

THAT ALASKA PARTY

A Good Letter From Jack Harkin's Crew.

THE GOLD BOOM A GREAT FAKE

Everybody Advised to Stay Away From its Siren Shores.

HOPE CITY, Alaska, June 7, 1896. EDITOR JOURNAL:—For the benefit of our many friends, who have asked us to write them in regard to this country, and since mail is so very uncertain here and correspondence almost impossible, we thought it best for us to write you a few lines for publication. We had a fine trip from Seattle to Sitka, and there we reshipped by the steamer Bertia owned by the Alaska Commercial company, and we want to say that a nice crew, from the captain down cannot be found. We landed at the trading post Tyoonck, May 4th remaining there ten days, building our boat and making preparations to cross over the bay which is some 30 miles and quite a dangerous body of water. It is reported that five men were drowned but we only know of two. They were drowned 8 miles from here, out from Sunrise City. We made the voyage without any serious trouble. Our first stream upon which we prospected was the Chicloon. We had to contend with floating ice for two days going up, which was quite dangerous to our boat. Then we put in ten days prospecting this stream and its tributaries finding nothing only some very light flour gold which is found on most all streams in Alaska. We have been up Resurrection creek, Bear creek and Six Mile creek and found they are all invariably the same with the exception of a few deposits of gold. You can see these claims on Resurrection, Bear, Bind, Canyon and Six Mile creeks, and we have no doubt of many others, but we are now speaking of only what we know to be facts. They furnish boxes and tools and ask from 5 to 20 per cent of the clean-up, so you can see that those claims do not amount to much or they could not be got at those figures. This is nothing more than a boom and a fraud upon the face of it. So far as this being a new camp that is not true for it has been worked the last seven years, and from the appearance of the men who have worked here during that time, the claims are no good. We met a man known by name as Commodore King who owned it is claimed the best claim on Resurrection creek. He sold it for \$100 to a sucker. He told us himself that he would not give \$25 for all the claims on the creek and he is an old miner and has been in Alaska 11 years. He says he does not know what caused this excitement as there has been nothing found here for to justify the present rush; he leaves it at the door of Ladd, Ducey, Wakefield and some others in Seattle and San Francisco. This is about all we have seen of much importance at present, but it may change for the better by fall, as there are many miners here from all parts of the country who are determined to give the country a thorough test before they leave. Wages are \$3 per day and board yourself all on bed-rock pay; that means if you take it out you get your pay. There is only one or two men who are hiring in this camp. A great many are going home disgusted, while others are studying how to get home. But this man Ladd who brought up 140 men from San Francisco now gives some of the boys a chance to get back as advertised to this effect: "I want men to fish, will allow them \$40 for one month on their fare of \$50 back to San Francisco." He owns the ship or half of it, "The Marion."

