

TRUST IS MAKING ALASKA A GREAT SYNDICATE STATE

Lone Miner Has No Longer a Chance in Territory; Corporation Rapidly Claiming All the "Diggings."

By John E. Lathrop. Written for The Journal and the Newark (N. J.) News. Copyrighted. Skagway, Alaska, Aug. 26.—The glory of Skagway has departed. It was, in 1898, the port of entry to the Klondike—and 100,000 men then and in the two years that followed, struggled to get to Dawson, capital of the Klondike. Just around two rocky points, three miles away, lies Dyea, whence in 1897 went other thousands to the Klondike. One man lives in Dyea—its glory also has departed.

In those days, no railroad ran from this arm of the sea. Men went into the interior over the passes, thence by small-boat down the Klondike river to the gold fields of the Klondike river. The trails over both the Chilkoot and White passes—the former from Dyea, the latter from Skagway—where graveyards in which many skeletons lie buried beneath cruel snowdrifts, other skeletons lie whitening. Along side are the bones of thousands of horses, mules, oxen and goats—pack animals which fell exhausted during the awful rush to the north.

Horses Die in Great Numbers. Up the gulch from Skagway, at Dead Horse canyon, it is asserted that 5000 horses died the winter of 1898. Over on the Dyea trail, the other day, we saw 20 sacks of flour lying by the way, pieces of broken vehicles, crumbling and houses, fallen foot bridges over roaring mountain streams.

These trails are abandoned, for the White Pass & Yukon railway from Skagway has been built, and, of course, some travel by crude trail when he can speed across the summits of the coast ranges in steam cars to the head of steam navigation on the Yukon and thus shorten the time required to go to Dawson, Fort Mile, Fort Selkirk, Fairbanks, and other interior points.

But, in those days of the initial excitement over the discoveries of fabulously rich placer gold fields in the north, these two towns were veritable maelstroms. Through them rushed a tornado of humanity, crazed with the lure of the north—men and women from every part of the globe. Each carried an average, perhaps, of \$1000. The 100,000 who hurried here in 1897 and 1898, therefore, brought approximately \$100,000,000. Most of them went away "broke."

Taken in Individual Claims.

The Klondike placer fields were taken in individual claims by miners, some by oldtimers, called "sourdoughs," others by "chechakos," newcomers. Some of these claims were marvelously rich. A claim was 500 feet up and down the creek bed and so wide as from rim rock to rim rock. Single claims washed out in one winter, according to the crude methods of those days, \$250,000. Cleanups of \$50,000 to \$100,000 were numerous. The winter of 1897-8 the Klondike produced \$12,000,000 in gold and more the

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Mrs. Claire Pawling Plummer, president of the Shubin society and founder of the Bide-a-wee Home for incurables at Longport, whose kindness for an aged invalid man, who had been picked up as an outcast by the Salvation army, has been more than rewarded. The man died in Mrs. Plummer's house and left a will giving one third of his possessions to her. She has just returned from Nebraska where she learned that the outcast she befriended was a millionaire, and that her share under the will would be at least \$330,000. The man was George W. Eccleston. When he appeared at the Bide-a-wee home he was on crutches and wore ragged clothing.

next year, with liberal outputs for years to come.

Yet today Dawson, one time glitteringly brilliant with its sprinkling of millions of gold dust, is quiet, almost as a country graveyard. The stampede has ended. The stampede has departed for other centers of excitement. Cabins stand on every hand, deserted. Along streets where once thousands of men and women rushed, with courage and hope and energy and high resolve, stalk the dejected employes of the Yukon Gold company—owned by the Guggenheim Brothers of New York, N. Y., and Denver, Colo.

The entire sweep of the Klondike has been taken over from the Canadian government by the Guggenheims. Practically not another interest is there and such as are known that it is only a question of a few months when they must sell out to the Guggenheims. The Klondike is entirely within the British Yukon territory.

Crude Methods No More.

The crude placer mining methods of the early days are no more. Today, huge dredging and steam shoveling machines are operated. The hills are being washed away, the beds of the creeks overturned, and the gold extracted from the frozen soil upon a scale quite different from that of the rush times. It is true that the glory of these ports departed. Then it was crudity; disorganization, chaos. Now, it is cold, calculating, methodical work, governed from the Guggenheim headquarters in New York City, 5000 miles away. It is a system against what once was indescribable confusion. It is the selfish organized dollars coming in where brave men looked out the country and located mineral wealth, and, in this unequal strife, the weaker individual has lost.

It is but a repetition of the history of the pioneer work done by venturesome men in the western parts of the United States—by the Marcus Whitmans, the Daniel Boones and all of that honored company of conquerors of our wilderness. Five minutes ago I met a man I knew 14 years ago as a Klondiker. He put in 11 years in that region, and, finally, as he said, he "just got out of the country; the Guggenheims had taken complete possession of the diggings."

The Yukon Gold company was the concern organized by the Guggenheims the stock of which was floated by Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, in one of his sensational advertising campaigns. Control of it is held by the Guggenheim brothers.

Evolution in Process.

The evolution of existing conditions in the Klondike is in process in Alaska, American territory, from Ketchikan, in the uttermost southeastern part, to the most northerly point where Bering straits run into the Arctic ocean. The individual pioneer prospector struggles against the onward march of the all-conquering syndicate formed in 1906 by John Pierpont Morgan, the Guggenheims, Jacob Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., S. H. Graves, representing Chase brothers of London, and others. Unless something shall be done to check its progress, all of Alaska will pass, like the Klondike, hopelessly into the hands of the combine.

