

LATE CLEAR CREEK NEWS.

Frank Slavin Talks of Its Prospective Wealth.

His Party Was Not Wholly Lost, but Had an Enjoyable Experience—Good Country.

Frank Slavin and the party of five and the guide who accompanied him were not lost. Frank has returned and has said so himself, although his looks upon arrival at the Nugget office yesterday would indicate that if not lost he had at least had a finish go with several things equally as bad as that.

The party were gone on the stampede to Clear creek two weeks, and while their condition was at no time as bad as was at one time believed, still none of them care to repeat the experience.

There was no time when the party did not know its whereabouts, but there was a time when they did not know their location relative to Clear creek, the destination they were striving to reach.

The fog was responsible for this, as Slavin should otherwise have had no difficulty in finding the place, even had he been unaccompanied by a guide, as he was in that country in '98, and is familiar with the lay of the land. The fog and low lying rain clouds, which persistently deluged the party, closed on them while they were in the country lying between McQuesten and Clear creek, and so confusing was the effect of this that it was some time before Clear creek, or rather the left fork of it, could be reached.

"We could have turned and come home at any time," said Mr. Slavin, "and as long as people can find their way back to the starting point they are not very badly lost."

The principle hardship of the whole trip resulted from the fact that five men who did not belong with the party got separated from their provisions in some way and had to be fed from the commissary of the Slavin party, which so reduced the supply of provisions that very little time could be spent in prospecting, and even then the grub gave out wholly before they reached Caribou, and during the three last days of the pilgrimage the party ate berries, drank fresh water and had all the pure, fresh air they could get away with. By way of desert they occasionally shortened their belts.

They had a gun with them, and as the country abounds in game such as grouse and rabbits, for a time they supplied their wants in that way, but before long the ammunition gave out, and then is when they began eating berries and consuming ozone.

When they finally came out on the left fork of Clear creek, they found that they were at some stakes marked 197 above discovery. They followed down the stream as far as 27 above discovery where they went into camp.

On the way down stream they made a discovery which points to a state of affairs in the newly stamped district which will without much doubt lead to some very troublesome litigation if the district should prove of sufficient richness to warrant its being ultimately worked.

The party on its way down stream found that a very large number of the claims on the creek had been staked the day previous to their arrival, and owing to the wet and pliable condition of the ground the tracks left by the stakers were plainly discernible.

The claims had all been staked by three men.

Not one of the Slavin party set up a single stake. They did considerable panning, but in no place found what they believed to be better than ten cents to the pan.

"The bedrock has not been seen," said Mr. Slavin, "except on the rim, so there is no good in saying what the country is or is not. For my part I look to see some wonderful developments in that section, though, of course, whether Clear creek is the place of greatest richness or not it is impossible to say."

"At all events the whole country is well staked now, so well that even the hilltops and mountain sides are laid out in claims to such an extent that even Swedes won't take what is left."

"There is no muck on the creek to contend with, as that has all been carried away by water at some time and nothing is left but the gravel."

"A winter trail could be made from here to Clear creek which would reach there in about 60 miles, and if the diggings amount to anything they will probably be tributary to Dawson in the winter and Stewart in the summer."

Fresh From the Creeks.

The miners on American gulch have built a fine road, which is being utilized by all those living on the hill and up Adams.

"The Mystery of a Film," was the subject of many discussions among the ladies on the creeks during the past week.

Goldsmith, Miller and Evans have worked out their claim on the farther end of Chechako and have moved their machinery to their claim on this end preparatory for winter work.

The Dawson Foot Ball Club may look well to its laurels, for the challenge issued to the creek boys has made foot ball the sole topic of conversation on the creeks. Several members of the Nanaimo Hornets, who held the championship of the coast for a number of years are among the challenged party. The boys are faithfully training for the coming contest by morning runs that extend over hills and mountains.

Anton Standard, one of Eldorado's magnates, has just moved into his new and commodious building.

W. L. Sampson has purchased Barnes and Blodgett's interest in 38 Eldorado.

The work done on 27 above Bonanza by E. K. Carruthers both in the general work and ground sluicing has placed that gentleman among the foremost as a general manager and all-round rustler.

