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ALASKA MINES AN ELDORADO

Letter From a Former Astorian Just Received Confirms all Reports

GOLD HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED

Must Not go to Alaska Without Plenty of Grub for the Winter--Food is Scarce--Gold--Plenty--Letter From Joseph Ladue Bears Out the Report.

Astoria has caught the Alaska gold fever. Groups of business men, fishermen, mechanics, car drivers, were busy all day discussing the wonderful discoveries in the Klondike. Dozens have announced their intention of going to Alaska this summer or early next spring. There are a number of people here, who went through the excitement in California in '49, who feel convinced from the reports received that Alaska holds greater riches than were ever offered by California to the gold hunters. Yesterday Mr. Thos. Loville received a letter from John McClellan, formerly a fisherman on the Columbia river, whose home is across on the Washington shore, at Naselle. He is well known amongst the bankers in this city, with whom he has done considerable business. The letter is for his brother who is now residing above this city for one of the local concerns. The letter, which speaks for itself, follows: Klondike, Yukon river, Alaska, May 11 1897--My Dear Brother: I write to let you know that I arrived here in good health. The country here is better than you ever heard of or read about. It is the richest thing that ever was known. I wrote to you from Sheep

the Yukon, and all passengers and freight are transferred to a river steamer and carried two thousand miles to Dawson City. The overland route is about 60 miles from Juneau, and the majority of miners who are rushing to the new Eldorado will go that way. Cold weather commences about the middle of September and lasts till May. Passengers on the Excelsior will reach Dawson City about September 1 and will have to do their prospecting in the snow. Mr. Ladue advises people to wait until spring before going up, as the facilities for carrying them will much improve then. FORTUNES EARLY. Seattle, July 17.--A special correspondent of the Post-Intelligencer, who was sent out from Port Townsend on a special tugboat to meet the incoming steamer Portland, from St. Michaels, sends the following dispatch: Port Townsend, July 17.--At 3 o'clock this morning the steamship Portland, from St. Michaels for Seattle, passed up the Sound with more than a ton of solid gold on board and sixty-eight passengers. In the captain's cabin are three chests and a large safe filled with the precious nuggets. The metal is worth nearly \$700,000, and the most of it was taken out of the ground in less than three months last winter, and in size the nuggets range from the size of a pea to a golden egg. Of the sixty-eight miners aboard, hardy men has less than \$7,000, and one or two have more than \$100,000 in the yellow nuggets. One peculiar feature to be noticed is that the dig strikes were made by less than a dozen men, and the rest were suffering indescribable hardships and privations in Alaska and the Northwest territory, and have only a few thousand dollars to show for their labor. Fortune seemed to smile on the inexperienced men who went into the mining districts late last year, as nearly all of them were the most fortunate. The stories they tell seem too incredible, and far beyond belief. Instances are noted where

THE CONFERREES HAVE AGREED

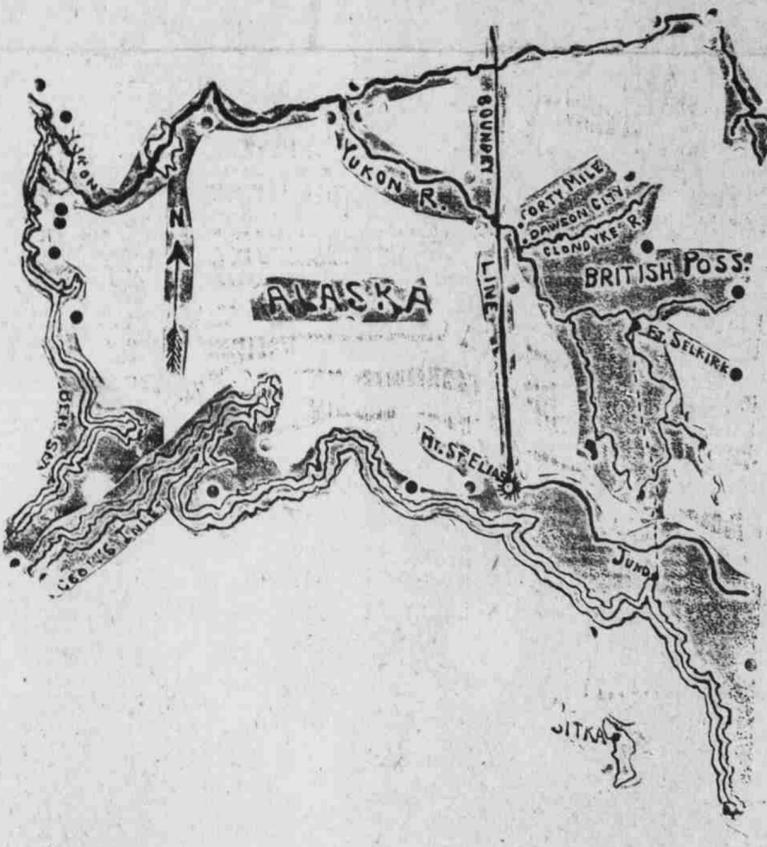
Tariff Bill Will Now Go to the Democratic Members.

