

## INDIANS FROM COPPER RIVER

Visit the Upper Yukon on Trading Expedition.

What W. H. B. Lyons Has to Say of Their Copper Weapons—Derby Hats Take Their Fancy.

From Wednesday's Daily  
Walter Lyons, manager of the Ladue Co., returned yesterday from a journey up river where he has been looking up timber lands in his company's interests. While stopping at Stewart he witnessed the arrival of a band of Copper river or Tanana Indians who for the first time in the memory of white men visited that section of the country.

These natives carried slugs of copper which they said were used in place of leaden bullets when on the hunt. Although they brought no firearms with them they evidently possessed guns and knew how to use them.

Remarkable as it may seem the knives used by them are made from solid copper sharpened to a keen edge in which indentations or "nicks" were noticed which would infer that the art of tempering copper is known to these natives. Unfortunately no test was made in this regard to show whether or not they were possessed of this lost art, not even a sample of the knives having been obtained. The implements were made with a double edge in the shape of a Bowie knife and were evidently carved from solid copper.

These Indians came down the White river from the Alaskan side and according to their stories traveled 20 sleeps, which would mean 400 miles, they traveling about 20 miles a day, the usual distance covered by an Indian in a day's journey during the winter months.

A ludicrous sight was witnessed when the tribe commenced trading, which was carried on all of one night, seven of the bucks being locked in the trading post until they had disposed of all their furs, among which were three silver gray foxes. They insisted on selling for money, silver dollars only being recognized by them as a medium of exchange. After all their goods were disposed of in this manner they then commenced buying tea, tobacco, etc., every brave first purchasing a derby hat which was proudly worn by the red man, while the chief bought two, wearing them both on his head, one over the other with the greatest satisfaction.

The squaws which accompanied the expedition were not allowed to leave the mouth of White river, but were not forgotten, for many gaudy handkerchiefs and high colored cottons were purchased for them. The silver gray fox skins were sold for \$50 each, the money returning to the trader for stores representing to him a probable cost of \$10. The skins are worth about \$150 on the outside.

## ALONG THE GOLD CREEKS

Happenings of Past Week on Bonanza and Eldorado.

Mr. Wm. Northrop, of Magnet Hill was in town on business yesterday.

Mr. Gus Buechler, of 39 Eldorado visited Dawson the fore part of the week.

Messrs. Hugh Cox, McEwen, Will and Sam Richardson, all of Victoria gulch, came to Dawson last Wednesday.

Mr. C. D. Blodgett, of 21 below Bonanza, was shaking hands with his numerous friends in Dawson last Tuesday.

Messrs. Pattullo and Senkler made a business trip up Eldorado last Tuesday.

Mr. Ogilvie and party took advantage of the pleasant weather the fore part of the week to take a sleigh ride to Grand Forks.

On account of the high price of candles a number of miners on Adams Hill are using electric light in the tunnels.

Mr. Marsh's cabin on Judge Davis' claim on Magnet gulch was consumed by fire last Wednesday, destroying the books and valuable papers of the company.

Mr. Sheppard, of Oro Fino Hill, has sold his interests to his partner Mr. M. E. Olsen.

Mr. Tom Jones, jr., of the Star roadhouse, on 22 below Bonanza, will give a big dance on Friday evening, March 8th. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mrs. T. L. McGrath, who has been at St. Mary's hospital for the past three months was able to return to her

home on 40 Eldorado last week. For three weeks Mrs. McGrath's life was despaired of. T. L. is all smiles since her return.

Mr. Almquist, of Gold Hill, was treated to a genuine surprise a short time ago. Having left home 3½ years ago, and not knowing that his son Alfred was coming in, Mr. Almquist did not recognize his son when he walked into the paternal cabin until he made himself known.

The ladies who took a sleigh ride with one of the finest dog teams on Bonanza one day last week, recount the incident of going over a big snow bank with great merriment, as all came out of the big tumble without a scratch.

The boys living in a double cabin on the right limit of 18 Eldorado, were surprised on coming to dinner one day last week to find the floor covered with water. Dirt and gravel were thrown against the ceiling by the force with which the water burst into the room from a glacier just above the cabin.

## ROADHOUSES RAIDED.

Gold Run Gets a Taste of Hot Stuff.

On Saturday last the police made a raid on several roadhouses on Gold Run which it was understood were keeping open after 12 o'clock. Roadhouse No. 14 on that creek was taken possession of temporarily and five men who were found playing cards after the hour of 12 p. m., were arrested as well as the proprietor, May Nolan.

Capt. McDonell, who recently held court at the Forks tried the cases Monday, which ended in all being fined \$25 and costs, except the proprietor who was assessed \$50 and costs. The charge preferred against the arrested parties was gambling. It is reported that the police are very strict now with law-breakers and gambling, roadhouse dances and illegitimate pleasures of all kinds are being suppressed.

## BELCHER-McDONALD

Case Resting While Attorneys Engage in Argument.

It was thought a decision in the Belcher-McDonald case would be given this morning regarding the admission of certain evidence given by Alex McDonald last September and about which the greater part of yesterday afternoon was consumed in hearing arguments by the attorneys in the case and the same line of action was resumed this morning and continued until adjournment was taken at the noon hour.

The point being argued is as to what portions of McDonald's story of last September will be admitted as evidence at the present time, and what parts of it will be stricken out.

