

A RAILROAD FOR THE KLONDIKE.

Tramless Tom O'Brien the Father of the New Enterprise.

Said to Have Gone to Ottawa to Close a Deal for a Franchise—Road Will Be in Operation Before Winter Arrives.

A story leaked out this week that, if true, promises the construction of a railroad from Dawson to Grand Forks this fall. According to the report, the prime mover in the enterprise is Tom O'Brien, though John H. McKenzie is believed to be associated with him. Tom has had somebody at work on the enterprise at Ottawa for several weeks, and his own late departure for that place is taken to indicate that the negotiations for a franchise had reached a point only requiring his presence to be consummated. By this time, indeed, it is possible a franchise has been granted and preliminary steps are on for the construction of the road.

As the project has been described to the Nugget, the road will be a narrow gauge, and will run from Klondike City to Grand Forks. The explanation advanced for not bringing the line across the river to Dawson is that it is to be operated, so far as possible, in the interests of the O'Brien & Moran mercantile establishment at Klondike City.

Negotiations for the shipment of two engines and rails to Dawson by steamboat have been pending for some time, and one company has offered to put up a cash forfeit that they will land the stuff here by a certain date. In the meanwhile it is proposed to have a crew of men engaged in making a roadway and laying rails, in order that the line may be in operation as early as possible.

Mr. McKenzie has also left for the outside, and it is said he will look after the purchasing and shipment of the supplies.

KLONDIKE AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

A Display of Everything Pertaining to the Gold Fields Will Be Made.

A Nugget representative called at the office of the Klondike Exposition Company last evening, and found Manager Thomas Crahan and R. K. Bonine, Mr. Edison's representative, busy in getting ready for several weeks of hard work, which will begin next Monday, in Dawson and on the creeks. The work will consist of the taking of moving and stationary pictures by the large new Edison kinesiograph, by which the methods of mining, transportation and living in the Klondike will be shown at the Paris Exposition next year, and throughout the United States and Canada the coming winter, and in foreign countries after the Exposition.

Mr. Crahan has visited many of the large cities of the United States and Canada since last January, and has been to Paris to arrange for space for the Klondike exhibit, and says that in every section visited by him a deep interest has been taken in the Klondike Exposition Company and in this country.

"The people of France," said Mr. Crahan, "know very little of this country as yet, only a few of their countrymen having visited this section, and among the ones who have been here a number were unreliable. At the beginning of the rush to this section an order was sent broadcast throughout France by the president warning the people to stay away from the Klondike, and that order stands to this day, the masses of the people of France being of the opinion that getting into this country is next to impossible and that sure death awaits the stamper on the passes and trails.

"While in Paris I met many men of capital who had invested and lost large amounts in South African stocks, and who are now at a standstill and awaiting a new field in which to speculate. France has not been worked by the mining promoter, and for that reason is a good field from which to draw capital for Klondike investments, and much capital will be put into the mines here if a creditable exhibit of the products and resources of this country are made at Paris next year. In the first place, a large amount of gold ingots, nuggets and gold dust should be shown, accompanied by letters from bankers and business men of Dawson stating that it was product of this country.

"We are now preparing a collection of moving and stationary views such as the world has never seen, and will show to the outside world in this unique way the incontrovertible truth concerning the peculiarities and resources of this wonderful country. We will show the old way of transportation and travel into this country by pack trains and scows, and the new way, by railroad trains and palatial steamers. "By our new large moving pictures, which can be projected 50x100 feet in size, we will show exactly how mining is carried on here—the thawing of the ground, the hoisting of the dirt, the washing of the same, and the transportation of the gold dust to Dawson by pack trains.

"We will show steamers plying on the Yukon, landing at the various stations, discharging freight, passengers, etc. Street scenes in Dawson will be taken, showing things as they are in the metropolis of the Yukon Territory.

