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ALASKA.

Clondyke Excitement Grows.

Tons of Supplies En Route for the Gold Fields.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 27.—A letter which came down on the steamer Topeka, and was received here today by British Vice-Consul Clondyke, brings vague information of a shipwreck some place in northern waters.

The writer says provisions will be very scarce in the mining camps the coming winter, owing to the loss of a steamer with a large cargo of freight. No particulars or even the name of the steamer were given, and much speculation is indulged in here as to the name of the steamer. All steamers running north from the Sound can be traced up to a week ago, and as the letter was written in Sitka six days ago, the wrecked craft cannot belong to the Sound and Alaska fleet. The ship referred to has evidently hailed from San Francisco. The writer of the Sitka letter is known to be a responsible and truthful man.

Another private letter from Juneau brings the information that several persons who started from Juneau for Dawson City by way of Dyea and Chilkent pass, after reaching Dyea gave up the trip and returned to Juneau. Either the new route by way of Taku will be taken or the parties will not attempt to make the trip until spring.

RETURNED.

TACOMA, July 27.—An animated group of sons of the Norseland gathered on Pacific avenue yesterday and earnestly discussed the proposed journey to the Clondyke. The central figure of the group were Charles Anderson and his wife, who arrived here with the other lucky miners on the steamer Portland. They went into the Yukon country three years ago, going over the pass from Dyea in the month of May. Mrs. Anderson is a woman of about thirty-five years and smiles at the idea of there being anything particularly difficult in a woman to make the long and perilous Alaskan journey.

Mr. Anderson is very modest about the result of his own work in the mines, but his friends say that he cleaned up between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in gold, and they are enjoying a well-earned recreation. They are going east and may then decide to extend the trip to Europe. Mr. Anderson says that his gold was made on Miller creek, which involves a journey down the Yukon a hundred miles to Forty Mile, then up that creek and over the divide to Miller creek.

Here they built two or three cabins. Mrs. Anderson says they had no trouble in keeping warm during the long and tedious Arctic winter. Last season the mercury went down to 40 degrees below zero, but the year before it touched 50 and 60 below. "Our cabin was well lined with cloth," said Mrs. Anderson, "and it not only made it more comfortable, but neater in appearance. We built three cabins on Miller creek. Yes, there were other women there and more women are getting into the Yukon country every year."

"Would you advise a friend to go in at this season of the year?"

"Yes now is the time, in order to dig during the winter," Mrs. Anderson suggested that men should not attempt to drag their wives and children in now, but wait until spring. While the men can get along very well the journey is fraught with peril and hardship and should not be undertaken by women or children until they can go up or down the river. Mr. Anderson, still retains his interest on Miller creek, and expects to go up there next spring.

Otto Olson, groceryman at Eleventh and K streets, Alfred Chiberg and Al-Bodkar, will sail on the steamer Wilmamette for the Clondyke country on the 2nd of August. C. O. Thompson also talks of going.

BLOCKADE REPORTED.

SEATTLE, July 27.—The report at Port Townsend that there was a blockade of freight at Dyea bay is not believed here, nor can it be confirmed. Only one steamer, the Al-Ki, had landed freight and passengers at Dyea at the time the Topeka, which arrived here this morning, left Juneau. Therefore, it is not possible that there can be a very great crush at Dyea. Reports received here indicate that prospectors are having no trouble. However, when the loads of the Queen and Mexico, which have already sailed, and the Islanders and

Rosalie, which sail on the 28 and 31, respectively, arrive at Sheep camp there will undoubtedly be some delay, but horses are being shipped to Dyea from Seattle by the hundreds. They will be used for packing over the divide, and will greatly expedite the carrying of outfits. A large pack train is already operating.

The new trail over the mountains, which is 1,100 feet lower than the old pass, has been finished and will be used in taking cattle over the summit, destined for Dawson City. The impression prevails that there is to be a scarcity of provisions in the new camp and the advice, so frequently made in the papers the last few days, for every gold hunter to take all the provisions he will require while in the mines, is given again.

The first mail from the Yukon valley, under the new contract left Juneau on July 13th in charge of F. W. Hoyt, the carrier. It consisted of 1,683 letters, being the accumulations from last April. The report up to last week of the tonnage of provisions which has gone into the Yukon country by the overland route was 5,000 and, in addition to this, there were about 5,000 tons of livestock.

