

IN MISERABLE CONDITION.

Bonanza and Eldorado Roads Practically Impassable.

Horses Dragged by Necks From Mire Holes on Bonanza—Approaches Washed From Culverts.

A gentleman who has traveled between Dawson and the Forks almost continuously for the past 18 months says that at no time in that period has the Bonanza road been in such miserable condition as at present; that pulling horses out of mire holes by the ears or by ropes around their necks to which are attached teams is of daily occurrence along the route. These mire holes, the gentleman says, could be remedied by the dumping in them of a few loads of gravel which in many places would require to be hauled but a few yards. The road—at present is very muddy its entire length, but for the mire holes which a few wagon loads of gravel judiciously distributed would greatly remedy, the road would still be passable for light loads.

The Eldorado road is also said to be in a frightful condition, the high water and heavy rains having washed the approaches away from the culverts making it practically impossible to cross them with a team and wagon.

RISE AND FALL IN THE YUKON

Record Kept by Sergeant Major Tucker Since Monday.

The Yukon river is slowly but surely rising to a high water mark. Just what the mark will be cannot at the present time be estimated but in 48 hours it has risen 15 inches and is still on the increase. At 4 o'clock Monday afternoon Sergeant Major Tucker of the N. W. M. P., drove a stake on the river bank just at the edge of the water at a point opposite the entrance to the barracks ground. At 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, or 25 hours after the stake had been driven the water had risen until it reached 12 inches on the stake and had passed it towards the bank leaving the stake full 5 feet in the river. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning the water had risen three inches more on the stake and there was more than six feet between the edge of the water and the stake. Owing to Tuesday night being so cold, the thermometer going down almost to the freezing point, the water did not rise as much as it did the night previous and in fact the Klondike river is said to have fallen three or four inches where as it had risen a number of inches the night previous.

The marking post which the sergeant major has placed in the river is being watched with interest as everyone now is of the opinion that the water will reach a height as great as it did in the spring of '98, unless there should be some very cold weather which would stop the melting of the snow in the mountains and cause the river to fall to such an extent as to make higher water impossible.

Yesterday afternoon and last night the cold spell continued causing the river to fall about four inches, but the possibility of high water has not passed yet as the rains which have been falling intermittently for the last two days will have a tendency to cause another rise as soon as the present cold spell passes.

GARBAGE QUESTION

Will Soon be Settled—Scow to be Completed Next Week.

The big scow which is now being prepared to receive the garbage of Dawson is rapidly approaching completion although some unlooked for delays have occurred in the construction work. It is expected now that everything will be in readiness by the middle of next week when the dumping of garbage into the Klondike will be discontinued. The garbage scow will be moored at the foot of Eighth street where the garbage wagons formerly were emptied into the Yukon. Once each day probably at 4 o'clock in the morning the scow will be towed to the middle of the river and its contents consigned to the swift current. Pending the completion of the scow it is understood that the present system will be continued although the garbage already dumped into the Klondike has become very offensive to people who live along the bank of that stream.

The Sun at Midnight.
There is a possibility that an excursion will be run down to Circle City the latter part of June if enough interest is manifested to warrant the dispatch of a boat. By arranging the time of sailing it could be possible to

arrive within the arctic circle on the longest day of the year, June 21. This would give an opportunity to the excursionists to witness the midnight sun for which purpose many people have traveled from all parts of the globe. One of the large boats, for instance the steamer Susie, could in all probability be secured for the occasion, and if so there could be no doubt of the success of the enterprise for the voyage would be one of particular fascination and something to talk of by the participants for years to come.

STEAMBOAT NEWS.

Steamer Sifton left late last night with an unusually heavy passenger list. She carried a large number of way passengers with outfits for different points along the river. About 23 boats were part of her freight and five tons of supplies. The following voyagers were booked for the trip:

Mrs. Johnston, R. Zesinger and two children, P. W. Dana, J. W. Hinkle, Wm. Derschlin, M. Weber, Mrs. M. Weber, A. Yeo, Mrs. C. P. Campbell, C. L. Boig, O. F. Finch, J. A. Padley, John McDade, A. Anderson, James Hart, S. Barrett, T. Gelfovich, C. C. Nelson, A. Billway, Mrs. J. B. Grandy, Chas. McIntosh, Col. S. S. Wright, Mrs. S. S. Wright, Mrs. M. Powers, Mrs. Monaghan, L. Pacaud, M. R. Bond, A. K. McLean, C. Okis, S. Glencross, D. McDonald, R. White, J. Stowell, F. Hebert, O. Binner, D. Lipsett, G. W. Lipsett, F. S. Neill, E. M. Morris, F. Russell, A. K. Faber, M. Danfels, A. E. Clendenan, Quigley, J. Clusien, Geo. Heney, Geo. Heaney, Al Loveley, R. McIntosh, D. Bonnin, E. Ostm, Gus. Anderson, J. A. Carpenter, D. Prension, Mike Smith, B. Murray I. Thompson, W. H. Moss, W. Williams, John Syok, Carl C. Myhr, L. W. Silbet, O. H. Berg.

The river dropped last night about three inches owing to the comparatively cold weather. Should the sun come out strong, however, it is expected that the river will again raise rapidly.

The Ora is the next boat expected at the L. & C. Co. dock. She returns from Stewart river about the 3d of June. Immediately after her arrival she will be dispatched to Whitehorse and make the trip through the lakes as by the time of her arrival at Lower Lebarge the ice will have gone out there.

The Bonanza King is to sail from the White Pass dock today or tomorrow.

Charley Hall, representative of the A. C. Co. at Fortymile has been appointed general appraiser of all goods of the A. C. Co. on the Yukon. He will start down river on the Leon and appraise each station in succession. Mr. Phillips of Eagle City, resident agent of the A. E. Co., will accompany him in all probability, the latter acting for the A. E. Co. After the report of the two gentlemen has been received the stock of the companies will be taken in, as per valuation made, by the new company, The Northern Commercial Company.

COMING AND GOING.

Mr. W. C. Young of Clear creek is in Dawson a guest at the McDonald hotel.

Mr. John A. McKenzie, of Woodstock, Ontario, is a recent arrival in Dawson.

The boiler of the big fire engine at hall No. 1 is being overhauled and repaired today.

No news has been heard of the mail since it left Selwyn yesterday but it is expected at any moment.

Nick Curran is a late arrival from the outside. He has accepted a position at the Northern restaurant.

J. W. Horkan the Standard librarian, has lately received a scow load of literature, magazines, books and other periodicals from the outside.

As this paper goes to press the Townsend & Rose baseball team is contesting with the Gandolfo team for honors on the diamond at the barracks.

A labor case in which James Tate was suing Burke, Hall et al., mine owners for \$62.50 wages alleged to be due, occupied Magistrate Wroughton's attention in police court this forenoon.

Major Primrose's order to policemen to kill all dogs seen at large unlawfully instead of taking them to the pound and bringing their owners into court is having the desired effect. Loose dogs today are very rare.

Forks Hotel Changes Hands.

Raymond & Julian, the former popular proprietors of the Northern hotel at Grand Forks, have sold the property to Mr. Rosenthal (not Ikey), and retired from the business.

The old standby, Seal of North Carolina, is always generously good.

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TRAPPERS AND HUNTERS

Return From 11 Months Sojourn in Mountains.

Eleven months is a long time to be entirely cut off from civilization and society but such is the experience of four men who arrived in Dawson last evening from the head of Stewart river where they have been trapping and hunting all winter.

Their names are R. Harrison, E. Schannon, C. H. Hamilton and P. McCaig.

They all have a beautiful growth of hair which hangs down the back of their necks in peaceful curls and a growth of whiskers which are their especial pride and the envy of the crowds who turn around to watch them as they walk along the street.

They left Dawson last Fourth of July

poling up to the head of the left fork of the Stewart river, where they have their cabin which is the base of their supplies. They worked all over the country trapping game which they say is quite abundant and they brought back with them over 300 pelts including, martin, beaver, wolverine and fox. Foxes they say are quite scarce but they managed to get some good specimens.

They have done no prospecting at all but they say that a good deal of prospecting has been done on Stewart this winter and while good prospects have been found they have not heard of any stratifying pay streak being discovered.

Their camp is situated about 350 miles up the Stewart from the mouth as they started in their canoe immediately upon the breaking up of the ice making the trip to Dawson in ten days from the time of starting.

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Just how so many small dealers manage to live is a mystery, but they do live and apparently make money. It is a saying and a true one that the merchant who attends strictly to his business, no matter what his line may be, never goes broke in Dawson.

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