

JUDGMENT RENDERED

Maloof Bench on Eldorado In Dispute

Staked Early '98 by Original "Hootchi-Kootchi" Dancer, Freda Maloof.

Gold Commissioner Senkler yesterday rendered his decision in the case of Alexander McMillan and Donald McDonnell vs. Martin Endegevesh, the ground involved in the dispute being a bench opposite No. 4, left limit, of Eldorado which was originally staked in January, '98, by Freda Maloof, the original "hootchi-kootchi" dancer who after playing an engagement in Juneau in the spring of '97 joined a party of theatrical celebrities headed for the Klondike arriving here about June of the same year, some months before the rush started in the fall. The commissioner's decision in full is as follows:

"The plaintiff relocated what was known as the 'Maloof bench' claim on May 27th, 1902. This claim was described by Miss Maloof as 'bench 190 feet square adjoining the left limit of No. 4 Eldorado,' beginning at the upper boundary of said claim, then extending down stream one hundred feet, and was staked by her on January 24th, 1898. The Maloof location expired on January 24th, 1902.

The defendant purchased a fraction described as 'fractional bench adjoining the left limit of Nos. 4 and 5 Eldorado.' This fraction is described by the mining inspector as about 190 feet long and extending down stream to the upstream end of claim No. 4, and being nearly altogether below what is known as the Lloyd and Latham claim. The Lloyd and Latham claim is a relocation of what was known as the Randall bench claim, originally described as 'commencing at a point about 200 feet from the upper end of creek claim No. 5, thence down stream 100 feet. As creek claim No. 5 is nearly 500 feet long, this would approximately have made 200 feet between the lower end of the Lloyd and Latham claim and the upper end of claim No. 4.

"The Maloof claim was originally described from the upper end of claim No. 4, but as there appears to have been no stakes showing the line between creek claims Nos. 4 and 5, and five one hundred foot claims were staked from the lower end of claim No. 4, all of said claims having been renewed for at least one year, I am inclined to think the description given to the Maloof claim was given on the assumption that claim No. 4 was a half a hundred foot claim, when, as a matter of fact, it is about 385 feet long, and, owing to a change in the direction of the base line, is about four hundred feet long on its left limit. A Maloof stake is standing about one hundred feet above the upper end of claim No. 4, first seen by Mr. Green, D.L.S., in April, 1900, the notice on said post describing it as the upstream post, and the evidence shows the Maloof claim adjoined the Lloyd and Latham claim.

"From the evidence I have come to the conclusion that this is the original upstream post of the Maloof claim. The plaintiff is entitled to ground for one hundred feet down stream from that point.

"The fractional piece of ground to which the defendant is entitled is bounded on the uphill side by the Lloyd and Latham claim and the plaintiff's claim and on the downhill side by creek claim No. 5.

"The plaintiff is entitled to his Lemp's St. Louis beer on draught at Rochester Bar.

OST, pair glasses, in case. Please return Bleecker & de Journal crt

Announcement.

May 30th we will retire from the Retail business, closing store on Front st. From that date our office will be in our Warehouse, corner Fifth ave. and Princess st., where we shall continue the Wholesale and Outfitting business.

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ELDORADO AND BONANZA.

Grand Forks can now boast of having a bootblack. Wm. Rudisell stationed himself with all the necessary paraphernalia in front of the Northern hotel there this morning.

Mr. C. H. Croyden has sold the Monte Christo roadhouse on No. 29 below Bonanza to Mrs. McKinsey and Miss Lewis, who took possession a few days ago. Mr. Croyden has accepted a government position.

Mr. K. Larson, proprietor of the Idaho roadhouse on No. 21 above Bonanza has taken out a liquor license and is running a bar in connection with the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman of French hill moved to town today.

Miss Jennie Parry of the Stratbocna hotel, No. 18 below Bonanza, has posters out announcing a free dance there on June 3. Mrs. Mary Davis of the Elby, No. 30 below, is making preparations to have one on the 5th.

Two boilers were put on the Keenan hill opposite No. 39 above Bonanza, left limit, a few days ago, one by Fisher & Brown and the other by Heggerty, Whitney, & Keenan. The hill is showing up well.

Quite a number have finished sluicing and begun summer work on Bonanza and Eldorado.

Collins & Chittick of No. 26b above Bonanza have dissolved partnership. Mr. Collins has the above named claim and Chittick & McKay have No. 7 Eldorado.

