

The trip up the mountains was made in two days, and nothing of interest occurred, except that the teamster, having noted that all was going well on the waggon, so far recovered from his timidity that he kept coming closer to it every hour and he became a passenger on the afternoon of the first day out.

The waggon-road having ended, they allowed the conveyance to return to civilization and began the strenuous out-door life. They constructed a small camp, into which they piled all supplies, left over after those of immediate necessity had been rolled up in three pack-sacks, pitched their tent, over a bed of balsam brush, and prepared a supper which consisted of pork, desiccated potatoes, hard-tack and tea. Justice done to this repast all retired early, to rest for the ten miles which had to be travelled next day.

Daybreak found our prospectors astir, and by half-past five everything was in readiness to start. Each man having a load of almost ninety pounds on his back, they began the journey through the woods, and arrived into the district which they sought at six o'clock that evening, when they arranged a comfortable camping-ground, pitched their tent with more care than on the preceding night, and before sunset they were again preparing supper.

The next morning the real work of prospecting began, and each man being provided with the necessary tools, they set out in their search for mineral.

To any man who has never prospected, the hopes and fears of this life are unknown. On one day we find the prospector most optimistic, if he has located anything which may prove valuable, on the next when his fond hopes are frustrated, it is almost pitiable to witness his despair, which vanishes as a mist before an autumn sun when any little indication shows up again, and needless to say Brown and his comrades were not exempt from these emotions. Prospecting may well be compared to looking for the proverbial needle in the hay stack, but in this particular case the fates were not unkind. Although they roamed amongst the rocks for three months before anything of an encouraging nature presented itself, they were finally rewarded by discovering a vein, the contents of which when assayed proved valuable.

They returned to town as quickly as possible and no difficulty was encountered by them in interesting capital to develop