

ANOTHER CONCESSION

Thrown Open to Placer Mining Entry.

Tract in the Fortymile District Formerly Held by Captain John J. Healy.

Another concession has been thrown open to the miner, one formerly held by Captain J. J. Healy and located in the Fortymile district. The notice was posted in the gold commissioner's office yesterday over the signature of Acting Assistant Gold Commissioner Pattullo. It says: "In the matter of the application of J. J. Healy for a hydraulic concession on Nelson creek, a tributary of Clinton creek, a tributary of Fortymile river, commencing at the mouth and extending five miles up stream. Whereas, the above location has been closed from placer mining entry and as the application of the said J. J. Healy for the tract in question has now been cancelled in the records of the department, notice is hereby given that 30 days after this date, namely on the 6th day of April next, the location in question will be open for placer mining entry."

The giving of thirty days' notice before the ground can be staked is a new innovation which the department has made upon the recommendation of the local office here. It has been claimed that heretofore upon such notices being posted, the ground involved being open to location the moment such posting was done, there was always an opportunity for a favored few to acquire the information somewhat in advance of the general public, with the result that a decided advantage was thus gained. Under the new order of things everyone will have an equal show in securing a claim upon ground heretofore held under a concession.

COLDFOOT THE MECCA

Dawson Brokers Leave For the Koyukuk.

Rich Strike on Hammond River Leads to Jumping of Power of Attorney Claims.

Mr. S. Archibald, the well-known broker who arrived from the outside a few days ago in company with Peter Dow, found awaiting him here a letter from the Koyukuk which is the means of causing him to continue his journey on down the river to the new land of gold. The letter in question is from United States Commissioner McKenzie, located at Coldfoot, was written January 25 and contains the admission to hurry on to Coldfoot with all possible speed. The writer states that excellent pay has been found on the Hammond river wherever a hole has been sunk and that some of the claims in which Mr. Archibald is interested have been jumped by reason of them having been located under a power of attorney. "I am not worrying at all over my locations holding," said he this morning, "but think it best I should be on the ground in person and see what is going on, so shall start for Coldfoot next week. These claims were located by my partner Peter Dow, who held my power of attorney duly drawn up and sworn to before the American consul here and I do not anticipate any difficulty whatever in holding that which is rightfully my own. Mr. Dow's own locations are of course not being bothered. When he left the camp last fall he left our property in the care of some neighboring claim owners. Some of these I understand have struck very rich pay which naturally drew attention to adjoining claims, and according to Mr. McKenzie's letter some of them have been jumped. "I believe Hammond river to be the biggest and most extensive strike yet made in the Koyukuk. The river is 160 miles long and has been staked for 75 miles, upon 40 of which there

has been more or less pay struck. Many of the prospect holes sunk have yielded from \$20 to \$200. The ground is very shallow, running from 18 inches to eight feet and can all be worked in the summer. The benches, upon which some good prospects have also been found, will furnish good winter diggings. I am going to look over the camp thoroughly and will probably be back in Dawson on the first water." Mr. Dow will leave Monday and Mr. Archibald, accompanied by Dr. Howe, L. B. Fay and a Mr. Short, will leave either on Thursday or the following Saturday. They will make the trip via Fort Yukon and the Chandelar.

Apply for Place.

Olympia, Feb. 21.—Gov. McBride devoted a good part of the afternoon to receiving delegations from the southwest in the interests of candidates for the position of high commissioner. Cowlitz county has two candidates, Wahkiakum has one, Clarke another and Pacific county, it is stated, will have a man to offer for the position. In point of numbers the delegation endorsing L. H. Jacobs, of Castle Rock, exceeded all. Representative Simms, County Surveyor Boystrom and Sheriff Huntington were among the leaders. Ex-Sheriff Kirby is the other Cowlitz county candidate. From Wahkiakum, Link C. Burton has the undivided indorsement of his county. Dan Markham will later be presented from Pacific county, and James Crawford's name is already in the governor's hands with Clarke county indorsements. It is understood that the southwest is to have a deputyship under Fish Commissioner Kershaw. As to Cowlitz county's candidates the governor is said to have quoted President Roosevelt's advice that they should "get together" on one man. Link Burton is now county clerk of Wahkiakum and has the indorsement of Senator Megler and Representative Starr, and of all the camerries in that county, and from the unanimity of his indorsements many incline to the belief that Wahkiakum, with her growing importance, will receive recognition.