To Point of Possession on the other side of the bay. We started out next morning for another run. And with the "Flying Dutchman" we had a little fun. For while going around the Point they kept out too far. In fear of striking upon some hidden rock or bar. Oh! yes there was the "Gold Seeker" another boat of fame. But none of them could ride the seas like "The Salem" by name. Then up to the Chicloon "The Salem" she did fly. While the "Dutchman" swamped on the beach; Oh! save me was his cry. Then up the Chicloon our fortunes for to make. But when we arrived there we proved it was a fake. For gold up the Chicloon we will now tell you plain. Was never known to that Sweede, Ole Oleson by name. Now then to Resurrection or that city they call Hope. Very finely located, but many is the man there broke. Old timers and squaw-men are in the A. C. Co's debt. And there many gravel bars quite anxious for to let. Now there are some boomers, Ducey and Ladd by name. And likewise some boomers who are ashamed to tell their name. Ladd he runs a fishery and Ducey has got a store. While Wakefield is in Seattle and dares to return no more. Men are here from all parts of the Union, even old Mexico. And many the curse and bewailing as they repeat their tales of woe. Men are here from the Sandwich Islands and other parts of the world. They miss their homes and families and many a pretty girl. It did fill our hearts with pity as we sailed along the shore. To see so many miners who said their feet were sore. They said the country was hard, the mosquitoes they could not go, while traveling over the mountains through the moss and snow. Now our fellowmen, we want to tell you true. Pray never come to this country for there is nothing here to do. And while you are in Turn-Again-Arn the wind does ever blow. And on the top of the mountains there are many feet of snow. P. S.—Well, boys, we have been rather slow in writing you about our trip, but we wanted to get a fair, square understanding about this country before writing. We will send you more later on. Tomorrow we go by our little boat to another creek about 70 miles from here. The season has now opened so we can get around. A couple of us may return this fall, but the most of us expect to winter somewhere this country. Yours truly, W. F. Darby, J. J. Harkins, O. F. Taylor, Chas. Geis and Jas. Mothorn. Peffer Will Support Bryan. WICHITA, Kan., July 18.—Senator Peffer has written a letter to the editor of the Kansas City "Commoner," the leading Populist paper of Southern Kansas. It shows that he has withdrawn his opposition to the endorsement by the Populist national convention of W. J. Bryan, and will be an enthusiastic supporter of the Democratic nominee. In his letter the senator says: "The conversion of the Democracy puts a new face on the political situation. The wise and patriotic course for us now is to unite our votes with those of all other friends of silver and enemies of the gold standard, wherever such union is possible. We can do this and still maintain our party organization for future use in case of need." Senator Peffer's friends here persist in the belief that he was misquoted by the papers throughout the country in an interview which was printed last Saturday, where he was made to say that he favored Bryan personally, but deemed it altogether unwise for the Populist party to endorse him. "The 'Commoner,'" in commenting on the senator's letter, says the senator refutes the garbled press reports printed in the daily papers which necessitated "interviews," condemning the senator by "leading Populists." With the accession of Peffer to the Bryan forces the Populists of Kansas are practically a unit for the Democratic nominee. Rotors. MELROSE, Mass., July 18.—The trouble which has been brewing for some time between Contractor Evelyne, constructing a sewer here, and his Italian employes, culminated in a riot yesterday morning. Evelyne was attacked by the Italians, and serious injuries were inflicted upon him. The trouble is due to the contractor failing to pay the men the full wages due. Evelyne claims the men received all except such part as he is entitled to retain under the laws. Krause Bros. are making cuts on tau shoes. 1447

BRYAN NOW AT HOME

Great Ovation Tendered Him at Lincoln.

MET BY 20,000 PEOPLE.

The Largest Assemblage Ever in Nebraska's Capital.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 18.—Amidst an uproar and booming of cannon, pealing of church bells, screaming of steam whistles and shouts of 20,000 people, William J. Bryan entered this, the capital city of Nebraska, last evening. It was an ovation the like of which the people of this part of the country never before witnessed. Half of the population of the city was at the depot to meet him. It was a non-partisan reception. The mayor of the city, the city council and distinguished citizens of every political belief were at the train. As far as the eye could reach were thronged streets, crowded windows and enthusiastic shouters on the roofs of houses. There were bands of music, men carrying banners with mottoes complimentary to the Democratic leader, and flags and bunting hung from the fronts of the business houses and dwellings. All this enthusiastic display occurred in spite of the fact that the sky was overcast with a dull, heavy cloud, and a drizzling rain was falling. All day long excursion trains had been bringing in people from the surrounding country and at night the whole town was in a turmoil of enthusiastic delight. From the time Bryan and his family left Kansas City until they reached home, there was a continuous ovation. As soon as Bryan and his family alighted from the train, they were driven to their home, where friends and neighbors had prepared a feast for them. The house had been elaborately decorated with flags and bunting, and the lawn was hung with electric lights. From their home, they were driven, escorted by the marching clubs and military bands, to the state house, where they received the citizens of the city. The great corridor beneath the dome of the capitol was banked with ferns and tropical plants. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan stood beneath the dome, and the thousands of enthusiastic citizens passed through and were presented to them. When the reception was over, Bryan went to the platform erected at the north end of the state house, where he addressed what is said to have been the largest congregation ever assembled in Lincoln. His speech was short, for there was a drizzling rain falling. There was no introduction speech. Bryan was among his own people and needed none. He said: "I am proud tonight to be able to say to those who are assembled here, 'These are our neighbors.' I beg to express to Republicans, Democrats, Populists, Prohibitionists and all parties, the gratitude which we feel for this magnificent compliment. I say 'We,' because she who has shared my struggles deserves her full share of all honors that may come to me. The scene today recalls the day nine years ago this month, when by accident rather than by design, I first set foot within the limits of the city of Lincoln. I remember the day because I fell in love with the town, and then made the resolve to make it my future home. I came among you as a stranger in a strange land, and yet no people ever treated a stranger more kindly than you have treated me. But I desire to express tonight, not only our grateful appreciation of all the kindness, social and political, that you have shown us, but to give to you this assurance that if by the suffrages of my countrymen I for a short time occupy the most honorable position within the gift of the people, I shall return to the people who first took me in their arms. This shall be my home when earthly honors have passed away, and I shall mingle my ashes with the dust of this beloved state." At the conclusion of his address, the crowd sent up a shout. Upon their return home after the demonstration at the state house, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan held a reception in honor of the visiting members of the press. Seminario Has Fled. LIMA, Peru, July 18.—Semimiro, the leader of the rebels at Iquitos, has fled, leaving the treasury empty. The rebellion in that district, Loreto, is now ended.

