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### FACTS ABOUT KLONDIKE

The Rev. Mr. Fawcett, a missionary, residing in the Yukon Territory writes: "Klondike, or Dawson City, as it is now called, is a town of three or four thousand inhabitants this spring. The placer mines have proved to be wonderfully rich, it is claimed the richest in the world. A few days ago one man brought into town on pack horses 637 pounds of gold dust, about \$137,000, as the result of his winter's work, and that after having paid probably \$20,000 in wages. The claims are 500 feet in length. The miner carefully considers where the bed of the creek formerly lay, and sinks a hole to the bed-rock. This is done in the winter time in what is known as 'winter diggings,' which are worked by thawing the frost and ice out of the ground a few feet with a fire at night, and in the morning shovelling out the loose earth, using a windlass and bucket as the hole grows deeper until bed-rock is reached. A washing pan is then filled with the earth and gently washed with a circular motion in a tub of water until the dirt has all washed out and left the gold in the bottom. If it is then found that the pay streak has been struck, they go to work to throw up all the earth along this ledge into dumps or heaps. These are washed in the spring by means of 'sluice boxes,' and a strong head of water, ridges in the trough catching the gold. The gold is then carefully washed again and dried, after which it is blown to remove any refuse still remaining, and is then ready for use.

"In this country there is scarcely any coin, but business is transacted with this gold dust, and every man carries his 'gold sack,' a bag made of moose skin, sometimes holding only a few ounces, or again holding two or three hundred ounces. The dust passes at the rate of \$17 to the ounce. The other diggings are nearly deserted and all the miners are here. The miners as a class are good natured, free and easy sort of men, but inclined to be ungodly and rough. Many of them only make money to squander at the saloons in awl carousals. Liquor is never scarce, while men often suffer from hunger. Because more money is made on liquor, it is brought in first, food supplies afterwards. This was the reason why some of the boats laden with provisions were caught in the ice last autumn, causing great suffering, while the boats with liquor arrived in the summer.

At the stores here goods cost from four to ten times as much as outside. Flour is \$12 per 100 pounds. Canned goods, fruit, meat and vegetables, 75c. per can. Kerosene \$1 per gallon, etc. The missionaries buy their supplies in Victoria and ship them by the Alaska Commercial Co., of San Francisco. Freight costs about 10c. per pound. A missionary coming here should bring in at least a year's supply of clothing, etc. In winter it is sometimes 70 degrees below zero and in summer 110 degrees above. A difference of 70 degrees in 24 hours is not unusual, from 30 degrees above to 40 degrees below or from 110 above to nearly freezing point.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS

The following is from the report of the fourth day's proceedings of the second international library conference in the London Times of July 17: "Mr F Blake Crofton, librarian, legislative library, Halifax, Nova Scotia, gave 'A Hint in Cataloguing,' of which the object was to show the unconscious humor of books, with a serious purpose, which contained much unconscious drollery. There were, for example, biographical books published in Canada in which the lives were written on the basis of the amount paid by the subjects of the memoirs; thus clerical and other obscurities were included, whilst the great men of the time were left out."

Commenting upon the recent decision of the Crown Law officers of Great Britain the Evening Mail says—"We know of no instance in Canadian history in which a Canadian government suffered a more severe of humiliating rebuff. Dominion and Provincial statutes have, it is true, been declared ultra vires before this, but these statutes only applied to our selves—to purely domestic affairs. But in this tariff matter we recklessly undertook to put our own interpretation on Imperial treaties an absolutely absurd interpretation as has been demonstrated, and to defy the world. The result is that for the first time in Canadian history Canadian statesmen have taken up a position in respect to other nations from which they have been compelled to recede, and to pay damages for taking it.

—Montreal Gazette: Sir Louis H Davies' reputation as a legislator has had another vindication. During the session of Parlia-

ment he rose, and in a set speech argued for the Government that the provisions of the British trade treaties with Belgium and Germany did not apply to the case of a self-governing colony like Canada, and, therefore, that a customs preference could be given to British goods without extending like privileges to the countries in question. It was immediately declared that this settled the matter, and that Belgian and German goods would have to be admitted into Canada on the same terms as British. Now it is announced that the Government, of which Sir Louis H. Davies is a member, has decided that Belgian and German goods must be admitted on the same terms as British.

