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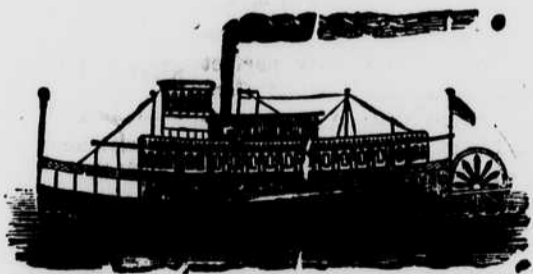
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#### TELL HER SO.

You have not forgot the summer  
When your love dream came to you,  
And the wooing and the winning  
Of the heart that's been so true.  
Years have gone, and still you love her,  
But we often careless grow;  
Though your love's as warm as ever,  
Do you often tell her so?

Do you think she has forgotten,  
In the flitting of the years,  
Words she loved to hear you utter—  
Only meant for lovers' ears?  
No! She never will forget them,  
Tender words so sweet and low,  
And today she longs to hear them;  
If you love her, tell her so!

Those old, happy days of wooing  
For the world she'd not forget,  
Though the honeymoon is over,  
You should be as lovers yet.  
When the cares of life are many,  
And its burdens heavy grow,  
Help her bear them, and, I pray you,  
If you love her, tell her so!

Loving words will cost you nothing,  
And you cannot tell their power;  
Cannot tell how much they brighten  
All the shadows of the hour,  
Grudge them not, as on life's journey  
Through this world of ours you go;  
To the faithful hearts besides you,  
If you love them, tell them so!

#### NEWS FROM CAPE NOME.

##### Its Vast Wealth Recognized at last

The public have but recently awakened to the fact that there is a country that may outdo the Klondike, the Nugget of the 16th announcing that the new diggings are the most phenomenal on earth.

A correspondent of the San Francisco Examiner writing from Nome, under date of August 17th, says that when people arrived from Kotzebue sound "they were surprised to see men digging on the beach. Hundreds began panning, then carried out rockers, and finally moving there with their tents and bag and baggage, so that now the bulk of the population is on the beach, working early and late like ants, and taking out from \$1 to \$200 per day to a man. It is true that those who take out the most are in the minority, as most of the workers only take out what they call wages—about \$10 to \$20 per day, while some others don't take out as much as \$2 per day. Who knows whether it is the fault of the man who works the rocker or the fault of the piece of ground they are working. It may be both, but the fact remains just the same that some of them are washing out hundreds of dollars per day; and while they are paying on the claims from five to nine dollars per day, they are paying on the beach \$1 per hour."

"With respect to the beach diggings on government land a rule has been adopted to the effect that each man is allowed 60 feet for rocking purposes; but the person's right to such 60 feet terminates when the rocker is removed, a similar right may then be acquired by another party.

The men follow the receding tide with their rockers and work at the very edge of the surf until driven back. The men on the beach protest that for 180 miles along the beach the prospects are equally as good as where the ground is being worked.

Many men under contract to the A. C. Co. have incurred a liability to a suit for damages by deserting their various posts.

Governor Brady and Manager Wilson estimate that \$9,000,000 will not cover the amount of gold from these new fields this season.

The people of Nome are living in tents almost exclusively, and a great rush is anticipated when the final freeze up shall turn their eyes towards Seattle. Only a percentage can be accommodated and the balance will have to hustle for themselves.

The whole thing reads like a fairy story, but so did the first accounts of the Klondike, and many Dawsonites who have just come in were led, for a long time, into believing all the stories of Kloupee wealth to be mere hallucinations of miners "run stampede mad."

The Nugget also publishes interviews with eight other returned visitors to Nome who confirm the above informa-

#### The Transvaal Question.

Almost to the exclusion of every other matter of interest the Transvaal question occupies the world's stage, and deservedly so, for although the quarrel is nominally between "Uncle Paul" and the British Government, in reality it is a somewhat general question: for English capital and English interests represent only about one fourth of the stake in the celebrated "Witswatersrand" district of the Transvaal of which Johannesburg is the central location. American, German, French and Italian capital being largely represented.

Our readers may remember the Boer uprising of 1880 when, after the British forces had suffered six signal defeats, from the massacre of "Bonker's Spruit" to the disastrous battle of Majuba Hill, where the governor of Natal Sir George Pomeroy Colley lost his life together with 400 out of his 650 men.

After a six months' armistice, terms of peace were signed by the Gladstone administration by which the Boers were guaranteed their independence subject to the suzerainty of Great Britain.

