation as to the identity of the "big Wall street shorts."

Wall Street Crowd.

Several months ago it was reported that Reginald Vanderbilt had taken the bear side of the market in opposition to Patten and had been "stung" for close to $500,000. This was not confirmed at the time. Since then the tickers have referred vaguely to the "Wall street crowd," that was fighting Patten, but their names have never been made public here.

There is also considerable speculation among board of trade men as to the effect, if any, of Patten's open advocacy today of the policy of taking the tariff off wheat and all other grains.

"As to the taking tariff off wheat," Patten said tonight, "when the American public knows its own interests it will demand that this very thing be done. The existence of a tariff of 25 cents a bushel has nothing to do with the present high prices. If it were taken off tomorrow, the price of wheat would not be affected one cent when the board opens Monday."

Burnell Defends Patten.

President John A. Burnell of the board of trade tonight stated that if any one could produce proof that Patten was running a corner in wheat, Patten could be expelled, under the rules of the board governing extortion.

"These rules will not permit any member of the board to obtain a fictitious price for his contracts," said Burnell. "We have received no complaints against Mr. Patten. Any member of the board has a right to make one, however, and the board will act at once. I am glad that attention has been called to the methods of the board. The sooner the people learn that it is a legitimate business, conducted on the higher principles of modern commerce, the better it will be for all concerned."

In the meantime, while Patten and Secretary Wilson were quarrelling today, the traders in the pit marked time and appeared to be waiting for something to happen. While there was a large volume of business in wheat, the market has been characterized by firmness all around. The range has not been nearly so great as it was during the earlier days of the week but the upward advance from the opening has been steady.

May wheat opened at $1.27½, advanced to $1.28½ and closed within ⅝ of that figure. July opened at $1.17¼ and closed strong at $1.18½, within ⅛ of the day's high. September ranged between $1.07⅛ and $1.08¼.

RUSHLIGHT HAS SHOW TO WIN

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that the strength of Mr. Rushlight was increasing until it is now virtually a contest between Simon and Rushlight for the nomination.

The record made by Rushlight during his service in the council is coming to his support at this time. He has demonstrated that he was consistent, fair and independent. Many times during the past two years he has stood with Mayor Lane arrayed against the "solid ten" in the support of meritorious measures or in opposition to the passage of some ordinance which would not have been for the best interests of the people of the city. In his fights he has been consistent. He has taken a stand against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in its efforts to secure valuable franchises from the city without making adequate provision for the protection of the city.

Brisk Brush With Sigler.

Elected to the council without any heavy opposition, Mr. Rushlight had his first real taste of political fighting at the last county primaries, when he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for county assessor. He ran against B. D. Sigler, one of the most popular men and public officials in Multnomah county, and was beaten by the surprisingly small majority of 2029 in a total vote of 16,547. Mr. Rushlight carried ward after ward on the east side of the river and the First ward on the west side, while Sigler won his battle on the west side and out in the rural districts, where he was known and Rushlight was not.

This campaign demonstrated that Mr. Rushlight possesses much strength among the voters and will make no mean opponent to Senator Simon from the standpoint of popularity, aside from any strength he may gain from his attitude on public questions.

It is because of this record made by Rushlight and of his attitude on corporation questions that he is gaining strength. He is also known to be a firm believer in the primary law, and an opponent to the old time machine methods and practices of politics. Because of these things his strength has been growing daily until he is now the opposition candidate to Senator Simon.

TOWN TOPICS

League Meeting Postponed.—The advertising conference of the Oregon Development league, which was called to meen in Eugene, Tuesday, April 27, has been postponed one week, or until Tuesday, May 4. The earlier date was found to conflict with that of the convention of the Oregon-Idaho Development league at La Grande.

Indorsed by Sellwood Club.—The Sellwood Republican club at its meeting held Friday night passed resolutions indorsing the action of the convention held in the Baker theatre two weeks ago. It also indorsed the platform put forth by that convention and pledged its aid to the support of the convention ticket.

