

"SWIFTWATER BILL."

Again Hunting Things His Own Way
In Dawson—Other Klondike Notes.

"Swiftwater Bill," says the Dawson Dispatch, has somewhat of a "pull" in Dawson, and has exercised it to the extent of exterminating the famous Lamore family, root and stem, from the Klondike capital.

William Gates, or "Swiftwater Bill," has had a world of trouble with this family, and during the spring when, by reason of prior water rights, Gates was unable to obtain water to sluice his Dominion claims, they were making him squirm by reason of his shortage of ready cash. But when the first water rights were consumed, Gates got his damps under each, and once again the famous silk hat and long-tailed coat were taken in hand and "Swiftwater Willie" was the Yukon Monty Cristo of old.

He secured as a special attraction a young girl from Portland, notwithstanding he had to start her mother in the lodging-house business in Dawson and supply her sister with ready money to act as chaperone. This young lady was a trained vocalist and pianist, and soon cut a swell in the Dawson tenderloin, and with Gates' dust soon was a power.

Mrs. "Swiftwater Bill" Gates, better known as Gussie Lamore, and her two sisters and brother are now en route to San Francisco, and claim that Swiftwater jobbed them, as they were given eight hours to transact any pressing business and leave the Yukon forever, the officials claiming that they were too light-fingered in handling miners' dust in the Yukon. It is estimated that they had \$25,000 each as a result of their stay in Dawson.

"Swiftwater" is now cook of the walk in Dawson and the same spendthrift as of old.

Klondike Notes.
Unusual interest is being manifested in the approaching trial of Arthur Goddard, who killed James Prather, his cabin mate last May. He has been acting very strangely in his prison apartments in the barracks lately and the police are of the opinion he is insane. He is closely watched night and day. Captain W. W. Robinson, Jr., has sent in a long letter saying the prisoner was severely injured when a boy and that his family considered him partially insane.

Recently the Ottawa authorities ordered returned to American territory 1,018 barrels of beer imported by the Alaska Commercial Company and the North American Trading and Transportation Company. Governor Ogilvie has just issued a permit allowing the shipment to go to Dawson and placed in the bonded warehouse, along with 2,000 barrels of other beer, pending a final decision by the Ottawa government.

Since the opening of navigation, according to local passenger lists, 9,447 people have left Dawson and 2,800 have arrived there. This aggregate does not include 1,000 or 1,500 men who floated down the river to Cape Nome. It is estimated that there are 3,000 "broke" men in the Klondike who must get out of the country or become objects of charity next winter.

I. Hobson and A. B. Crane have returned from a prospecting trip on Coal and Twelve Mile creeks and Porcupine river, along the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, without finding any place for quartz gold indications. They pronounce the country barren of valuable mineral. It is a hunter's paradise, they say, and the valleys abound with all kinds of game.

The remains of Chester Payne Hughes have been shipped to Seattle for interment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hughes, and died as the ice went out of the river on the 17th of last May. J. L. Bell, who died on December 20, 1898, has been exhumed and sent to his old home in Whatcom, at the request of his son, J. H. Bell, Jr.

Judge S. O. Morford, formerly probate judge of Yakima county, Wash., has sold his property interests on Bonanza, Hunker and other creeks to Tom Kirkpatrick and Dr. Bonner for \$95,000. He will return to his Washington home next winter and live in peace and happiness the rest of his days.

The government is building a wagon trail from Caribou crossing to a point below White Horse rapids through Watson valley and around Thirty Mile river. This will lessen the distance on the winter trail fully 100 miles.

It is estimated that fully 40,000 tons of general merchandise have been shipped to the Yukon valley via St. Michaels and White Pass. There is an abundance of food at Dawson to supply all requirements.

Thomas Mahoney, general manager of the North American Trading & Transportation Company, has purchased the mercantile holdings of the British American Company. The purchase price was \$100,000.

Henry Piltz is accused by Edgar Miner of converting his claim into \$1,500 from the French Hill claim.

The fire limits of Dawson City have been defined and the chief of the department is compelling owners to remove all tents within the limits 24 hours after notification.

Henry Conn, late fireman, and Peter Wylberg are charged with stealing \$3,000 worth of gold from claim No. 36 on Bonanza creek. The complaint was filed by the N. A. T. & Co.

