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ON THE ROAD.

The Downs and Ups of a Traveling Editor's Life.

In order to visit the coast and trade off some of our Kootenay experience for collateral, we left Nakusp on a Saturday morning and took passage on that staunch little craft, the Arrow, for Hall's Landing. There were 26 passengers on board, mostly descendants of Irish lords. One of them delivered us a lecture on the amount of nerve it took to start a paper in Nakusp and keep it going without starving to death. We did not tell him that we were a millionaire and merely worked for the benefit of humanity.

Arriving at the Landing about noon, we went to Andy Cummings' tent and had dinner. We succeeded in getting a rancher to give us a ride to the Big Bluff, which he kindly did for a monetary consideration. It was dark when we reached the Bluff and we had to walk three miles to O'Leary's camp before we could find a place to slumber. The road was uneven and we fell down about 20 times, with our grip on top of us. When we got to the camp we found our baggage weighed but few pounds short of a ton.

At O'Leary's we found 40 men doing nothing. After supper we discussed mining and other scientific subjects until a late hour, and then we turned in with 39 others to sleep in a large tent fitted up for that purpose. There were two lunatics in the tent. One sang "John Brown's Body Lies Mouldering in the Mud," while the other fellow kept harping on the habits and anatomy of the greyback family until nature asserted itself and they fell asleep.

Morpheus came to us and we slept like a man always does who has a clear conscience. We dreamed that we had just returned to Kaslo after an absence of 200 years and found the K. & S. R. getting ready to put another man on the job, and rush it through with all possible despatch, so that Gabriel could bring his horn into the town without having to walk.

After this we woke up and made our toilet without a looking glass, and then we tackled our breakfast. The bill of fare was easy to read, there being no French on it. After breakfast we shouldered our valise and started for the Green Slide. We got there and spent New Year's eve in a quiet manner. In the morning, the initial day of '94, we found that the trains had stopped running to Revelstoke and we would have to walk 10

miles more before we struck the C.P. R. We did it in four hours and our baggage weighed two tons when we slid it off our back at the Revelstoke depot.

Gentle and cultured reader, do you wonder that newspaper men die so young? We passed a few hours in Revelstoke and found it lively. When the western express pulled alongside the station we got aboard and selected a soft seat, and had a luxurious time all the way to Vancouver.

In a future letter we will give our experience in the Terminal City. At present we are too busy eating cylindrical-shaped devilled crabs and other dainties to write any more. We are in clover up to our neck, and everything is coming so smoothly that we have almost forgotten the hard times of '93.

Tuesday's Dance.

Quite a large number of the pleasure-loving citizens assembled at the Nakusp House on Tuesday evening, at the instance of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, to participate in a dance. The floor was good, the music excellent and the programme satisfactory. In the light of these facts, it was no wonder that all enjoyed themselves, especially when backed up by the untiring attentions of the host and hostess. Refreshments were served at midnight, after which dancing was continued till 3 o'clock, at which hour the guests departed for their several places of abode.

Money Has Been Flush.

Since the return of Paymaster Sampson a big sum of money has been paid out to the railway employees, totaling thousands of dollars. The effect of this upon the general trade of the town has been very marked, the several business houses finding their daily receipts considerably more than doubled. But it has been the hotels which have enjoyed the financial deluge most keenly, their coffers having been filled to overflowing with currency. So great has been the influx of guests at the various hostelries that beds have had to be made up in the halls, sitting rooms, or in fact anywhere there was space sufficient to spread a blanket. While many of these men have since departed, yet there are more to come in and the same order of things will ensue. What Nakusp would have been without the railway work and the resultant heavy pay rolls this winter no one likes to contemplate, all being more content to dwell upon the present satisfactory state of affairs.

ORE MOVING FREELY.

A Slight Indication of What is Being Done in the Slocan.

Hugh Mann came in from the Slocan on Saturday night. He is now engaged hauling out ore, having finished his contract on the railway. Mr. Mann has 40 horses engaged in the hauling, part on a 1000-ton contract from the Slocan Star, and the remainder teaming from the Queen Bess, a promising prospect in the Idaho basin. This ore is all being stored at Three Forks, awaiting the completion of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway.