Two other claims are about to be sold on Eldorado, No. 35 and No. 29. The deal for No. 29 will probably be closed today while there is an option on No. 35.

SANDBAGGED

Man With Suggestive Name Robbed in Seattle.

"Klondike" Joe Bunyan who arrived in a small boat a few days ago, has a big scar on his head which was left there by a footpad who sandbagged and robbed him in Seattle about two months ago. The high-woman doubtless inferred that any man called "Klondike" would have money in every pocket. In this he was mistaken as Mr. Bunyan for his pains were the contents of "Klondike's" pockets amounting to 30 cents.

A Woman's Strategy

New York, May 1. — The Herald says: —After having tried in vain to rent a house in Bayonne, and being refused because she has nine children, a woman yesterday fooled a real estate dealer and procured a year's lease of the house she wished. She sent her children for a walk in a cemetery with a relative, and when she was asked by the agent how many children she had she replied: "I have had nine children, but they are all in the cemetery."

An Original Murillo

Buffalo, May 1. —What is undoubtedly a painting of great value is being held by the Buffalo customs authorities until its value is fixed by art experts. The painting is the property of J. T. Thompson, who claims he purchased it in Toronto at a very nominal figure. He was carrying it with him to New York as baggage, and says that he did not know it was a valuable work. Its value is estimated at several thousand dollars. There is a diversity of opinion among local art experts as to the artist. Some think that it is an original Murillo, and others that it is the work of a pupil of the Murillo school. The painting is entitled "Temptation," and represents Eve offering the apple to Adam. It is about four feet high by five feet wide, and has no frame, but is securely packed in a large case with locks and hinges complete.

Blow Back

Will the party who got lumber order book at Bonanza saloon on Monday last please return same.

VALDEZ AND THE NAZINI

Promising Districts Are Slow in Opening

Senator Charles Hill, Representing Squeedunk, Returns From Copper River District.

Charley Hill, often referred to as the "Senator," a sardonic of the Yukon for so many years that he can not break away from his associates along the river, returned to his old stamping ground on the Thistle this morning after having spent the winter in Valdez. It was at the Pioneer that the illustrious senator was met and over many foaming glasses of that which has made Milwaukee famous he told a representative of the Nugget his troubles, his disappointments of the past and his hopes of the future. It was not a hard luck story, as the old timers of the vintage of '94 and '95 do not know what a hard luck story is. No matter whether the season has been good or bad there is always a something in the future that looks good to them and they are constantly buoyed up by the thoughts of the paystreak they are to strike next season. The distinguished Charles is no exception. He may have had \$10,000 in his jeans or he may have been as broke as a dog, you would not have known the difference as the same good nature was apparent and he was simply bubbling over with good spirits and happiness at having returned to Nature's most exhilarating symposium, the Klondike.

Mr. Hill in company with 29 Eldorado Charley Anderson left Dawson last August for Valdez, traveling via Juneau and arriving there about the first of September. They remained there a short time when the country looked so good to Anderson that he left for the lower country for an outfit and some horses, returning a month later and leaving at once for the Nazini country, about 200 miles in the interior from Valdez. He has been there prospecting all winter and when he left Valdez he, told his friends that if he was not successful he intended crossing the divide to the Tanana country.

Mr. Hill remained at Valdez all winter, leaving there for Dawson about six weeks ago. In speaking of the climatic conditions of Valdez he says it is simply ideal—no snow, rarely a fog, and at all times it is doing one of three things—snowing, blowing or raining. Last winter the amount of snow that fell was simply incredible, there being twelve feet on the level and according to the government instruments the total fall for the winter amounted to no less than 64 feet. Passageways are dug through the snow from cabin to cabin and it is impossible to see a two story house from the windows of the lower floor across the street. Cabins that are ten feet to the roof are covered over completely and invisibly.

In Valdez there have been approximately 600 people wintered, such estimate being based upon the official census that was taken this spring by the United States government and which showed the population to be 1200 souls, it being considered that 600 cheechacos arrived from the states after navigation opened. The winter was a hard one and for many months things were at a standstill. From a mining standpoint all the attention is now being directed toward the Nazini and Slate creek districts, both of which are about 200 miles toward the interior and probably 100 miles separated. Blei, Menich & Esley, the latter formerly with the Electric Light Company of this place, are taking a tremendous outfit into the new district at Nazini. Blei expects to expend over \$30,000 in assessment work alone this season. The ground in the Nazini is both deep and shallow, but on account of its remoteness from the coast it will be an expensive proposition to work. Johnson & McAlpine, who will be remembered as the former owners of 5 below upper on Dominion which yielded a fortune the winter of '98, are taking in a saw mill to the Nazini and have some ten or fifteen horses in their outfit. Chester Johnson has a tip on a big thing at the head of the Tanana and he left for that country in order to get in on the ground floor.