The telegraph line has reached a point on the Yukon river 150 miles south of Dawson. The work is being pushed ahead at the rate of five miles a day.

Wilders' Brigade.
General John T. Wilders' brigade is to have a two days' reunion at Chickamauga park in September on the anniversary of the battle. During the encampment the entire battlefield will be visited and the shaft erected to the honor of the brigade will be dedicated.—Chicago Chronicle.

Mrs. Cree Stanley is the first woman member of the Sydney (Australia) Trade and Labor Council, being the delegate of the Female Employees Union.

FALL TRADE ACTIVITY.

General Business of the Country Goes Forward at a Good Pace.

Bradstreet's says: With comparatively little stock or other speculative activity, and with few strong new features presenting themselves, the general business of the country goes forward at a good pace, and with unprecedented volume for this period of the year. Fall trade activity would appear to be at its maximum, judging from advice of activity and strength of demand reported alike from Western and Eastern markets, and shared in also by most South Atlantic and interior Southern cities.

Iron and steel are quiet but very strong at the East.

Little improvement seems to be noted in wheat though the government report was temporarily stimulating. Weather conditions are partly responsible for the better demand for better. The strength of cotton goods is noticeable. Lumber remains all its old strength and some new buying is responsible for advanced quotations at several centers. This is true also of most building materials with the exception of brick which is rather weak owing to reported over production. Wool is firmer at all and higher at some markets and much interest is taken in the next London wool sales.

Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregate 4,000,000 bushels against 4,353,903 bushels last week 3,675,291 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898, 6,299,948 bushels in 1897, 5,966,352 bushels in 1896, and 2,892,259 bushels in 1895.

Since July 1, this season, the exports of wheat aggregate 42,012,795 bushels, against 56,469,091 bushels last year, and 44,602,700 in 1897.

Business failures for the week number 149, against 123 last week, and 173 in this year a year ago.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 58¢@60¢; Valley, 59¢@61¢; Blount, 60¢@61¢ per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$3.25; Graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 30¢@40¢; choice gray, 36¢@38¢ per bushel.

Barley—Feed, 15¢@16¢; brewing, \$1.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$1.75 per ton; middlings, \$2.25; shorts, \$1.85; chop, \$1.60 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$8.00; clover, \$7.00; Oregon wild hay, \$6.00 per ton.

Butter—Creamery, 45¢@50¢; second, 38¢@40¢; dairy, 30¢@35¢; store, 22¢@25¢ per dozen.

Eggs—30¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12¢; Young America, 13¢; new cheese, 10¢ per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$4.00; 4.50 per dozen; hens, \$3.50; springs, \$2.50; 4.50; geese, \$4.50; 4.50; for old, \$4.50; 4.50; for young, ducks, \$4.50; 5.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12¢@13¢ per pound.

Potatoes—65¢@75¢ per sack; sweets, 20¢@25¢ per pound.

Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 90¢ per sack; garlic, 70¢ per pound; cauliflower, 1¢@1.25 per pound; cabbages, \$1.50 per dozen; parsnips, \$1.50; 5.50¢ per pound; celery, 70¢@75¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 50¢ per box; peas, 3¢@4¢ per pound; tomatoes, 25¢@30¢ per box; green corn, 12¢@15¢ per dozen.

Hops—11¢@13¢; 1897 crop, 4¢@6¢.

Wool—Valley, 12¢@13¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@13¢; mohair, 17¢@20¢ per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3½¢; dressed mutton, 6½¢@7¢; lambs, 7½¢ per lb.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00; light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, \$6.00@7.00 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, 3.50¢@4.00; cows, \$2.00@3.50; dressed beef, 6¢@7¢ per pound.

Veal—Large, 6½¢@7½¢; small, 8¢@8½¢ per pound.

Seattle Market.

Onions, new, \$1.50@1.50 per sack.

Potatoes, new, 75¢@81¢.

Beets, per sack, 75¢@81¢.

Turnips, per sack, 50¢.

Carrots, per sack, 50¢@75¢.

Parsnips, per sack, \$1.00@1.75.

Cauliflower, 75¢ per doz.

Cabbage, native and California, \$1.25 per 100 pounds.

