

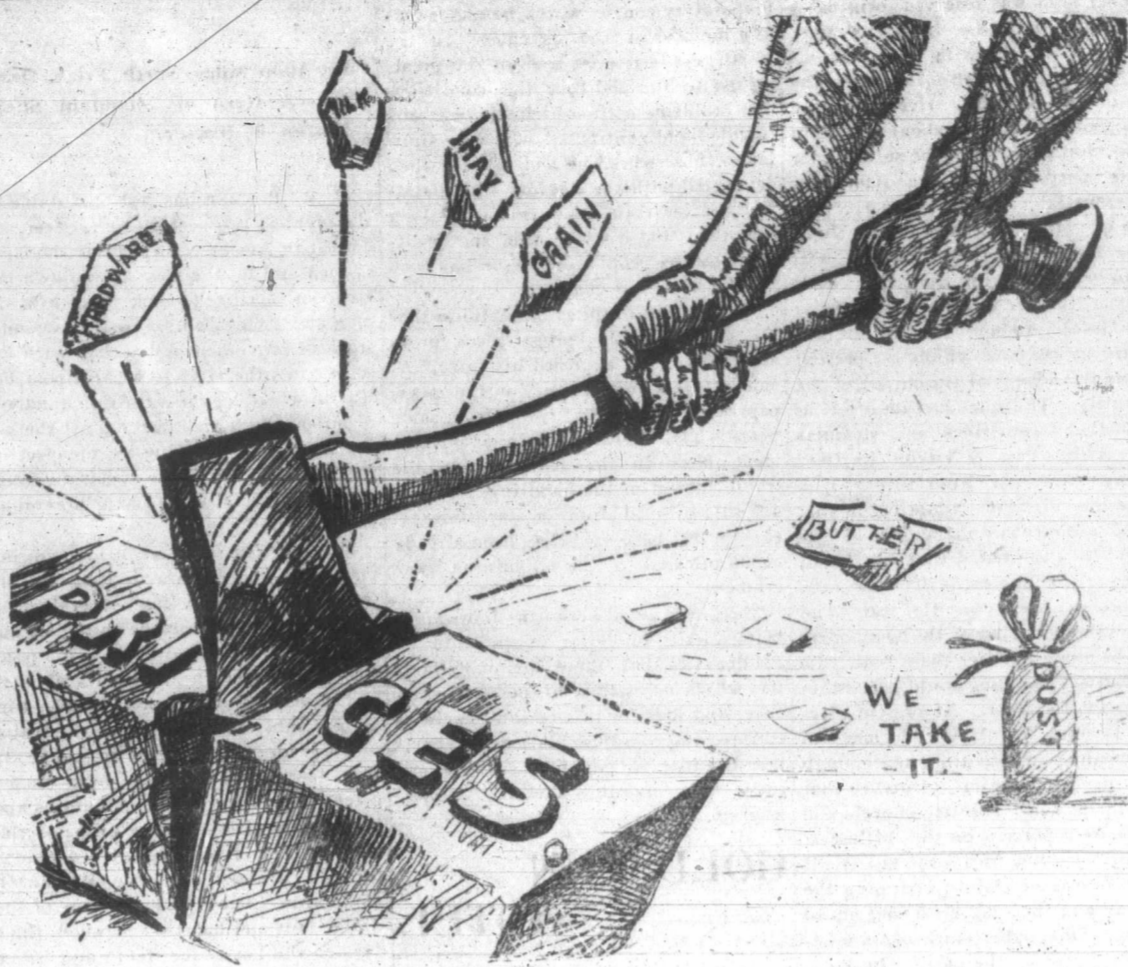
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HE VISITED THE KUSKOKWIM

Captain Sanford of Str. May West There Last Winter.

Thinks It is a Poor Country for the Miner—Pitiful Story of Exposure and Starvation.