Suit Over Doctor's Bill.—A doctor's bill for $165 is the subject of a suit begun in the circuit court by the Mercantile Trust & Investment company against Adeline Pearson. The plaintiff is the assignee of Dr. Elbert E. Cable, it being alleged that the defendant paid him only $100 on a bill for $265.

Mrs. Peabody Sues For Divorce.—Mrs. Hattie E. Peabody has begun suit in the circuit court for divorce from William Peabody, alleging that he deserted her without cause. They were married in Minneapolis in December, 1905, and she charges that he left her in Deadwood, S. D., in June, 1906.

Supplementary Articles Filed.—Supplementary articles of incorporation of the Nott-Davis company, changing its name to the Nott-Atwater company, have been filed with the county clerk by Directors E. J. Munnell, E. C. Atwater, L. A. Marsh and H. M. Cake.

Land Company Formed.—The Harberton Water & Land company has been incorporated by T. L. Greenough, T. F. Wren and A. C. Emmons. The capital stock is placed at $100,000.

VALUES IN VICINITY OF BRIDGE RISE

Values in the vicinity of the east approach to the proposed new steel bridge are jumping at a lively rate. Tuesday of last week a local capitalist purchased a quarter block on East Oregon street, between Union avenue and the river, paying for the parcel $20,000. Within 48 hours he was offered $25,000 for the property. Numerous other sales on Oregon and Pacific streets and west of Grand avenue have been made in the past 30 days.

The E. P. Mall company reports the following sales: From F. W. Hanlbut to J. W. Fowler, three lots on Nicolai street, in the fair grounds; from Woodard & Clarke, a lot on Union avenue, to R. J. Stewart. Both were bought as investments.

Devlin & Firebaugh report the sale of lot 8, block 5, Albina, improved with modern 7 room house, from B. S. Durkee and wife to C. W. Martyn of Roseburg; consideration, $3062.50.

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NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

BIOGRAPHY.

George—Seventeenth Century Men of Latitude; forerunners of the new theology. 1908.

Ibsen—Henrik Ibsen, the Man and His Plays; by M. J. Moses. 1908.

Marx—Karl Marx; biographical memoirs; by W. P. C. M. Liebknecat. 1908.

Newman—Cardinal Newman and His Influence on Religious Life and Thought; by Charles Sarolea. 1908.

Penn—Quaker and Courtier; the life and work of William Penn; by Mrs. Colquhoun Grant. 1907.

Sanderson—Heroes of Pioneering; true stories of the intrepid bravery and stirring adventures of pioneers in all parts of the world. 1908.

Williams—The Woman Bonapartes; the mother and three sisters of Napoleon I. 1909.

BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Ancona—La Poesia Popolare Italiana.
Brada (pseud.)—Disparu.
Doyle—Et Eventyr i Orkenen.
Franzos—Der Kleine Martin.
Fucini—All 'Aria Aperta.
Lampert—Die Volker der Erde.
Larsen—Klover og Klunger.
Lauterer—Japan, das Land der Aufgehenden Sonne.
Lindau—Die Blaue Laterne.
Nordenmark—Stjarnklara Kvallar.
Rosegger—Um Wanderstabe.
Thimm—L'Anglais Sans Maitre.

DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL.

Doughty—Wanderings in Arabia; being an abridgement of "Travels in Arabia Desert." 2v. 1908.

Gadow—Through Southern Mexico, being an account of the travels of a naturalist. 1908.

Nicoll—Three Voyages of a Naturalist, being an account of many little known islands in three oceans visited by the "Valhalla." 1908.

Ruhl—The Other Americans, the Cities, the Countries and Especially the People of South America. 1909.

FICTION.

Aix (pseud.)—Adventures of a Nice Young Man.
Balzac—The Quest of the Absolute.
Daudet—Monday Tales.
Martin—The Revolt of Anne Boyle.
Palmer—The Big Fellow.