Cherries, 75¢@81¢.

Peaches, 75¢@90¢.

Apples, \$1.25@1.75 per box.

Pears, \$1.75@2.00 per box.

Prunes, \$1 per dozen.

Watermelons, \$1.25@2.50.

Cantaloupes, 50¢@75¢.

Butter—Creamery, 27¢ per pound; dairy 17¢@22¢ ranch, 12¢@17¢ per lb.

Eggs, 26¢.

Cheese—Native, 13¢@14¢.

Poultry—13¢@14¢; dressed, 16¢.

Hay—Oregon sound timothy, \$7.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$14.00.

Corn—Whole, \$2.50; cracked, \$2.25; feed meal, \$2.00.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton \$21; whole, \$22.

Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$5.50; blended straight, \$5.25; California \$4.25; lockhead, \$3.50; Graham, \$4.00; barrel, \$3.50; whole wheat flour, \$3; rye flour, \$3.75.

Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$15; shorts, per ton, \$16.

Feed—Chopped feed, \$20.50 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$22; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12¢@14¢ per pound; Oregon, Eastern, 10¢@14¢; Valley, 17¢@18¢; Northern, 8¢@10¢.

Onions—Yellow, 75¢@85¢ per sack.

Butter—Factory creamery, 25¢@26¢; do seconds, 23¢@24¢; fancy dairy, 21¢@23¢ do seconds, 18¢@20¢.

Eggs—Store, 20¢@23¢; fancy ranch, 20¢@25¢.

Hops—1899 crop, 10¢@13¢ per pound.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4@5.00; California lemons, 75¢@1.50; do choice, \$1.75@2.00 per box.

Hay—Wheat, \$6.00; wheat and oat, \$6.00; best barley, \$5.00; alfalfa, 5.00¢ per ton; straw, 30¢@35¢ per bale.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 50¢@60¢; Oregon Burbanks, \$1.25@1.50; per Burbanks, 50¢@70¢; Salinas Burbanks, 90¢@1.15 per sack.

Tropical fruits—Bananas, \$1.50@2.50 per bunch; pineapples, \$2@4.00; Persian dates, 6¢@6½¢ per pound.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

His Coat Caught, and He Came Near Being Cremated.

A number of club sportsmen had been telling stories mostly illustrating "the hair-breadth escapes" they had experienced on various hunting expeditions in the far West. There was only one member in the group who had remained silent, and he was asked to relate something for the general entertainment.

"I was just thinking of an exciting and nearly fatal ride I had on a farm wagon when hunting in the Adirondacks last November. I had been out all day shooting partridges, quail and all other game that came within the reach of my gun, and late in the afternoon when my bag was full I came to the conclusion that I had had a fair day's sport and would go home. But I didn't realize how fagged out I was until I started on my journey, and the fact that I had a heavy load to carry for five miles before I reached the farm house where I was staying was anything but pleasant to contemplate. However, I had gone about a mile on the country road when I heard the rumbling of a vehicle behind me, and on looking round I saw a big wagon loaded with hay. The driver soon caught up to me, and learning that he was going a short distance from where I lived, I asked him to give me a ride. He gave me permission, stopped his horse and when I had scrambled up on top I lay down in the hay and went swaying and swinging pleasantly down the road. I was just thinking of presenting the old farmer with a few birds when suddenly there was a bang! My gun, from which I had come to take the cartridges, had gone off. The horses gave a jump and the driver rolled on his back into a ditch, where he lay stunned and motionless.

"Then I discovered that my gun had set fire to the hay, and I thought it was about time for me to jump for the road. The horses were tearing along the road as fast as they could run, but I clambered for the side of the load and slid for the ground.

"The tail of my stout hunting coat caught on the top of a sharp-pointed standard and there I hung to the careening wagon that every minute threatened to upset and dump a load of burning hay on me at every turn of the highway.

"The fire was crackling and burning fiercely, and already I could feel the flames. Still the horses ran and still my coat held me fast to that seething mass of fire. My trousers began to get uncomfortably hot and then I observed with horror that my coat was on fire. The next moment the loose cartridges in my pocket began exploding from the heat and then I smelled my birds boiling.

