

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL.

As Remembered By Mr. Charles E. De Succa.

Trip and Arrival of Mr. Zahriska—Business Preparations at Closeleigh—Other Items.

To Mr. Chas. E. De Succa, formerly city editor of the Skagway Daily Alaskan, who arrived in Dawson yesterday evening, after a speedy trip over the ice, the Nugget is indebted for the following notes of the trail:

Much work is now being done at Closeleigh, preparing for the rush of business that is expected at that point next summer. Geo. L. Rice has men at work on a large dance hall and saloon, and will be in a position to open as soon as the river breaks. Other buildings are going up and by next fall quite a town will be in evidence. Several people are now in Skagway and Bennett waiting to go into this new town which is favorably regarded by a large number of people.

Work on the channel at Five Fingers and Rink rapids is being carried on rapidly and before the river opens it is expected that it will be more easily navigated next year than before.

Coming in over the winter trail one sees some peculiar advertisements of enterprising roadhouse men put up for the purpose of enticing the unwary into the net. Signs that read "Coffee like your mother made," "Home cooking," and "Lady cook," are frequent, and one innkeeper cut out the colored supplement of a cook book and tacked it up on a board above Minto. They may be all right in these places but pictures of collections of cakes, pies, cookies, etc., don't look very good to a tired and hungry musher.

Mr. Zebriska, a mining expert formerly interested in Dawson mining circles, arrived in town yesterday after a 17 days' trip from Bennett, and is at the McDonald. Wrapped in soft, warm furs in a comfortable sled, drawn by a swift dog team and steered by a veteran musher, he made the trip with almost as much pleasure as in a Pullman. Mr. Zebriska has been outside for a year and was much surprised at the remarkable development of Dawson. He spent some time in New York City recently and reports that although Nome is talked of a great deal, Dawson is regarded by all named men as the best place for investment. On the trip in cold weather was experienced until the last two days of the trip, when the warm weather set in. At Indian river there was a change of 120 degrees in 24 hours. Excepting over the hills, there is a fine trail the entire distance.

They Met Disappointment.

Many of those who are now arriving from the outside with provisions, supplies, stocks of footwear and incidentals are surprised on reaching Dawson to find that the demand for their stuff is indifferent where they expected people to jump at and gobble it up regardless of cost. When winter settled down on this part of the country there was an immense general stock on hand, and while that stock has been steadily drawn on for a period of nearly five months, it is not yet nearly exhausted, there being sufficient of the old stock still on hand to supply the local demand even if it were not augmented by a pound of the fresh article. In view of these conditions therefore, the market is not so bare as many of our recently arrived friends expected to find it and the demand for their goods is correspondingly meagre. Many articles which have just arrived from the outside, and on which the musher from Bennett expected to realize, say three dollars per pound, are found to not command more than from \$1 to \$1.50 per pound when offered on the Dawson market.

While this state of things is somewhat disappointing to the shipper, it is at the same time pleasing to those who have been buying at local prices all winter and who confidently hope to finish the winter at the old schedule.

Fish Bait as a Beverage.

Notwithstanding the statement of Health Officer Dr. Good to the effect that the water taken from the Yukon river at present is practically free from germs of disease, a citizen rushed into the Nugget office this morning with a shivers-creating story to the effect that on inspection a bucket of water taken from the Yukon yesterday was found to contain myriads of small worms and wigglers, a few of them being fully half an inch in length, but of a light color that makes it hard to discern them unless the water is in a dark

colored vessel and then only by close inspection will they be noticed.

For the consolation of the people of Dawson, all of whom are patrons of the Yukon river water system, it is but proper to state that the bucket of water above referred to was taken from a hole in the ice near the moorings of the steamer Merwin which is close to the bank and below where nearly all the garbage and refuse is deposited on the ice and fully 50 yards inside of what is known as the limit line which is indicated by flags and beyond which the current is supposed to flow.

It is, however, not pleasant to contemplate that for an indefinite length of time the Yukon will be the only available water source unless some arrangement be made for the general supply to come from the Arctic well in which event water will be a very expensive article to the consumer.

In the meantime nothing will be lost in boiling all the water used for domestic purposes.

Presbyterian Song Service.

There will be a special song service at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening. A collection from those present will be taken, and the proceeds will be applied to the furnishing of the female ward in the Good Samaritan hospital. This feature of next Sunday evening's service will be exceedingly good, and everyone is requested to attend.

Record of Transfers.

A. F. Miller to H. E. Ridley, fourth of hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of 71 below lower on Dominion.

H. Puster to C. Wolfert, fourth of 71 above on Sulphur.

A. Smiley to J. Ardito, half of hillside, left limit, opposite 120 below lower on Dominion.

L. A. Hausen to J. P. Persum, fourth of 16 below on Canon.

A. Laceta to W. Shea, half of 6 above on Last Chance.

L. D. Corbett to C. E. G. Powell, half of hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of 47 below on Hunker.

P. Crossan to C. E. G. Powell, half of 3 Little Skookum.

J. Rowans to J. T. Burk, 25 above on Bonanza.

J. S. Noble to F. J. McDougall, eighth of hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of 69 below lower on Dominion.

