

NEWS FROM THE CREEKS.

Notes on Sulphur, Dominion, Gold Bottom and Quartz.

Sulphur is Developing into One of the Richest Creeks—Hillsides on Quartz Are Prospecting Well.

Extensive work is being done on Sulphur. There are 45 steam plants in operation on this tributary. The machinery ranges in size and style from a two-horse spiral thawer to a complete apparatus of hoist and cages and winter sluicing device.

One of the claims which has been developed only during the present season and which is attracting considerable attention is No. 38 above discovery. The pay streak has been cross-cut for 180 feet and averages a depth of four feet. Pans of dirt running from \$5 to \$25 are of common occurrence. The claim is operated with machinery. A new tubular boiler is being set in place. There are about 30,000 buckets in the dumps, and superintendent Bennett considers \$1 to the bucket as a low estimate. The property is owned by the Dome Yukon Gold Mining Company. This corporation has a grant of ten square miles of benches on Australia creek, which have been prospected. Gravel which is reached at a depth of 60 feet on the Australia ground, carries four cents to the pan; the company propose to handle thousands of yards of it next summer with the aid of machinery.

Green gulch, which comes into Sulphur at No. 39 above, has several claims which are producing pay dirt.

No. 11 below discovery is showing well. A large plant of machinery is being operated on the upper end. The dump is big and averages rich in pay dirt.

C. J. Riley—"Steamboat" Riley—is working on No. 8a below. His diligent and persistent efforts have been rewarded and next spring Riley will make a good cleanup.

Ed Van Wert has moved his steam plant from No. 68 above to No. 45 above. The latter claim is being worked by Cobb and DuBell, who have located the pay streak in line with the now celebrated Warren claim. With Van Wert's machinery, No. 45 will produce an enormous amount of rich dirt before the water flows.

Charles Armstrong has worked out his portion of No. 65 above, and his machinery will soon be removed to some other part of the creek.

Development work on Dominion creek is being actively prosecuted. All of the well known claims are employing a full force of miners. The numerous roadhouses, stores and saloons are enjoying a brisk and profitable business.

Charles Swanson has succeeded in locating a paystreak which is rich and wide, on No. 12 below upper discovery. He is now engaged in placing his machinery in position. A number of lays have been let on this property. Recently, the owner and laymen agreed upon a plan of co operation, by which the latter will be able to use the power generated by the owner's machinery.

No. 2 above upper is developing into one of the richest claims on the creek. It has a steam hoist. Its dump is large and averages well in pay dirt.

The owners of No. 31 below upper are doing extensive work, and anticipate a great cleanup.

Gold Bottom is the scene of active operations this winter. There is more dirt in the dumps at the present time than there was after the entire season's work last year. The upper portion of the creek is particularly active.

Soap creek, on the right fork of Gold Bottom, has developed pay on the first ten claims. The next ten are reserved to the crown, and, of course, are unprospected. The gold is very coarse,

and the streak, though rich, is not wide.

To an ordinary traveler, Quartz creek seems to be deserted. Generally speaking the creek claims have been abandoned, although Nos. 18, 14, 11, 6 and a few others are being prospected and some fair sized dumps are in evidence.

The hillsides on the right limit from A. Mack's discovery to Calder creek are being worked quite extensively. Several of these claims have prospected exceedingly well and promise good cleanups.

Missing People.

Inquiries relative to the following people have been received at the town station of the N. W. M. P.:

Benjamin G. Haigh, San Francisco; Michael Henry Ashe, Cork, Ireland; Frederick Carpenter, Wyoming; Bernhard Diepen, San Francisco; John Harrison, London, England; Frank Zikmund, Lake Benton, Minn.; W. A. McFarland, Seattle; William Lawrence, Seattle; Julian B. Smith, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wilfred Robert John Hawtrey, Windsor, England; Albert McConnell, Toronto; C. Preston, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. G. Johnson, St. Paul, Minn.; William Quinton Mason, London, England; John Starrs, Paterson, N. Y.; O. H. Becker, Boston, Mass.; M. A. Grainger, Cambridge, England; M. D. McClare, Cambridge, Mass.; Hans Mehlen, Portland, N. D.; Peter O. Tvedt, Fairhaven, Wash.; A. F. Smith, Montrose, Colo.; James William Wallace, New Zealand.

POLICE COURT.

Harrison King, charged with receiving stolen goods, which case was on trial last Friday and Saturday, was continued until Friday, the same bondsman qualifying in the sum of \$2000.

Jack Yaslow was up charged with dumping garbage, empty beer bottles and straw bottles inside the "dead line" on the Yukon river. Yaslow pleaded ignorance of the law and said he had no idea empty beer bottles were contagious. His case was continued until tomorrow afternoon.

A. E. Sola, "Mackeral," he calls himself, was in court to answer a complaint for wages filed by Henry Cassells. Sola claims that Cassells was to be paid at the cleanup, and that he quit work of his own accord and is therefore not entitled to his pay until the pansies bloom. The case is being heard this afternoon.

