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Men's Heavy Clothing, Blankets, etc., etc.

	Regular Price.	Sale Price.
Men's All-Wool Heavy Blue Sweaters	$3.00	$1.00
" " " Mackinaw Shirts	3.50	1.50
" " " " Sweaters	5.00	1.50
" " Halifax Tweed Sweaters	3.50	1.50
" " " Shirts	3.00	1.50
" Heavy Klondike Caps	3.00	65
" Fur Caps	3.75	1.00
" Blue Denim Parkas	2.75	1.00
" D.-B. Moleskin Coats	8.50	3.50
" Fine Navy Blue Mackinaw Suits	8.50	3.50
" Caris Waterproof Gray Suits	10.00	4.00
" Heavy Corduroy Coats	12.50	7.00
" " Wool-lined Canvas Coats	12.50	5.50
" " " "	7.50	3.50
" Rubber-lined "	7.00	2.75
Fine Blanket-lined Sleeping Bags	15.00	3.50
14-lb All-Wool Silver Gray Blankets	14.00	8.40
12-lb " " " "	12.50	7.50
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A TERRIBLE AWAKENING.

Fatal Collision of the S.S. Walla Walla.

Cape Mendocino, Cal., the Scene of an Awful Accident—Between Thirty and Forty Lives Supposed to Have Been Lost.

SKAGWAY, Alaska, Jan. 16th.—The following details of the fatal collision between the Walla Walla and the French barque, Max, were brought here by the Farallon:

"The Walla Walla, owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., sailed from San Francisco on Jan. 1st for Puget Sound Ports. She carried 36 first class and 28 second class passengers with a crew of 80. When off Cape Mendocino, on the California coast, at 4 a.m., Thursday morning, an iron barque loomed up in the haze and crashed into the Walla Walla's bow, then sailing vessel slid off into the darkness and was seen no more. All passengers and crew of the steamer, except the few on watch, were asleep, and were awakeded by the crash. The steerage quarters were forward and it is believed some of the passengers and crew were crushed to death. A big hole was made in the steamer's bow and she sank in 35 minutes. Officers and crew maintained strict discipline and the boats and life rafts were speedily lowered. All who were not killed by the collision got off except Capt. Hall, who went down with the ship. He was picked up later by one of the boats uninjured, with the exception of a few bruises. Owing to the choppy sea the boats could not make a landing on shore only a few miles distant, and drifted all day. Sixty-five people were picked up by the steamer Dispatch and taken to Eureka. Another boat, under command of Engineer Brown, containing thirteen persons, reached land at Trinidad but was swamped and six persons were drowned, including J. Williamson, Quartermaster, W. Marol, fireman, and L. Drube, a passenger, names of the other three unknown. On receipt of the news tugs were at once sent from Eureka to look for the missing boats. The tug Ranger picked up one containing eleven passengers and three of the crew."

EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 3d.—Capt. A. L. Hall, master of the wrecked steamer, gives the following account of the disaster; "We left San Francisco on Wednesday bound for Victoria and Puget Sound. Weather thickened as night advanced and on Thursday morning a heavy fog, accompanied by light rain, set in about 4 a.m. I was suddenly awakened by an awful crash in the port side well forward. Second Officer Lake was on watch at the time. The housing in the vicinity of my cabin was shattered by force of the collision. After the crash the vessel, which I think was a French barque, judging from the language used by her sailors, rebounded and groped alongside. I called her to stand by, but she drifted past and was lost to view. I could not tell how badly she was injured, but do not imagine she was severely hurt as she struck us bow on, and though her forward rigging must have been broken it is not likely her hull suffered materially.

"Those of the passengers who had not been awakened by the crash were aroused at once. The vessel began to fill immediately and sank in 35 minutes; there was no confusion on board. I gave orders to have the port boilers blown out, as it was necessary to give the vessel a list to keep the gaping hole in her side out of the water. In a few minutes all the life boats and rafts were out with the exception of two, which were smashed. One of these boats contained nine or ten passengers and all were thrown into the water, but managed to board a life raft which had been launched a few minutes previously. The second boat was smashed by striking some heavy object in the water and her passengers also managed to save themselves by climbing on another raft. We had no knowledge of the approaching vessel, the weather being so thick she was not seen until she struck. It was very dark at the time, while the uncertain light interfered to a great extent with the rescue of passengers. I remained on board assisting them and went down with the ship. After I had been down, I dont know how long, the social deck broke off and I floated to the surface with it. Sighting a life raft, I commenced swimming and succeeded in reaching it after a hard struggle and was pulled on board by the three occupants. We floated about all day and early in the evening were picked up a few miles to the north of the wreck by the steamer Dispatch which was proceeding to Seattle. From the information I have since received concerning the rescue of passengers and crew I am unable to state how large the death list will be, but in my opinion it will not be less than twenty and possibly may reach forty or fifty. A number were injured by falling timbers and I am certain many of the steerage passengers perished in this manner; the housing of the forward part split into matchwood.