The argument in the case will probably be heard tomorrow as the case has to be finished tomorrow night or go over until some future time, as there are so many cases pending that the time for further hearing cannot be allowed at present.

The case of McKay vs. the V. Y. T. Co is being heard before Justice Craig. The suit is for the recovery of \$16,000 sustained by the plaintiff through the loss and non-delivery of goods as per agreement. Burritt and McKay appear for the plaintiff and Attorney Aikman for the defendant.

Moore Outclassed.

Last night the Orpheum theater was well filled with a good natured, indulgent crowd to witness the "go" between the Colorado Kid and Sam Moore. It was not expected to be a "warm one" but with a desire to increase the gate receipts for the contestants, or out of curiosity the crowd assembled and standing room was at a premium when the men stepped into the ring. The Kid was the favorite from the start and it did not take him long to show that he had everything his own way. The go lasted one round and two minutes, at which time the Kid landed a clean, straight from the shoulder on Moore's jaw, putting him entirely out of business. The referee declared the Kid the winner.

Missing Men.

The postmaster has received inquiries for the following persons: Chas. J. Dahlstrom, Denison, Iowa; P. A. Miller, Maynardville, Tenn.; Chas. V. Rogers, Montecello, Ill.; V. M. Draper, Hamburg, Mich.

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## YUKON COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

of \$270 (taxes which he had paid) owing to the fact that the taxation ordinance was not being enforced. Action on this matter was postponed until the questions of the putting into force of the taxation ordinance was brought up. Moved by Mr. Prudhomme, seconded by Mr. Wilson; resolved, that at the regular meeting of the Yukon council held on Thursday the 14th March, appeals against assessment by petition be heard, and that the council sit from night to night until the whole matter is disposed of and that a notice of this meeting be published in all the Dawson newspapers.

A communication from the comptroller was presented asking on what date the increase of pay to the territorial employees (under Mr. Wilson's motion) was to begin.

Moved by Mr. Prudhomme, seconded by Mr. Wilson; resolved, that the increase of pay to the territorial employees date from the 1st of January, 1901.

The commissioner reported to the council that he had referred the matter of making plans for and supervising the construction of the new schoolhouse building to the government architect and had ascertained that for this service the architect would ask a fee of \$1000, and asked for the council's opinion as to whether he should proceed.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Prudhomme; resolved, that the council accept Mr. Fuller's offer, and that the work be proceeded with under the direction of the commissioner.

Communications from the assistant gold commissioner and the mining inspector on Hunker creek were laid before council recommending the appointment of an inspector of boilers.

Moved by Mr. Dugas, seconded by Mr. Wilson; resolved, that the Northwest territorial ordinance in regard to the inspection of boilers be referred to the legal adviser to draft an ordinance applicable to the Yukon territory.

A communication from Mrs. M. L. Ferguson was laid on the table stating that the numbers for the houses of Dawson, which she proposed to use in connection with the directory of the city were in "Skagway, and that the work of numbering the houses would commence as soon as navigation opened.

A communication from the officer commanding the Northwest mounted police was read informing the council that Mr. Totty, Moosehide, had made a requisition for supplies for the Indian school children. She commissioner was instructed to refer this question to the department of Indian affairs, Ottawa.

A communication was submitted from the owners of the houses of prostitution on Fourth avenue, asking that they be not removed from that part of the city, but that a high fence be erected around that locality. No action.

Mr. Dugas moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson; resolved, that the license inspector be instructed to see that the provisions of the license ordinance be strictly enforced and that every persistent infraction of the ordinance, the license be cancelled.

Mr. Prudhomme asked what progress the public vaccinators were making. The commissioner reported that he had not received the report of the medical health officer on this matter yet, but would ask that the same be furnished.

Mr. Wilson asked if there had been any report in respect to the return of the legal adviser.

The commissioner replied that there was no further information respecting this matter.

It was ordered that the commissioner be instructed to communicate with the federal government in respect to this matter at once.

No Show for Captain Scarth.

Capt. William H. Scarth, of the N. W. M. P., who a short time ago telegraphed to Ottawa his willingness to go to South Africa in his country's defense, is practically without hope of being accepted for the reason that no commissions have been given since December 31st and there are no more to give, and, after being for ten years in the police service in which he holds the commission of inspector, he would not resign that position for the purpose of going to Africa as a private. Could he secure a commission there he would be a valuable acquisition to the Canadian contingent as his temperament is such as would particularly benefit him for action.

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Kodaks bought and sold. Goetzman.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof for an act to amend the act respecting the Dawson City Electric Company, Ltd., and to extend the time limited for the commencement and completion of the electric railway and tramway by said last mentioned act authorized to be constructed.

BELCOURT & RITCHIE, Solicitors for the Applicants. Dated at Ottawa, this 10th day of December, 1900.

### Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following survey, notice of which is published below, has been approved by Wm. Ogilvie, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, and unless protested within three months from the date of first publication of such approval in the Klondike Nugget newspaper, the boundaries of property as established by said survey shall constitute the true and unalterable boundaries of such property by virtue of an order in council passed at Ottawa the 2nd day of March, 1900.

CREEK CLAIMS No. 32, 36, 37 and 38 Gold Run creek and creek claim No. 2 on a tributary at 36 Gold Run creek, in the Dominion mining division of the Dawson mining district, a plan of which is deposited in the Gold Commissioner's office at Dawson, Y. T. under No. 49 by T. D. Green, D. L. S. First published February 6th, 1901.

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