WORK AGAINST BRYAN

Populists Threaten an Independent Ticket.

BUT IT IS UP-HILL WORK

Silver Republicans Almost a Unit for the Nebraskan.

OTTAWA, July 18.—Reports have reached here that the British government will take no further action with regard to the Pacific cable until it is learned what attitude the new Dominion government intends taking in the matter in the way of a Dominion subsidy. When asked as to what policy he intended following in this connection, Premier Laurier said the question was as yet in its infancy, but that the government expected to derive a good deal of information from the conference which has been discussing the feasibility of a Pacific cable from British Columbia to Australia. Until the result of the labors of the conference was known it would be impossible for him to say what course he would recommend parliament to take. Fatal Yellow Plague. HAVANA, July 17.—Reports published here from the province of Pinar del Rio asserts that yellow fever has attacked the foreigners amongst the bands of Antonio Maceo, and that the disease has even extended amongst the Cubans, especially those who have been absent for a time from Cuba and have recently returned. The insurgent leader, Zayas, was encamped yesterday only two miles from Guira Melene in Havana province. Many persons have presented themselves to register their names in the special register book for foreigners according to the decree of Captain General Weyler that foreigners not so inscribed within 30 days will forfeit their privileges as foreign citizens. Arms and Men for Cuba. NEW YORK, July 18.—Much activity has been observed at the Cuban headquarters during the last three days, due to the preparations for an expedition which is to sail very soon on board the steamer Bermuda. The steamer's machinery has all been overhauled at Philadelphia, and her speed power has been increased. The expedition which has been ordered to leave Philadelphia on the Bermuda will be led by Colonel Cabrera, an old veteran of the 10-years war. Captain John O'Brien will have charge of the vessel. Twenty cases of rifles and nearly 200 cases of cartridges have been sent to Philadelphia within the last three days, but these are not one-quarter of the war material which will be shipped or has been shipped aboard the steamer. Vanderbilt is Better. NEW YORK, July 18.—Cornelius Vanderbilt's physicians posted the following bulletin this morning: "Mr. Vanderbilt passed a quiet night and is much refreshed by sleep. He is better than he was yesterday morning." Dr. McLane is authority for the statement that Vanderbilt, though critically ill, is in no immediate danger of death. H. McK. Twombly says he is confident that Vanderbilt will not die today. Another consultation of physicians will be held this evening. Murderer Convicted. BROOKVILLE, Ky., July 18.—Robert Laughlin was convicted yesterday of murder and sentenced to death. Laughlin was a farmer near Augusta, Ky. His niece, age 12 years, lived with him and cared for his invalid wife. They all slept in one room. Laughlin came home drunk last February and attempted to outrage his niece. His invalid wife came her rescue. Laughlin, in the struggle, murdered both of them, and then set fire to the house to hide his crime. The fire was discovered before the dead bodies were burned. Laughlin was caught, confessed and was sent to Nashville to escape lynching. Encounter With a Bear. TACOMA, July 18.—Fodder Henrichsen, a rancher of Long Branch, near this city, yesterday had a terrible encounter alone with a huge black bear. He was found after several hours' search unconscious and badly injured, with the bear dead at his side. Wild deer have recently killed 200 of his fruit trees by stripping the trees of all foliage. Boy Dragged to Death. WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 18.—The 8-year-old son of Joseph Freeman, living near this city, was dragged to death this morning. The boy was staking the calf out, and the kid's feet became tangled in the rope, and he was dragged through a barbed-wire fence, cutting him over the body and face. He died before medical assistance arrived. Lane county is having its county books experted—those of the treasurer, county clerk and sheriff.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Meeting of Marion County Clubs.