### LINCOLN'S HORSE TRADE

President Lincoln's reputation as a humorist rests largely upon the good stories he could tell or invent, to illustrate a point. Sometimes, nevertheless, he exhibits himself as a joker in another way, as in this anecdote narrated by Harper's Round Table:

One day Lincoln and a certain judge, an intimate friend, were bantering each other about horses, a favorite topic. Finally, Lincoln said:

"Well, look here, judge, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll make a horse trade with you, only it must be on these stipulations: Neither party shall see the other's horse until it is produced here in the courtyard of the hotel, and both parties must trade horses. If either party backs out of the agreement he does so under a forfeiture of \$25."

"Agreed," cried the judge, and both he and Lincoln went in search of their respective animals.

A crowd gathered, anticipating some fun, and when the judge returned first the laugh was uproarious. He led, or rather dragged at the end of a halter the meanest, boniest rib-starving quadruped, blind in both eyes, that ever pressed turf, but presently Lincoln came along carrying over his shoulder a carpenter's horse.

Then the mirth of the crowd was furious. Lincoln solemnly set his horse down, and silently surveyed the judge's animal with a comical look of infinite disgust.

"Well, judge," he finely said, "this is the first time I ever got the worst of it in a horse-trade."

### STANZAS FOR MUSIC.

When upon the pass I ponder,  
When I think on days to be;  
Fated far from thee to wander,  
Still my heart abides with thee.

Cruel time my hopes has shaken,  
Like the autumn leaves that fall;  
But the spring-time joys awaken  
When thy kindness I recall.

Though no more the notes of gladness  
Speak the lover's heavenly flame,  
Yet I hush the voice of sadness  
With the music of thy name.

Every load of care I lighten,  
Every grief I can beguile,  
Every shadow I can brighten  
With the memory of thy smile.

Beaming through the darkened distance,  
Like the orb that lights the pale,  
Still the load-star of existence  
Cheers and guides my erring soul.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The Countess of Cowley, the trial of whose action for divorce from her husband, Earl Cowley, began in the divorce division of the high court of justice in October last, has been granted a decree of absolute divorce, and has been allowed alimony to the amount of £2,200 a year for life.

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—The Dominion government has made application to the U. S. Government to be permitted to build a telegraph line from a navigable point on the Lynn canal to Tagiap, across the summit, a distance of nearly one hundred miles, so that communication may be had with the interior of Yukon all the year around. This would place the Klondike within a couple of weeks' travel of communication with the outside world. So far, no reply has been received from Washington.

The Attorney-General of New South Wales thinks thirty thousand dollars too much to pay for the extradition from the United States of Frank Butler, the bush murderer. There is a general opinion in connection with all extradition proceedings that lawyers cost more than they are worth; but it is only now and then that a boss among them of the size of an attorney-general is found to declare it.

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July 26.

### The Passing of the Cayuse.

Fossil collections gathered in old lake beds of eastern Oregon demonstrate that the broad plains between the Rocky and Cascade mountains were the original habitat of the prehistoric horse, a fleet little animal no larger than a fox which in the long ago scampered over the lonely land. After the lapse of ages the modern horse is now to degenerate upon the stamping ground of his ancestors. The cayuse has become so valueless by the invasion of the electric car and the bicycle and the disappearance of the stagecoach and the wagon train that the halter has been taken from his neck and he has been turned loose to struggle with nature for his own subsistence. Over this section many thousand head of wild horses now roam as untrammelled as in prehistoric days, and during the past winter these perished in large numbers.

It is a case of the survival of the fittest. The cayuse, like the red man, may read his doom in the setting sun, but the well bred horse can still look civilization in the face and demand shelter and oats in abundance. —Spokane Spokesman-Review.

### Two Definitions of Poetry.

An Alabama editor, being asked to give a definition of "poetry," replied: "Poetry is nothing more than words thrown together with a jingle at the end of each line like the music of a tin can at the end of a dog's tail."

Not to be outdone by the above, a Georgia editor adds this opinion:

"Poetry is the foolish thing in the world, but it has return stamps on one end that help an editor to get his mail off." —Atlanta Constitution.