James Stewart, formerly a partner of Alex McDonald on Hunker, is in with Con Van Alstine whom many will remember. Red McConnell took a saloon outfit to Valdez which he has left in charge of George Siddle while he himself has gone inside to look after the development of some property which he has recently bought. Harry Ware, an old timer in Dawson, and Frank Miller, a brother of "Cow" Miller, are both at Nazini. Frank Kinghorn is managing the dock for the N. C. Co. Capt. Geiger and Bill McPhee are building a new wharf which when completed it is said will be the best north of Juneau. Capt. Geiger intends putting in a complete line of ferries and bridges between Valdez, the Nazini and the head waters of the Tanana.

Charles Hilty, the husband of Dutch Lena who established the Traveler's Rest in '98 on the road to Hunker, left his wife running a restaurant in Skagway and has gone to Valdez, thence to the interior where he is prospecting. Billy Wilson, formerly of the road house at 60 below on Bonanza, is managing the gambling department in Brown's place. Beatrice, the red headed sylph who will be well remembered, has forsaken her old pal and married a lawyer of some consequence and wealth. Charles Debeney is running the St. Elias hotel. He recently married his housekeeper in order to curtail expenses.

Tom Young, the original staker of 39 below, Hunker, is working for Blei. Recently in coming down a mountain he fell and broke one of his legs and at present is confined in the hospital at Valdez. Joe Lowmyer, a pioneer of Circle City of the days of '95, died recently and was buried at Valdez. His trouble was heart disease and he had a considerable sum of money on his person when he passed away. His death was a surprise to everyone as he was not over 35 years of age and apparently was in the best of health.

"There is one thing in which Valdez beats the world and which in the course of time is bound to make a wonderful camp in that section somewhere," said the senator in conclusion, "and that is her copper. There is nothing like it ever been found in the world and may never again. It is so pure that it can be whittled with a jack-knife yet it carries enough gold to pay for its mining and smelting leaving the copper clear as velvet. Why, I have seen one nugget lying in the creek bed to where it had rolled from the ledge weighing over three tons. The only difficulty is that it is over 200 miles in the interior and naturally is almost worthless without a railroad to bring it to the coast. That will of course be built eventually unless the copper trust should get hold of the property and close it down in order to prevent over production. The general opinion about the camp is that a portion of the railroad to the interior will be built this season. Oh, yes, you might say that Jack Dougherty and his wife are running the Star laundry and are doing very well."

Mr. Hill while having unbounded faith in the Copper river country does not believe that the permanent town will be at Valdez. There he says the land is so swampy that it is impossible to secure a firm foundation. At a depth of a foot or two beneath the surface one can secure all the water needed for all purposes. Below Valdez is another prospective townsite though it is not yet named. It is about five miles distant and has many advantages it is said over Valdez, chief among which is vastly superior harborage. The ground is owned by a man named Mallard who has already expended \$40,000 in drainage and preparing the property for building sites. The distance the mines are from the center of supply makes the progress of that section extremely slow, but that it will be a marvel at some date in the future is what the senator regards as a lead pipe cinch.

His Drink of Water.

A good story is told on Secretary Moody while he was visiting San Juan, in Porto Rico. While the Dolphin was in the harbor of San Juan, she was visited daily by the natives. One of them, feeling thirsty, turned to a man in white and wearing a sort of naval cap, and said, "I'll have a drink of water." The man hurried away without a word, and soon returned with the water, which the native drank. The man in white then took the glass back to the cabin. While he was gone an American, who had seen the whole procedure, said to the native, "You ought to have tipped that fellow." The native fumbled in his pocket for a coin, but mildly protested, "Why should I?" and the American said, "Because that was Mr. Moody, the Secretary of the Navy." It was true, and when the Secretary emerged from the cabin the natives profuse apologies were made as, only one of the Latin race can make them, while the secretary, laughing, tried to put the Porto Rican at his ease.