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STARTLING SENSATION

Will Brophy Endeavor to Prove an Alibi?

Rumors That the Short Man in the Dominion Hold-Up Was None Other Than a Woman.

The report is current about the street today that in the trial of William Brophy, charged with being one of the principals in the Dominion hold-up, the defense will endeavor to prove an alibi; will offer testimony to the effect that on the morning of the robbery he was not one of the Jesse James outfit who did the job, but, instead, was in another part of the city entirely. It is also claimed that the short man instead of being Brophy was none other than the woman Lou Tomerlin disguised in boy's clothing. The case is set for a hearing next Tuesday morning, but it is not thought it will be proceeded with on that date as the defense will make a strong effort to secure a continuance. The trial promises to be the most sensational that has taken place since the O'Brien case last summer. Neither Tomerlin or Harris will be tried until after Brophy's case is attended to, and the former will probably be the last to be heard. Some time before Brophy's apprehension Tomerlin pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a jury, but now that he has made a confession implicating himself as well as others it is assumed he will ask permission to change his plea to that of guilty. If he does he will be ready for sentence at once, or as soon as his relationship sees fit, to pass it upon him. In Canada the maximum penalty that may be inflicted for the crime of highway robbery is life imprisonment at hard labor with three floggings. Whatcom, Feb. 21.—Ira Long, the 14-year-old son of David Long, of Pleasant Valley, became entangled in a belt at the mill of Edward Brown, of Woolridge, yesterday and was killed. He was carried around a shaft and every bone in his body broken.

LONE STAR LOOKS GOOD

Craden Returned From Group Today.

Development Work Will Be Pushed at Once and as Rapidly as Possible.

Lew Craden, the broker who promoted the purchase of the Lone Star group of quartz claims at the head of Victoria gulch, returned from a visit to the properties this morning. He states that active preparations are already on foot for pushing the work of developing the Lone Star, of the outlook for which Mr. Craden is extremely sanguine. There are already several hundred tons of ore on the dumps, which was taken from a number of tunnels run in blocking out the property.

As soon as the necessary arrangements are perfected, a new tunnel will be started from the Victoria side, which is expected to tap the ledge at a depth of 175 feet. The greatest depth thus far attained is 54 feet, beyond which it has been impossible to go owing to the fact that a natural water channel follows the lead and it has been impossible to keep the shafts dry. The contemplated tunnel when completed will form a drain by which the water will be carried off.

Mr. Craden brought down with him a sack of ore which certainly looks good to the eye of the casual observer. In several specimens shown, shining particles of gold occur running from the size of a pin head to as large as one's finger nail. If the general run of the ore is anything like the samples exhibited, the day when the Lone Star will be a big dividend payer should not be far distant.

The attorneys for the company are now engaged in drawing up the necessary legal documents preparatory to formal organization and a meeting of stockholders will be called at an early date to complete that work.

Walla Walla Society.

A Kansas City paragoner says: A recent book is on the market, which claims to be "the story of fashionable life in and about Cape Town." It must be almost as thrilling as a story of fashionable life in Walla Walla, Wash. Of course this is only an innocent "squib," with Walla Walla, Wash., selected at random; yet the writer presumably has not the faintest conception of the place used for the purpose of comparison. He might as well have said Kansas City, Mo., or Kansas City, Kan., for while Walla Walla is not as large a city as either of these, it contains, according to population, more wealth, intelligence, educational opportunities and respectability and "refined" society. It is situated in one of the most marvelous valleys for beauty and fertility in the world. Not only most of its inhabitants, but those of the surrounding country for many miles around, are well-to-do, if not wealthy. There are more banks, schools, churches, and other institutions and things that go to make up civilized society, and possibly "fashionable life" of all kinds, too, in proportion to population, than in almost any city of equal size along the Kaw or Missouri rivers, or elsewhere east of the Rocky Mountains. The Kansas City squib-scribbler, "Walla Walla, Wash.," to represent only the crudest

elements of civilization, and to be inhabited principally by blanket Indians and outlaws with sixshooters and belts of cartridges exposed about their persons; and it is strange how this idea about towns in the Pacific Northwest still clings to Eastern people, even those as far west as Kansas City, where civilization isn't of much older and no more perfect growth than in "Walla Walla, Wash." —Portland Telegram.

