

BOUCHER STAKERS

Total of 286 Claims Are Recorded

Much Ground Still Open to Location—Staking Has Not Been Done Consecutively.

The discovery of gold on Boucher creek in the Sixty-mile district a short time ago has so far enriched the government by about \$5000, there being to date 286 claims recorded on the creek and its various tributaries. A glance at the books in the gold commissioner's office reveals the fact that the staking has been by no means continuous, there being long stretches in many places where the claims have not been taken up, or if they have they have not been recorded. In staking a new creek it is compulsory that the claims be taken consecutively. A party may arrive at the scene, find the last stakes that have been planted and not like the appearance of the ground immediately adjoining. Then it is customary to mark off the ground roughly they do not wish to take, beginning their claims at the point where the indications are more favorable and applying the number to them that would have been theirs had the claims been taken consecutively from the last one staked, which accounts for the fact found today on almost every creek in the Klondike; certain numbers are entirely missing while others have two and sometimes three fractions. An official survey in some instances shows that in such intervening space not enough ground has been left to correspond with the numbers while in others more than is necessary has been allowed which is responsible for the fractions. Thus on Dominion below lower discovery the numbers from 38 to 68 and from 102 to 120 are entirely missing while on Hunker there are no less than seven 35s below discovery, 35, 35a, 35a1, 35b, 35b1, 35c and 35d.

Such will likely be observed on Boucher creek whenever an official survey is made of that stream. The main creek has been staked as far below as 103 and as far above as 159, but between those two locations there are a large number for which application has not been made. Nothing has been taken between 85 and 118 above, though it must not be inferred that that particular ground is still open to location. Many of those identical claims may have been staked and not yet recorded. On account of the distance from Dawson to the scene of the strike the department allows seventeen days in which to record after staking, which gives a stamper fully a week in which to prospect his ground before making a record should he so desire. On all the pups there are also many claims unrecorded. Huok gulch is staked up to 47, it as well as all the other tributaries being staked from the mouth. Butler is staked to 44; Granite to 39; Nelson to 11; Randle to 9, while there are three on Woodburn, two on Moose and one on Brunelle. Boucher is a long creek, about 30 miles, and should the claims of the discoverers prove true and the same conditions hold good along the entire creek it will prove a fitting companion for its richer and better known sister creeks, Glacier and Miller, from each of which large fortunes in times past have been taken.

Shows No Fatigue.

Rome, Aug. 17.—The pope is in such good health that it is thought not necessary to suspend the Sunday audiences, as has hitherto been the custom, in order to give the pontiff strength for a fatiguing ceremony such as the Name day reception of today. Dr. Lapponi, the pope's physician, insisted, however, upon limiting the number of guests to 200 instead of the usual 500. The efforts to obtain invitations to the Name day reception were so persistent that came from such high quarters that the pontiff, hearing of them, overruled his physician's advice and had an additional hundred guests included.

The innumerable letters and telegrams of felicitation received by the pontiff included communications from Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, and King Alfonso of Spain. The communication from the King of Spain was the first massive sent to his godfather by King Alfonso since his coronation. The pope held the receptions in his private library. He showed no signs of fatigue. He appeared to be unusually animated and recognized the

Right Rev. Benjamin J. Kelly, bishop of Savannah, Ga., who was the only American present, immediately he perceived him.

Window Smashing Brand.

The latest on tap in Dawson is a brand of hooch that causes the absorber to drive his fist through windows, a rather severe effect on both the window and the fist. Joseph George was in police court this morning on the charge of having been drunk and disorderly, the latter portion of the charge consisting in his smashing a window in a cabin on Third avenue from which he had just been ejected by the occupants. He pleaded guilty to the charge and paid \$3 for the broken window, \$2 fine and the costs of the court in preference to laboring fifteen days.

Two Marriges

In the parlors of the Melbourne hotel last night Rev. Dr. Grant performed the ceremony which wedded Miss Anna Snyder, a late arrival from Selma, California, to Mr. John Irving, a prominent miner and owner of discovery claim on Last Chance. Previous to the arrival of the young lady in Dawson one of the recent steamers the couple had not met for seven years, but during that time a regular correspondence was kept up.

Another marriage took place in Dawson last night, Rev. Dr. Grant officiating in it also. That was the uniting of Mr. Andrew Rystogi to Miss Martha Zielinski, who traveled all the way from Philadelphia to wed the man of her choice who is a prosperous merchant and property owner on Third avenue. The ceremony took place at the groom's home.

Wrestling Contest

On Wednesday night of next week at the Standard theatre there will be a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match between Pete Morrison of Nanaimo, and Ole Marsh, the terrible Swede.

Morrison has a firstclass reputation and if he sustains it against Marsh he will be required to do some hard work. Admission to the contest has been placed within reach of all, \$1 and \$2.

