

bellions against the Sanish government are said to be so formidable as to defy the power of the Spaniards to suppress them. The last insurrection was put down, not by military force, but by bribing the leaders to leave the islands, but the natives have again risen, and, to judge from the accounts which have reached the press, the appearance of a hostile fleet off the harbor of Manila will inspire the population from one end of the Philippines to the other to rise in rebellion against the Spanish authority, and thus it is more than probable that the death knell of Castilian control in the Philippines will be sounded by the guns of the American fleet.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### LETTER FROM KLONDIKE.

Greg Stewart, a gentleman well known to residents of Salt Lake, but better known, perhaps, to citizens of Grand Junction, Colo., and who is now in the despised Klondike seeking out a fortune, has written to his wife in this city, telling her of his experience since February last, at which time he left here northward bound to rejoin his brother and associates in their operations along the Yukon and its tributaries.

Mr. Stewart came down from the north last summer, and in October took unto himself a wife, leaving his brother and associates to look after a number of valuable claims which they had formerly acquired, until his return. His letter is dated Dawson City, N. W. T., April 10, 1897, and was received by his wife in this city on Sunday. Through the courtesy of a friend, the "News" is permitted to make a few excerpts. Mr. Stewart writes:

"I arrived safe at Dawson April 8th at 2 p. m., and went up to the claim the next day, finding everything all right. Clair (his brother) was somewhat surprised, and glad to see me once more. He talked nearly all night. I met George Westfield, Dave Hanna, Shortie Bowman and W. T. Carpenter the day I arrived, and gave Carpenter his letters. He hasn't made anything here. George Topham is over on Dominion creek and I did not get to see him, yet I don't think any of the Grand Valley boys have made a fortune yet. I think some of them will go out next summer.

"Clair hasn't got any of my letters written after September, but he has been well and getting along fine. He has worked five to six men all winter, but only has two now, as the weather is too warm to drift. The claim turned out all right, and I think we will have a good clean-up in the spring, as he has a good deal of dirt out ready to be washed. The Fraction just below my claim is very rich. They found about 30 ounces of nuggets today right close up to the line, not over two or three feet from our line. One of the nuggets weighed six ounces and is worth \$100. The largest nugget Clair found this winter was a hundred dollar one, and he has had several smaller ones. He has been paying his help \$1.50 an hour. He has plenty of provisions to last him all summer. There are plenty of supplies here. There has been no suffering here this winter for the want of food, and although some were a little short, it was more on account of being hard up for money last fall than anything else. A great deal of provisions was brought up last fall and held by speculators and was selling very high for a while last winter. Flour sold as high as \$2 per pound and other things in proportion. Clothing was very high; capes and mocassins sold for as much as \$20 at one time; dogs were selling from \$250 to \$300 a head one month ago, but are not worth much now, as it is so late in the season. A

man was offered one thousand dollars for his work horse the other day and refused to sell.

"They have been paying as high as 40c per foot for hauling lumber up to the mouth of Eldora creek, which is about 14 miles, and it is worth \$1 per foot on the claims.

"There is a big change in Dawson City and Bonanza creek since I left last June. The timber has been cut off along the banks and hundreds of log cabins have been built along Bonanza and Eldorado creeks. Many rich strikes have been reported in this part of the country, but not many of them have proved to be much good so far. The strike on the hill by No. 3 is true and is very rich in spots. There are a good many bench claims staked in this neighborhood.

"I got the turkey and cake here all right, and George Westfield is going to raffie the turkey off tonight. The cake was a great treat to Clair and he sends many thanks to you.

"It is true there was lots of sickness and a great many died in Dawson last summer. A great many froze their feet and hands in this part of the country this winter, although it was a mild one. There were about 500 people went out on the ice this winter. We were a long time on the way but had a good trip. Several of the best buildings in Dawson were burned last November.

"April 12th, 1898.—I just got back from town this morning and the mail carrier expects to start in the morning, so I will finish this letter tonight and take it down in the morning. I paid \$20 for four boards at the saw mill yesterday and brought them up with me. Mr. Westfield raffied off the turkey and got \$260 for it. Joe Edge of Grand Junction won it, and we got some of it. I think there were over one hundred people who ate of the first turkey that ever came to Dawson, and you may be proud that you had the pleasure of cooking it. I guess it sold for the most money that any one turkey ever brought."