FINE ARTS.

Frazer—The Angler's Workshop; Rodmaking for Beginners. 1908.

Sharp—Point and Pillow Lace; a short account of various kinds, ancient and modern, and how to recognize them. Ed. 2. 1905.

Strange—Flowers and Plants for Designers and Schools. 1907.

Watts—The Landscapes of George Frederick Watts; by Walter Baynes. 1907.

HISTORY.

Burrage edition—Early English and French Voyages. 1906.

Gregg—Between the Testaments; or, Interbiblical History. 1908.

Noyes—Story of Milan. 1908.

Thwing—History of the First Church in Roxbury, Mass., 1630-1904.

LANGUAGE.

Fraser & Squair—French Grammar for Schools and Colleges. 1908.

Tuckerman—Am Anfang; Sprachgefuhl-Lesebuch fur Konversation. 1908.

LITERATURE.

Benson—At Large. 1908.

Kennedy—The Winterfeast; with illustrations from scenes in the play. 1908.

Mackaye—Mater, an American Study in Comedy. 1908.

Repplier—A Happy Half Century. 1908.

PHILOSOPHY.

Kant—Critique of Practical Reason, and Other Works on the Theory of Ethics. Ed. 5, rev. 1898.

RELIGION.

Brooks—The Life Superlative. 1908.

Dresser—The Philosophy of the Spirit; a Study of the Spiritual Nature of Man. 1908.

SCIENCE.

Gray—New Manual of Botany; revised by B. L. Robinson and M. L. Fernald. Ed. 7. 1908.

Thomson—Heredity. 1908.

SOCIOLOGY.

Booth—Little Mother Stories. 1906.

College Entrance Examination Board—Questions Set at the Examinations. 1908.

Gompers & Gutstadt—Meat vs. Rice; American Manhood Against Asiatic Coolieism. 1908.

USEFUL ARTS.

Lamborn—Modern Soaps, Candles and Glycerine. 1906.

Selden—Elementary Turnings; for use in manual training classes. 1907.

Wright—Simple Methods for Testing Painters' Materials. 1908.

BOOKS ADDED TO REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Architectural Review—Practical Exemplar of Architecture. 1907.

Cubly Soler—El Traductor Espanol; or, a practical system for translating the Spanish language. 1823.

Lenox—Overland to Oregon in the Tracks of Lewis and Clark; history of the first emigration to Oregon in 1843. 1904.

Oregon—Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Commission; Oregon educational exhibit. n. d.

Pavia—Grammatica Inglese. Ed. 2. rev. 1904.

Thackeray—Works. 10 v. n. d.

Wegelin—Early American Fiction, 1774-1820; being a compilation of the titles of American novels published previous to 1821. 1907.

BOOKS ADDED TO JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

Beebe & Kingsley—First Year Nature Reader.
Day—Rainy Day Railroad War.
Jewett—Good Health.
Martin—Abbie Ann.
Stokes—Ten Common Trees.
Whitney & Perry—Four American Indians.

The San Francisco Journeymen Stone Cutters' union has under consideration a proposition to establish a sick benefit fund.

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Notes From the Labor World

A clockmakers' union was recently organized in San Francisco.

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Efforts are being made to unionize the brewery men in El Paso, Texas.

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The Gas Workers union at Sacramento, Cal., has applied to become affiliated with the State Federation of Labor.

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The Hotel and Restaurant Employes' International Alliance will hold its annual convention at Minneapolis, Minn., on May 10.

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A union of hard solderers of New York has been organized recently and has adopted the name of Independent International Union of Hard Solderers.

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A dispute has arisen in a section of employes in the lace trade in Nottingham, England, which, it is feared, may lead to an extended strike among them.

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The cigar makers, by a referendum vote, have decided to levy an assessment for the purpose of creating a fund to advertise the union blue label at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

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Last month's report of the British Operative Cotton Spinners shows that the united membership was 18,919, or nearly 19,000 all told. There was a gain during that month of 202 and of 1430 during the past year.