Upwards of 50 tons of ore are being sent into Kaslo, whence it is shipped to the smelters over the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway per steamer Nelson. So many men and teams being employed on the road have made times brisk in Kaslo.

Almost every property in the Slocan is constantly engaging new men to get out ore, while new prospects are being opened up. At present there are about 19 mines shipping, 15 more getting their dumps piled up, and over a dozen others in an advanced state of development.

Fresh capital is continually coming into the country, and as a result numerous sales have taken place. Word has been received from several American sources that an influx of greenbacks and gold eagles may be expected in the spring.

At the present time the Slocan is really the only district shipping ore on the continent, and as silver shows an upward tendency, the owners of the mines feel greatly encouraged. Confidence and success go hand in hand in this section of the province, affording a noticeable contrast to the many idle camps across the international border.

It is estimated that \$2,000,000 worth of ore will be taken out during the winter.

English Capital for Nakusp.

Before leaving for Vancouver Mr. McGillivray intimated that he did not think the town's company would increase their grant for local improvements for the approaching season beyond that of last year. This is due to the fact that a party of monied Englishmen had become interested here, and their superfluous capital would be utilized for that purpose. This company purposes erecting large sampling works, as well as other extensive works for the handling of immense quantities of the Slocan ore. One by one the indications multiply for a busy summer.

VALUABLE INVENTION.

Will Locate Minerals at a Distance of Two Miles.

Vancouver is excited over a stranger with a strange machine. He says it will locate minerals two miles off. It resembles a box with a tin horn sticking out of one side. A test of the machine was made a few days ago. Several curious citizens wrapped \$30 in silver in a handkerchief and, leaving the manipulator of the machine in town, went to Stanley Park and hid the wealth.

Early in the afternoon, say those who were present, the tin-horn indicator was pointed north toward the park, and at 4, as it was getting dark, the man and his machine were 600 yards from the spot where the money was buried. Fearing that they would not be able to see if they waited much longer, the committee took the man to within 200 yards of the spot. The pointer of the machine was slowly revolving in a circle when the operator suddenly stopped, while a faint rattling sound was heard inside the machine. As its inventor remarked, "When you hear that sound it is a sign that you are in a direct line with the treasure."

He then insulated himself in a rubber suit and advanced cautiously, the machine continuing to rattle until a certain spot had been reached, when it ceased, for, as its inventor explained, "I have my back to the treasure." He walked backward carefully until the demonstration inside the box recommenced when the pointer was poked to the ground and the treasure dug up.

Several men of accredited shrewdness believe in the machine, while Captain Von Bremner is interesting himself in having it perfected so as to make the 100th attempt to locate the pirates' booty of the treasure island of the Pacific. Capital is being raised to promote the trip to Cocos Island.

Mining on the Columbia.

The Columbia river placer fields will have a boom this year. A new company, composed mainly of men from Duluth and West Superior, has just completed the purchase of 700 acres of placer gravel located on the east bank of the river, beginning 15 miles below Kettle Falls. The purchase price is reported to be \$50,000, one-tenth cash. The company has already ordered a Baeyrus amalgamating outfit, and will begin the construction of barges without delay, and be in a position to begin dredging early in the spring. The gravel at this point is about 100 feet deep, and the managers of the company are so confident that it can be handled profitably that they are now trying to purchase other claims.

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Rapid Development of the Many Rich Properties.

The new year dawned auspiciously for the Boundary Creek country. In that section there is great mineral wealth buried in the mountains and river bars awaiting the hammer and drill and the monitor and sluice box to develop and bring it to the surface and disseminate it in all directions. As it is the various camps are growing, work is progressing, and as a consequence a feeling of confidence and success pervades the entire mining district.

The Ledge group of mines is being worked with great vigor and with most favorable indications of early tapping the main ore body. The Finnigan mines are also being energetically worked. An incline tunnel has been driven over 60 feet, and the ore body augments foot by foot. The latest assays show 70 per cent. lead and from 40 to 140 oz. of silver per ton.

The Davy group, the Wilson mine and the Hayes Twin mine are all holding their own as development proceeds.

The placer mines are, as a consequence of the low water in the Pend d'Oreille river, not being worked at present, but the companies are not idle as they are taking advantage of the lull to do much needed repairs, place new machinery and set up additional sluice boxes, and otherwise place things in order to commence work in the early spring.