VERY SMALL ATTENDANCE

The Business Transacted by the Delegates.

Sheriff F. T. Wrightman went to Willhoit spring this afternoon where he will visit his family until Sunday evening when they will return to Salem. Deputy County Clerk J. B. Giesy today issued a marriage license to Wm. Anderson and Bertha Flubacher. The soon-to-be husband approached the good looking Deputy with a smile on his face while on his coat lapel was to be seen a McKinley button. This was scrutinized quite closely by the deputy clerk that he might not be mistaken. Being convinced beyond a doubt that it was a McKinley button, the county official began to prepare the desired license. The deputy clerk jokingly related afterwards that had the button been other than that of the Republican nominee for president he would have felt obliged to refuse the license as he did not believe in encouraging such habits. Deputy Sheriff A. T. Wain today conducted two execution sales. In case of J. J. Hurley vs. Chas. Hurley, a 164 acre farm, situated four miles west of Gervais, was bid in by Dr. J. S. Stott of that city, for \$1465.27. In case of Marks and Jorgensen of Portland vs. Ed. Anderson, the stock and fixtures of the "Fan" saloon, were bid in by plaintiffs for \$100. This sale was certainly a sacrifice since the cost register, included in the stock and fixtures was worth more than \$100 itself. Wiped Out. ARLINGTON, Or., July 18.—Word was received here today that the town of Lone Rock was almost wiped out yesterday by fire. The whole business portion of the town went up in smoke, and nothing remains but a few dwellings in the outskirts of the town. A small boy with a pocket full of matches was the cause. Lone Rock is on Long Creek, Gilliam county, and it situated 26 miles southeast of Candor. Militia Ordered Out. CLEVELAND, O., July 18.—Mayor McKissen, this morning, ordered out the Cleveland Grays, the crack militia company of the city, to the Brown Hoisting works, where a riot has been an almost daily occurrence for some time. Five companies of militia are now guarding the works and will be reinforced by all the reserve police in the city. Cleveland's Disaster. CLEVELAND, July 18.—One more body, that of a man not yet identified, was recovered this morning from the river at the scene of last night's disaster, making the total number of dead removed 16. Three men on the boat have not yet been accounted for. Weeping women besieged the morgues throughout the morning. Immigration Statistics. WASHINGTON, July 18.—A statement prepared by the commissioner of immigration shows the number of immigrants who arrived in this country during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, to have been 343,267, as compared with 258,536 during 1895. Of the whole number, 212,466 were males and 130,801 females. Golf Championship. SOUTHAMPTON, L. I., July 18.—Whigham of Chicago, won the amateur championship of the United States Golf Association yesterday afternoon. He halved the 29th hole with Thorpe and this made him winner with a score of 8 up and 7 to 6 play. Warship at Portland. PORTLAND, July 18.—The United States cruiser, Philadelphia, arrived here today. The cruiser was met at the mouth of the Willamette by the citizens' reception committee. Mayor Pennoyer has deputed C. H. Dodd, president of the chamber of commerce, to extend social courtesies to Admiral Peardsee and men. Entire Town Burned. MALVERN, Ark., July 18.—The entire town was burned this morning. Only three houses are left standing. The loss aggregates \$400,000. The fire was of incendiary origin. Four men are under arrest. Cholera in Egypt. CAIRO, July 18.—There were 395 fresh cases of cholera reported Tuesday and Wednesday and 419 deaths from that disease. Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

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