Archie Burns indorses the Chilkoot pass, above all others, as the cattle route. His own stock, nine cattle and two horses, were taken from salt water to Lake Linderman in less than twenty hours. The route is, however, unsuitable for sheep, as there is too much deep, swift water.

The following steamers will leave Seattle for Dyea and Shagway bays within the next few days: City of Topeka, July 28th; Islander (from Victoria), July 28th; Rosalie, July 31; Al-Ki, August 2d; Wilmamette, August 3d; Queen, August 7th; Mexico, August 8th; Topeka, August 12th; Rosalie, August 13th.

SOME CIRCUS MONEY.

County Clerk Ehlen Issues Bounty Warrants aggregating \$3.45.

There are two days in the year on which the small boy gathers every available scalp and presents them at the county clerk's office that he may receive some spending money. These two occasions are circus day and Fourth of July. One of the deputies in the clerk's office was busily engaged throughout the forenoon issuing warrants. Previous to 10 o'clock this morning warrants aggregating \$53.40 were issued while up to 2 o'clock this afternoon, the warrants issued aggregated \$83.45.

Those to whom the warrants were issued and the respective amounts of the warrants were as follows:

J. C. Wirt	\$ 5.75
Guy Weaver	1.85
Bennie Desart	1.15
W. C. Graves	1.70
Wm. Van Groves	1.15
J. W. Pickens	1.00
Ralph Speer	1.25
Thos. P. Simpson	2.00
N. G. Mickel	5.40
Marion Looney	3.80
Nicholas Beer	1.25
Neal Wolf	1.30
Elmer C. Giles	1.40
Mat Scharback	1.40
M. E. Van Vlack	3.15
Clyde Lafore	1.60
Otto Herrling	3.20
E. L. Hobart	3.25
M. E. Pernell	3.25
R. Djem	3.25
E. Van Nuys	5.00
M. Egan	1.60
Russell Kelzer	1.60
John Burdett	1.00
R. Gouley	2.60
Jos. La Plante	1.00
Jos. Moses	19.05
Aug. Weinrich	1.00
Ray Wenden	1.00
Elmer Ray	1.20
Total	\$83.45

The Circus.

The circus procession of the "Walter L. Main's Greatest Show," which shows here tonight, promises Salem's circus going people a rare treat in the shape of a first class circus. This is not one of the many "See One, See All" shows.

The general appearance of the people connected with the show is highly spoken of, and the performance this afternoon was especially good. The Portland press pronounces the aggregation, the best ever seen in Portland.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned and the relatives of the deceased wish to express their gratitude to all the friends and neighbors for their kindness during the death and funeral of Mrs. Leon Girard. They are especially thankful for the profusion of flowers at the funeral and the good will that prompted the donors.

LEON GIRARD.

WILL CLOSE FOR VACATION.—Miss Sperry will close her photo-studio for vacation about the second week in August. Call for finished work before that time.

Exchange Produce Wagon.

Look out for the Labor Exchange Produce wagon—all kinds of farm produce sold. Labor Exchange checks, taken as payment.

BURDENS.

More Taxes for the People.

20 Per Cent. Increase in Expenses.

More Marion County Figures.

Eye Openers for a Tax Ridden County.

Below is given in the first column the expenses of Marion county from July 1, 1895, to July 1, 1896, while in the second column the corresponding figures for the year from July 1, 1896, to July 1, 1897.

In other words, these figures show the money expended during Judge Hubbard's last year, for that expended during Judge Terrell's first year. These figures are supplied from County Clerk Ehlen's records, and make interesting and reliable data for the tax-payers to study:

Road and bridge	\$ 6,472.00	\$11,831.00
Pauper	4,945.49	7,632.69
Criminal	6,272.17	6,791.05
Special loan		2,700.00
Surveyor	69.80	46.00
Stationary	1,918.05	5,131.50
Court house jail	10,713.95	9,964.88
Clerk's office	4,402.62	4,613.96
Recorder's office	2,178.04	2,133.00
Sheriff's office	6,664.41	6,940.43
Military	565.00	919.55
Bailiffs	327.00	363.00
School super.	1,480.50	1,250.00
County judge	1,500.00	1,500.00
County commis'r	375.42	446.20
Road supervisors	2,835.25	3,309.40
Insane	185.05	382.20
Jury	1,533.15	1,515.86
Coroner	641.34	554.10
County treasurer	1,200.00	1,200.00
Fuel		158.60
Assessor	7,065.25	4,406.70
Elections	1,233.40	1,989.22
District Attorney	1,735.17	2,545.00
Bounties	519.84	864.29
Tax rebate	104.40	61.90
Legal services	112.50	262.08
Indigent soldiers	579.75	790.89
School examiners	153.00	249.00
Stock inspector	298.50	337.00
Rebate		7.50
Costs and disburs.	41.95	84.50
Census and fuel	333.00	
Total	\$86,507.17	\$180,024.50

These figures show an increase during the past year of \$13,517.33 or over 20 per cent. It must be stated, however, in justice to Judge Terrell, that during his term the bills amounting to \$4184.63 were paid for painting and repairing the court house and improving the grounds, which were ordered during the last days of Judge Hubbard's term. This fact accounts in part for the increased expenditure from the court house and jail fund. It is needless to go into details on all the funds, as the reader can make his own comparisons, but a few prominent discrepancies can be pointed out. The increased expenditure on roads and bridges is \$5,358.40 or nearly doubled, while the increase for paupers is nearly \$3000. If this money is honestly expended it would look as though people are growing poorer.

The stationery and printing expense is nearly three times what it was under the old court. This is in a measure accounted for by paying the Statesman \$500 for a tax list advertisement, three times what it should have cost, and buying a ten years supply of letter heads. The road supervisors' expense is increased about \$500 by Judge Terrell's court.

Election expenses have been increased \$750, and legal services more than doubled, while the prosecuting attorney's department has increased over \$800. The court in the past year has also made a special loan of \$2700, and had no expense for census. The assessor's office expense shows about \$2500 less than the year before, but it must be remembered that the present assessor's deputies have not yet been paid for doing this year's assessing, and still have a claim of \$3410 before the court, which makes nearly \$1000 increase. Sheriff's expenses are slightly reduced. But the reader can make his own comparisons and draw his own conclusions. It is not argued or claimed that the year from July, 1895, to July, 1896, was especially noted for its small expenditures, but when it is considered that business has constantly been growing worse, and people's ability to pay taxes growing less, it does seem as though it was a poor time to increase the burdens of taxation.

Linn county has, during the past year, reduced her expense 34 per cent, while ours have grown over 20 per cent. Many others have done likewise whereas the counties that increased expenses are rare exceptions.

It is safe to say that no other county in the state has enjoyed as liberal an increase of expense as Marion. If this should be kept up a few years longer, the great majority of taxpayers will be unable to meet their assessments, and the delinquent tax-list will be longer than the paid list. It is time for the people to think and act on this subject.

JOURNAL "X-RAYS."

And THE JOURNAL is recorded by Printer's Ink as follows: "THE CAPITAL JOURNAL, daily and weekly, is credited with the largest circulation accorded to any paper in Salem, in Marion county or in the first congressional district."

The Oregonian says Oregon's congressmen are favored in the new committee. Tongue is on the tail end of the committee on agriculture, while Ellis is chairman on irrigation and secondary on public lands. Favored with nothing to do, the Oregonian meant, of course.

If you want some real prosperity, get it and make it.

God bless Mark Hanna for the big crops.

McKinley is keeping his word with the financiers, by asking for a monetary conference.

Next to a foreign war the bicycle war will suit the American people.

Marion county's expenses have increased over 20 per cent. the past year, while Linn county's have been reduced 34 per cent. What is the cause?

Has Marion county increased her expenses 20 per cent. simply to show evidence of her prosperity?

Salem isn't building many motor lines into the country, but has just extended electric car service to near midnight. Salem's all right.

These are hot times, for the taxpayer at least.