F. J. Carroll, representative of the San Francisco Selby Smelting Co., has recently been in the country sizing up the situation and making arrangements for the shipment of ore to his works.

Caprivi on Bimetallism.

In reply to resolutions by the German Conservative Association in favor of bimetallism, Chancellor Caprivi of that country has acknowledged that recent events in India and the United States have increased the importance of the question, but added: "I am still of the opinion that the methods hitherto proposed for the restoration of silver have been proven impracticable, and I have good grounds for believing that renewed attempts set on foot for common deliberations between foreign governments on this subject would at present be unsuccessful. I am inclined, therefore, in addition to the official inquiry already proceeding to hear proposals of experts and theorists in various professions and trades for raising the sunken value of silver, and necessary steps have already been taken to bring about this hearing."

Bloody Socialist riots have occurred in Rome.

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HISTORY OF THE KOOTENAY.

A complete history of the Kootenay country, from the earliest days to the present time, is being compiled by R. T. Lowery. Experienced men with valuable information would confer a favor by sending their address to this office.

HOME NEWS FROM ABROAD.

A certain paper, published within the precincts of the town of Nelson, in a recent issue, treated its readers to a hair-raising account of a thrilling and novel suicide, said to have been enacted on the railway wharf at Nakusp, the victim being no less a personage than our esteemed fellow-citizen, M. Kelly, foreman of construction on the N.&S.R.

This alarming piece of intelligence was set forth in the most approved modern sensational style, embellished with a formidable array of impressive adjectives; and we can easily imagine the glow of exultation that doubtless lighted up the erstwhile handsome but gloomy countenance of the writer as he flourished his versatile quill in jotting down the details, fondly believing that he had secured a rich "scoop" on his hated local rival.

Unfortunately for the Nelson scribe's peace of mind, it must be admitted that there is not the slightest tittle of truth about the story. We can account for its origin only in one way and that is: the writer must have dined too heartily on pickled pig's feet and old Kentucky Bourbon. How a news paper of such prominence—save the mark—should belittle itself by publishing such utter drivel passes comprehension; but then, they are such funny people down there.

Nakusp may be guilty of having an occasional pugilistic encounter or a still rarer stabbing affray, but our people are not so degenerate as to end their existence in the cowardly manner depicted in the article referred to. The town will receive an unenviable reputation on the outside by reason of the falsehood, which would not have been had the telegraph

wires been utilized to ascertain the truth.

Apart from this, the circulation of the report cannot fail to be a source of pain and annoyance to Mr. Kelly, and the least the writer of the offensive article can do is to retract his statements and apologize for his utter lack of judgment and good taste.

The relations between England and France are very strained.

England will increase her navy by four large men-of-war, costing over £1,000,000 each, and several gunboats of the most modern type.

The Manitoba Parliament opened on the 12th, with promised legislation in favor of the farmers. There will be some heated talk over the excessive expenditure for the world's fair exhibit.

A despatch was received here this week stating that France and Russia had declared war against the Triple Alliance. It was evidently a bourse canard, as we have been unable to get it confirmed.

Manitoba experienced very heavy snowfalls last week, culminating in a furious blizzard. Business generally was seriously impeded. Several buildings were demolished at Lethbridge in the Territories.

If appearances count for aught, we should say that Sir Oliver Mowat is doomed to defeat at the approaching general elections in Ontario, because of the Protestant Protective Association, the Patrons of Industry and the Prohibitionists. These powerful influences, backed up by the opposition of the Conservative forces, present an array which the Liberals will find it difficult to successfully combat. The P.P.A. has recently elected its candidates to the mayoralty of Toronto and Hamilton with overwhelming majorities, while the plebiscite vote gave 30,000 plurality for prohibition.

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A movement is on foot to form a minstrel troupe in town.

Mr. McGillivray is expected back from the coast on Tuesday.

Messrs. Sproatt, Hart, and Black, all prominent New Denverites, were in town yesterday.

It costs close on to \$30 per ton to take the ore from the Freddie Lee mine into Kaslo.

