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**FROM ALASKA**  
A Former Red Cloudite's Experience on the Klondike Trail.  
FIRST BRIDGE, Alaska, Mar. 27.  
We are all well except that there are some lame legs caused by walking so much, for there is lots of walking to do. It is eight miles to the summit and we take one horse and a long sled about ten feet long and sixteen to twenty-eight inches wide and put on about six or eight hundred pounds and start out and make two trips each day and with our twelve head of horses you see that we can get stuff up there pretty fast. We will get all our stuff up there in one week more, sure. By the 2d or 3d of April we will be at the top and then the worst will be over, that is if it is like this on the other side of the summit or White Pass. It is only a winter trail and it is thawing very fast, and when it thaws out it will be so rough that a bird cannot fly over it. You cannot think how rough it is in places on the trail that I go over every day. If I should make a misstep of twelve inches, I would throw myself, horse, sleigh and all, over the mountain side from 50 to 200 feet down, but there is so much snow on the bottom that it does not hurt anything to fall. I saw an ox fall 125 feet and get up and walk off. I was on the trail the other day and a pack mule got down and could not get up. They had to get him off the track to let us pass so they rolled him over the precipice. That is the way they do business out here. I wish that Uncle and I had our horses out here. I could sell them for \$300 each for cash. Mules like ours would bring \$100 each. Hay is worth \$200 per ton. There was a man came up to camp the other night to buy a bale of hay, and we told him he could have it for \$12 and he offered us \$8. We have ten or twelve tons to sell and they tell us that by taking it about 35 miles, over on Lake Bennett we can get \$400 per ton. So we are going to try and see what we can do. After we get to the summit we will have good roads so that we can haul 2,500 pounds with one horse.

Well, I must tell you what I did the other day I went upon the mountain with my revolver and shot three white quails. They are just as white as snow and a little larger than the common quail. I shot five times and got three quails. This is Sunday but everybody works just the same. I made one trip to the summit this morning so I rest this afternoon.

We have four cooks and eat in two tents. After our day's work is done we all go into one tent and build a fire in the stove and sit and talk till bed time. It is not very cold right here but eight miles away on the summit it snows and blows every day, and you bet it is cold! It is called White Pass because everything is white with snow. Snow and snow banks is all you can see.

Oh, yes, there is one more thing you can see the British flag on a great long pole. There she flies day and night and if you want to go across the line you must pay a duty on something you have got. I wish I had some of my republican friends out here so that they would have to take off their hat to the flag.

I must tell you something about the trail. There are lots of people going to Klondike for there is a jam on the trail all the time, just as thick as they can be—some with horses, mules, oxen and 3 to 50 pack horses and mules in one string. That is the way they are going every day. Everybody tends to his own business. You can leave anything you want to, from a sack of flour to a load of goods beside the road and let it stay there as long as you wish and no one will touch it. Everybody is in a hurry to get to the summit. There is a pony express that runs from Skagway to Lake Bennett and the man took my name and if he gets a letter for me he charges me 25 cents for it, so you see he will look pretty sharp for them.

If you see anybody coming to Klondike have them come in the mouth of January so that they can get over this trail before this time.

M. S. MARSH.

**"BUY AT HOME"**  
A Good Motto For Citizens and Also Business Men.  
How natural it comes for some merchants to kick if people send to large cities for anything and by home merchants and now natural it also is for home merchants to send away to large cities for articles which are manufactured in their own town. This is a rule which will work both ways. If you wish your home people to patronize you, patronize your home people. Two broom factories and one cigar factory in Red Cloud might be brought into features of importance providing our merchants would handle more of their goods and not so much shipped in. Our citizens should also make it a point to help each other. If you need anything which is made in your own city buy the home make, it is usually as good if not better than that shipped in, and thus help the institution along. Ask your merchant for it, if he don't keep it go where you can get it. Once a demand is created for home made articles, merchants will recognize the fact and keep it on hand. A word might also be said in regard to merchants who get their job printing done out of town and also advertising. There are merchants who whenever they want job work get eastern prices and tell the printer if he won't do it for that price he will send away and get it. But still the same merchant wonders why the editor doesn't say nice things about him and tell the people what a nice stock of goods he has. What would a merchant think if his customers would each come in with a bill of goods upon which they had obtained eastern prices and tell him if he could not fill the bill at that price the goods would be ordered from the east. The chances are he would kick about people sending away for things they could get at home, and never think about the brooms, cigars or job printing he could get at home that he sends away for. This is something that should be worthy the consideration of every business man. If you want people to patronize home institutions commence by teaching them to buy home made articles and by using them yourselves and keeping them for sale in your stock.