Two Trains Collide

Chicago, Aug. 17.—At Hammond, Ind., today, a Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville train, carrying 600 passengers from Cincinnati, and running at a speed of forty miles an hour, crashed into a freight train waiting at a siding. The engine of the excursion train and the baggage car were badly wrecked, but the coaches were only slightly damaged. Several of the excursionists were cut painfully and bruised, but none was seriously injured.

George W. Farris, aged 21, of Cave City, who was riding in the caboose of the freight train, was killed and his brother, Daniel E. Farris, aged 28, was probably fatally hurt. The wounds of the injured were dressed at the Hammond hospital, but all were able to continue their trip to Cincinnati. The hospital attendants did not take the names of the injured.

Killed on Range.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 17.—A tragedy stopped the target practice of Company F, First regiment, Minnesota National Guard, at Columbia Ridge today. John Krisko, 13 years old, was playing in dangerous proximity to the line of fire and after having been put off the range several times, stole to a point about fifteen yards to the right of the target. Capt. P. A. Walton was testing a repeating rifle when he saw what appeared to be a sheet of paper flopping from a bush near the target. He fired at it and the next instant the boy sprang up and sank back dying, only fifty yards from Capt. Walton. The militia officer put himself at the disposal of the police, but was not arrested.

Remains Found.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 17.—The scattered remains of an unknown man who had been well dressed were discovered today along the railroad tracks outside the city. The police believe the man was robbed and murdered and the body placed under the cars to hide the crime. Near the scene where the body was found a man flagged a passing train with a bloody handkerchief, informed the trainmen that a man had been killed and disappeared. The police have been unable to get any trace of him.

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BOUNDARY MONUMENTS

Located by Russians Are Discovered

Lieutenant Emmons, U. S. A., Will Make Exhaustive Reports.

Seattle, Aug. 18.—Lieut. George T. Emmons, the United States commissioner sent north by this government to search for monuments and other evidences demarking the international boundary between Alaska and British Canada, is finding much in support of the contention of the United States, namely, that the true line follows the summit of the coast range where the latter does not extend back more than thirty marine leagues from the sea. Passengers arriving from the north yesterday on the steamers Cottage City and Dolphin say there is no doubt that Lieut. Emmons has found the ruins of a Russian stone house monument on the summit of the range and situated near the headwaters of a tributary of the Chilkat river. The discovery was made through the aid of the Chilkat Indians and Jack Dalton, the noted Alaskan pioneer. Dalton, it is now known, accompanied Lieut. Emmons to the site of the stone house. The house was found all tumbled down. It was never a pretentious structure, though some of the stones now in the ruins weigh materially in excess of a ton.

If this is really the ruin of a Russian monument, as Lieut. Emmons believes it is, it throws the entire Porcupine mining district within the United States domain; also the rich Rainy Hollow placer gold and copper camps.

The discovery of the monument but confirms the contention of its existence made for years by the Chilkat Indians. The information came from the older Indians, who in their youth were with the Russians when the house was erected. Full details of its construction and its purpose were given to Dalton and Lieut. Emmons, both of whom converse in the tongue of the Chilkat as fluently as they do in their own. Emmons has seen eighteen years service for the government in Alaska, and the daring Dalton penetrated the Chilkat region and fought his way through the hostile natives of that section nearly two decades ago. He established the Dalton trail from Pyramid harbor to the Yukon, and in doing so incurred the enmity of many of the Chilkats.

Lieut. Emmons extended his research to Lake Bennett and he is reported to have found many other evidences of the encroachment of the British on United States soil in the far north. He was detailed to make this investigation by Secretary Hay upon the instructions of President Roosevelt, and a formal report of the result of his labors will be made to the state department some time next month. The lieutenant was last heard of at Taku. Telling of the discovery of Lieut. Emmons, the *Junco* Mining Record of August 8 says: "Lieut. Emmons has just returned from the summit down the Klakhenia river and announces that he has found the old stone house on the summit which the Indians have always declared was called the 'boundary house' when the Russians had possession of this country. Lieut. Emmons found some aged Indians on the Klakhenia river who told him that they had gone up the river with the Russians when they were young people, to the boundary house, but that they had not been up there for years. They told the younger Indians as best they could where the stone house was, but they could not find it. Finally an old Indian woman, nearly 70 years of age, said she would go and show them the way. She walked thirty-five miles up the river and went directly to the site where the old house, which she had not seen since her childhood, once stood. The walls of the old building are falling down, but there is every evidence of habitation at one time, and it establishes beyond doubt that the Russians did occupy the now disputed territory, and that the boundary line according to the treaty is where the Americans claim it to be. Lieut. Emmons has secured the affidavits of two or three of the Indians familiar with the facts of the Russians having lived with them, and has now gone to Bennett to procure still more evidence, which, if successful, he says will be even more convincing than what he has already procured."

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Present Law Falls Short of Accomplishing its Purpose—Appeal to Council.