"Well, you can see that I was in a bad fix. I had just made up my mind that I was going to be roasted alive when the tail of my coat burned off and I was thrown into a ditch full of water on the road. Presently, when I had recovered my senses, I got up, brushed the mud from my clothes and resumed my journey, without stopping to see what had become of the horses, my gun and the old farmer. The next morning I took the first train for New York, and thus ended one of the most exciting shooting trips I have ever had."

Signatures on a Wager.

How a Man Got Others to Petition to Have a Judge Hanged.

"Two often heard of folks signing in manner of absurd papers without reading them," said a tenant in one of the large office blocks, "but I saw the thing demonstrated in a very startling fashion one day last week.

"A broker in an adjacent office got into an argument on the subject, and to settle a bet about it drew up a petition to Gov. Foster. It started out with a long preamble of a preamble, the substance of which was that Judge

(naming one of the most prominent and highly respected jurists in New Orleans) was a menace to the public on account of his phenomenal stupidity, and wound up by requesting the Governor to order him to be hanged immediately. The whole thing was clothed in such a mass of pompous and high-sounding words that it was difficult at first to catch its absurd purport, but, reduced to plain English, it was about as I have stated.

"Accused with this interesting document, the lawyer went the rounds of the block. Here's an invitation to Judge to deliver a lecture on Roman law," he said to every man he met. I want you to sign it. Shall I read it to you? 'Good heavens! No! the other fellow would say as soon as he glanced at the mass of writing, and down would go his signature. Incredible as it may seem, he got forty-four signatures in less than two hours and won his bet, which was based on forty.

"Out of the whole crowd he encountered only one man who insisted on reading the document before affixing his name. He happened to be a bitter political enemy of the judge's, and when he got through reading grudgingly, 'I'll sign that with pleasure,' he said, 'and I'm glad so many other citizens feel the same way.' But, leaving him out, there were forty-three intelligent men, lawyers, doctors, merchants, brokers, bankers, manufacturers and other representative citizens who had deliberated but unwittingly signed a petition to have one of our judges hanged. When some of them heard what they had done they were highly indignant, but it certainly taught them a valuable lesson. They couldn't be caught that way again."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Burglar Device.

One of the latest burglar devices is directed against the intruder who wishes to appropriate the contents of our safes.

It is to place a grating in the floor near the safe, and hide under it an arrangement for heating water by electricity. When the safe-breaker steps on the covered grating and sets to work there gradually rises a volume of steam, which soon makes him hurry off.

Big Street Railway Profits.

One street railway system in Chicago netted over \$1,000,000 beyond its usual income in the World's Fair year of 1893. The receipts from passengers on the banner day were \$37,500.

Even the successful dentist encounters a snag occasionally.

"You May Bend the Sapling But Not the Tree."

When disease has become chronic and deep seated it is often difficult to cure it. That is the reason why it is best to take Hood's Sarsaparilla when disease first shows itself. In long-seated, tenacious cases, Hood's Sarsaparilla is also wonderfully successful.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

An Explanation.
"It strikes me this low water is dirty," said a Cincinnati hotel guest. "Holtz gel!" exclaimed the bellboy, as he looked in the pitcher. "I betcher de porter forgot ter wash it!"—Chicago Evening News.

Recent investigations have shown that a bright green line characteristic of the spectrum of the new gas, krypton, is almost identical with the spectroscopic line that characterizes the aurora borealis.

For some troubles a German physician has discovered a new and simple remedy, which consists in massage of the liver by holding the breath at the height of inspiration and breathing out slowly.

Blood flows through the bones of very young children almost as freely as through the veins.

Climate, Scenery and Nature's Splendor.

Scenery, altitude, sunshine and air, constitute the factors which are rapidly making Colorado the health and pleasure grounds of the world.

Here the sun shines 357 days of the average year, and it blends with the crisp, electric mountain air to produce a climate unmatched in the known world. No pen can portray, no brush can picture the majestic grandeur of the scenery along the line of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in Colorado.

Parties going East should travel via this line which is known all over the world as the Scenic Line of the world.

For any information regarding rates, time tables, etc., call on or address H. C. Nichol, general agent, 251 Washington street, Portland, Or., or any agent of the O. R. & N. Co., or Southern Pacific Company.