**WHO CAN FIGHT.**  
Points Which Concern Ones Eligibility to Go Warring.  
Those who are anxious to wipe Spain off the face of the earth will be interested to know whether they possess the necessary qualifications for entering the service.  
According to the enlistment rules of the regular army of the United States any male citizen of the United States or any person who has legally declared his intention of becoming a citizen, over the age of twenty one and under thirty, free from disease, of good character and temperate habits, may be enlisted under certain restrictions further provided.  
As far as age and citizenship goes, this regulation does not apply to soldiers who have served faithfully a term of previous enlistment.  
The privilege of enlisting is forbidden to former soldiers who have been unfaithful in the service, insane or intoxicated persons, persons under sixteen years of age, deserters, or persons convicted of a felony or otherwise infamous crime.  
Minors can only be enlisted on the consent of their parents or guardians, and a person having a wife or minor child may not be enlisted without authority from the adjutant-general.  
These regulations hold in times of peace. When the emergency of war is at hand the rules are generally altered to make them less stringent. Then the ages of eligibles is placed at from eighteen to forty-five years.  
According to the statutes of Nebraska, every able bodied citizen between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, unless expressly exempted, is subject to military duty with the militia. The active militia of the state is called the Nebraska national guards. It is recruited by volunteer enlistments, and its ranks are not at any time to exceed two thousand members. All enlistments are for a period of three years.—Beaver Valley Tribune.

**A TREAT FOR THE PUBLIC**  
The Great John Robinson Show to Exhibit in This City Shortly  
For three quarters of a century the John Robinson Greatest of all American shows has been a leading factor in the entertainment of the American public. It was organized at a time when the traveling circus was in its infancy in the United States, and it readily took first rank as the leading amusement institution of its day. The high standard set for this great show at that time has never been deviated from in the slightest particular, and while maintaining its distinctive character as a pure clean and exceptionally meritorious entertainment, it has always kept in touch with the times and with the progress of the age. It has always been a pioneer in the search for new and attractive features, and during its career it has probably expended more money for great and distinctive acts than all other American shows combined. This season the show is bigger, better and grander than ever, and the announcement that this great and famous aggregation will show in Red Cloud on Tuesday, May 10, 1898, will be hailed with general satisfaction. The name of the John Robinson show is in itself an irresistible magnet, but it is no part of the management's policy to trumpet of the past. The list of attractive features provided for the present season is fully in keeping with the great resources of the show and will be a revelation to its many thousands of patrons. Foremost among the list of great features is Mr. Louis Cyr, Canada's giant of strength, unquestionably the strongest man in the world, and, in fact, the most powerful man of whom there is any record. Worthy associate with the great Cyr is a triple company of famous artists, whose performance, given in three rings, on two stages, and upon an immense quarter-mile hippodrome track, surpass any thing of the kind ever seen in this country or abroad.

**Musical.**  
The following program will be given by the Baptist Young People at the church Tuesday evening, May 3d.

**PART I.**  
Galop....."Petersburgh Sleighride"  
Orchestra.  
Male Quartet....."Mama's Lil' Baby Boy"  
Acme Quartet.  
Piano Duet....."Valse Caprice"  
Misses Irene Miner and Jessie Cather.  
Vocal Solo....."Oh, Promise Me"  
Miss Lillie Smith.  
Clarinet Solo....."Rain in Sunshine"  
A. B. Sellers.  
Ladies Quartet....."My Love Hath Smiled On Me"  
Messames Hilda Connor, Grace, West.

**PART II.**  
March....."Wein Vibia Wien"  
Orchestra.  
Piano Duet....."The Whippoorwill"  
Misses Susie Kenady and Mabel Howard.  
Trio....."The Distant Chimes"  
Misses Ruby, Sherman and Sellars.  
Reading....."Trouble in the Amen Corner"  
Vocal Solo.....Miss Blanche Darby.  
Selected.  
Piano Solo.....E. C. Emigh.  
Piano Solo.....Miss Alice Komarski.  
L'Orange.  
Male Quartet....."The Hunters Call"  
Messrs. Albright, Coating, Fulton, Albright.  
An admission fee of 15c will be charged. Cake and ices will be served free in the lecture room of the church after the program.

**Death of Sarah Ann Post.**  
The following, from a Salem, California, paper, in regard to the death of one of the early pioneers of this city, is republished for the benefit of the numerous old time friends of the deceased who still reside here:  
"Sarah Ann Post, beloved wife of James D. Post, died at the family home near Salem, Wednesday night, April 6th, passing almost without warning from the troublesome cares of time to peace of eternity.  
Mrs. Post was born in Indiana, June 18, 1844; married to James D. Post March 28, 1869; came to California seven years ago last January, and has lived near Salem since. About nine years ago she united with the M. E. church and has been an active and faithful member. A husband, four sons and two daughters survive her. Funeral services were held at the home Friday morning, Rev. Bell officiating. He paid a touching tribute to the worth of the deceased and comforted the bereaved family with the assurance of her heavenly rest.  
So great was the number of friends who came to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed and of sympathy to the bereaved that it was necessary to arrange seating for many score in the yard during the services.  
Two of Mrs. Post's sons left home recently for Alaska. Both daughters reside here, the unmarried daughter at home and Mrs. Pedigo north of town."