This evening the canny sons of Scotland will assemble at the Leland House to do honor to the immortal memory of the late R. Burns, Esq.

\$600,000 was taken in at the C. P. R. depot in Revelstoke last year. That was the largest business done on the road between Vancouver and Winnipeg.

It has been semi-officially announced that the Inland Construction Co. has been awarded the contract to build the projected Nicola Valley Railway.

The big mid-winter ball that was to have taken place in Three Forks last Friday night was postponed till to-morrow evening, because of inclement weather.

A. Lyall, the well known restaurateur of New Denver, was in town on

Tuesday. Mr. Lyall was commissioned by the citizens of his town to extend an invitation to Nakuspians to visit them, assuring them of a hearty welcome.

Mrs. H. Madden left on Monday, via Kaslo and Spokane, on a protracted visit to her parents in the old capital city of Quebec. Mr. Madden accompanied her to Spokane, expecting to be back in eight or 10 days. In the meantime R. Madden is managing the hotel.

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Gold and Silver Ledges have been discovered within three miles of Nakusp.

The town already contains Six Hotels, Several Dwelling Houses, Stores, Sawmill, with a capacity of 30,000 feet per diem, a substantial Wharf, Warehouses, Blacksmith Shop and many other buildings.

THE TOWN OF NAKUSP

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Climate, Etc.

But few towns within the province can lay claim to such a fine and imposing townsite as does the future metropolitan city of Nakusp. Situated for the most part on an extensive and exceedingly level bench of land, about 80 feet above the surface of the upper Arrow Lake which it overlooks, the location of the town is at once healthful and commanding. To the south is a magnificent view of as fine a stretch of placid water of ever-changing beauty as one could wish to behold, while on the other borders of the town are thousands of acres of undulating land, only awaiting the axe of the industrious settler to clear it of its forest growth, and raise in place of the fir and hemlock bountiful crops of cereals and roots from the rich soil. The larger portion of the townsite has been denuded of trees and the ground platted into residential and business blocks, through which run wide parallel streets and lanes.

HEALTHFUL SURROUNDINGS.

So far as health is concerned, the citizens of the town are peculiarly blessed. The elevation of the land gives an easy and perfect drainage into the lake, and it is a noted fact that no matter how heavy the rainfall may be, the soil readily absorbs the moisture, leaving nothing more to be desired. The strip of beach land between the lake and bench, several hundred feet in width, has a gradual slope, that easily carries off any overflow. Just north-west of the town are a number of springs, from whence is derived its water supply, by carriers, and which, if properly developed, could furnish a large city with complete protection against fire, as well as being amply sufficient for domestic requirements. More to the west is the rapid running mountain stream, bearing the name of Koooskanace, a second water resource for the town. Sufficient water flows between the creek's high banks to run any number of mills and electric dynamos, and this when the opportune moment arrives, will be made use of to furnish electricity to the town for lighting and motive purposes. A mile or so away are a number of little lakes of pure spring water; so that it will be seen that Nakusp is particularly well off in that respect.

CLIMATE.

The climate of Nakusp is very moderate and even. The summers are

warm and dry, tempered always with delightful breezes from mountain and lake; the wet season in the fall and spring short and by no means as disagreeable as on the coast; and with winters to a marked degree devoid of intense cold, but inclined rather to the open and mild. Owing to its elevation and its distance from the mountains the town is a pleasant one to live in at all seasons of the year, and it is peculiarly free from the disadvantages of the average mountain town.

POPULATION AND BUILDINGS.

Though founded but a year or so ago, Nakusp has made rapid strides, and now boasts of a population many times greater than was here even last spring. Its citizens are wide awake and enterprising, and they never lose an opportunity to advance the interests of the place. The buildings are chiefly frame, built in a substantial manner, generally painted, and kept in good repair. There are a number of log structures scattered here and there throughout the town, but they will soon be replaced with frame. Indications point to a great building boom in the spring.

BUSINESS HOUSES.