"While not very rough, the sea was nasty and choppy and the continual wash over the rafts was a severe hardship, especially to the ladies, many of whom were in the last stages of exhaustion when picked up by the Dispatch."

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SATURDAY, JAN., 18th, 1902.

AFTER a pretty careful examination of the drifting operations going on in the different sections of the camp this winter, it is safe to predict that, from the prospects obtained and the quantity of ground available for such operations, Atlin will afford satisfactory returns from its deep drifting for many years to come. This winter's work is being done, for the most part, with a view to permanency and not, as heretofore, as a makeshift for a grubstake.

It is, at the moment, impossible to define the boundaries of the ancient auriferous beds now under exploitation on Pine and Spruce creeks, or, for that matter, on Boulder, Otter or other creeks, but in the case of the "yellow channel" being exploited on Gold Run, and Pine creek, it is known that this channel is not less than 200 feet wide. As to its value, no estimate can well be made, but this much is assured, it will pay good wages to all employed with a reasonable margin besides. There is every excuse for our prediction, which is fairly well substantiated by the fact that all those engaged in the work are highly satisfied, and we are led to the belief that these drifts will be carried on winter and summer, to the great good of the camp, the merchants and the miners.

IN the weekly "News-Advertiser" of Dec. 24th last, under the heading "News of the Mines," appeared a paragraph, headed "A Boom With a Lurking Reservation," in which a remark made by Mr. E. J. de Lamare, relative to his idea of next year's prospects on his Boulder creek property, was severely criticised. From the criticism it is evident that the writer has very little knowledge of the mining possibilities of this district, particularly with regard to its hydraulic possibilities, when he questions the probability of obtaining $40,000 a month from the ground. We might mention instances without number where men have taken out from 50 to 150 and as high as 200 ounces from a week's sluicing with pick and shovel, on this and other creeks in the district, why then, doubt $40,000 a month, when a thousand times more gravel can be washed by hydraulic means, and especially with such a plant as Mr. de Lamare has installed upon his property. Furthermore, some forty men were working on Boulder last season — a very short one — and took out over $100,000 for the season's operations. The pay channel now exposed on Mr. de Lamare's property has shown values from $5 to $50 per cubic yard, and the estimate given by him is locally considered conservative.

ALL MAIL.

No Exceptions to Be Made as to Classes.

Instructions Issued From Ottawa Notifying Postmasters That All Mail Matter Will Be Forwarded to Atlin.

Following up the instructions issued from the Postmaster-General's department in Ottawa, similar instructions have been sent out from Washington, D. C., notifying postmasters that all classes of mail addressed to the Atlin and Yukon districts will hereafter be made up and forwarded from the Seattle postoffice. A previous order forbade the admission of other than first-class mail for these places. The order from the Supt. of Foreign Mails is to the following effect: "In view of instructions received from the Hon. the Postmaster-General of Canada, you will please cause articles other than letters, post-cards and newspapers, destined for the Yukon and Atlin districts to be included in the mails made up at and despatched from your office to the office of Skagway, Alaska, during the winter season. At Skagway they will be included in the mails which the postmaster there has recently been instructed to make up for and despatch to the office of Log Cabin."

For a County Court Judge.

The claims of the district for a Resident County Court Judge have again been laid before the proper authorities by the Board of Trade, and a very strong letter was drafted and copies forwarded to each of the following, the Minister of Justice, Ottawa, C. R. Maxwell, M. P., the Attorney - General, Victoria, and to the Boards of Trade of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster. The following are a few of the pertinent points of the communication: "We have always been told that the matter would receive 'serious consideration.' The time has arrived when it requires more than 'serious consideration.'" Regarding the laxity in the enforcement of the mining laws and the opportunities open for "jumpers," the letter says: "Much litigation in consequence ensued which drove capital from the camp already there and effectually deterred other, which would have come in, from seeking investment in our mines, both placer, hydraulic and quartz. The question probably will be asked, How much legal work is transacted in the district? but we would point out that the life and progress of the district depends on the immediate settlement of all disputes and mining questions and difficulties, which are naturally arising daily throughout the year. . . . We would ask that prompt action be taken in this essential matter and that it be not merely placed on the shelf of 'serious consideration.'"