A. Ross, a miner who has worked for R. C. Nesbitt on 43 below Bonanza, was in court for the purpose of entering suit to force Nesbitt to pay him \$237 in chechako, instead of gold dust which had been tendered. He was told to endeavor to settle his trouble out of court, and other wage earners present looked with amazement on the man who was so fortunate as to be offered pay, even in gold dust, for his labor.

The first case called was that of Edward Davis charged with vagrancy. The case was continued until tomorrow afternoon, the prisoner being a guest at the guard house in the meantime. Just before the presiding judge arrived Davis attempted to make a statement to the arresting constable, who thus replied: "There is no use for you to peculiarize with me; wait until the judge comes." Davis will "peculiarize" tomorrow.

Suleiman Jena, an Arab, was in court with an account for wages against Chris Hemple for labor performed during the fall and winter of 1898. Jena can not speak English and Constable Edwards volunteered to act as interpreter, but when the worshipper of Mohammed started off and spun out a story as long as a rake handle Constable Edwards was not able to interpret a word of it. The Arabic language that Edwards speaks is probably gum arabic. Another young Bagdad citizen being present, performed the services of interpreter, but through him it came out that the amount claimed by Jena is \$504, which amount places the case beyond the jurisdiction of the lower court and it was consequently dismissed.

This was one day when it was quite apparent that the room in which the police court is held is entirely too small to accommodate the patrons of that court, for with court officers, attorneys, clients, prisoners and witnesses the little room was closely packed when court opened at 10:45 this morning. Police Magistrate Perry was not on the bench today, he having been summoned to Dominion on imperative official business, and in his absence the judicial emprise is worn by Police Inspector Primrose and he it said to the credit of the young jurist, he wears it with

dignity and credit both to himself and the crown. However, he did not make final disposition of any of the cases before him this morning, continuing several of them until this afternoon and others in which a portion of the evidence has been previously heard, until the return of Major Perry.

The late Jefferson Randolph Smith, alias "Soapy," used to say, "The sun never sets on the Smiths." There is one, however, on whom the sun has scarcely deigned to rise for several weeks past and that Smith's front name is John. In addition to being burdened with a name for which he is not personally responsible, he is accused with the crime of "stealing one stick of wood to the value of 25 cents." The thing that makes the crime doubly heinous is that it was crown wood and was stolen from the woodpile of the town police station. In court this morning John looked the picture of despair, but whether it was at being charged with a crime or the thought of disgracing the illustrious name, the reporter was not able to conjecture. His case was on trial this afternoon.

A Pleasant Evening.

Saturday night the spacious furnishing department of the N. A. T. & T. Co. was thrown open to the friends of the company, a large number of whom assembled in honor of the occasion. The Yukon Field Force band was present and discoursed fine music during the entire evening.

Capt. Healy was assisted in receiving the guests by a number of ladies and gentlemen connected with the company. A generous punch bowl was kept filled during the evening and full justice was done thereto.

A most interesting program was rendered, which was interspersed with selections by the band.

At 10 o'clock dancing, which continued until midnight, began. The program rendered was as follows:

Selection.....Y. F. F. Band
Baritone solo....."King of the Deep"
.....Mr. Chisholm.
British bugle calls.....Bugler Cobb, N. W. M. P.
Soprano solo....."When the Swallows Home-ward Fly"
.....Mrs. Davidson
Autoharp accompaniment by Mr. Griffith.
Baritone solo....."Out on the Deep"
.....Mr. Chisholm.
Cornet solo....."Song That Reached My Heart"
.....Mr. Lyons
Soprano solo....."Within a Mile of Edinboro Town"
.....Mrs. Davidson
Bass solo....."Queen of the Sea"
.....Mr. Cobb
Contralto solo....."Beware"
.....Mrs. Leroy Tozier

Mr. F. H. Griffith acted as master of ceremonies, and acquitted himself to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct and operate a line of railway from a point at or near Pyramid Harbour, on the Chilkat Inlet near the head of Lynn Canal, or from the International Boundary line at or near the village of Kluckwan, northerly to Dalton's Post on the Dalton trail, and following the Dalton trail to Fort Selkirk, thence continuing by the most feasible route to Dawson City, with powers to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines; to mine and develop mines; to crush, smelt and work ores and minerals of all descriptions; erect smelters and other works and carry on a general mining business; to construct roads, tramways, wharves, mills and all necessary works; to own and operate steam and other vessels in the Yukon and all its tributaries and upon all inland waters in the Yukon district; to erect and operate all electrical works for the use and transmission of electrical power and to acquire and use water power for that purpose. Also to erect and maintain trading posts and carry on a general trading business in all merchandise in the Territory, and to acquire all other necessary rights and privileges, and to do all necessary things in connection with the business of the company.
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