

MINERS CONDEMN CLAIM JUMPERS.

And Their Association With Expell Anyone Found Guilty.

A Petition to Ottawa for Relief Wanted, a Retroactive Act—Titles May be Questioned if This is Not Done.

On Saturday evening there was a good meeting of the Miners' Association to consider the late stampede to Dominion and Gold Run creeks, the stampede having had for its object the taking away from certain claim holders of one half of their 500-foot claims.

Mr. Worledge, in a thoughtful and vigorous speech attacked conditions as they were found here and offered the following resolution which was afterwards unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the Miners' Association strongly condemn the action of those persons who on an alleged technicality are seeking to dispossess the miners of a large portion of their claims, and

Resolved further, That if any members of the association be found to be implicated in such attempt they be forthwith expelled from the association.

Frank Bureau, a pioneer, gave the history of the first 500-foot law. Captain Constantine in '94 had asked the miners on the American side of Forty-Mile why they did not cross over the line and work the Canadian side.

Mr. C. M. Woodworth gave some thoughtful pointers upon the situation. The claims in question had in many cases been sold. The buyers had in each case, taken the recording papers—which is the only title to ground given by the government—as demonstrating the seller's right to dispose of the ground.

Messrs. Ritchie, Allen, McDougall, Miller and others spoke during the evening and Messrs. Woodworth, George and Garrou Reed were elected a committee to draft a petition to the government at Ottawa setting forth the injustices which will be worked and the evils which will arise if the miners are disturbed in possession and thereby all titles declared no good.

The year 1898 was a famous one in the annals of Pacific Coast steamboating. The rush of Alaska passenger business brought about the drafting into the service of all sorts of old tubs in the care of all sorts of alleged pilots.

handsome craft was only approached by the scramble for places on the company's second boat, the Dirigo. Captain Roberts of the Dirigo and Captain O'Brien of the Rosalie have only one rival piece and that is each other. They are not only skilful but thoroughly understand the proper care of passengers, with the result that each traveler leaves the boat with a curious feeling of obligation to its captain.

The officers of the company are Walter Oaks, president, living in Tacoma, and Chas. E. Peabody, of Seattle, manager; while C. H. J. Stoltenberg, is in charge of the Seattle office, and it is largely to these three gentlemen that the company owes its prestige.

It was dark when we plodded upward. Through the snow with the wind on our face, the sky was dark—as a thunder-cloud above; white through the gap the valley was seen.

Still, on and up the heights we climb. Through snow to the knee on the trail; deep silence reigns on every side. Save the wind's whistle and wail.

Daylight began to break, when high on the ridge. Far to the east in the heavy sky; white far, far below, on every hand, the white crevices and valleys lie.

Pure and still, like a virgin at rest. The white earth enshrouded lies; and the zephyr's keen bite—it's a frosty air—'neath the frowning and troubled sky.

When, look to the East, a hundred miles or more. The Rockies stand out, rugged and bold, with snow-capped sides and bare and peak; are mighty giants for man to behold.

All white against the distant sky. With the dark clouds are hovering above, the distant dawn peeps through, with a truth eternal as love.

I look with awe on the hallowed sight— with eyes ablaze; but, yet, was dumb— I see the steel-gray light creep down the horizon of a midnight sun.

But, see! that weird light will change, like a breath on a summer's day, it silently glides along the crest— as smoke it is rolling away.

A streak of crimson touches those peaks through the clouds, far, far away; then, ruby bathes their base so broad— for it's the dawn of another day.

Grand, indeed, is the sight, afar— jagged peaks in an icy embrace, a lone soul looks, while Nature unfolds, with inspired feelings of grace.

A moment and you, in fancy would see the glitter of angel's wings; while, listening, with the ears of the soul, you truly would hear them sing.

Long will I remember that dawn from above— so thrilling, and changing so great. To me it seems, as I think of it now, like the opening of the Pearly Gates.

CHESTER WHITMAN TENNANT.

What He Knows of Fires.

As one experienced in the art and theories of ventilation and natural draught I would very much like to say a word or two upon the cause of the innumerable roof fires in Dawson.

In the first place we must thoroughly understand why heated smoke ascends a stovepipe at all, instead of remaining stationary. A cubic inch of air can be expanded by heat to several times its bulk, without gaining anything in weight; inch for inch the heated air will be seen at once to be several times lighter than the surrounding atmosphere, and will, of course, rush upwards to seek an equilibrium of weights.

Now that we understand the first principles we will proceed to apply it to the stove. In the first place, owing to the fact that we find here the tendency, on every hand to hang onto every stove pipe the biggest stove we can get, in the second place and for the same reason, the stove will, probably, be running to its full capacity and passing great volumes of heated air into the first end of the stove-pipe. In order to carry the pipe well up into an atmosphere at a temperature below zero, with the result that at the upper end of a long pipe the contained air has lost both its heat and its buoyancy and is being positively crowded by the rush of hot air at the lower end.

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