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COLONIAL MONEY.

Among other new problems that the present administration is called upon to face is the question of a currency system for our new possessions, particularly Porto Rico.

The money of Porto Rico is silver, and the peso is now worth about 40 cents in American money. It will be necessary to give the island a stable rate of exchange, that is to give the money of the island a fixed value, in terms of gold.

Another plan, said to be most favored by Secretary Gage, is to retain the silver pesos of Porto Rico so that they will represent just what they do now in value, both to the native Porto Rican and the American.

It will be an interesting and instructive entertainment to watch the gyrations of the governments in its attempt to find solid ground on which to found a currency system for "the colonies" without recognizing some of the economic truths which are now denied by Secretary Gage.

The objection to the second plan is that the oft-quoted Gresham law would seem to preclude the driving out of the 40 cent peso by the 100 cent dollar. Of course the robbing of debtors, by raising the value of the peso from 40 cents to 45 cents, would be a small matter in the eyes of "honest money" men.

The third plan, favored by Sec. Gage, is probably the best that could be formulated, under the circumstances. It would undoubtedly work smoothly so long as bullion value of the peso would not rise above its nominal value.

Change of Climate

Breaks Down the Health of an Oregon Man

What a Few Bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla Did for Him.

"Our home is in Clark county, Washington. My little boy was taken with asthma when only two years old, and grew worse until he was five, when the physician advised us to take him to a dry climate. I resolved to go to the great wheat fields of Eastern Oregon and work in harvest, but I soon found my own health was failing. I could neither eat nor drink without getting sick. I was blind and dizzy. I procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking it, and in a few weeks I was well and able to work every day. My little boy is now taking Hood's Sarsaparilla with good results." D. PATTER, Wasco, Oregon.

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From W. H. Elliott. DAWSON CITY, N. W. T., June 13, 1898. We landed here last Saturday afternoon all O. K., thank the Lord. We started on the last day of May, lost about a day and a half at the canyon and White Horse rapids; we landed there at noon and did not get through till the next day afternoon. I tell you this is rather a frightful place to one who is not used to handling a boat.

Three of our boys ran the small boat. A Mr. Lamb went through 2 or 3 times the first day we were there and seemed to enjoy it, he was used to boating on rough water. Mr. Lamb and wife and little boy joined us at Caribou crossing.

I think the little boy is 5 years old he reminds me of Lewis, always busy. Rench went out to Skaguay with Mr. Lamb and helped them in. He said when they were coming up the Chilcot pass the little fellow got tired and turned back and said he had enough of it. Poor little fellow I did not blame him. When they got to the Seales he and his mother got a ride up and also from the summit to Linderman on dog sleds. Mrs. Lamb seems to be a nice woman always in a good humor and contented. They came up from Portland on the same boat that we did and brought up a fine span of horses and he got all his feed burnt up besides some other things at Skaguay, and business was so dull there that they concluded to try their fortunes in this big country.

It would take a long letter to tell you all the particulars of our trip down through the lakes and river, and the ice crowded us on a sand bar twice on the lower end of Marsh Lake. Most of the boys pulled on their rubber boots and soon got her off. The ice was not dangerous as it was all ground up like mush. We ran on another sand bar a little above here and we all had to hunt up our rubber boots and push her back. The water was so swift that it made it pretty hard work. We did some of our cooking on the snow, but it was too crowded to do it so we made to the shore about 8 or 9 o'clock and got supper and fought mosquitoes till we went to sleep and generally covered up-heads and all, with one of our tarpaulins so they could not find us. They did not bother us much when we were out on the water, and so far they are not so bad as I expected to find them, and one peculiarity about it there are very few here. We are still living on the snow, we hardly see one, we were back about a mile yesterday evening and we found a few, I have seen them just as they were in Kansas, as any place up here so far.

They say there a little steamboat came down today with 36 sacks of mail. It will take several days before it can be distributed. I am in hopes of getting several letters from you. I have only gotten one from you. We have seen George Bayne and Mr. Welsh and they are up about a mile from us, have a shack to sleep in, and have staked four claims each. George tells me Mr. Welsh is working at the carpenter trade and gets \$15 per day. George is slinging hash in a restaurant gets \$50 per week and his board. Mr. Hall was out on some of the creeks and I did not get to see him. They have not developed any of their claims yet. They say they want to scrape up \$1500 to buy their grub stake and they have nearly that much now, then they are going to get ready for winter work.

We stopped at Stuart river but could not hear any news to encourage us to stay there. So far this seems to be the center. Mr. Ross has made arrangements with a friend of his to take us all out next week on a prospecting trip. He thinks he knows where there is just as good a creek as any that has been found. All they ask is for us to go along and if we find anything to allow them the discovery claim that is double the size of common claims, but you must not think that our fortunes are made when we drive our stakes as they are not all rich, by any means. We met men that have been here for years and have not struck anything. One of our party, Mac McClane has a brother here, has been here a year, has a interest in a claim and his share is \$20,000, this cleanup, and they say they are offered \$50,000 for it. I heard of one fellow that bought a claim when he was drunk for \$500 and when he got sober he felt so bad about it he cried, but he went ahead with it and worked it and it proved very rich. A man that has 5 to 10 thousand is considered small fry. There are two saw mills here running day and night, but everything must close down at 12 o'clock Saturday night and stay closed till Monday morning. The Portus Wear, one of the big steam boats came in Saturday night; it was delayed down the river all winter. They say there will be none up from St. Michaels till July. Well it is nearly 11 o'clock and it is just as high as it would be on a cloudy day and it is just so all night. You would not call it dark in the least, about like it would be a few minutes after the sun goes down. They say if we go on a high mountain on the lowest day we can see the sun all night. It is 1 o'clock and I must go to bed. I rather dislike to go to bed before dark but such is life in the far north. The weather is very pleasant and has been all the way down, no rain or storm. The sun just gets warm enough to make it pleasant in the shade. I have not seen the Drager crew since we left. Bennet, Cullen is here, bent us down several days. Three California men had their boat wrecked in the White Horse rapids and two of the men were drowned.

Good bye. W. H. ELLIOTT. FROM V. R. GORDON. IAWSON, Alaska, June 13, 1898. I will write you a few lines this evening as the mail is going out tomorrow or the next day. We have reached Dawson, that wonderful place we used to hear so much about. And find it just as represented plenty of gold and you never saw anything of equal climate; no mosquitoes and light all the time. The men sleep in the heat of the day and travel after 11 o'clock at night. We had a fine trip, got over the rapids all right. Hired a pilot, cost \$30; \$2.50 apiece. Stated meals are \$2.00 and \$2.50 and from that up to \$10.00 and still higher; eggs are \$5.00 per dozen, and everything in proportion. Mr. Cullen got through safe and is well and has staked him a claim on a tributary of dominion creek. I got a starter of gold today, worked 8 hours and I got \$8.50 in dust for it. Wages are from \$10 to \$20, per day. I think we are in a very good place to make money. We are going out next week to hunt a claim. I saw George Bayne, he is just the same; George; they have 4 claims each and don't know whether they are worth much or not.

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