New York Times. Ice cream, fruit flavors, at the B. & M., Queen street, between First and Second avenues. Lemp's St. Louis beer on draught at Rochester Bar.

THEY ALL BLOW BACK

Another Pilgrim Arrives From Outside

Late of the Koyukuk Metropolis, Nome, Arizona, Denver and Puyallup.

Hanging from a pin on the back bar at the Pioneer is the baggage belonging to Billy Thomas, the jolliest old soak who ever hit a bum note. He blew into town this morning on the Thistle and the first place he made for was the headquarters of his old pal, "Sheep Creek" Jim O'Neill. Each put out the big mit and exchanged the glad hand and then Billy proceeded to tell how it happened. His bloomin' luggage was done up in a pocket handkerchief and he did not have to pay excess baggage on it coming down the river. And the cat came back.

Mr. William Thomas looks well after the winter spent in the Koyukuk where the excitement was so intense that he could scarcely keep up with the pace. He likes the Koyukuk (a long ways off) and will be happy to extend any information to any of his enemies who may desire such, particularly if they are thinking of making a pilgrimage to the interesting city known as Coldfoot. Mr. Thomas left the city a year ago last winter early in the season and after an interesting and very delightful travel of some weeks over the snow reached his destination. Once there things did not look as rosy as they did from Dawson, but without repining he in company with Bert Epler started in prospecting, visiting almost every creek in the section where any pay had been found and sinking a number of shafts. In the latter operation the distinguished gentleman who is the subject of this sketch shone with a refulgent glory that was ideal. His score on the windlass was a continuous succession of repeats and de-

capos with not a bar's rest in any strain. But they were not successful as grub costs money, even though it be paystreak bacon, and the First National bank of Coldfoot shut down on overdrafts a move to another climate was compulsory. The Koyukuk was left on May 19 and in due time Sir William found himself in Nome.

Mr. Thomas remained at Nome all summer having charge of the Hunter saloon until his departure which was on one of the last boats in the fall. Arriving in Seattle with several thousand to the good a trip to Arizona and Colorado was made with an invalid brother, the latter part of the winter being spent in North Yakima from which point he came directly here leaving his brother with a sister at Puyallup, Washington, on a ranch. Contrary to expectations, Mr. Thomas does not say the Koyukuk is a frost, no good, no money there, etc., but insists that it is a good place to go to if a man has funds to carry him through or an outfit to last him a year or two. It is no place, however, for a poor man. There is no work procurable and unless a man strikes it at once he is in the tureen after his little outfit has disappeared and will have to get out.

"There is lots of good ground there," he said, "but it takes money to find it, money to work it and money to make it profitable. A great deal of the ground is crevice diggings. Take the claim for instance upon which the thousand dollar nugget was found. In addition to that there were also several other nuggets picked up in close proximity, but there was never any paystreak located or found. In town there is not a dollar in sight and no way to make one. Why, the winter I was

there if every ounce of dust had been brought in and dumped in one pile I do not believe there would have been over \$1500 in the entire camp. The \$8000 and no more. I saw less money in circulation that winter than even before in all my life. But I shall think the camp will be a good one in time, though I would not advise any friend to go there unless he had a year's outfit and enough money to buy another if it became necessary.

"Times were very good at Nome last summer and with the exception of Dawson it is really the only town that is worth mentioning in the north. The mines there are yielding well and business has settled down on a proper basis as it has in Dawson."

The most promising district in the Koyukuk region Mr. Thomas believes to be on the Allankaket, a tributary of the main river which at the time he left had been but little prospected, but which was showing up excellently. There are also splendid opportunities on the south fork for a man in company with money and machinery. It is no poor man's country, however, in any sense. Mr. Thomas will remain this summer though he is undecided as to what line he will engage in. He has already been offered several very lucrative positions.

Grand Reopening

Amusement seekers are invited to attend the re-opening of the Standard dance hall Monday night under the management of Miss Pearl Hall. Good music! Good dancers! Good time!

Klondike Souvenirs, Getman's, containing 200 photos, \$1.00. Second avenue. Job Printing at Nugget office.

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Sale of Mining Claims POSTPONED Owing to the lateness of the washup this season we have decided to postpone the sale of mining claims which we contemplated holding at the Exchange building, Dawson, on June 8th, until later in the summer, announcement of which will be made later. STAUF & PATTULLO, Real Estate, Mining and Financial Agents.

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