Within the confines of the town are a number of first class business houses, chief among which are Jordan & Co., Inland Construction Co., Cummings & Co., Bourne Bros., Nakusp News Co., J. Ehrmantraut, etc. Of hotels there are five, each having accommodation for many guests; the bars are well stocked and the dining rooms well managed. These hostleries are named: Nakusp House, U. S. Thomas, proprietor; Madden House, owned by H. Madden; Leland House, by D. A. McDougall; Columbia, by Corning & Rodd; and Prospect, by J. T. Nault. There is also a large and well equipped sawmill, which has an extensive trade. Last, but not least, Nakusp has a good live newspaper, as the present issue demonstrates, and the citizens are proud of it.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Under this head comes first the Nakusp & Slocan railway, now being built into the heart of the rich and famous Slocan mining district less than two score miles away. Many hundreds of men have been employed on this road during the past season, and more will be in the spring when the melting snows will permit of the work being resumed. Nakusp has been made the base of operations by the construction company, of which D. McGillivray is head, and the vast sums of money paid out have materially helped the progress of the town. In less than a year thousands of tons of ore will be handled weekly over this road, thus affording employment to numbers of hands at the local steamboat wharves. By this road the bulk of general business will travel, as affording the cheapest and speediest avenue of ingress and egress. The

large wharves owned by the company here are covered by the general offices and warehouses, in the latter being stored many thousand dollars' worth of supplies. The company have also located here a hospital, presided over by Dr. Williamson. For the railway there have already arrived a locomotive and several flat cars, now housed till spring, when their number will be increased. Secondly Nakusp has connection with the outside world by the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway to the south at Nelson via Robson and the C. & K. R.; also connection on the north with the main line of the C. P. R. at Revelstoke. In another year this place may be reached by rail from the latter place over the R. & A. L. R., now under construction. Then there is the wagon road to the head of Slocan lake from whence New Denver and all other interior points may be reached easily and quickly. The C. P. R. have lately put in a branch of the telegraph line, and messages may be sent out either north and south. Six steamers ply here in the summer with but two in winter.

DISTRIBUTING CENTRE.

Nakusp is bound to be the distributing and supply centre for the entire Slocan region from the west. Here, not only will the Government make its headquarters for mail and judicial business, but the great wholesale merchants of the land will erect their warehouses and wharves. A glance at the map of the district will convince anyone that this must of necessity be the case. Here, too, the railroad and navigation companies will have their main offices, and the heads of families employed by them will locate their families in this place.

AGRICULTURE AND MINING.

In both these contingencies Nakusp is pre-eminently blessed above her neighbors. Surrounding the town are many thousands of acres of good farming land, well watered and but sparsely covered with forest growth. Around the shore of the lake are an abundance of rich alluvial deposits, suitable for mixed farming and market gardening purposes, all of which is open for settlement and certain to yield big returns. While all this is directly tributary to Nakusp and bound to substantiate her growth in coming years, there is the famous Fire Valley, to the south, the rancher of which must come to this place for their supplies and to dispose of their produce. As to mining, the mountains, situated a few miles off, are known to be full of mineral, both gold and silver. Not later than a few weeks ago, a wide ledge of galena was located not above four miles from town, an assay of which went close to 200 ounces in silver and 80 per cent lead per ton. This will be developed in the spring and the ore handled here. Numerous other strikes have been reported close to town, but the mountains have been but partially

prospected as yet. In the river bottoms gold has been discovered in paying quantities, by washing, as also at the foot of the hills to the south. Thus it will be seen that Nakusp does not depend solely upon the rich Slocan district for support, for she has enough mineral wealth lying dormant around her to build up a large city.

PROSPECTS.

Information gleaned from various sources elicits the fact that considerable capital will be forthcoming ere long to develop the latent mineral wealth in the mountains hard by and it will not be in mere development work alone that this money will show itself but in a manner calculated to be of still greater benefit to the town. Arrangements are about complete for the establishment of large sampling works here by an English party of means and experience during the coming season. This in itself is important, but when this is followed by other works for the treatment of ores on a much larger scale, the benefits accruing cannot be estimated. It is known, too, that several industrial establishments of a varied nature are keeping an eye on Nakusp, with a view to locating—American parties chiefly—and who can foretell the size and affluence of the city of a few years hence that will have taken the place of the infantile town of today? In Nakusp will be erected the repair and machine shops of not one railway, but of several, for the success of one must result in the drafting of others, and there will be traffic enough for all. With its unlimited water power only waiting to be harnessed, this place offers special inducements to manufacturers, and they will not be slow to grasp them. No other place in this country gives better proof of stability and progress than does this town, and those who have invested here are confident that their money has been well placed; and no other place presents such excellent opportunities to capital for profitable enterprises.

