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MEN GONE

GOLD MAD

Dropping Good Positions To seek
the Yellow Metal

BENEFIT TO PACIFIC SLOPE

The Klondike Discoveries Will Boom Business—Letters Full of Enthusiasm From Men Who Are in the Regions

For nearly a quarter of a century this country has seen no such mining excitement as that over the Klondike discoveries in Alaska. Last week the craze had only fairly begun. This week the arrival of the miners from the north, by way of Seattle, added fuel to the flames, and the exhibition in a public window of a collection of nuggets worth \$85,000, the richest find of the whole season, has made the gold fever rage as it has raged for 10 days at Seattle. The same policy of public exhibition of gold dust and nuggets was pursued in Seattle, with the result that men are resigning good places and leaving their families with scanty means in order to try their luck in this golden gamble under the Arctic circle. All regular and legitimate returns look small to the man who has been reading of a fortune taken out of the frozen earth of Alaska in four months.

WILL HELP CALIFORNIA.
The effect of this rich strike of gold in Alaska cannot fail to stimulate trade in San Francisco. Already the influx of gold and the purchase of outfits by miners have materially increased trade in clothing and provisions. From present signs next spring will see an enormous business in outfits and supplies for the new mining region which local men may secure if they are enterprising. This, with the good crop of wheat and high prices for it, will mean a better year than California has seen for five years.

WHAT THE MINING PAPERS SAY.
Every mail from Alaska brings more news of the almost fabulous richness of the new Klondike gold field. The Alaska Mining Record of July 7, a paper published in Juneau, contains a great deal of interesting information. In excerpts from the official report of Dominion Surveyor William Ogilvie is found a new explanation of the name Klondike. Mr. Ogilvie says:

"The name Klondike is a mispronunciation of the Indian word or words Throudak or duick, which means plenty of fish, from the fact that it is a famous salmon stream. It is marked Tondak on our maps."
EXTENT OF THE RICHNESS.
"The extent of the gold-bearing section here," Mr. Ogilvie continues, "is such as to warrant the assertion that we have here a district which will give 1000 claims of 500 feet in length each. Now 1000 such claims will require at least 3000 men to work them properly, and, as wages for working in the mines are from \$8 to \$10 a day, without board, we have every reason to assume that this part of our territory will within a year or two contain 10,000 souls at least, for the news has gone out to the coast and an unprecedented influx is expected next spring."

GOLD FOR 15 MILES.
"Since my last the prospects on Bonanza Creek and tributaries are increasing in richness and extent, until now it is certain millions will be taken out of the district in the next few years. On some of the claims prospected the pay dirt is of great extent and very rich. One man told me yesterday that he washed out a single pan of dirt on one of the claims on Bonanza Creek and found \$14.25 in it. Of course, that may be an exceptionally rich pan, but \$5 to \$7 per pan is the average on that claim, it is reported, with five feet pay dirt and the width yet undetermined, but known to be thirty feet; even at that figure the result at nine to ten pans to the cubic foot, and 500 feet long, is \$4,000,000 at \$5 per pan. One-fourth of this would be enormous. Enough prospecting has been done to show that there are at least fifteen miles of this extraordinary richness, and the indications are that we will have three or four times that extent, if not all equal to the above, at least very rich."

EXTRAORDINARY PLACER CLAIMS.

Mr. Ogilvie announces the location of a quartz lode showing free gold in paying quantities along one of the creeks. The quartz has tested over \$100 a ton. The lode appears to run from three to eight feet in thickness, and is about 19 miles from the Yukon River. Good quartz has been found also at the head of a branch of the Alsek River, near the head of the Chilkot Inlet, inside the summit of the coast range, in Canadian territory; also along Davis Creek, in American territory. The hills around Bonanza Creek also contain paying quartz. Copper in abundance is found on the southerly branch of the White River, and silver ore has been picked up in a

creek flowing into Bennett Lake. Mr. Ogilvie says that the placer prospects continue to be more and more encouraging and extraordinary.

"It is beyond a doubt," he says, "that three pans of different claims on El Dorado turned out \$204, \$212 and \$216, but it must be borne in mind that there were only three such pans, though there are many running from \$10 to \$50."

GETTING RICH QUICK.

The Mining Record has this news: "It is stated on good authority that one claim yielded \$90,000 in 45 feet up and down the stream. Clarence Berry bought out his two partners, paying one \$35,000 and the other \$60,000, and has taken up \$140,000 from the winter dump alone. Peter Wiborg has purchased more ground. He purchased his partner's interest in a claim, paying \$42,000. A man by the name of Wall has all he thinks he wants, and is coming out. He sold his interests for \$50,000. Nearly all the gold is found in the creek bed on the bed rock, but there are a few good bench diggings."