Dawson, Aug. 27, 1902. Editor Klondike Nugget.

Dear Sir.—As the Yukon council is announced to meet shortly, I wish to draw attention to a matter which falls within the jurisdiction of that body and which calls for remedial action. The ordinance for the protection of miners' wages, passed in July of last year, has proven ineffectual for its purpose and a disappointment to those whom it was intended to benefit. It is loosely and artlessly drawn, is crude in substance and in form, and has perplexed lawyers and judges only to be found practically useless.

Of many cases which have been brought under its provisions two may be taken as fairly typical. The workmen on an Eldorado claim, to whom over six thousand dollars were owing, brought action last spring and had a receiver appointed to take possession of the dump, with the intention of thus securing payment. It turned out, however, that there was a previous mortgage on the property. The mortgagee applied to discharge the receiver and to obtain possession of the claim, with the dump, machinery and all apparatus, and this was done. The men did not receive a dollar for their winter's work, although it was by their toil that the gravel had been dug up, and their labor had given value to the heap which the incumbrancer appropriated. The actual facts were not exactly as here stated but they were substantially so, and I have put them in the above form for the sake of clearness, the difference being immaterial.

A second instance of the operation of the present system occurred on a Bonanza property last week. The ground was under lease. The laymen who were heavily indebted to their workmen, threw up their lease, informing the men that they had no money to pay them with. The ground had been stripped, the owner entered into possession and is said to be getting good results from his work. The miners believe that they could operate the ground with sufficient profit to pay themselves their arrears if there were any means of getting possession of it.

Every lawyer in Dawson will have in his mind illustrations of the faulty character of our present laws just as striking as the above. I have seen a man of seventy-two left without a dollar to show for his hard winter's work, and I have seen middle-aged men in tears when they found themselves robbed of the fruit of their labors by the holder of a previous incumbrance.

This would neither be novel nor unfair. The ordinances of the Northwest Territories provide that mortgages on crops intended to secure payment for seed grain advanced, shall take precedence of chattel mortgages previously given by the mortgagor and shall be "a first and preferential security for the sum therein mentioned." Further, the claim of seamen for their wages upon the ship and freight takes priority of the claim of a mortgagee.

What could be more just? Without the seaman's exertions the voyage could not be made. Without the seed grain the crops could not be grown. And how could either owner or mortgagee of a mining area extract the gold without the aid of the workmen?

There is room for discussion as to details and modes of procedure, but I am satisfied that the true remedy for a crying evil is indicated above.

R. W. SHANNON.

Col. Hemphill Dead

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 17.—Col. William Arnold Hemphill, founder and for many years business manager of the Atlanta Constitution, died at his residence in this city of apoplexy. He had been in somewhat feeble health for several months but his condition was not regarded as serious and his death came as a shock.

Col. Hemphill was born in Athens, Ga., in 1842. He fought in the Confederate army with conspicuous gallantry and was severely wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. Col. Hemphill founded the Constitution in 1867 and was one of its principal owners until January last, when he disposed of his interest. He served a term as alderman of the city, president of the Capital City bank, the Atlanta Trust & Banking Co. and the Atlanta Street Car Company. He has several times been prominently mentioned as the Democratic candidate for governor of Georgia.

Did Not Resign

Montreal, Aug. 17.—Lord Hopetoun former governor-general of the commonwealth of Australia, after spending Sunday in Montreal, left tonight for New York, where he will sail on the Teutonic on Wednesday for home. Lord Hopetoun, speaking of the reports regarding his resignation, said: "I did not resign, as has been stated in the newspapers. I was recalled by the imperial government, and I am returning home."

His lordship would not discuss the reasons leading to his recall. He is accompanied by his aide, Col. Corbett, who declared that the salary allowed the governor-general was too small and the situation became so unpleasant that the recall became necessary.

Gen. Meyer's Funeral.

Brussels, Aug. 17.—The Boer generals De Wet, Delarby and Botha are expected to reach here next Tuesday for the funeral of Gen. Lucas Meyer. Enormous crowds viewed the embalmed body of Lucas Meyer today. The remains will be taken to South Africa. Among the many wreaths sent for the funeral of Gen. Meyer were one from former President Kruger, and Joseph Chamberlain, the British colonial secretary. The wreath sent by Mr. Chamberlain was composed of splendid orchids.

Attend Farewell Services

London, Aug. 17.—Upon the invitation of Very Rev. George G. Bradley, dean of Westminster, the colonial troops still in England attended a farewell service this morning, in Westminster abbey, at which Canon Weldon, of the abbey, officiated. Special power of attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

Meeting of Royalists.

Paris, Aug. 17.—A royalist committee held a reunion at La St. Francaise today, the name day of the Duchess of Orleans. The committee sent a resolution of homage to the Duke of Orleans, in which religious persecution was referred to, and appealing to the duke to give the long awaited signal.

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