Concluding his letter Mr. Stewart expressed his intention to take the first boat for home, the gentleman stating that he thinks he will be able to return before the fall of the year.

#### JUAREZ STAKE ACADEMY.

Colonla Juarez, May 14, 1898.

Yesterday was an eventful day in Juarez and one which will long be held in remembrance as marking an epoch in the history of education in our colony. The event referred to is the closing exercises of the first academic year of our Juarez Stake academy. The academy was organized and began work on Sept. 20, 1897, with an enrollment of 153 students, which number steadily increased until it reached the total of 290, not a bad showing for a town of only 700 people. The academy began work under the direction of Prof. Guy C. Wilson, who was assisted by Theodore Martineau and Sarah A. Clayson, with Samantha T. Brimhall as teacher of Spanish. Owing to the increased attendance, it was soon found necessary to obtain an additional teacher and, accordingly Wm. A. Clayson was employed. The necessity of obtaining more room soon became apparent and steps were at once taken to begin the erection of an addition to our school house, with the result that we now have a building well under way, which will cost about \$8000 and which will have a seating capacity of about 250 students. Though laboring under great disadvantages, our students have made wonderful progress, and the work done in all the departments has been thorough and conscientious, and the results are

indeed gratifying to those who have the interests of education at heart.

Soon after the beginning of the school year, steps were taken for the establishment of a library. Committees of students were sent out to canvas for books and money, with the result that seventy volumes of books and considerable money were collected. Through the indefatigable efforts of Principal Wilson and his associates, the library now contains more than three hundred volumes, and has on hand, in addition, about \$60 cash. The institution has been working along the lines marked out by Dr. Maeser when he last visited us for the purpose of establishing the Church school system in this country. The grading has been in accordance with the Manual of the Public Schools of Utah, and thus far has given complete satisfaction. It has been the constant aim of our teachers to teach the heart as well as the intellect, to make reverence for God the foundation stone upon which to rear the structure of education, and to make independence of thought and effort the moving power of progression.

On May 12th the closing exercises of the students of the first to sixth grades inclusive were held in the school house, the rooms being beautifully decorated with a profusion of the lovely roses for which Juarez is so famous. The work of the little ones showed earnest thought and careful preparation, and proved to be very interesting to our visitors. May 13th was the day chosen for the exercises of the classes of '98 and '99, and it will ever mark a bright page in the history of our colony.

The classes were arranged upon the stand, just back of which their banners were tastefully arranged. That of the class of '98 consisted of their class motto, "Firm to Our Purpose," beautifully worked in silver upon a white background. Just underneath was the banner of the class of '99 with the words, "Rowing not Drifting," painted in pink upon a white field.

The work of the classes was very creditable to all; and especially may we mention the original poem of Miss Carola Schlatter, and the orations delivered by Mr. Burton Redd and Miss Gertrude Stowell class orators of classes "'98" and "'99" respectively.

The exercises closed with a very enjoyable ball and strawberry festival in the evening, which was participated in by a large number of our friends from surrounding settlements, in addition to our own citizens. Everybody busy, no sickness, plenty of fruit, and prosperous times, sums up our condition at present, very briefly.

"Salamander."

Charles Scott, a miner, 45 years of age, and a brother of Sheriff Jay Scott of Fresno county, Cal., was killed Thursday while at work at the Kanaka mine, near Groveland, Tuolumne county. He was a millman, and on Thursday was standing near the wood chute when a piece of ore fell on him killing him.

Gustav Johnnegan, a barkeeper in the employ of Krueckel & Sperb, saloonkeepers at Thirteenth and Washington streets, Oakland, Cal., met death at the Piedmont baths Friday morning under circumstances which have prompted the authorities to institute a rigid investigation. The case has all the elements of a mystery.

One of the most disastrous fires which has occurred in Los Angeles, Cal., for several years, started Saturday afternoon in the basement of the wholesale merchandise store of Crandall, Aylesworth & Haskell, Nos. 218 to 224 Los Angeles street, and before the flames were subdued nearly \$200,000 worth of property was destroyed.