"Cord wood is worth \$25 a cord, Lumber at the mill in Dawson is worth \$130 per thousand feet; slabs, 50 cents each; sawdust, 10 cents per sack. The saw-mill business seems to pay."

FROM THOSE AT THE DIGGINGS.

Perhaps the most interesting reading in the Mining Record is the letters written by men in the Klondike to friends in Juneau. Here is one from "Casey" Moran:

"Dawson, March 20, 1897.—Friend George: Don't pay any attention to what any one says, but come in at your earliest opportunity. My God! it is appalling to hear the truth, but nevertheless the world has never produced its equal before. Well, come, that's all. Your friend, "CASEY."

Burt Shuler, writing from Klondike under date of June 5, says:

"We have been here but a short time and we all have money. Provisions are much higher than they were two years ago and clothing is clean out of sight. One of the A. C. Co.'s boats was lost in the spring and there will be a shortage of provisions again this fall. There is nothing that a man could eat or wear that he cannot get a good price for. First-class rubber boots are worth from an ounce to \$25 a pair. The price of flour has been raised from \$4 to \$6 and it was being freighted from Forty Mile. Big money can be made by bringing a small outfit over the trail this fall. Wages have been \$15 per day all winter, though a reduction to \$10 was attempted, but the miners quit work."

Here is a creek that is 18 miles long, and, as far as is known, without a miss. There are not enough men in the country to-day to work the claims. Several other creeks show equal promise, but very little work has been done on the latter. I have seen gold dust until it seems almost as cheap as sawdust. If you are coming in come prepared to stay two years at least: bring plenty of clothing and good rubber boots."

FEARS GOLD WILL BE DEMONETIZED.
Oscar Ashby fears that gold will have to be demonetized, for he says in a letter dated May 18 from Circle City:

"Hereafter address all letters to Klondike, N. W. Territory. I would have stayed here in Alaska, but when I heard of McKinley's election I pulled my freight, for I knew that meant gold. I tell you one thing, if they find a few more Eldorado and Bonanza creeks they will have to demonetize gold. Some of the kings here are hurrying out to spend their money before that is done. However, I am going to take chances on mine."

Two Men Held.

The two men arrested at Jersey Shore last week on suspicion of being the robbers who burglarized the tollgate house, near Lock Haven were given a hearing Saturday morning before Alderman Anthony. Testimony was presented by one witness who stated that he talked to one of the arrested men as late as 12:20 o'clock, near Agar's park on the night of the robbery. The accused men were then masked and made to appear like the robbers at the time the burglary was committed, when Mr. Smith positively identified the one man, and Mrs. Smith partially identified the other as being the guilty parties. Both were jailed for court.

The names of the accused men are Timothy McCullough and Charles Sockman.

Ill With Diphtheria.

Eight children of the family of ten of Thomas Bechtel of near Jacksonville, Centre county, are ill with diphtheria. The disease has never before been in the vicinity of Jacksonville and it is not known where it was contracted.

Lock Haven Hospital.

The citizens of Lock Haven expect to have their new hospital ready for patients in the course of a few weeks. The building is undergoing repairs at present.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT MAN

Ira C. Mitchell, Esq., Expires very Suddenly, on Sunday.

AN EMINENT PRACTITIONER

Incurd illness from Overwork during the Last Presidential Campaign—Was an able Barrister and an Eminent Minister—A Brief Biographical Sketch.

On Sunday afternoon, death brought to a close one of the leading attorneys of this community. For several weeks past Ira C. Mitchell, Esq., had been seriously ill at his home on Spring street, and it was generally feared that he could not rally from his affliction, as his vitality was at a low ebb for some time and finally he succumbed, and the struggle ended. His real illness dates from last fall when he took a very active part in the presidential campaign. He entered into the free silver cause with all the energy and vigor of his younger days. He was in constant demand as a campaign speaker in all parts of the state and he responded wherever he could. The result was he overtaxed his energies by hard work, and the exposure incident to the work. A complete nervous prostration followed that confined him to his bed for several weeks. He rallied from this and later was engaged in evangelistic work in Ohio. Another breakdown from overwork followed and which terminated seriously.

The funeral exercises took place on Tuesday. Services were conducted at the residence by Dr. Wm. Laurie, of the Presbyterian church. He was assisted by Rev. M. S. Blair, of Eagleville. Rev. N. L. Atwood, of Girard, Pa., a life-long friend, paid the deceased a tribute in a few appropriate words.

The remains were taken to the 1:45 p. m. train for Howard, where interment was made in the Mitchell family plot, on the John A. Woodward farm.