Just before W. V. Smith, of Florence, Kan., goes to bed he carefully places his head in a muslin bag. After he has entered the bed he puts the bag under his pillow. His head is nearly eight feet long.

England has one flock of pure merino sheep.

June bugs are thick in parts of Germany this year. At Brody school children lately gathered 25½ hundred weight from a 16-acre field. Some one has figured out that this means 1,270,000 June bugs.

Five women, Clara Barton, Anne Bouquy, Margaret Chaner, Annie Wheeler and Helen M. Gould, have received the thanks of congress for their valuable services in the cause of mercy in the late war.

Overcome of Men.

It's a wise child that knows its own father when it sees him out in company.

It doesn't take much of a man to tell how a thing ought to be done. The one who does and does it deserves the praise.

The man who goes to church may not enjoy the sermon, but he generally goes home with a good appetite for his Sunday dinner.

It is claimed by some people that baldness indicates great brain power, but the makers of alleged hair restorers keep on getting rich.—Chicago Times Herald.

The Best Man Wins.

Prize fighting may not be a pleasant subject, but it teaches a lesson—the inability of man to hold the championship for any length of time. How unlike the great champion of health, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has for fifty years cured constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness and liver trouble.

Mrs. May Preston Sloan has been appointed chaplain of the Wyoming state penitentiary at Laramie.

HOW TO TRAVEL.

Information for the Public.

In selecting your route to the East you cannot afford to overlook the advantages and comforts offered by the Rio Grande Western Railway in connection with the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland railroads. It is the only transcontinental line passing directly through Salt Lake City, and in addition to the glimpse it affords of the Temple city, the Great Salt Lake, the salt palace, and the picturesque Utah valley, it offers choice of six distinct routes to the East and the most magnificent scenery in the world.

A double daily train service and through Pullman palace and ordinary sleeping cars, free reclining chair cars and a perfect dining car service are now in operation via these lines.

For pamphlets descriptive of the "Great Salt Lake Route," apply to J. D. Mansfield, general agent, 253 Washington street, Portland, Or.

The Princess of Naples is said to be the most beautiful member of a reigning family.

Pink's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Buchser, La., August 26, 1895.

It appears that Miss Emil Vandell is not the only woman sculptor member of the National Sculptor society.

In addition to Miss Vandell the society includes Mrs. H. H. Kitson, of Boston, and Miss Bessie Potter, who, like Miss Vandell, now lives in New York.

According to Nilsson, the biologist, the weight of the Greenland whale is 100 tons, or 224,000 pounds, or equal to that of 88 elephants or 440 bears.

Mme. Melba caught cold at a boat-party on the Thames not long ago, and had to give up singing at Mrs. Ogden Goelet's party, where she was to have been paid \$2,000.

What are known as "tidal waves" have nothing to do with the tides, but are supposed to be caused by earthquakes. They do not, therefore, appear at regular intervals.

Improved Train Equipment.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Harburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

Burlington, Ia., people have raised \$30,000 of the \$100,000 which they are asked to subscribe in stock in order to secure a new railway that will run north from that city and penetrate new territory.

A blacksmith in Grass Valley, Cal., decided to close his career on the anniversary of his birthday, at the very hour of the day when he was born. He waited until the clock struck 11, and then committed suicide.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED.

By local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it becomes chronic deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be lost forever; also cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is not cured out. An inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Pullman palace sleeping cars, elegant reclining chair cars, "free" and library buffet cars on all through trains. Best dining car service in the world. Popular personally conducted excursions once a week to all points East. For full particulars call on or address any ticket agent, or A. E. COOPER, G. A. P. D., C. R. I. & P. Ry., 246 Washington street, Portland, Or.

Mrs. Tower, the wife of the American ambassador, has the reputation of being one of the best gown women at the Russian court.

France employs over 5,000 women in her civil service, telephone and telegraph offices.

The National Council of Women of Holland is now fully organized, having adopted a constitution and by-laws and elected officers. Mrs. Klerck van Hogendorp is president.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, has received from the Dutch journalists five large bound volumes containing all the accounts of her coronation that were written by the foreign journalists who attended it.

The most costly piece of railway line in the world is probably that between the Mansion House and Aldgate stations in London, which required the expenditure of close upon \$10,000,000 per mile.