ENTIRE CHANGE IN SUGAR

Majority of Senate Amendments Preserved--Hoped that the Bill will be Presented to Congress Monday.

Washington, July 17.--When the republican conference on the tariff adjourned at 6 p. m. today, announcement was made on behalf of each house that they had agreed on all items of the bill, and that the result of the partisan conference would be submitted to the democratic members of the conference at the full meeting to be held Monday. "We cannot," said Senator Allison, "say just what the attendance of the democrats on Monday will be, for there is still much to be done to get the bill in readiness for them." It is understood that some of the members will work tomorrow for the accomplishment of this purpose, and it is hoped to have the bill printed and prepared for inspection of the democrats by 11 o'clock Monday. The republicans still further hope to secure the assent of the democratic members in reporting the bill at one session, and they hope to be able to present it to congress at the beginning of the session Monday. The members of the conference still preserve strictest silence in regard to the conditions made, giving out no official confirmation as to the changes made in the

off one-tenth of a cent in low grade sugars was reworked from. "You will discover," said Senator Aldrich in discussing the matter among his colleagues, "that the senate saves something after all, and that it is not a complete surrender as our part." The modification of the sugar schedule still leaves the rate on pure sugar testing 10 degrees 1.5 cents per pound, which was the senate rate. The differential on refined sugar is, however, one-eighth of a cent per pound, while the senate differential was one-fifth. The house also secured the elimination of the one-tenth of a cent reduction allowed on Jaggery and on other low grades of sugars, testing below 8 by polariscope. It is claimed that the increase on higher grades of sugar which will result from the increase of the polariscope graduation advance will add materially to the production of the beet sugar industry. It is estimated that the changes in the sugar schedule will cause about \$1,500,000 additional revenue. The following are among the important changes made in other schedules: Hides, 15 per cent ad valorem, in place of 25 per cent, fixed by the senate. The house made a strong fight to have hides restored to the free list, but they were compelled to submit to the existing demand of the senate. Wool, as heretofore sent out--first-class, 11 cents per pound; second-class, 12 cents per pound; third-class, 4 cents on that below 12 cents per pound in value and 5 cents on that above 12 cents in value. These rates on third-class were the result of an agreement between the wool-growers and the carpet manufacturers. Lead ore, 1 1/2 cents per pound. Pig lead, 2 1/4 cents--the senate rates. Iron ore as fixed by the senate. CHINESE RULING. Washington, July 17.--The attorney-general has given an opinion to the secretary of the treasury, in which he holds that a Chinese person who leaves this country under permit must return within the two years allowed by law without recourse to the cause of his delay. The opinion was rendered in the case of the three Chinamen detained at Victoria, B. C., by quarantine officers, so that they could not reach this country until three days after the time limit had expired. SENATE CONFIRMATIONS. Washington, July 17.--The senate has confirmed all the commissioners recently appointed to classify the lands within the land grant limits of the Northern Pacific railroad in Montana; also, following: Fred D. H. Eustis, collector of customs for the district of Puget Sound, Washington. Postmaster--Washington, W. L. Cavanaugh, Olympia. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS. Washington, July 17.--The president today nominated T. V. Powderly for commissioner general of immigration, Chas. S. Johnson United States district attorney for Alaska. The senate today confirmed the nomination of Myron McCord, governor of Arizona. HAWAIIAN MARINE NOTICE. Washington, July 17.--The Hawaiian government has given notice that no foreign-built vessels will be admitted to Hawaiian register pending action on the annexation treaty. Similar notice was given in January, 1894, when annexation was first proposed. EPWORTH LEAGUE. Toronto, Ont., July 17.--Deep interest and enthusiasm have marked the meetings of the Epworth League. A few minutes after the doors of Massey hall were thrown open hundreds of delegates were unable to obtain admission. The same was true of the other places of assembly. The joint committee appointed by the cabinet to select the next place of meeting of the convention decided on Indianapolis. Other candidates were New York, Seattle and Omaha. CROCKER DEAD. San Mateo, Cal., July 17.--Col. C. W. Crocker, first vice-president of the Southern Pacific, stricken with apoplexy and paralysis at his dinner table eight days ago, died this evening. WICHITA, KAN., NEXT. Salt Lake, July 17.--Wichita, Kansas, was decided upon for the place of holding the next trans-Mississippi congress. ROYAL makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.