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LIFE IN NAKUSP.

Dr. Williamson contemplates leaving Nakusp.

J. G. McLean journeyed out to the coast on Sunday.

For anything in drugs write to the Sloean Drug Co., Kaslo. †

New Denver people are talking up a party to visit this town.

G. T. Kane has been elected mayor of Kaslo, vice R. Green.

W. Hunter, of New Denver, came over Tuesday on business.

Today is the anniversary of Scotland's poet laureate, Robbie Burns.

The time for receiving private bills in the Local House expires on February 1.

The first political meeting will probably be held in the schoolhouse next week.

Contrary to the general rumor the the construction company's offices will not be closed.

The Glee Club will resume its practices at once, new music having been obtained from Vancouver.

When in Kaslo stop at the Great Northern Hotel. Rates reasonable. Headquarters for Hudson Bay Co.'s goods. †

The concert given in New Denver last Thursday night was a great success, as was also the ball which followed.

C. Holden departs immediately for the Lardeau country to develop several promising mineral claims he has there.

A. Risdale, of the Half Way House, came into town this week. Business is quiet out in that direction for a brief period.

J. L. Retallack has been appointed by the Government a member of the licensing board of Kaslo, in place of Geo. Kane, resigned.

Miss Aura Corning leaves next week for New York City for the winter. She will be greatly missed from the ranks of local society.

The Lytton had a cargo of 26 tons, principally flour and feed, on Tuesday. She will make one more trip and then tie up here for the winter.

THE LEDGE feels indebted to the Queen's printer at Victoria for a copy of the district voters' list. Nakusp is credited with but half a dozen names.

The Lytton took out over 50 passengers on Friday morning, and almost as many more on Sunday. The Arrow, too, has had several heavy lists of late.

Kaslo experienced two fires last week, one of which proved fatal, whereby a half-witted Chinaman answering to the appellation of Jim lost his life.

J. Fred Hume, of Nelson, has published his card, announcing himself a

candidate for political honors in West Kootenay at the next general provincial elections.

A. Struthers, who has been in town for the past four months purchasing time checks, returned to his home in Vancouver on Sunday, well satisfied with his net profits.

W. C. Sampson has secured a number of voters' blanks, and anyone wishing to have their name placed on the list, should call on him at the construction company's offices.

The Lytton went up on Friday, returning Saturday with the cattle so eagerly expected during the past month. She also brought a ton or two of freight for local parties.

Messrs. McGillivray and Daly drove over to Three Forks on Friday to inspect the railway, returning Saturday night. Sunday morning Mr. McGillivray departed for the coast.

A horse attached to a light sleigh ran away on Friday morning and dashed into the verandah at the Madden House, creating some stir and amusement. No damage was done.

Saturday night a select party assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ehrmanntraut to celebrate the sixth anniversary of that worthy couple's wedding. A pleasant evening was passed.

No less than 10 sacks of mail came in Tuesday, for which the gods be praised. Hereafter all Nakusp mail will come via Kaslo, instead of being permitted to lie at Revelstoke till it got mouldy with age.

Recent arrivals state that Vancouver has not been so lively for years as at the present time. Real estate is constantly changing hands at increased figures, while enquiries for vacant buildings are constant. Many handsome and costly blocks are contracted for, to be built this year, principally on Hastings and Granville streets.

Wrapped in Mystery.

Provincial Officer Fauquier went up the lake on the Arrow Saturday to search for the body of the man said to have been discovered on Albert Point, particulars of which appeared last week. The shore was diligently scanned for over four miles, particularly at the point, but not a trace of the body was observed. Considerable fresh snow had fallen, however, which would have effectually obliterated all signs; while a second theory may be advanced for the fruitless search in the fact that wolves have been unusually numerous in that region of late, and it is quite possible that the brutes devoured the body. Mr. Fauquier stated that Captain Sanderson would send up a party of men from the hot springs in a rowboat to continue the search. Who the man was or whence he came remains as great a mystery as ever.

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