The Centre County Bar Association attended the funeral and escorted the body to the train, and a committee of ten of the members accompanied the remains to Howard.

The Bar Association held a meeting on Monday to take action in regard to the death of Ira C. Mitchell, Esq. A committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions and report at the next term of court. The following are the members of the committee: H. V. Stitzer, Hon. A. O. Furst, Wm. C. Heine, W. P. Reeder and E. L. Orvis.

The following biographical sketch was kindly furnished by Rev. N. L. Atwood, who was intimately acquainted with the deceased:

Mr. Mitchell was married three times. His first wife was Melissa Edgar, of Kentucky. One son, Edgar Mitchell, of Lancaster, Pa., survives this marriage. His second wife was Sophia Elliot, of Bradford, by whom he had one child, Nathan J., now residing in New York city. The third marriage was to Mrs. Mary A. McKibbin, of Lock Haven, whose maiden name was Darah. Three children survive this marriage: Charity A., John P., and James A.

IRA C. MITCHELL.

Ira C. Mitchell was born at Howard, April 16th, 1833. His ancestors, on his father's side, were of Scotch Irish blood and moved from Cumberland county, in the early part of this century, to Belmont county, Ohio. The family were devout Methodists.

His grandfather, on his mother's side, was James Packer. His maternal grandmother was Charity, daughter of Hezekiah Bye, who emigrated from Halfmoon township, in this county to a point near New Lisbon, Ohio, about the same time his father's ancestors went to Belmont county. Both the Packers and Byses were of the Quaker persuasion. His grandfather Packer owned and occupied the farm, opposite Howard, which is still owned by his descendants, and on which Hon. John A. Woodward now lives. Here was born to them, Hezekiah Bye, William Fisher, John Pettit, and Sarah Bye Packer. William F. was the last governor of this state, before the war of the rebellion. About the year 1820 began the religious movement known as "Disciples of Christ" in the southern counties of this state, among the leading actors in which were Thomas Campbell and his son Alexander. Nathan J. Mitchell, the father of this notice, and his two brothers James and David, were among the pioneer preachers in this movement.

On the 12th of January, 1832, Nathan J. Mitchell was married to Sarah Bye Packer, and shortly after settled in the Bald Eagle valley, where he continued to reside till the close of his life in the year 1886. He was a devoted and earnest minister of the Gospel and his wife was "an help mate for him." In about seventy-five years, the religious body with which he was connected has grown from a small congregation in Washington county, Pa., to be the fifth in number of its communicants, of the Protestant denominations in the United States.

Ira C., after finishing a course of reading with his uncle and life-long friend, N. L. Atwood, at Lock Haven, commenced the practice of the law at Bellefonte, about the year 1853. His eminent abilities and pleasing manners and address

brought him rapidly into favor and his prospects were bright for a large and lucrative practice. He, however, greatly preferred the profession of his father, and after a very few years abandoned the practice of the law and devoted his life to the ministry of the Gospel. His intimate knowledge of the scriptures, eminently fitted him for the work. The government of the church was congregational. His eloquence and ability soon brought him into prominence and he labored with great zeal and success in Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Alabama and Prince Edwards Island. As a speaker and writer in the cause, few stood higher in the estimation of the church.

As a public speaker he commanded the undivided attention of all his hearers by his easy and fluent diction, and the clearness of his ideas, and his pleasant manner of expressing them. His voice, full and rich, his gestures perfectly easy and natural, and he was never known to make the slightest effort at oratorical display. The last few years of his life were passed in Bellefonte. His earthly remains were deposited in the family cemetery on the old homestead farm at Howard, where rest the remains of his grandfather and grandmother Packer, his father and mother and other relatives and members of the family who have gone before.

His most estimable companion and other members of his own family, who survive him, profit by the instructions of the kind and affectionate husband and endure with Christian fortitude and submission to the Divine will the heavy affliction that has fallen upon them. They have the warmest and most earnest sympathy of all the community.

DEATH OF DR. S. E. NOLL.

On Wednesday the people of this place were much surprised to hear of the very sudden death of Dr. Samuel E. Noll, at 2 p. m., in Philadelphia.

For about four weeks previous Dr. Noll had been suffering from a disordered liver, and yellow jaundice followed. He finally was compelled to close his office in Bellefonte and sought rest at his parents' home, near Pleasant Gap, in the hope of a restoration. The ailment continued to grow worse and on last Monday, accompanied by his brother Abner, departed for Philadelphia, to secure treatment in a hospital. On Wednesday a letter was received containing an encouraging report, but in the afternoon a telegram announced his death at 2 p. m. due to a sudden collapse.