J. Milligan has opened his new place on 21 above Bonanza.

Mr. R. R. Reed and wife, of 18 above Bonanza, were in town for several days this week.

The quartz staking on upper Bonanza has developed some peculiar freaks in the past few days. Two stakers were accosted by a little girl who asked what they were doing and the way they scrambled about showing the little girl all the fine berries was one of the most amusing things that has occurred in that neighborhood.

The government road from the Forks to 50 below Bonanza is still in many places in a deplorable condition. Strenuous efforts on the part of the government will be necessary to place the road in fit condition to be used for the remainder of the season.

Mrs. Thompson, of 43 above Bonanza, who has been confined to her room during the past three weeks is again able to be about.

Eighty-five below Bonanza roadhouse has been making extensive improvements and is now prepared to attend to the wants of its many patrons. Eighty-five is destined to be the most popular lunch house between Dawson and the Forks the coming winter.

Criminal Cases.

The following letter has been sent to all attorneys having cases on the criminal docket, and is self explanatory, inasmuch as it means that all criminal cases now on the docket are to be hurried through with:

Dawson, Sept. 27, 1900.

Sir—The entire criminal docket will be taken up on Tuesday next, October 2d, at 10 o'clock a. m., and all cases must be in readiness.

No civil cases will be placed on the list before Monday, October 8th.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
CHARLES MACDONALD,
Clerk Territorial Court.

More Smallpox.

Another case of smallpox is reported to have come down from the Forks this morning and sent to the island. It has been learned this afternoon that a house has just been quarantined across the Klondike just at the mouth of the Bonanza and near the ferry.

No Strike at Nanaimo.

There will be no strike of the coal miners employed by the New Vancouver Coal Company at Nanaimo. It will be remembered that in August it was decided to ask for a 10 per cent increase in wages, and, according to the terms of the Miners' Union contract with the colliery company, the usual 30 days' notice was given. Before this result was arrived at there were stormy scenes in the union meetings. A committee was appointed to call upon Mr. Robins, general superintendent of the company, and confer with him regarding the increase in wages. The committee reported that Mr. Robins had received them cordially and explained at length that it was impossible for the company to grant an increase at the present time. He further invited a committee from the union to call and examine the books of the company.

A strike at Nanaimo at the present time would be a surprise to many. Since Mr. Robins has taken charge of the mines he has managed to get along on the most friendly terms with the men. He believes in unionism and does everything possible to further the interests of his employees, and this fact is appreciated by the men who have been longest in the employ of the New Vancouver Coal Company. — Victoria Times.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Gins and brandies by the bottle or case at Northern Annex.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Magistrate McDonell's court yesterday the case of E. E. Emmons vs. Burne Pollock was dismissed, it being simply a business transaction in which it became evident that Emmons was indebted to Pollock.

Thos. Dary was up this morning on the charge of vagrancy. It came out in evidence that he had been arrested here on a similar charge two years ago, but had raised the amount of the fine; that last winter he conducted a "hop joint" in Dawson, but Dary strongly denied this last imputation. As he has arranged to leave for the outside on the steamer Monarch, he was given until her sailing date to get away.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mack, the latter known as Miss Gertrude May Clifton, reached Dawson from Nome on the Susie yesterday and three hours later Mrs. Mack had "Charley" arrested for assault. She testified that he had followed her around, threatening her bodily injury, and as on previous occasions he had knocked her down as many as five and six times in one round, she was so afraid of him that she had yesterday crawled under a bed and remained there for two long hours; that she had become tired of staying under the bed and had finally come out and sought police protection, with the result that Mr. Mack had spent the first night after his arrival in Dawson at Hotel d'Stripe. Mack told a somewhat incoherent story, but the case was dismissed with a solemn warning to not assault his wife in the future. As she still claimed to be in deadly fear of her liege lord, the latter was walked back to jail until he can supply a satisfactory peace bond that he will not do Mrs. Mack further physical injury.

Took It Too Seriously.