W. K. Wright to F. J. McDougall, half of 41a on Gold Run.

T. Dignin to A. Bowen, half of bench, second tier from Bonanza and first tier from Skookum.

A. T. Knight to J. E. McGrew, all of 66 above on Sulphur.

C. Fosgen to J. O. La Chappelle, all of 15 below on Hunker, and all of 5 below upper on Dominion.

C. Murthy to J. P. Pike et al., the upper half of No. 1 on a pup entering Bear creek at No. 1 below discovery.

J. S. Duffy to J. P. Pike et al., the lower half of No. 1 on a pup entering Bear creek at No. 1 below discovery.

L. A. Harrison.

A telegram received this morning by Lieut. S. E. Adair from W. W. Short-hill, Skagway, asks for information regarding his brother-in-law, L. A. Harrison, who is supposed to have reached Dawson over the ice a week or two ago, and who was reported to his wife at Skagway as having reached here in bad health. Anyone knowing of Harrison will confer a favor on his anxious family by calling on Lieut. Adair at his office in the A. C. building.

Copper River Prospectors.

Yesterday the N. A. T. & T. Co. engaged Mr. Harris and two other men to prospect its copper properties in the copper river country. The miners left Dawson with good dog teams, and will travel up the Yukon as far as White river. They will follow the White river until they reach its headwaters, and will then cross the country until they reach the copper river district. The N. A. T. & T. Co. have several locations in this district, and proposed to prospect them thoroughly.

Tozier & Condon.

Messrs. Leroy Tozier and E. B. Condon have formed a partnership for the purpose of conducting a mining and general brokerage business. The firm has secured quarters in the Orpheum theater building. Their offices will consist of three rooms, handsomely furnished, which are situated in the front part of the second story. Both gentlemen are well known in the Yukon territory, and undoubtedly they will transact a most profitable business.

Placer Claims Recorded.

Joseph D. Clarke received a grant for creek claim No. 2 below lower discovery on Dominion. This claim is about 202 feet in length, and was purchased by Mr. Clarke for \$1300 from the Canadian government at the auction sale of Dominion creek claims, which was held at Ottawa last fall.

William X. Wright was permitted

to record a fractional claim of about 75 feet, designated as 41a on Gold Run. The grant was given in lieu of a claim which Mr. Wright lost in a contest case. Immediately after receiving the grant, Mr. Wright transferred to F. J. McDougall an half interest in the property.

Won a Prize.

**Edges of poor men oft reaped as
Honest men won't stand a chance;
The more we work the more we grow behind us
Bigger patches on our pants.**

**On our pants, once new and glossy,
Now are stripes of different hue,
All because subscribers linger,
And won't pay us what is due!**

**Then let us be up and doing:
Send your mite, however small;
Or when the snow of winter strikes us
We shall have no pants at all!**

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. F. Fahey is visiting the city.

W. B. Morse is a visitor to Dawson.

Frank Dugal is in Dawson on a short visit.

S. J. Stiles is a guest at the Fairview.

Abe McKinnon is in the city on business.

R. F. Logan is spending a few days in town.

A. Paramer is enjoying a short vacation in town.

Ben Ferguson of Grand Forks, is registered at the Regina.

Alex Nelson is spending several days among his friends in town.

John Dodds was entered as a scurry patient in the Good Samaritan hospital.

H. A. Matheson and wife, of Hunker creek, are visiting their Dawson acquaintances.

Mark Welch is in town for a few days. He is among the guests at the Fairview.

T. Elliott came to Dawson from the creeks yesterday, and will remain here several days.

Frank Charlton, of Dominion creek, is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

Alfred Phillips was discharged yesterday from the Good Samaritan hospital as convalescent.

L. R. Bonin, the A. E. Co.'s representative at Grand Forks, is stopping at the Regina.

J. W. Hudson is an inmate of the Good Samaritan hospital. He is afflicted with a lung disease.

Alexander Kerr arrived from Dominion last night. He is suffering from blood poisoning in the hand, and is confined to his room in the Fairview.

Dominion Creek Social.

Recently a very pleasant time was enjoyed at a social gathering, which was given in August Sutherland's cabin at No. 74 below lower discovery on Dominion. Among those present were: Messrs. Sutherland, Ross, McIntyre, McLeod, James McDonald, Johnston, Babcock, Curran, Milne, Edward Gouvan, sr., Edward Gouvan, Jr., Hunt, Atchinson, Smith, Stevens, George Pendergast, William Pendergast and Dan McDonald. Many of the guests displayed remarkable skill on various musical instruments, and a number of vocal selections were well rendered.

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Assayers.

JOHN E. WARDEN, F. I. C.—Assayer for Bank of British North America. Gold dust melted and assayed. Assays made of quartz and black sand. Analyses of ores and coal.

Physicians.

J. W. GOOD, M. D.—Has removed to Rooms 14 and 15 Aurora Block, Cor. First Avenue and Second St.

LAWYERS

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