Now a suzerainty is at the best but an unsatisfactory arrangement and is generally only adopted to lend a little dignity to the back-down from a more powerful nation; and it is safe to say but for the marvellous gold discoveries of the Rand, the Boers would have been left alone to pursue their pastoral pursuits unmolested by British interference, as in like manner but for the gold finds on this side of the world, we would have had no Boundary commission, and no Venezuelan question.

The Boer is a unique specie of mankind insular, taciturn yet extremely hospitable, intensely religious, yet brave to a fault. He is magnificent as a pioneer, yet asks only to be left alone. Impatient of restraint he prefers the solitude of the veldt or the mountain to the most fertile plains where he is associated with his fellow man and is amenable to their laws.

The Boer it was who for nearly 100 years has fought the savages of South Africa; he subdued and colonized Cape Colony, the Paarl, the Kat-river territory, Natal, the Orange Free State and later the Transvaal, each of which in their turn were annexed by England. Rather than live under the hated flag and obey its laws, they trekked farther and yet farther into the wilderness, fighting wild beasts and yet wilder men and again made themselves a home.

The Boer is their last stand; they can go no further. Beyond them is German East Africa and around them on all sides are various foreign possessions.

If it comes to a conflict, the world will be treated to the spectacle of 14,000 or 15,000 dutch farmers fighting and dying for their hard won homes, against one of the most powerful military nations of Europe.

The writer was in the Transvaal during the war of 1880-81 and knows whereof he speaks, but the pity of it the pity of it.

The question at issue is one that would never have arisen between two powerful nations. The Transvaal government has a perfect right to say under what conditions a Uitlander shall become a citizen, and a perfect and undoubted right to exclude any undesirable class of people, as America does in California, and England in Australia.

Nothing is certain if the Dutch Africaner through the various colonies, join issue with their brethren of the Transvaal, the power of England will shock to its foundation in Africa; and it might even be on the cards that "Oom Paul" and his second in command Piet Joubert, make a triumphal entry into Peitermaritzburg.

J. J. SMITH.

#### The Time to Marry.

You may not tell a young man whom to marry, but you may with propriety, tell him when to marry. Too many young men marry too young. Too often they can scarcely support themselves, when they incur the additional responsibility of supporting a wife, and possibly a mother-in-law in the bargain. In most cases this leads to domestic infelicity, for, talk as you may, money and home comforts are absolutely essential to domestic happiness. It is wrong for any man to ask a woman to leave her father's home before he has one prepared for her, or the tangible assurance that is able to prepare one. No young man should think of marrying before he is in a position to comfortably care for the woman who trusts herself to his keeping. If you are a young man contemplating marriage don't consummate the transaction till you have a home—one little spot in all the world that you can call your own, and where you will be king and your wife undisputed queen. Don't bring your wife to live with your mother, trouble is always sure to follow and your home will never be so happy after your wife has had trouble with your mother. You will thereafter live between two of the hottest fires on earth and life will lose many of its charms.

#### Drowned in the Stikeen

We regret to announce the sad death of A. D. Stanfield who was drowned in the Stikeen River, 16 miles below Glenora, on the 22nd. inst.

It appears that while he in company with his partner Harry Pidgeon, were attempting to make a landing the canoe was caught by an eddy capsizing the craft and precipitating the unfortunate men into the swift waters of the river. They were both strong swimmers and were endeavoring to recover their canoe when suddenly and without warning the unfortunate man sank to rise no more. His sudden disappearance is attributed to an attack of cramps.

Mr. Stanfield was a native of California, and had been engaged in prospecting and exploring in this vicinity for the past eighteen months and was well respected by all with whom he came in contact.

#### Dyea Booming.

Recent arrivals from Skaguay report that the narrow gauge railroad between Dyea and Canyon city is being torn up and that a standard gauge road is being constructed. At Sheep Camp the company has constructed a large commissary building and bunk house and 11 men are at work on the tunnel. A large stock of supplies have been forwarded up the trail and Dyea is the scene of great activity.

#### EROM ANDREE.

Marked Buoy Opened Before The Cabinet.

Contains Evidence That The Much Sought Pole Was Reached

B buoy marked "Andree Polar Expedition," which with an anchor attached, was found on September 9th on the north coast of King Charles Island, by the master of the Norwegian cutter Martha Larsaak, was opened yesterday in the presence of a number of experts and members of the Cabinet. It was found to be the so-called North Pole buoy which Andree had arranged to drop if he succeeded in passing the Pole.

#### Church Announcements.

Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church, a translation of a speech by Katishan lately delivered will be read. The subject of the sermon will be "Christ the Good Shepherd." All are cordially invited.

H. P. CORSER.