"Think of what an interesting picture the 'Miner at Work' will be! We will first show him by moving picture preparing his wood for fire by thawing; next the miner is seen lighting his fire, the smoke can be seen curling up, and the flames leaping out here and there. He will be shown next at the windlass hoisting his dirt, and later washing the same in his sluice boxes. We will show him sharpening his pick at his portable forge, his working of the bellows, and the blows struck on the pick point while at white heat; he can be seen dip-

ping the pick in a tub or bucket of water for the purpose of tempering it, and the white steam can be seen arising.

"We will show the loading and unloading of pack trains, dog teams, etc., and in this way will make our exhibit one of interest and education and of great good to this country.

"We desire the co-operation of the miners and business men of this district in getting up a fine exhibit for Paris next year, and claim owners wishing to have the products of their properties exhibited at the World's Exposition next year may call at our office and arrange for same.

"We will be pleased to have parties call on us who have curios and relics, so that we may arrange for securing the same and for their shipment to Paris."

Mr. Crahan is an affable and energetic gentleman, and a few moments' conversation with him is sufficient to convince the listener that the work of representing the Klondike at the Paris Exposition is in the very best hands.

Died in Scotland.
The Peoples' Journal of Dundee, Scotland, contains the following obituary notice:

Died—At 5 Brown street, Dundee, April 22, 1889, after a long and severe illness, Isabella Young, beloved wife of James Johnson, plumber, born at Channellkirk, in the parish of Lunder, youngest daughter of Andrew Young, miller, Falladam and Soutro Mills and Jean Bell.

Deceased was the mother of Mrs. P. T. Cook, of Eureka, and of Andrew Young, who is in the employ of the KLONDIKE NUGGET at Dawson City, N. W. T. Her age was 86 years and 6 months.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Logan and children have left for San Francisco.

Louis Goldman, popularly known as Goldie, left for Cape Nome on the Susie.

Mrs. Gondolfo arrived from the outside to join her husband, a few days ago.

Post Wheeler, a newspaper man of New York, came up from Circle City this week.

Captain Frank Harper, of the N. W. M. P., has gone up river to inspect police posts and enjoy a much needed respite from his labors. His absence will be of indefinite length.

Mr. D. W. Semple has severed his connection with the KLONDIKE NUGGET, having secured other interests which require his undivided attention. Mr. Semple has been associated with the Nugget for nearly a year in various capacities.

Mrs. Blunt, wife of Dr. Blunt, is a recent arrival. She is a talented operatic singer, having returned lately from an operatic tour abroad. She is spending a short vacation in Dawson and will return to the outside to fill her engagements.

Skookum Jim Gets Pummelled.

SEAGUAY, Alaska, July 4.—Skookum Jim of Klondike fame, had trouble yesterday with one of his white brothers. He was at Dyea and ran short of funds and as he did not want to remain in Dyea all night he gave a boatman named Duffy a valuable gold watch and a nugget chain as security for \$2, the amount of his and his companions' fares. Upon arriving in Seagway Jim got the \$2 and went down to the bay, paid the boatman and demanded the return of his watch. The boatman refused to return the watch, knocked the Indian down and kicked him. During the fight the white man dropped a gun, which was picked up by one of the men and carried off. Jim came up town and got Marshal Tanner, who made the Indian return the gun and the white man give up the watch and chain, which were easily worth \$150. The marshal then left, but the trouble was not yet over. Duffy thrashed Jim and beat him quite badly, and then rowed away. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest, but has not been served.

Like a Pun.

"No, sir," said the Kansas editor, "your services are no longer required."

"May I venture to ask why I am discharged?"

"You're too blamed funny. That style may do in the base and heartless east, but when you refer to a death in a cyclone as 'a terrible blow' to the family you overdo it out here."—*Detroit News.*

The Palace.

Miss Ruth Howard, Dawson's popular lady barber, has just opened her new establishment, the "Palace." The Palace is well-named, too, for it has about it that air of luxury and comfort which is found only in the high-class territorial parlors of metropolitan cities. Miss Howard is a skillful manipulator of the blade herself, and in addition has capacity as a business manager that many a successful man might well envy.

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