

SNOW EATING MANIA.

A PECULIAR HABIT THAT DEVELOPS IN THE KLONDIKE.

The Appetite, When Once Acquired, Is Extremely Difficult to Control and to Indulge It Means a Short Cut to the Grave.

Every great discovery in the world's history has been made with it an accompanying affliction, and it remained for the Klondike to develop a peculiar mania that thus tends to outrival optimism.

"There are many strange things in the Klondike," said the narrator, "but perhaps the strangest and that about which nothing has been written so far, is the disposition caused by eating snow. In the north, when the thermometer reaches 30 to 40 degrees below zero, a mouthful of snow is like molten metal. It brings an inflammation to the palate and tongue and it is impossible to quench the thirst. The first victim is an old timer or a newcomer in the region is 'Don't eat snow.' There are men in that country, once hearty, robust miners, now weak, effeminate creatures, whose fall can be traced directly to the time they began munching snow.

"The matter has been but little investigated, but the scientists who have examined the subject say that the waters of the north are rich with mineral deposits which are being constantly washed down from the mountains. A certain per cent of this mineral is taken into the air when vapor rises, and the snow becomes impregnated with it. There have been several falls of red snow near Point Barrow, the deposit being of a reddish brown color, due entirely to minerals. Thus it can be seen that a person eating large quantities of the snow takes into his system a corresponding amount of minerals."

While coming down the Copper River last spring the narrator came upon a party of miners where one was dying from the effects of eating snow. He had been a hard drinker, but had run short of whisky. His thirst became unendurable and as water was scarce in mid winter he had taken to eating snow. Soon he claimed it relieved his appetite for the liquor, but his companions noticed that his appetite for the snow increased until he was consuming enormous quantities. Gradually his skin, which was a dark bronze, grew light, his rugged stature became bent, and even his harsh voice changed to the effeminate squeak of an old woman. His strength gave way, and his companions tried to break him of the habit. He would lie on his pallet and moan pitifully for a mouthful of snow and when opportunity offered would steal unobserved to the doorway and gulp down huge handfuls. At last, seeing death was inevitable, his companions allowed him the snow, hoping to prolong his life. It proved unavailing, however, and one morning the man was found dead.

There are some spots on the Copper river where the snow, when melted and strained through a cloth, shows perceptible signs of minerals, and often gold is found plentifully intermixed, but of course not in paying quantities. Where this comes from is a mystery, but it may be brought from the far north by the heavy winter gales that sweep over this part of the country. It has been said that if the snow could be melted away it would leave deposits of millions of dollars in gold dust on the ground. The narrator had a close call himself from falling a victim to the snow habit "It was in the winter of 1896-7," he said, "and I was new to the country. An old miner near Dawson had warned me against eating snow, but I, with my partner, had gone back into the hills on a prospecting tour and had got caught in a blizzard. We were shy of provisions and on our way up lost the package containing our cooking utensils. This we remedied by broiling our cooked foods, but we had nothing in which to melt the snow. It is claimed that melted snow is harmless, as the metallic deposits it contains sink to the bottom of the receptacle.

"We decided to try it 'raw,' and we did. Whether it was the food or the snow I don't know, but during the week we waited for a chance to get out we had an ever increasing thirst, until, when we were finally able to strike the trail, we were consuming snow at a frightful rate. When we reached our companions, we attempted to assuage our thirst with water, but it did no good. We had acquired a taste for the frozen water, and it seemed to have invigorating qualities. At night we could not sleep unless we took our snow.

"We were fast approaching the degenerate stage when I reached a realizing sense of our condition and undertook to break off. I began by degrees and worked down, but up to the very moment I left the country the sight of the snow always raised in me an inordinate craving. It cost me many sleepless nights and weary days to restrain myself. Had I given way to the habit I would, like many another poor fellow, have lost all ambition and filled an unknown grave in that frozen wilderness."

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Dynamite explodes so rapidly that its force is exerted in the direction from which the greatest pressure comes. That is, if the dynamite be placed on the ground the explosive force is down; if it be hung against a wall its force attacks the wall; if it be hung under an object its force is upward.

The curious fact that corn, potatoes and other plants thrive better when placed in rows running north and south has been proved by Dr. Wolny of Munich. This reduces the shading by each other to a minimum, more uniform and regular light, heat and moisture resulting.

COMMISSIONERS' STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF Jefferson County FOR THE YEAR 1898.

AMOUNT OUTSTANDING FOR 1898. Table with columns: Districts, Collector, County, Bond, State, Dog.

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Receipts and Expenditures for 1898. Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES.

General Statement. Table with columns: ASSETS, LIABILITIES.

AUDITORS' REPORT OF THE FINANCES OF Jefferson County FOR THE YEAR 1898. Table with columns: Treasurer's Account, Sheriff's Account.

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County Superintendent's Account. R. B. TEITRIUK, County Superintendent.

By certificate of vouchers filed, \$300.00. To amount of cash from Co. Treasurer, \$200.00.

Commissioner's Account. SAMUEL STATES, Commissioner.

By amount due at last settlement, \$ 4.50. By 30 days service as Commissioner, 1,029.50.

To amount of orders drawn, \$ 500.00. To amount due States, \$0.50. Total, \$1,030.00.

W. C. MURRAY, Commissioner. By amount due at last settlement, \$ 60.00. By 27 days service as Commissioner, 1,029.50.

J. J. HINDERLITER, Commissioner. By amount due at last settlement, \$ 155.50. By 30 days service as Commissioner, 1,029.50.

