

WILL JUSTIFY ITS NAME.

Gold Run Will Yield a Large Amount of Gold.

Nearly Entire Creek Worked by Laymen—Nugget Correspondent's Interesting Letter.

Gold Run has more men working for a distance of six miles than any other creek, excepting the bench ground on Bonanza, in the country. The creek for the greater part is let out on lays and the laymen are all confident of wages for their winter's work. Some very fine dumps are in evidence and the creek will run its output into six ciphers.

Fifty above is the first claim with dumps of any size. H. J. McDonald, one of the owners, gave up a lucrative position with the A. C. Co. to work his ground and feels well pleased with his winter's work.

Forty-five above is being prospected and is showing up fairly well. The laymen are expecting to run into rich dirt at any time.

Forty-one above has six sets of laymen and they have out some very good dumps the pay streak here is very wide and has averaged up well.

The lower end of 40 is being worked by laymen and the upper part will be worked with machinery this summer.

Thirty-nine above is let out on lays, nine in number, and the dumps are some of the best on the creek. Elliott Brothers, who own one-half, are managing the claim.

Thirty-eight has 12 lays and has shown up wonderfully well, the pay streak being 100 feet wide. Palmer Bros. and Julius C. Smith are the owners, and Smith is the manager. Julius C. is well known to the Seattle boys as an ex-real estate man who in the boom days drove a fast horse, and was a thorough sport. The boom fell, so did Smith, and he next appeared as a packer on the Dyea trail, and hit the scales as hard as any of them. He represented 38 for an interest and undoubtedly will go outside well paid for his hard knocks in this country.

Thirty-seven has six lays and some very rich pay has been taken out. The dumps are large ones and the laymen have a satisfied look that speaks well for the claim.

Thirty-six has five lays and some very fine pay. Mr. Lynch, one of the owners, who is managing the claim, is just recovering from a severe injury received by falling down a shaft.

Thirty-five boasts of the only hillside with pay on Gold Run. However, the creek men are claiming the ground and the courts will settle it. There is also a quartz claim here owned by Schoonou, Neely and Cooley. The quartz is free milling and pronounced rose quartz by experts who have examined it, and a really rich grade. The vein is 20 by 8 feet on the surface and will be developed this summer.

Thirty-four, owned by Ellis, Cahill and Soggs, is one of the richest on the creek. There are 120,000 buckets in the dumps and more being hoisted every day. The dirt will average from \$1 to \$1.50 per bucket. The biggest pan was taken out by Gus Raymond and went \$192.80. The Nugget representative was standing at the windlass talking with Dr. Beckett, one of the laymen, when a boulder came up that filled the bucket. Sticking to the rough spots were colors galore. Over 100 were counted, some weighing 20 cents.

Thirty-three has two thawers at work and some very good dumps.

Thirty-one has a thawer and a self dumping bucket that does away with the uptown man. The bucket is hoisted from the shaft on a trolley line and run across the creek and dumped by a trigger. The pay is very fair and the dump a large one.

Twenty-nine and thirty are worked by laymen and the ground gives up some very rich pay.

Twenty-seven and twenty-eight, the celebrated Chute-Wills claims, worked in connection with 16, 17 and 18, are employing about 125 men and are undoubtedly among the richest claims on the creek. The ground is burned and the dirt windlassed; but the ground remaining will be worked with machinery this summer. The company has a regular town on their property, including a hotel, store, laundry, etc., besides the quarters of the employees.

Con Short has done a little work on upper 26 and taken out some rich dirt; but the work has been discontinued and Mr. Short will go out on the first boat and bring in the latest mechanical devices for mining.

Peter Iverson, who owns the controlling interests in 19, 23 and 29, has a

big gang of men working his ground and is well pleased with his pay. Mr. Iverson was unfortunate in losing his machinery in the rapids last fall, but nevertheless, his ground is being thoroughly worked and in a profitable manner.

Twenty-two is working 26 men, and a thawer and will continue to work all summer. There are quite plainly two paystreaks here, one 125 feet wide, the other has not been crosscut, but three lines of holes have been sunk and drifted and now another line is being put down. Last winter a great deal was heard of the richness of 22 and as a result the owners, Messrs. Bass, Barnes and Short, had a contest and a hard fight to hold their ground. This winter they are saying nothing, but sawing wood just the same.

Fourteen, fifteen and thirteen are being worked and very fair pay taken out; and pay has been located, though not so rich, from 12 to the mouth. The reported rich bench ground in this vicinity is not in evidence; or at least the richness is hidden from the "gaze of the vulgar multitude," and visible only to the Sun correspondent, who evidently has a hillside or two to sell.

Gold Run has a large sawmill running full blast and turning out first-class lumber. The men here have obtained their lumber at a much less figure than it could have been freighted or whip-sawed and they are far ahead of many of those on the other creeks who have delayed until now, when it is whipsaw or nothing.

Sound-Alaskan Steamers.

Dawsonites going to the outside this season will have their choice of traveling on any of the following steamers, which list was prepared and lately published in the Skagway Daily Alaskan:

The steamer Ruth is to be put on the Skagway-Puget sound route. She will leave Seattle on her first trip to this port about March 22. The vessel will be operated by the Washington and Alaska Steamship company; virtually Dodd & Co., general agents of the American Mail Steamship company, operating between Tacoma and the Orient in connection with the Northern Pacific railway. The same company now operates the City of Seattle and the Farallon on this run.