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The returns of the chief factory inspector show that the fatal accident rate among nut and bolt workers in Pennsylvania during the past ten years was 5.4 per 1000, against 4.8 per 100 in miscellaneous steel and iron work.

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A cooperative company has been organized by workingmen of Brooklyn, N. Y. The name of the company is the Brooklyn Mechanics' Cooperative company, and the announced object of it is, "to start operations for mutual benefit."

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The Italian "National Providential Fund for Old and Invalid Workmen" was initiated ten years ago, and in 1900, the first year of its actual operation, 11,000 persons became subscribers, since which date their number has increased to nearly 300,000.

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The Chicago Federation of Labor has expelled all the locals of the Amalgamated Woodworkers' union. The drastic action was the result of a bitter fight for jurisdiction between the woodworkers and the carpenters who had gone on a strike. A war between the two unions is now considered imminent.

Building Permits.

S. A. Morgan, two-story frame dwelling East Seventeenth North between Knott and Stanton, $2500.

Mrs. Hanna Duhrkoop, two-story frame flat, Nartilla between Main and Madison, $7000.

Thompson Scenic Railway Co., 653 Washington, one-story frame merry-go-round, Council Crest, $4000.

John Donovan, 614 Cottage Place, alterations and repairs one-story frame dwelling, Stanton between Mississippi and Albina, $1000.

T. R. Ratcliffe, 231½ Second, one-story frame dwelling, Garfield between Portland boulevard and Dekum, $1700.

James Crumps, two-story frame flats and store, East Forty-third between Hawthorne and Madison, $3000.

Mrs. B. J. Guerin, two-story frame dwelling, Rodney between Maegly and Albert, $1500.

A. M. Johnson, 1292 East Fourteenth, one-story frame dwelling, East Fourteenth between Bybee and Rubel, $500.

Laura Bradley, two story frame dwelling, Hodge between Routledge and Houghton, $2000.

D. C. Winter, one story frame dwelling, East Thirty-second North, between Wygant and Going, $900.

R. G. McMullen, 1½ story frame dwelling, East Seventeenth between Knott and Brazee, $2800.

Dr. C. M. Harrison, story and a half frame dwelling, Stanton corner Fifteenth, $3500.

T. B. Hyatt, one story frame dwelling, East Thirty-second, corner Market, $1700.

R. Dudrow, one story frame dwelling, East Morrison, between Thirty-first and Thirty-second, $1750.

Guy H. Jones, R. F. D. No. 1, box 178, one story frame dwelling, East Thirtieth between Ainsworth and Biggen, $1500.

Mrs. L. M. Hall, one story frame dwelling, East Fifty-third between Everett and Flanders, $1100.

John Belknap, story and a half frame dwelling, Chehalem avenue near Council Crest road, $2900.

Anna V. Casebeer, 951 East Everett, two story frame dwelling, $3500.

Portland Building Co., five story steel department store, Morrison between West Park and Tenth, $500,000.

Fields & Beckley, 481 Thompson, two story frame dwelling, East Nineteenth between Brazee and Knott, $4200.

R. Sutro and T. Nish, Council Crest, one story frame refreshment pavilion, $950.

A. Duchamp, alterations and repairs, one story frame pavilion, Council Crest, $1500.

Thomas Mann, 570 First, alterations and repairs two story frame dwelling, East Burnside corner Seventh, $1500.

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WILD SCENES IN THE COTTON PIT

(Heard Over by Leased Loned Wire.)

New York, April 17.—The opening of the cotton exchange today was the wildest since the collapse of the Sully boom. Cables which were expected to show declines came unusually strong instead, and when the gong sounded there was a wild, frenzied, stampeding rush around the pit.

Rent money goes farthest when paid to Gregory, Broker, see ad. page 2, sec. 2.