At this writing, no definite arrangements have been announced as to time of interment, but it will be in the family plot at Zion, later in the week.

The deceased was a son of W. H. Noll, Sr., of Pleasant Gap and is survived by his mother and five brothers. He was about 29 years of age. But just in the vigor of manhood, at the very point of enjoying a successful practice of his chosen profession, for which he so diligently and faithfully strove to fit himself, and just on the threshold of realizing his ambition, he was stricken down and a life with a promising future suddenly ended. Dr. Noll possessed many traits of character worthy of emulation.

Since writing the above, we are informed that the funeral services will be held at the house, Pleasant Gap, at 9:30 Saturday morning, after which proceed to the cemetery, at Zion, for interment.

WINTERSTEEN WILL BE RETRIED.

Bloomburg's Famous Dynamite Case To Be Reopened.

Lloyd S. Wintersteen, who is charged with having been Clifton C. Knorr, accomplice of Levi Waller, at Bloomburg, last September, and in whose recent trial the jury disagreed, is to be tried again. For this purpose a special session in September is to be called, at the request of District Attorney John N. Harman.

The coming trial will occur at a time when most of the judges throughout the State have business at home, so that it will be almost impossible for a member of the judiciary from another county to take the bench. It is thought, however, that Judge Ermentrout will consent to come if matters can be arranged for him in Berks county.

One of the most serious questions with which the attorneys will be obliged to wrestle will present itself when it comes to the selection of a jury. The entire panel with the exception of three talesmen, was exhausted in May, and a more stubborn fight will doubtless be made when it comes to what will unquestionably prove the final settlement of this now famous case. It is expected that both sides will exhaust their peremptory challenge early in the day.

There are at present seven indictments over Wintersteen, all of them based upon the explosion. It is believed, however, that should the defendant be acquitted of one of them at the coming trial the others will be dropped.

Post Mortem at Pleasant Gap.

An 8-year old son of Oscar Wasson, of Pleasant Gap, died suddenly on Friday 16th. The cause of death being a mystery, a post mortem was held on Friday evening, by Drs. Emerick and Jacobs, which resulted in finding a knot in the intestines of the lad.

BUSINESS MEN WILL PICNIC

To Be a Large Gathering at Hecla Park Aug. 12.

AN INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

Business Men of Bellefonte, Lock Haven, Jersey Shore and Other Points Will Attend—Interesting Program for the Day.—Inter-County Industrial Association to be Formed.

Thirty-two representative business men from Bellefonte, Mackeyville, Salona, Mill Hall, Lock Haven and Jersey Shore, Pa., met at Hecla Park on Tuesday afternoon the 27th inst., and made final arrangements for holding the Business Men's Basket Picnic on August 12th to which farmers, mechanics, workmen, as well as professional men are cordially invited.

The following programme will show how well it is proposed to entertain the people, who attend the Park on that occasion:

Music.....9 45 a m
Address of welcome.....10 00 a m
Tub Race.....10 45 a m
Swimming Race.....11 15 a m
Foot Race.....12 12 a m
Business Men's Meeting.....High Noon.

DINNER.

Band Concert.....1 00 p m
Fire Works on the Lake.....1 30 p m
Base Ball Game.....2 39 p m
Trap Shooting, live birds.....5 00 p m

SUPPER.

Band Concert.....7 30 p m
Fire Works on the Lake.....8 00 p m
Cake Walk.....9 00 p m

The indications are, that there will be a general turnout to this Business Men's Basket Picnic. Fifty-three business houses of Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pa., have signed the agreement to close their places of business on that day and come to Hecla Park. Owing to the fact that the Agricultural Fairs of Centre and Clinton counties have been suspended for some years, the farmers and business men of these counties feel that the time has come when they shall establish an Inter-County Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Hecla Park, which shall be conducted for the mutual interest of all parties concerned, the ground is offered free for exhibition purposes. In addition to that, it is proposed to establish a race track, which is now so much needed by lovers of trotting horses in this section of Pennsylvania. Our neighbors of Lock Haven and Jersey Shore, are greatly in earnest in this matter, and as the park is in Centre county and nearer to Bellefonte than it is to our neighboring towns, it certainly behooves our Centre county people to take a lively interest and keep the matter moving until the object shall have been accomplished. The business men's meeting at Hecla Park at noon on the 12th of August, will be held for the purpose of closing up the business connected with this day's picnic—at the same time a permanent organization will be effected with a view of enlarging the enterprise in the future, when an Inter-County Fair will be organized to bring all the interests together and hold an annual exhibition of two or three days, that will represent the entire interest of farmers, business men, workmen, mechanics and manufacturers of the interior of our State at the lowest possible cost to those who take an interest in the movement. The outlook is very promising and by another year there is every reason to believe, that an organization will be effected, that will include all the interest above named for holding an annual fair at Hecla Park.