### There He Drew the Line.

"Pardon me," said the polite highwayman, "but I must ask you to stand and deliver."

The coach stopped. The door opened with surprising alacrity and a young woman with a very large hat stepped out into the moonlight. In her hand she held a small leather covered box.

"Here they are," she said cheerfully.

"What?" said the highwayman.

"My diamonds," said the lady. "I am an actress, you know, and—"

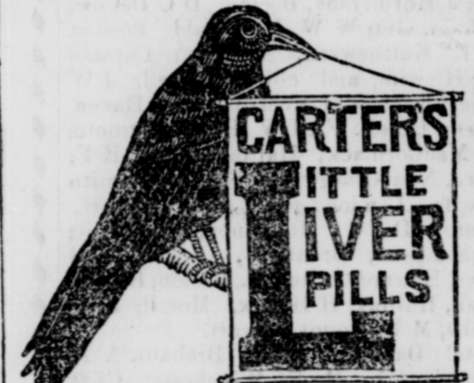
The highwayman leaped upon his horse.

"Madam," said he, removing his hat gracefully, "you must excuse me. I may be a highwayman, but I am not an advertisement." —Boston Budget.

### An African Menu.

Attendant.—What would your illustrious eminence be pleased to eat for dinner today?  
African Chieftain.—I think a hump would be very nice.

Attendant.—Pardon me, sire, but do you mean from a dromedary or a bicycle rider? —London Answers.



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### MY LADY'S SECRET.

My lady always smiled—not much to do,  
But when the hours and days increase in care,  
And dreariness and weariness pursue,  
When youth and love grow dim in backward view,  
And life is but to bear and still forbear,  
Ah, then, her gentle sweetness, undefiled  
By years of bitterness, shone forth. She smiled.

My lady always smiled, in life and death.  
Some envied her a life that seemed all smiles,  
And some cried out or caught a sobbing breath,  
Self pitying, and God and man reviled,  
But some, to sorrow's burden reconciled,  
Were glad the gladness of her face to see  
Through toil and care and heartlessopathy.

But when they laid my lady with the flowers  
To sleep, where wake a thousand smiling springs,  
A solitary father, praying hours  
Beneath grand arch and grave cathedral towers,  
Thanked, for my lady's rest, the King of Kings.

He knew her soul had yearned a weary while  
To sleep and rest the burden of a smile!  
—Pearson's Weekly.

### "MC'S" IN PAST CABINETS.

McKinley the First "Mc" in the Presidential Chair.

Major McKinley was the first "Mc" to be president, but "s" in the cabinet are no novelty. Washington had one in his second cabinet, he being James McHenry of Maryland, who was appointed secretary of war Jan. 27, 1796. McHenry was also secretary of war under President John Adams.

The next "Mc" to be chosen to a cabinet position was John McLean of Ohio, who was appointed postmaster general by President Monroe June 26, 1823. President John Quincy Adams continued McLean as postmaster general during his administration.

Andrew Jackson, remembering his ancestry, made a "Mc" secretary of the treasury. This was Louis McLane of Delaware. His appointment was made Aug. 18, 1831. Two years later (May 20, 1833) Jackson made McLane secretary of state, he succeeding Edward Livingston of Louisiana.

In 1841 President John Tyler went to Ohio for a "Mc" for secretary of war, choosing John McLean, who had been postmaster general in Monroe's cabinet.

President Millard Fillmore had a "Mc" for secretary of the interior. This was Robert McClelland of Michigan, who was appointed March 7, 1853.

March 7, 1865, President Lincoln appointed Hugh McCulloch of Indiana secretary of the treasury, which position he filled while Andrew Johnson was president.

The secretary of war under President Hayes was a "Mc." This was George W. McCrary of Iowa, who was appointed March 12, 1877, and succeeded by Alexander Ramsey of Minnesota Dec. 12, 1879.

The next "Mc" to sit in the cabinet was Wayne MacVeagh of Pennsylvania, who was attorney general under President Garfield.

There have been four secretaries of war whose names begin with "Mc," two secretaries of the treasury, two postmasters general, one secretary of the interior and one attorney general.

Of the letters following the "Mc" three have been C's (three distinct persons, three different positions), two have been H's (the same person, same position), four L's (two persons, five positions), one V. —Salt Lake Herald.

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