The announcement that the Ruth is to be run to Skagway, following as it does, on the heels of the announcement that the steamer Alpha is to also come to this port, and that several other large ships are likely to be added to the route, is considered a significant fact argument of the esteem in which shipping men hold the trade of the gateway to the Klondike.

The Ruth has been a steam schooner and is being built up. She is to be fitted with complete upper works and a system of passenger accommodations for 50 cabin and 30 steerage passengers. Her freight capacity will be 65 tons. The ship Ruth in short, will be just such a craft as the Dirigo, which also was once a steam schooner. She will have a speed of 11 knots an hour, and will make two round trips a month.

With the two trips of the Farallon, and the three of the City of Seattle, and the two of the Ruth, the steamers of the Washington & Alaska company will make an aggregate of seven calls at this port monthly. This is a greater number of calls than made by any other line giving a service to the port. The Pacific Coast company now gives the most calls, namely six a month.

Dodwell & Co., will make another departure in Alaska trade this spring by sending their big trans-Pacific line Tacoma to Nome. She will sail from Seattle May 25. The company has placed the price of first-class tickets at \$125, and \$75 for second-class. The ship has accommodations for 900 passengers and 3000 tons of freight. She was once the trans-Atlantic liner Parthia.

With the addition of the Ruth and the Alpha, there will be 14 steamers running between Skagway and Puget sound or British Columbia ports. They are the City of Seattle, the City of Topeka, Amur, Farallon, Rosalie, Humboldt, Cutch, Cottage City, Dirigo, Danube, Alki, Alpha, Ruth, Tees.

The Amur and the Alpha are to go to Nome about May 1, but other ships are in prospect for this route. Notable among those in prospect are one or two steamers to be put on by the Pacific Coast company, and to include the big two-stack floating palace Santa Rosa, which will be in the excursion trade.

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NEW MINING REGULATIONS

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The Law Affects Surveys, Size of a Discovery Claim and Miners' Certificates.

By the recent mail the gold commissioner received from Ottawa the new regulations, of which telegraphic notice was given some time ago. According to the provisions of the law a miner's certificate may be issued for a period of five years, the discoverer of a new mine shall be allowed one claim 1000 feet in length, which shall be exempt from royalty, and surveys made by Dominion land surveyors shall define the boundaries of claims for all time to come.

The first order, which relates to certificates and the size of a discovery claim, is as follows:

"His excellency, by and with the advice of the Queen's privy council for Canada is pleased to order that the regulations governing placer mining in the Yukon territory made and established by an order of the governor in council, dated 18th, January, 1898, and as amended by subsequent order in council shall be and the same are hereby amended as follows:

1. That clause 2, which provides that a free miner's certificate may be granted for one year shall be and is hereby amended so that a certificate may be issued for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance for each year covered by the certificate.

2. That clause 19, which provides that the discoverer of a new mine shall be allowed one claim 500 feet in length; that a party of two discoverers shall be allowed two claims amounting to 1000 feet in length, and that each member beyond two in number a claim of the ordinary size shall be and is hereby amended by giving to one discoverer a claim of 1000 feet in length and to a party of two discoverers two claims amounting together to 1500 feet in length and that no royalty shall be imposed on the output of such claims.

3. That the definition of the rear boundaries of claims as specified in clauses 10, 11, 12 and 13 shall be and is hereby amended by providing that the rear boundaries of creek or gulch claim which runs in the general direction of the creek or gulch be defined by measuring 1000 feet on each side of the center of the stream or gulch; that the boundary of a river claim which runs in the general direction of the river be defined by measuring 1000 feet from low water mark of the river, and that the rear boundary of a hill claim shall be defined by measuring 1000 feet from its front boundary.

4. That all claims for which entries have been granted in the past may be defined in the manner specified in the preceding paragraph by order of the gold commissioner on the application of the registered owner thereof, where such proceedings will not interfere with any mining regulation claim or property owned or held by any other person."

The second order, which refers to the matter of surveys, reads as follows:

"Whereas, representations have been made that it would be in the interest of the owners of placer claims in the Yukon territory if the surveys of their claims made by a Dominion land surveyor could be accepted as defining for all time to come the boundaries thereof, and it is hereby ordered as follows:

Surveys already made by a Dominion land surveyor, either employed by the Dominion government or by the miners themselves, shall, if appointed by the commissioner of the Yukon territory and after a notice of such survey being advertised for three months in one of the newspapers published in Dawson, if unopposed, be made to define absolutely the boundaries of the claim surveyed; and if at any time a holder of a claim should wish to have his boundaries defined he may employ a Dominion land surveyor to make a survey thereof, and after publishing a notice in the manner above mentioned such survey shall define the boundaries of the claim surveyed. If within three months from the time such notice is published the survey is protested, the protest shall be heard and decided upon by the gold commissioner. The survey of the claim shall be made under instructions from the gold commissioner of the Yukon territory and approved by him before they can be accepted as defining the boundaries of the claim surveyed."

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