Placer Act, 1901, consolidated, for sale at this office.

Platinum Pointers.

As a guide to miners and prospectors, who desire to save the platinum values from their black sands, it would be well to note that all the platinum metals are gray in colour, with a comparatively feeble luster; are very flexible and can be dissolved in aqua regia and precipitated by ammonium or potassium chloride. This applies to all but palladium, which will remain in solution. Platinum is not acted on by hydrochloric, hydroflouric, nitric and sulphuric acids or a mixture of hydroflouric and nitric acids. Aqua regia, and any liquid containing chlorine, or able to evolve chlorine or bromine, dissolves platinum.—Mendeleeff.

Mortgagee's Sale.

NOTICE is hereby given that the "Zara," "Anna Leah," "Blackbird," "Lion," "Daisy" and "Jackie" placer claims, situated on Gold creek, Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District, B.C., will be sold by public auction, on January 11th, 1902, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Government Buildings, Atlin, B. C.

W. POLLARD GRANT,
Solicitor for Mortgagee.

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The above sale has been postponed to Tuesday, 21st inst.

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A FIGHTING LAWYER

Skagway Develops a Terror to the W. P. & Y. Ry.

Geo. Melvin Miller Would Fight to a Finish.—Desires to Interest Atlin Merchants.

The following communication was received from a Skagway attorney who has made a name for himself in that town. George Melvin Miller is his name, and he it was who figured so prominently in that breach of International etiquette by pulling down the Canadian flag above the Customs office in Skagway, and upon which "patriotic" act he still gloats, as will be seen by an extract from the clipping enclosed with his letter. Comment on our part is unnecessary as to Mr. Miller's philanthrophic intentions:

GENTLEMEN:—If your readers are concerned about the reduction of rates on the White Pass & Yukon route, perhaps the enclosed will interest them.

"The legal firm of McClure & McClure, of Seattle, will be associated with me in the fight for the people and we propose to carry it to a finish along the lines indicated by the enclosed clippings.

According to their latest tariff sheet, their freight rates are five and a half times higher on the American side of the line than on the British. We want all parties interested to contribute toward the expense of conducting the test cases to a finish in the Appeal Courts. We believe the Atlin people are even more vitally interested than are our own people,—Yours very truly,—

GEO. MELVIN MILLER.

Skagway, Alaska, Jan. 6th, 1902.

From the clippings referred to, which have gone the rounds of the Skagway press, we quote the following from the pen of Mr. Miller:

"The land on which the W. P. & Y. Ry is built is still ours, belonging to the people who bought it from Russia. The railroad company has not paid one dollar for it or for its exclusive use and occupation. A railroad built on public land is a public highway.

"This company has not only taken and occupied without consideration the only available pass through the mountains, but it took from the public domain also without consideration much of the material of which this road is built.

"The charges on this road heretofore made and now in force as published, amount to nothing less than outrageous robbery. They have taken our own property without consideration and are using it rob us of what little we have left.

"American citizens are sovereign on American soil. No set of men controlled by aliens, whether organized under the name of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad or any other, can rob us and effectually get away with the plunder while we have courts of justice and American citizens for jurors.

"These usurpers, not content with taking our public property and using it for robbing us of our money, were bold enough to aid and abet the Canadian officials in their attempt to steal the whole port of Skagway last June, by permitting the said officials to raise the British flag on their depot building in Skagway. They thus became a party to the crime of disregarding the treaty or modus vivendi that placed the Provisional Boundary line at the Summit, twenty-one miles from Skagway, showing their disregard for law and justice and at the same time in the most public way possible, insulting every American citizen.

"To fight an unscrupulous and greedy corporation successfully is no small task, even if fighting on the side of justice and right. These test cases will probably be appealed to the higher courts. We are undertaking a public service in uprooting a public wrong and ask all persons interested either from personal motives or otherwise, to unite with us in this work. If you have paid this company at any time what you think are unreasonable charges and want to recover the overcharges, bring or send to me your shipping papers or a memorandum of the same, with such sum of money as you feel disposed to contribute towards the support of these test cases.