Camp, about parties getting out \$200 to there was no doubt of the richness of the diggings in the Klondike region. He thinks there is enough gold in the ground to keep all miners who can work busy for the next twenty years to get it out. Mr. Ladue, however, issues a timely warning to the thousands who are preparing to rush to the gold fields this year. He said: "There are at present about 3500 people in the country, and that number is about all that can be accommodated this winter. Provisions are high, as it costs from ten to fifteen cents a pound to land goods at Dawson City, and it is impossible to get more provisions in this year than will supply the present population. If miners rush up there this winter, unless they take with them their own supplies, they will suffer great hardships. I advise everyone going up to take supplies sufficient to last at least eighteen months. The fare to Dawson City from San Francisco is \$150, and it will cost at least \$50 more to transport supplies for one man. The steamer Excelsior will leave here for Alaska July 23, and already all her passenger accommodations are engaged. This will be her last trip this year. The Excelsior goes to St. Michaels, at the mouth of

single individuals have taken out, in two and one-half months, gold to the value of over \$100,000. Clarence Berry, of Fresno, Cal., went to the Yukon in 1896 and prospected several years without success. He returned home last autumn, was married, and took his bride to the Klondike last November. He is now on the Portland with \$125,000, the result of a winter's work and fortune's smile. Frank Philicator, of Baroda, Mich., is another lucky miner. He went to the Klondike last autumn and is now returning with \$26,000, having worked two claims with nine men, three months, and he still owns the claims. He was one of the original discoverers of the Eldorado district. Although most of the passengers are returning home with plenty of gold, they advise and urge people who contemplate going to the Yukon not to think of taking in less than one ton of food and plenty of clothes. While it is a poor man's country, yet the hardships and privations to be encountered by inexperienced persons unused to frontier life

bill. It is learned, however, from an entirely reliable source that a very large majority of the senate amendments were accepted. Jones, of Nevada, holding, as he does, the practical balance of power, both in the senate and in the committee, was enabled to secure many concessions for Western interests in the senate, and these he held without exception in the conference. He even succeeded in securing a degree of protection for beet sugar greater than was given either in the senate or house bill. The bill as agreed upon will, when made public, present an entirely new sugar schedule, at least in the main part of duty on raw and refined sugar, the fourth presented since the bill emerged from the recesses of the ways and means committee. When the announcement of an agreement was made, the allegations were that they had surrendered everything in the sugar schedule to the house. No one in possession of all the facts could see how it could be otherwise, when it was known that the house differential of one-eighth of a cent had been accepted and the senate provision for throwing

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