Falls Are Located.

Whatcom, Feb. 21.—City Electrician G. R. Longden and S. C. Anderson have returned from a trip into the Mount Baker district with the object of locating the falls on Ruth creek for the Ruth Creek Falls Mining Company. They found that the snow in the hills is not nearly so deep as it usually is at this season of the year, and at the present time it is soft and slushy, showing all indications that it will go off rapidly, thereby allowing prospectors to get into the district much earlier than usual. They located the falls, finding them capable of providing power sufficient to run the machinery for all the mines in that part of the district even at this season, when the water is usually low.

They visited the Great Excelsior, the Great Ledge, Cornell's mine, and the Nooksack falls. At the Great Ledge property they found a fine vein of quartz uncovered where no surface indications existed. Cornell is in 150 feet on a five-foot ledge of white quartz carrying sulphurets and gold values. The owners have started a second tunnel to strike the ledge lower down. The Ruth Creek Falls Company is ready to begin an active season's work on the continuation of their tunnel as soon as the snow will allow them to take in supplies. All these properties are close to the Shuksau wagon road and the new proposed route of the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia railway extension from Maple falls.

Resowing Fall Wheat.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 21.—Between 25 and 33 per cent of the wheat crop of Umatilla country will have to be resown because the fall growth was frozen out in the frosts of early February. In the higher parts of the county, notably around Helix and similar towns along the "high line" of the Washington & Columbia River railroad, the freezeout is discovered to have been very bad, the loss being 50 and 75 per cent in many places. General Manager Joseph McCabe, of the Washington & Columbia River railroad, estimates that 300,000 bushels of wheat will be withdrawn from market for reseeding purposes along that line alone in Walla Walla and Umatilla counties. A much smaller amount will be withdrawn from the O. R. & N. district. A few farmers are still in doubt as to the real condition of their wheat, but the majority have accepted the inevitable, and drills are to be seen at work everywhere. The railroads are considerable losers.

Will Be no "Jinks".

The Nugget is informed that the banquet in honor of Mr. E. A. Mizner at the Zero Club tomorrow night will not be, as stated in yesterday's issue, an affair at which either high or low "jinks" will be introduced. A number of Mr. Mizner's friends, however, will entertain that gentleman at the club in a mild-mannered way.

Tugboat Trust

Special to the Daily Nugget. Chicago, March 7.—An attempt on the part of the Tugboat Trust to lengthen the working hours of its employes may result in a general strike and the tying up of shipping on the Great Lakes.

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The Mills of the Gods Grind

Than Those of the Yukon Territorial Court, but a Remedy Is About to Be Applied.

Mr. Justice Dugas is of the opinion that it is not along the mills of the gods that grind slowly; those of the territorial court of the Yukon here lately have been even more snail-like and phlegmatic in their movements and it is proposed now to add a lubricant to the wheels of justice in such a manner that will awaken the members of the bar from their lethargy and bring back to their effulgent intellects the fact that the long winter vacation is not perpetual in its extent. Court convened in regular session the first Monday in February, since which time the sittings have occupied scarcely two consecutive days, though there is a plethora of cases on the docket. The peremptory and waiting list is almost a thing of the past for the reason that no cases can be found ready for trial and so the judicial machinery sits idly by waiting the pleasure of the attorneys interested. But there is to be a change. Clerk of the Court Macdonald has posted a notice calling a meeting of the Bar Association to be held Monday at 3 p.m. sharp, and if at that time a list of cases can be agreed upon, the clerk will be instructed to make up a peremptory list whether they are ready to go on or not. Gentlemen, vacation is at an end, though you do not seem to realize that fact, and the mills of justice must keep up their ceaseless grind.

Dan Rose Coming.

Dan Rose, of the popular firm of Townsend & Rose, who went to the outside six weeks ago and who has since visited Montreal and other east-

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