"We pulled down the British flag that floated unlawfully over Skagway, and kept it down; and now we propose to pull down the unlawful alien oppression that floats over the community like a black plague and keep it down. All we need is truth, courage and common sense. Truth to stand upon, courage to strike and common sense to direct the blows. The question of what amounts to "reasonable charges" will depend upon the cost of construction of the road, cost of operation, amount of business done and interest upon its bonds as proved at the trials.

Placer Mining in Siberia.

Early last year considerable excitement existed in certain mining circles over the placer mining prospects of Siberia, the following extracts, taken from the "Mining & Scientific Press," would put a damper on anyone who ever had an idea of mining in the Czar's dominions:

"Dearly bought experience seems to have satisfied foreign capital that Siberia is a poor country for mine exploitation by others than Russians. Russia is perfectly willing to have the foreign capital, but only permits it in Russian companies, and reserves the control to Russians. The Government, mine owners and people have absurdly exaggerated ideas as to the value of their placers, are extravagant and incompetent in management, and burden the business with costs and royalties, that make profit impossible, even with very rich ground. At the same time, Russians do very well with these same placers when mining on their own account. They are good prospectors, and confine their losses to prospecting, not mining any ground that will not pay extraction costs."

"The discoverer of gold placer in Siberia has the right to locate one verst—3500 feet—of surface on discovery. He is not, however, permitted to mine this at once, but must apply to the Governor-General at Irkoutsk for a survey for which he must deposit a sum equal to about $150. This survey is made by a Government mining engineer, and the applicant, who has the right to prospect meanwhile, must select one-fourth of one square verst—from—the full area he has located, to which his claim is thereafter limited. When the survey is completed and filed he is granted the right to mine under the supervision of a Government engineer, whom he must pay. It happens, usually, that not less than two years are required between the date of discovery and the granting of the right to mine. In this country a miner would figure on working out his claim in less time."

Mining Hints.

In shooting down holes in mine blasting, as a substitute for tamping and a modification of the method of loading that successful use has demonstrated to be an improvement, consists in the use of water. The hole, after being thoroughly cleaned out is filled with water. The paper wrapping of the powder sticks is removed and the powder is dumped into the water and sinks through it to the bottom of the hole. The primer is put in and the paper then is pushed through the water till in contact with the powder. So loading, the powder charge is compacted in the bottom of the hole, the strongest part; and a charge that, loaded the ordinary dry way would fill 20 inches depth of the hole is compacted into 8 or 10. The water does not seem to affect the explosive power of the powder, and its position at the bottom of the hole adds to its power for breaking the rock.

In grading a water ditch it is not necessary to increase the grade in going around bends. A slight widening accomplishes the same purpose. The maximum grade that can safely be given depends upon the quantity of water and the nature of the ground in which the excavation is made. Generally the grade should be such as to give a mean velocity of 3 or 4 feet per second.

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With power to equip, construct and operate branch lines; to build, own and maintain docks and wharves; to equip, own and build boats and to operate the same; to equip, own and operate telegraph and telephone lines and to generate electric power for heating, lighting and motive power; to expropriate land necessary for the said railway and to levy and to collect tolls, and to make traffic arrangements incidental to said line of railway.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 15th day of November, 1901. de7-9t

D. G. MACDONNELL,
Solicitor for Applicants.

TAX NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all assessed Taxes and Income Tax, assessed and levied under the Assessment Act and Amendments, are now due and payable for the year 1902. All taxes collectible for the Atlin Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situated in Atlin.

This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

E. J. TRAIN,
Acting Assessor and Collector.

Atlin, January 2nd, 1902.

Notice of Dissolution.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned at Atlin, B. C., has this day been mutually dissolved. All debts owing to the said partnership must be paid to, and all debts due by said partnership will be paid by E. B. Dixon.

Dated at Atlin, B. C., this 31st day of Dec, 1901.

D. BURTON.
E. B. DIXON.

LAND ACT, 1901,

NOTICE is hereby given that Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar, B. C., commencing at a post planted on the shore of Taku Arm about half a mile north of the mouth of Atlintoo River, thence east 40 chains; thence 40 chains S.; thence 40 chains W., more or less to the shore of Taku Arm, thence following the shore of Taku Arm to the point of commencement.

ARTHUR C. DICK.

October 23rd, 1901

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Civil and Hydraulic Engineers, and Surveyors.
PEARL STREET, ATLIN, B. C.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

Mr. A. C. Hirschfeld cordially invites his friends and supporters to a dance and supper in Dixon's Hall, on Friday evening next, the 24th inst. Sleighs will be provided for Discovery friends. Show your appreciation of the efforts of the Press by lending your presence.