Portland Evening Tribune, July 17: Secretary of State Kincaid is in the city today. He will leave this afternoon for his home, where he usually spends Sundays. The secretary in speaking of Hon. W. J. Bryan, said he had not had the pleasure of hearing him this week, but he had heard him two years ago at the state fair. At that time the secretary dined with Mr. Bryan, and became very well acquainted with the distinguished Nebraskan, whom Mr. Kincaid admires personally very much. At that time when Mr. Kincaid met Mr. Bryan, the latter gave the secretary his photograph, which Mr. Kincaid kept hanging in his office at Salem up to the last legislature, when it was stolen.

McKinley could if he would. Bryan would if he could.

Resorters at Newport are fewer than ever this year. Is it prosperity or popularity?

Mayor Gatch at least kept the dog fennel from growing on our streets, not to mention seedling trees from springing up. Was that prosperity, or good administration?

Assessor Stafford, of Linn county, made a contract with the court of that county for full time at \$3.00 per day for himself, \$2.50 per day for field deputies and \$2.00 for office deputy. The expense of his office so far this year has been \$1496, and he estimates it will not run over \$2450 or \$2500 for the year, \$300 in his legal pay.

'Rah for the circus.

In Chicago an ordinance has been passed imposing a special tax of \$1 on each bicycle. This fund will realize to the city over half a million dollars annually, which will be used in street improvement in order that more pleasure may be gotten from riding wheels. The example will extend until small towns and country precincts will take up the idea, which is a good one.

Distressing Accident.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., July 27.—Mrs. Joseph Frye was burned to death at her residence about 12 miles west of this city. She and her husband and baby had been out visiting that evening, and on returning home Mr. Frye went to bed, leaving her sitting in another room reading. He was awakened and found the house in flames.

SUICIDE

Of Polk County Farmer.

P. H. Harford Deliberately Takes His Life With a Shot Gun.

About 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, after the JOURNAL had gone to press, John Simpkins, a successful Polk county farmer residing in Spring Valley, brought the startling news to this city, of the suicide of P. H. Harford, a highly respected farmer whose home adjoins his. Everything associated with the death of Mr. Harford would indicate that it was a deliberate and a determined suicide.

About 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, Mr. Simpkins, who was working in a field adjoining the Harford farm, was startled by the explosion of a gun followed by the screams of women. He hastened at once to the home of Mr. Harford where he found the husband and father of the distracted family, cold in death, with an ugly gunshot wound about three inches in circumference just over the heart from which the blood was flowing quite freely. From all indications, it is quite apparent that Mr. Harford was deliberate in his determination to end his life. It is presumed that the man, having seated himself on the ground, placed the stock of the gun against the barn and having placed the muzzle over his heart, with a small stick about three feet in length, discharged the fire arm with instant and deadly effect. When Mr. Simpkins arrived upon the scene, the gun was found lying alongside of the dead body the barrel pointing to an ugly wound on his breast. The stick with which the man is thought to have discharged the shot gun was also found near the body.

Mr. Harford came to Oregon about five years ago from Kansas and purchased a farm in the lower end of Spring Valley, just one-half mile from the north line of the Polk County line. He was a successful farmer, an industrious worker and a thorough mechanic. He was an excellent neighbor, hospitable and well-liked and his family relations were quite pleasant all of which makes it difficult to assign a cause for the rash deed.

Peach Plums Sell Well.

The first sale of Oregon fruit this season should certainly be encouraging to the growers in the state. At the auction sale in Chicago, by the Earl Fruit company, one carload of Oregon peach plums sold at 91 cents per crate. This will net to the grower 45 cents per pound over all expenses, and is a far better price than realized last year. The plums were shipped from Salem by the Oregon Fruit & Produce company, reaching their destination in prime condition, and found ready buyers. The carload will realize to the owners a net profit of \$300.

There is not only an active demand for Oregon fruit in the east, but better prices prevail, showing that people can better afford to indulge in luxuries. Peach plums sell higher by from 10 to 20 cents, and some fruits will sell at an advance of 40 per cent. over the prices of one year ago. As a comparison in prices now and those in 1896 the quotations in different cities of Bartlett pears, is here given:

	1897.	1896.
Chicago	\$1.75	\$1.09
Boston	2.20	1.52
Philadelphia	2.25	1.50
New York	1.92	1.49

The quotations are on California Bartlett's, and the Oregon season for shipment of the same fruit is about due, and several carloads will be forwarded.

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