The shade of the grove and good mountain water, with an abundance of ice free, make Hecla Park the most desirable picnic grounds, as well as the most desirable grounds for exhibiting agricultural implements, farm products, as well as the products of other industries, that is now in existence in Central Pennsylvania. Therefore Bellefonte cannot afford to let the opportunity go by when our neighbors of adjoining counties are willing to join us in promoting an enterprise so much needed in Central Penna.

Of Interest to Glassworkers.

A couple of practical glass workers are in Lock Haven with the view of interesting capitalists in the erection of a plant there for the manufacture of bottles. The capital required to erect a plant is not large. They should come to Bellefonte where we have a first class glass factory in operation.

Don't Forget.

Culveyhouse repairs trunk's locks, umbrellas, keys fitted, etc. Corner of Allegheny and Bishopstreet. Aug. 15.

FIRE AT POTTER'S MILLS.

Long's Store Totally Destroyed Along With Household Goods.

On Friday night last, about 1 o'clock, the store of P. P. Long, at Potters Mills, was destroyed by fire—building, goods and furniture. The 2nd floor was occupied by Mr Long and his sister.

The fire started in the ware-room at the rear end of the store. Mr. Long at the time, was absent at Punxsutawney, and his brother F. A. Long and a sister were asleep up stairs.

The noise, caused by the breaking of some burning shelves laden with glassware, awakened the sleepers, but the fire in the ware-room prevented their escape by the stairway. The young man then crept through a window upon the front porch and jumped to the ground, and procuring a ladder enabled his sister to escape from the porch. By this time the inside of the ware-room was all on fire and the flames bursting from the windows.

Neighbors were soon on the spot and saved about \$300 worth of goods from the store.

The value of store goods is estimated at \$3000, on which there is an insurance of \$2500. The building belonged to Mrs. Carson and was insured for \$300. The value of the household goods destroyed was about \$125.

The postoffice was kept in the store and has been removed to the office, in the vacant Allison factory building.

This makes four fires for Potters Mills in recent years, namely: Thompson's grist mill, Thompson's store and Long's store, and the tannery.

New Postmaster.

Geo. Taylor was appointed Postmaster at Milesburg, last week, to succeed J. C. Martin, the democratic official of the past four years. The writer was in Milesburg the other day and was astonished to hear the strong sentiment of leading citizens of both parties against this section. If one-half is true that is openly said on the streets, Congressman Arnold was led into a bad move by making this appointment. On what basis it was made we cannot say, and others are unable to discover. One thing is certain, the appointment seems very unsatisfactory to that community.

The retiring official "Jack" Martin, was as good a man as ever filled the place. He was ably assisted by his son Daniel who is a bright and accommodating young man and the public's interests were well taken care of by them. They always were genuine, loyal democrats and that, to some in that section, was objectionable. Of course some people never appreciate true worth, owing to prejudice. Mr. Martin leaves his office in good shape, with every penny duly accounted for.

Lost in the Mountain.

Quite a bit of excitement prevailed at Logan Mills on Tuesday 13th, on the failure of two of Thos. Ilgen's girls returning after a day out on the mountains picking huckleberries. The two girls were aged 17 and 9 years and had left home in the morning to gather berries. When the shades of evening fell they failed to return and the parents became anxious about their safety. The neighborhood was aroused and a searching party organized to scour the hillsides for the missing ones. Late in the night they were found, the youngest one asleep and her sister sitting by her side silently weeping. They had gotten lost and were unable to get righted again until night came on and enveloped them in darkness. They were overjoyed at their deliverance and the parents are thankful to the neighbors who lent their assistance.—Journal.

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

The following are the officers of Nittany Valley castle, No. 405, of Lamar, Pa., for the ensuing six months' term: Past Chief, J. H. Osman; Noble Chief, Geo. R. Ohl; Vice Chief, Ira C. Segner; High Priest, W. H. Dornblaser; Venerable Hermit, James Kling; Master of Records, J. B. Harris; Clerk of Exchequer, H. S. Nihart; Keeper of Exchequer, L. E. Blakeslee; Sir Herald, H. U. Treaster; Worthy Bard, W. L. Strunk; Worthy Chamberlain, W. F. Rossman; Ensign, Ira C. Ohl; Esquire, H. L. McCloskey; First Guardsman, P. Krape; Trustees L. F. Ohl, P. Krape, J. H. Osman; Representative to the Grand Castle, J. H. Osman.

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