Commissioner's Clerk's Account. JOHN DAVIS, Clerk. By one year's salary as clerk, \$60.00.

Janitor's Account. GEORGE GROVE, Janitor. By one year's salary as janitor, \$48.00.

Township Accounts. Amount of Road, School, Poor, Stinking Fund, Water and Light Funds in hands of County Treasurer W. H. Lucas, and due the following Districts.

Table with columns: Districts, Road, School, Water and Light, Poor.

Amount overdrawn and due County Treas. Rose township—Road Fund, \$ 7.48.

Hospital Accounts. Amount due Jefferson county from the following districts for the maintenance of insane in asylums.

Table with columns: Districts, Amount.

Jefferson County, ss: We, the undersigned, Auditors of Jefferson county, in the State of Pennsylvania, do certify that in pursuance of the 47th section of an Act entitled "An Act Relative to Counties, Townships, &c.," passed the 12th day of April, A. D. 1847, we met in the Commissioners' office, in the borough of Brookville, Pa., on the first Monday, it being the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1899, and did audit and settle the several accounts required of us by law agreeably to the several Acts of Assembly and supplements thereto, according to the best of our judgment and ability, and find them as set forth in the above report. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the office aforesaid this 30th day of January, A. D. 1899.

T. B. ADAMS, [SEAL] Auditor. I. B. McLAUGHLIN, [SEAL] Auditor. J. B. KELLY, [SEAL] Auditor.

Attest: W. D. KANE, Clerk.

First National Bank OF REYNOLDSVILLE. Capital, \$50,000. Surplus, \$6,500.

C. Mitchell, President; Scott McClelland, Vice Pres.; John H. Kaucher, Cashier.

Directors: C. Mitchell, Scott McClelland, J. C. King, John H. Corbett, G. E. Brown, G. W. Fuller, J. H. Kaucher.

Does a general banking business and solicits the accounts of merchants, professional men, farmers, mechanics, miners, lumbermen and others, promising the most careful attention to the business of all persons. Safe Deposit Boxes for rent. First National Bank building, Nolan block.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department.

W. H. STAMEY, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office at Hotel McConnell, Reynoldsville, Pa.

C. MITCHELL, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office on West Main street, opposite the Commercial Hotel, Reynoldsville, Pa.

C. Z. GORDON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office in room formerly occupied by Gordon & Corbett, West Main Street.

G. M. McDONALD, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Notary Public, real estate agent, Patents secured, collections made promptly. Office in Nolan block, Reynoldsville, Pa.

SMITH M. McCREIGHT, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Notary Public and Real Estate Agent. Collections will receive prompt attention. Office in Froehlich & Henry block, near postoffice, Reynoldsville, Pa.

E. NEFF, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. And Real Estate Agent, Reynoldsville, Pa.

D. R. DEVERE KING, DENTIST. Office over Reynoldsville Hardware Co. store, Main street, Reynoldsville, Pa.

D. R. L. MEANS, DENTIST. Office in the J. Van Reed building, near corner of Main and Fifth streets.

HOTEL MCKONNELL, REYNOLDSVILLE, PA. FRANK J. BLACK, Proprietor.

HOTEL BELNAP, REYNOLDSVILLE, PA. FRANK DIETZ, Proprietor.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division. In effect Nov. 20, 1898. Trains leave Driftwood as follows:

Table with columns: Train No., Station, Time.

WESTWARD. 4:28 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and principal intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR DRIFTWOOD FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH. TRAIN 8 leaves New York 5:30 p. m., Philadelphia 8:30 p. m., Washington 7:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:30 p. m., arriving at Driftwood 4:28 p. m.

TRAIN 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:30 a. m., Baltimore 6:30 a. m., arriving at Driftwood 4:28 a. m.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD. (WEEKDAYS) Connections via Johnsonburg R. R. and Ridgway & Clearfield R. R.

Table with columns: a. m., WEEKDAYS, p. m.

EVERY WOMAN Sometimes needs a reliable medicine. DR. PEARL'S PENNYROYAL PILLS.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY. In effect Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1899, Low Grade Division.

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On and after January 1, 1899, passenger trains will arrive and depart as follows: DEPART. For DuBois, Big Run and Punnatsawney, 10:25 a. m., 1:30, 3:25, 8:00 p. m.

For Clearfield, Curwensville and DuBois, 10:35 a. m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:30 p. m.

For Buffalo, Rochester, Bradford and Ridgway, 3:55 p. m.

From Bradford and Ridgway, 10:32 a. m., 3:55 p. m.

From Reynoldsville, 1:05, 5:02 p. m.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of Ten Cents will be collected by conductors when fares are paid on trains from stations where a ticket office is maintained.

For tickets, time tables and full information apply to E. C. DAVIS, Agent, Reynoldsville, Pa. E. C. LAPPY, Gen'l. Agent, Rochester, N. Y.

BEECH CREEK RAILROAD. New York Central & Hudson River R. Co., Lessee. CONDENSED TIME TABLE.

Table with columns: HEAD UP, EXP. MAIL, November 20, 1898, HEAD DOWN, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5.

CONNECTIONS.—At Williamsport with Philadelphia & Reading R. R. At Jersey Shore with Fall Brook Railway. At Mill Hall with Central Railroad of Pennsylvania.

L. M. SNYDER, Practical Horse-shoer And General Blacksmith.

HORSE CLIPPING. Have just received a complete set of machine horse clippers of latest style "W" pattern and am prepared to do clipping in the best possible manner at reasonable rates.

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