Capt. James S. Sanford, master of the steamer May West which arrived yesterday morning, was one of the very few stamperers to the supposedly rich diggings of the Kuskokwim who succeeded in reaching their destination last winter. When the news of the strike reached St. Michael and Nome early in the winter everyone who could muster up a team of dogs and an outfit joined in the rush, none apparently knowing the exact location of the discovery except that it was somewhere on the right fork of the Kuskokwim. Captain Sanford and Dr. Pratt were among the first to get away, leaving St. Michael with a team of seven dogs November 6. They proceeded up the Yukon to a point 27 miles below the Russian mission where a portage of 65 miles was made, striking the Kuskokwim 20 miles above Bethel, the Moravian mission, and 80 miles from the mouth of the river. From thence the main river was followed to Trail creek in the Summit district at the head of the south fork, arriving there January 28 after 83 days of continuous traveling. The trail practically the entire distance had to be broken and the trip was extremely laborious on both men and dogs, eight of the latter dying from the hardships and exposure, a number having been purchased of the Indians in addition to the original team they had started with from St. Michael. On their arrival at Trail creek but little time could be spent there as their grub was exhausted and there was no more to be had for love or money.

"The distance Trail creek is from the mouth of the river," said Captain Sanford, "would be hard to state, but I imagine it is in the neighborhood of 400 miles. I find that everyone has a tendency to overestimate distances on a new trail and particularly where it is a hard one. Why, some of the days we would not make 10 miles, but we would feel at night as though we had traveled 100. I have heard people say it is 350 miles up the river to the Kozmekofski, the last station on the Russian river and 12 miles above the Russian

mission, whereas it is but little over half that distance. Of all the outfits which left St. Michael for the Kuskokwim last winter, but five consisting all told of 13 men reached Trail creek. There were a few there ahead of us, but they like ourselves were short of grub and had been unable to do much prospecting. A peculiarity of the district is that the ground below a foot or two from the surface is not frozen and the water prevented a single hole being put down to bedrock. The deepest hole sunk was only 10 1/2 feet deep and that was not to bedrock. It was on 2 below discovery and the owners of the claim stated they had had some good prospects, but they had nothing to show for it. There were several other holes started on Trail creek and some also on Summit creek, but they never attained any depth on account of the water. I think but very little of that section; it does not look good and I shall be very much surprised if pay is ever found there which amounts to anything. There is an Indian village 65 miles below Trail creek which is called Katchoon. A short distance above Bethel there are a couple rivers, one of which, the Kwitshok, we explored for a short distance. The indications there I consider much better than on Trail or Summit creeks. The formations are more favorable and we saw numerous bars that looked as though they might be gold bearing. I am satisfied in my own mind that none of those who made the trip in last winter found anything worth recording, and I don't believe it is there. Still, I see quite a number who are going in this summer, piling boats up the river and taking in enough grub to carry them through till spring."

Captain Sanford tells a pitiful story of hardship encountered by one outfit which came under his observation. During the winter a party of 11 left Nome for the new strike. When they reached the lower river three of the number backed out and returned. The other eight pushed on. Shortly afterward a fearful blizzard overtook them and in some manner the party became separated. Three succeeded in reaching Amuk, an Indian village, so badly frozen their lives were despaired of. The Indians made the trip to St. Michael notifying General Randall that three white men were at their village and he immediately dispatched dog teams for the purpose of bringing them to the St. Michael hospital. Upon their arrival it was found necessary to amputate all the fingers and thumbs on both hands of two of the men, the third one suffering the loss of both feet. They all recovered, but the first named are helpless as babes and have to be fed

PEOPLE WE MEET.



F. X. GOSSELIN, CROWN TIMBER AND LAND AGENT.

by an attendant. The other five of the party were never heard from until this summer and then their bodies were found frozen stiff in death.

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Worthless Horses.

There is was in fire hall No. 2, and all on account of injudicious investments in horse flesh. Tom Hatch, driver of the hook and ladder truck, has long had to contend with the perversities of a balky horse. A few days ago the beast was sold and another purchased and now it is found that the successor is even worse than his predecessor. While out for exercise yesterday something less than two hours was

required to make the circuit of two blocks. By that time the driver had exhausted his stock of profanity and he arrived at the fire hall minus his power of speech.

A Painful Wound.

A Frenchman, whose name was not learned, almost severed one of his knee caps from the limb by a miss-stroke of the ax while he was engaged in cutting wood Wednesday on the ridge near the

U. S. tent roadhouse. He was pulled up by the stage from Caribou to Marsh—and there he suffered so intensely that it was necessary to leave him at McCormack's until he could have medical attention. A doctor was sent for from Bethel and if able, the unfortunate will be brought to a Dawson hospital by the stage today.

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