Blue Ribbon Coffee is absolutely pure.—It is sold in all the stores in Atlin.

Ald. Neelands has been elected Mayor of Vancouver. He has a following of nine in the Council. The anti-gambling faction has the ascendancy.

Furnished rooms to rent—apply Hotel Northern.

Dawson has elected to have municipal government as against government by Commissioners. The majority in favor of the former was only 86.

"C. B." chocolates at Dockrill & Bourne's.

Discovery now has a skating rink, and the Atlin sports will have to look to their laurels, as the boys are getting in fine trim for next Saturday's hockey match.

Avoid all aches and pains by taking a Thermal bath at the Troy Laundry.

Hockey matches are the order of the day. A game, Married vs. Single, will be played this afternoon at the rink and a game between Atlin and Discovery is on the boards for next Saturday.

Choicest Fresh Fruits at reduced prices at E. L. Pillman & Co.'s.

A special service was held in the English Church last Sunday, in which the Rev F. L. Stephenson was assisted by Rev. J. Russell. The service was attended by the local lodge of A. O. U. W. and a large number of their friends.

Jas. Stables, M. L. A., and Jas. Lumsden expect to leave for the Coast today, and will be gone for some weeks.

The Temperature.

The average temperature for the weeks ending January 10th and 17th was as follows:

3rd	2	above.
4th	17.6	,,
5th	16	,,
6th	21.8	,,
7th	15	,,
8th	17	,,
9th	18.4	,,
10th	4	above.
10th	32.5	,,
11th	25	,,
12th	4.6	,,
13th	10.4	,,
14th	16.8	,,
15th	27½	,,
17th	28.8	,,
17th	27.7	,,

The highest recorded last week was 30 above on the 4th and the lowest 1 below during the night of the 3rd. The weather was stormy and a strong S.-E. wind, amounting to a blizzard was blowing from the 5th to the 9th, accompanied with snow. The highest recorded this week was 37 above on the 11th and the lowest 1 above during the night of the 12th. Rain fell during the night of the 10th and the following day, accompanied with a strong south wind, changing to north with slight snow.

DEEP DIGGINGS.

Atlin's Deep Placer Ground Promises Permanency.

Large Dumps Being Taken Out At the Different Scenes of Operation.

A visit was made this week to these sections of the district where deep placer digging is being prosecuted. Under the above heading will appear from time to time the result of the writer's observations.

Naturally, the first place to be visited was Gold creek, where the same rich run which resulted so profitably to miners on Nugget Point, was cut through by deep diggings. The auriferous bed here exposed is locally known as the "yellow channel," and it has been traced by shaft and drift for about five miles. So far, its width has not been determined as its opposite rims have not yet been exposed. In one instance crosscut drifts have been run for a distance of 220 feet without encountering the northern rim. No opinion has yet been hazarded as to its source, but it has been exposed on the south bank of Pine creek a little west of Otter creek bridge, and is found to run through Gold creek, striking Pine first about opposite the mouth of Gold creek, thence down Pine to Nugget Point, then on to the south bank of the creek to the neighborhood of 20 below, where it is momentarily lost, cropping out again between 70 and 80 on Spruce, and continuing down that creek some 5000 feet. In its jump from Pine to Spruce it is supposed to have passed through the Stevendyke, and indications found upon this property last season would justify the supposition.

The channel has been evidently subjected to occasional erosions and its gravels are replaced by a bluish wash, similar to that of Willow creek, and in every instance where this erosion has taken place the bedrock pay has been exceptionally rich. It is undoubtedly to the cutting through of this ancient channel that Pine and Spruce owe much of their richness.

In our next issue a detailed account of the work accomplished will be published.

Go to Foley's for bargains in Dry Goods, Ladies' Wear, Boots and Shoes, Ready-made Clothing, Hats, Caps, etc. Clearing out above lines at and below cost.

Just arrived, 500 lbs of Fresh Hand-Made Chocolate Creams, only .50 cents per lb at E. L. Pillman & Co.'s.

A meeting of the Liberals of Atlin district was held in J. A. Fraser & Co.'s store on the evening of Friday, 10th inst, when delegates were elected to represent this portion of Cassiar at the forth-coming Liberal Convention to be held in Vancouver on the 30th inst.

There is more solid comfort in a cup of Blue Ribbon Tea than in a gallon of most beverages.

100 cords of DRY WOOD for sale, apply S. G. Lawrence.

For a good, square meal, in a hurry, go to The Quick Lunch Room. Mrs. Henning, Prop.

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