A prominent Dawson business man called yesterday afternoon at the Nugget office and said:

"Now, for heaven's sake I don't want you fellows to think that I am a voter in this district. While the law would allow me to vote if I so desired, you put me down as not wanting to vote. I was born in old England and am proud of it; but I was raised in the States and am proud of that. I have voted in the States, am an American citizen, and, while born in England, am glad that I am in position to remain neutral here in Dawson. Even if I had wanted to vote at the approaching election, the worse than child's play at the meeting Monday night would have cooked my goose. No, thank you! I am British born, but an American citizen, and they can fight it out among themselves."

Will Haul Gravel.

A few more days of rain without freezing will render First avenue impassable for teams and wagons unless prompt action is taken to better its condition and this, it is understood, will be done at once. It is proposed, if teams and wagons can be had, to put half a dozen or more of them to work hauling gravel from the river bed and distributing it along First avenue until it is covered its entire length. Mission street, which has been "closed to navigation" for some time, is being put in fairly good shape by the free use of gravel and other streets will be similarly treated as speedily as possible.

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ALEX HOWDEN—Barrister, Solicitor, Advocate, etc. Criminal & Mining Law, Room 21 A. C. Co's office Block.

MACKINNON & NOEL, Advocates, Second st., near Bank of B. N. A.

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ASSAYERS.

JOHN B. WARDEN, F. I. C.—Assayer for Bank of British North America. Gold dust melted and assayed. Assays made of quartz and black sand. Analyses of ores and coal.

MINING ENGINEERS.

J. B. TYRRELL, mining engineer, has removed to Mission st., next door to public school.

DOMINION LAND SURVEYORS.

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Yukon Party Platform.

Addresses of Messrs. Wilson and Prudhomme, Candidates for Seats on Yukon Council.

To the Electors of the Yukon Territory:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned nominees of the convention held in Dawson on the 8th day of September, 1900, hereby appeal to you, the electors of the Yukon territory, for your support, influence and votes on the platform of the Yukon party adopted at said convention, which is as follows:

The platform is embodied in the memorial given the governor general with additions and amendments as follows:

First—A legislative council wholly elected by the citizens of the Yukon territory;

Second—That while proper protection should be afforded the mine owner and investor, a proper miner's lien on the result of his work should be enacted for the protection of the miner and laborer.

Third—The necessity for immediately doing away with, or at least greatly reducing the present royalty on gold mined in the Yukon territory.

Fourth—The necessity of preparing roads and bridges and affording free means of communication within the Yukon territory.

Fifth—The necessity of opening for location to free miners all parts of the Yukon territory owned by the government which are fit for placer mining.

Sixth—That fees for free miners' licenses and recording fees be reduced to a nominal figure; that only mine owners and persons working to represent an interest be required to have a free miner's license.

Seventh—The necessity for altering the hydraulic mining regulations so as to secure for the free miner the right to locate, record and work any ground which is fit for placer mining, whether covered by a concession or not.

Eighth—The adoption and enforcement of such mining regulations as will encourage to the utmost the prospector first, the miner second and the investor

third, and throw open the country to the fullest and freest development.

Ninth—The necessity of granting representation to the people of the Yukon of at least two members in the house of commons of Canada.

Tenth—A legislative council wholly elected by the citizens of the Yukon territory.

Eleventh—The necessity of putting the liquor trade of this territory under such regulations as to subject it to the laws of trade and insure commercial freedom.

Twelfth—Establishment of proper courts and a court of appeal in and for the Yukon territory.

Thirteenth—The necessity of securing or establishing a free British port of entry on the western coast of America within reach of the headwaters of the Yukon river, in order to encourage the trade and commerce between the Yukon territory and other portions of the Dominion of Canada.

Fourteenth—That the intention of establishing an assay office in Dawson by the Dominion government receive the strongest approbation.

Fifteenth—That proper schools be established at once through the Yukon territory.

Sixteenth—That all the mining record books be open to the public and no fees be paid for search of title.

If elected to the Yukon council we individually pledge ourselves to use every legal endeavor to have the principles set out in the above platform made into law in this territory and to make as strong recommendations as possible to the federal government at Ottawa, to carry into law and effect those plans in the Yukon party platform which are in the control of and controlled by federal jurisdiction.

Dated at Dawson, Y. T., this 26th day of September, A. D. 1900.

ALEX. J. PRUDHOMME,
ARTHUR WILSON.



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