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A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

**Real Estate Transfers**  
Real estate transfers for the week ending April 27, 1898, furnished by the Fort Abstract Co., L. H. Fort, Manager, Red Cloud, Neb.  
State of Nebraska to C. C. Cox, n.w. & s.w. 27 20, sec 1. \$408 00  
William Gustin to William L. West, lots 16, 17, 18, block 9, Smith & Moore's add to Red Cloud, w. d. 100 00  
Harris Noble to Sallie May Vandyke, s.w. 24, 25, 26, 27, w. 4 200 00  
Total \$708 00

**For Sale.**  
One hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land four miles northwest of Red Cloud, consisting of the west half of the northeast quarter, and the east half of the northwest quarter of section fifteen in township two north, range eleven west. The land is leased at present, but subject to sale. For terms apply to  
Mrs. JAMES KIRKWOOD, Fairfax, Mo.

**Spring Medicine**  
It is true wisdom for everybody to take a thorough course of Swift's Specific just at this season of the year. The blood is sluggish and impoverished, and the system is full of impurities which should be eliminated. In addition to thoroughly cleansing the blood, and toning up the system so as to avoid loss of appetite and a general run-down feeling in the spring, S. S. S. so strengthens and builds up as to fortify against the many forms of dangerous illness that abound during the hot summer season. It is a very small matter to take this precaution but it insures health and strength all summer. Swift's Specific

**S.S.S. For The Blood**  
is far ahead of all other remedies for this purpose. It is a real blood remedy which promptly purifies the blood and thoroughly renovates the entire system, tones and strengthens the stomach, and renews the appetite. It is the only safe tonic, being purely vegetable, and the only blood remedy guaranteed to contain no arsenic, sulphur, mercury, potash or other mineral substance, which is of so much importance to all who know the injurious effects of these drugs. Nature should be assisted by nature's remedy, S. S. S. Take S. S. S. and be well all summer.

**Gives Summer Health**

**WILLOW CREEK.**  
Herman Bergfeld was planting corn last week.  
Miles Doyle purchased a new corn drill last week.  
G. W. Baker had the misfortune to lose a horse he had been doctoring lately.  
Bert Carpenter was around one day this week getting subscribers for THE CHIEF.  
A very heavy rain fell last Thursday night stopping spring plowing for a few days.  
Chris Rasser returned home last Friday and will work on the section at Guide Rock.  
Mr. and Mrs. Allie Ferguson and Miss Annie Ferguson were callers at Miles Doyle's last Tuesday.  
Whiskers has joined the ball nine as a substitute for Zalman, as that gentleman couldn't play first base and manage the nine at the same time.  
Some of the young men of this neighborhood and Guide Rock got a day behind time last week and on Saturday night went to attend the basket supper held at Lester Friday evening. They must have been blinded by disappointment for when coming home one of them drove his team astride a cultivator or four rods off the road and it took the other two hours to find the way to his bed after he got home.  
A young man attended the basket supper at Lester last Friday night, and when the auctioneer of the basketed edible began he made a break for the door for fear he would be tempted to bid and get a basket belonging to one

of the numerous (?) young ladies present. The boys thought he had gone home or to Red Cloud, but after supper one of them on going out to look at his horses found him safely ensconced in the hearse and sound asleep.

We are having fine weather again. William Norris has purchased a new buggy.  
Mr. Roy Harris is working for A. N. Godwin.  
HARRY Brubaker has purchased a new riding plow.  
Miss Nellie Bon was visiting on Willow creek Sunday.  
Miss Weideman was in Red Cloud Saturday and Sunday.  
Most of the farmers of this place have begun planting corn.  
Miss Grace Adamson of Cowles was visiting friends of Willow creek Sunday.  
"My, my, my." How the new bugles do shine these days on the Indian reservation.  
Miss Addie Edson and Mr. Will Norris were the guests of Chas. Adamson and wife Sunday.  
Mr. McCloud and Mr. Shultz of Blue Hill were the guests of A. N. Godwin and family Sunday.  
A few of the farmers of this place are afraid that they will have to leave their farms and go to war.

**TENDERFOOT.**  
Seed Potatoes for Sale.  
At my farm 2 miles south of Red Cloud some choice seed potatoes for sale. Thirty-five cents per bushel.  
Geo. W. Hill.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder. World's Fair Highest Award.

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