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PROSPECTING IN ALASKA

Interesting Letter from Nome Gold Fields—Curious Discoveries Underneath the Ground.

NOME, Alaska, March 26, 1902.
Dear Father, Alaska, March 26, 1902.
It has been some time since I wrote to you. Tom and I have been working ever since I came to Alaska.
Tom and another fellow are running a road house this winter on the trail about ten miles out from Nome, and prospecting at the same time. Tom and I went up to the Kongrook district last fall. There are some fine prospects north of Nome. We did not have time to prospect very much, as we left here with our grub packed on the backs of two horses. We had to pack one horse with oats and the other with blankets and provisions, and before we got within ten miles of our destination the horses died, so we had to pack horse ourselves. The horses did not cost us anything as most of the horses were killed off last fall and used for dog sled this winter. We had to sleep in snow banks five or six nights on the trip, but that's nothing in this country.

We took a hole on one of our claims 14 feet deep and in the hole we found green rocks, but it was too hard to dig. A short distance from there was found a mass of iron ore, about seven feet long and six inches through at the top, that has in it one of which was eight pounds in weight. At another place, about 27 feet, they dug out a light eight feet in diameter.

The next claim below ours is turning out pretty well, so I think we are all right on that rock, but it is hard to get for one claim might be all right, and the one next to it good at all. The pay streak on our claim if there is any is about 200 feet.

Tom has interest in four other claims about 25 miles from the one. There has not been much prospecting done in this country yet, so he doesn't know what he has out, but we expect to find out this summer.

Horses are worth \$30 each. They and oxen live at \$100 per ton of hay and winter but are down to \$80 now. Clothing is fairly cheap, but we have to wear fur mostly. The month of January was the coldest month. We had some days as low as below zero. The month of February only had four days below zero.

Tom bought two dogs yesterday, paying \$40 for them, and also paid \$15 for a sled. In a few days I am going to bring our grub up north and I expect that will be the last of my grub. I bought 400 pounds to the load, as a good dog can haul about 200 pounds on a good trail. The dogs Tom bought weigh about 90 pounds each and are 18 months old. They would be nice for Mars, but have to drive to Chukson with the mail. We drive them a good deal for horses, only we have no mules and run behind the sleigh instead of riding.

What Can the Matter Be?

Ketchikan, Oct. 17, 1902.
Dear Mother, I have had a great deal of trouble about the dead Indian. This was ordered by the surgeon here and to be buried. A Whitehead and an Ray and Capt. M. O. Boleau, all of Birmingham, and R. C. Whitehead of Lansing are off on a fishing and hunting party to the coast of Alaska and its islands. It appears that they left Detroit Tuesday morning on one of the steamers that make this route. Nothing was noticed particularly about their luggage on going aboard, but after passing Port Huron these men unfurled a huge white Indian and placed it in front of their state room door. It seems they showed this Indian tobacco sign from Meigs' Clear Cut in Detroit and had it as a sign as they would find their own state room.

The next morning they were told the boat would land long enough to get breakfast, that was delightful, as the steaming company pays all bills. The cost of fare was baked beans and fish. These men ordered fish and were served with ordinary cod fish and rice. The landlady and her wife were served with two faces.

A the next landing A. Whitehead was arrested in a costume resembling to Kluge of the Neocassian, and the others in uniform borrowed from various organizations, finally furnished by the Mayor of Montreal. As they were formed in line and marched off the gang passed there were several bands and large crowds of people who met them. Whitehead, being very large and dignified, and the others equally noticeable, was approached by a man in a dignified personage, and all this while the band was playing "March King's Your Baby," but a signal from a drum major, ceased, and the august Canadian citizen, hatched and smiling, bore some sort of an oration. French Whitehead turned to Capt. Bignole and, sotto voce, "What the d— is the meaning of all that?" Bignole, being the only one able to understand the language, was brought up by Whitehead of Lansing, saying, "Wave your hand and turn him over your ear." As he had no hand, French Whitehead said, "From that time on we were the honored guests of the city. Bignole insisted that the captain and officers of the boat should have their share of the

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

CONV. PALL. JULY 14, 1902.
COUNCIL MEETING JULY 14, 1902.
Regular meeting.
President Rained in the chair.
Trustees present: Snow, Daines, O'Neal, Johnston, Abbott, Whitehead and Parks.
Snow moved supported by Johnston, the following bills be allowed as read and ordered for action: by the call of Mr. Aves O'Neal, Johnston, Snow, Daines, Noss, Detroit United Railway, Michigan Telephone Co., Charles Schuler, C. F. Meigs, A. Harvey Sons Mfg. Co., E. H. Randall, Highway Fund, E. R. Smith & Co., W. H. Wood, Thomas Edwards, A. G. Bross, Fred Prince, Sam'l. Masters, Tom Hutcheon, G. E. Mudge, J. N. Allen, Grand Trunk General Expense Fund, K. T. Brown, Johnston moved supported by O'Neal, the bill for the call on the road and ordered for action.
Daines moved supported by Johnston, the petition of Sam'l Johnston and others be referred to the next committee.
Minutes read and approved.
Moved to adjourn. Carrol, J. P. Rindel, President.

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