It is apparent that the problem of the United States government is to act promptly, yet with matured plans, to prevent the utter wiping out of the individual man's chances, and, at the same time to construct a system which shall have the benefits of modern collective, cooperative action. Alaskans up here are asking only that.

BRIDE, SINGING, WANTS HUBBY TO PAY BILLS

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 5.—Esther M. Eberhardt, an 18 year old bride who is singing for divorce, asks the court to direct her husband to pay for the marriage ceremony and other nuptial bills which she defrayed.

Reunion on Battlefield.

Lexington, Mo., Sept. 5.—The annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of Missouri began here today with a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Lexington, the exercises taking place on the battlefield. The reunion will continue over Wednesday and Thursday.

SHALL CITY OWN PUBLIC UTILITIES, BY CHARTER PLAN?

Framers of Commission Form Hold Prolonged Discussion on Proposed Radical Policy—Matter Referred Back.

Shall Portland have power to own all public utilities, adding streetcar and electric light service and a paving plant in addition to the water works?

This question came before the people's charter revision committee meeting last night in the city hall. Should such radical liberty of municipal ownership be included in the commission plan? was the further question that kept up a continuous four hours' discussion and finally a referring of the question back to the sub-committee on municipal ownership of which H. G. Parsons is chairman and Judge Henry E. McGinn and N. U. Carpenter are members.

The report when re-submitted will have been materially revised but it is expected that the proposed liberty for municipal ownership will be more largely provided for than in the first draft. Official Gazette.

At the meeting last night there were present Chairman A. E. Clark, Alfred D. Cridge, Dr. Charles H. Chapman, H. G. Parsons, A. L. Barbur, N. U. Carpenter, W. C. Benbow and George Black.

At the next meeting of the revision committee which is to be held Thursday evening there will be suggested for action and decision every sort of election procedure known to conservatives and radicals including preferential voting, proportional representation, woman's suffrage.

The plan of an official gazette such as is provided for in the Spokane commission plan was submitted in a report last night and will be acted upon at a future meeting. This is for the purpose of giving complete publicity to every act of the commissioners.

A committee appeared before the revision committee asking to suggest health regulations and was requested to meet tonight with the sub-committee on commission, its terms and powers, which meets in A. E. Clark's office, Yeon building.

Firemen's Committee. A committee of firemen desiring the incorporation of the firemen's fund in the commission plan will meet with the sub-committee on civil service in the city auditor's office at the city hall tonight. City Auditor Barbur is chairman of this committee.

H. D. Wagon came before the revision committee last night asking that provisions for municipal ownership be made complete, simple, direct and understandable. The revision committee adopted the first paragraph of the report on municipal ownership, and it reads:

"The city of Portland shall have power to construct, condemn and purchase, add to, acquire, maintain, conduct and operate waterworks within and without its limits for the purpose of lighting the city and inhabitants thereof and any other person or persons doing business therein with an

ample supply of water for all uses and purposes, public and private with full power to regulate and control the use, distribution and price thereof."

G. N. Section Foreman Slain.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Sept. 5.—John Craig, section foreman for the Great Northern railway at Richmond Beach, about 10 miles north of this city, was killed yesterday, possibly by Charles Seiffert, a night track walker. A dispute is said to have started over a new lantern which Craig refused to buy for Seiffert. Yesterday Seiffert was discharged and at that time made threats against Craig. He was later seen displaying a revolver. This morning Craig was seen walking toward the little shack inhabited by Seiffert and shortly after he was shot. Sheriff Hodge has gone to the scene.

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PLAINTIFF WINS FIRST HONORS IN MONKEY CASE

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The railroad company argued that because the Interstate Commerce commission was violated in that the animal was carried free of charge, the company was not liable.

Motion Pictures for Reds. (United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Sept. 5.—Moving pictures will be introduced by the government in teaching the Indian to be sanitary according to announcement today. The wrong and the right way to live will be explained by the motion pictures.

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COUNCIL ORDERS JOSEPH MADE DARK

Unusual Move Is Said to Be Means of Retaliation on F. D. McCully.

(Special to The Journal.) Joseph, Or., Sept. 5.—At a meeting of the city council a resolution was passed discontinuing the electric lights on the streets of Joseph, thereby placing the city in entire darkness. It is rumored that on account of the war between F. D. McCully and the city over the water system, the city council is taking this means of retaliation against McCully, who is also owner of the electric light plant.

The feeling here is intense against the council for this action, and unless the lights go on again, the city will probably go dry at the fall election, as the majority of the business men who have heretofore advocated a wet town will now vote dry. The council wants the town to go wet in order to get the benefit of the license fees, the town being very much in need of funds, having spent considerable in litigation with McCully over the water system.

NO "MORMON QUESTION" CONTENTS REV. DR. AKED

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Sept. 5.—Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked of the First Congregational church, who has just returned after touring the east and middle west, says that there is no "Mormon question." "All this stuff that has appeared in the magazines about Mormonism is pure rot," declared the divine, who attended a chautauqua at Ogden, Utah. "We have no cause to anticipate trouble from Mormonism. Instances of polygamy among the Mormons are as rare as instances of immorality among men of our own religion."

University Hospital Dedicated.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 5.—The Elliott Memorial hospital, a gift to the University of Minnesota from Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Elliot of Minneapolis, was formally dedicated today with interesting exercises held on the university campus. President Vincent of the university and the heads of the college of medicine and surgery, were among the speakers.

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