

FROM BIG SALMON

R. S. Chestnut Brings News of the Mines and Some Recent Discoveries

NOT PREVIOUSLY MADE KNOWN

The Former Bed of Livingston Creek Discovered

FORTY-FIVE FEET IN HILL

Back of Rim on Ten Above Discovery by Mr. Rollins—Many Creeks Practically Unprospected.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.
R. S. Chestnut a claim owner from Livingstone creek in the Salmon river district arrived from up the river yesterday bringing news from that part of the country which he believes to be all right.

"Much work is being done in the vicinity of discovery claim, both in the way of winter work and preparatory for next summer's operations," says Mr. Chestnut, "and Livingstone creek, although no one expects it to make such a stir in the mining world as the Klondike did, will be favorably heard from next year.

"Here is a sample of some of the gold taken from one of the creek claims near discovery," said the gentleman, pouring into a blotter about \$500 worth of very pretty nuggets and coarse gold, which closely resembles, both in smoothness and color the metal taken from Jack Wade creek. The gold gives an average assay of \$17.90 per ounce.

In particularizing the work at present under way, Mr. Chestnut said: "Mr. Rollins, who purchased at the sale of crown lands held here last July the block of ten claims from 10 above discovery to 20 on the left limit, has just finished driving a 45 foot drift from the rim into the hillside on claim 10, from which he has obtained very satisfactory results.

"The bedrock from where this drift was started pitches downwards to such an extent that a shaft sunk at the end of the 45 feet was 13 feet deep before it touched the bed. At the bottom of this, however, coarse gold was found in sufficient quantity to satisfy the owner that his money in doing the development work had been well spent.

"The discovery of coarse gold in this shaft, and the pitch of the bedrock bears out the theory held to by many for some time past, that the creek's present course is foreign to its original bed which it is now believed to have been found by Mr. Rollins, who intends to continue work during the winter.

"No winter work will be done on the creek proper, as the bedrock is too close to the surface to make it anything but summer diggings.

"Robert Falkerson and Paul Chandy, the owners of hillside No. 8 on the left limit will also work their property during the winter.

"The A. C. Co., Tom O'Brien and others, who bought in the block of ten claims below discovery have men at work whipsawing lumber and getting in supplies for the work which they propose prosecuting on a large scale next season.

"I saw 12 pieces of gold taken from lower discovery which weighed \$2463.

"Government Surveyor C. W. McPherson, who recently returned from Livingstone creek, where he has completed a survey, is very favorably impressed with the prospects. His work, although complete, so far as it goes, fell short in extent of what was intended by reason of the cold weather setting in. It was his intention when he went there to survey Cottonvea and Summit creeks also. Cottonvea creek was discovered later than Livingstone, but has produced some splendid prospects.

"May creek, May gulch, Martin creek and Mendocino creek are also later discoveries which have been but little prospected, though all have produced coarse gold wherever opened up.

"St. Germain creek was only discovered late in September, but coarse gold has been found in its bed, which is another splendid indication that the country will develop into a very extensive mining district, as it enters the south fork of the Big Salmon about two miles below Cottonvea creek from the west side, which is the opposite side from where the other creeks enter.

"Many people are going to winter there and next summer great activity

may be expected, as every one owning property there believes the district to be rich.

A Forks Complaint.

A complaint comes from the Forks that great carelessness is practiced by those in charge of the fire house at that place in which the hook and ladder and chemical engine wagons are kept. It is said that the snow has been trampled and packed about the door to such an extent as to render it impossible to open it over 18 or 20 inches, or just sufficient for a man to squeeze in; that if a fire was to break out considerable time would necessarily have to be devoted to chopping away snow and ice before it would be possible to get the apparatus out of the building.

As many improvements have been and are being made at the Forks, the citizens think, and very properly, too, that they should have protection which, owing to laxness on the part of someone, it would now be impossible to have, as at present the engine and hook and ladder wagons could not be taken from the building until the fire would make such headway as to probably be beyond control.

A Satisfied Republican.

Editor Nugget:

If all who participated in your late local presidential election had voted as I did, the beautiful souvenir now on exhibition in Jeweler Sale's window would have graced a desk in the White House at Washington for the next four years instead of a desk in a private home in Nebraska. But as I am a stickler for abiding by the will of the people, and I believe Mr. Bryan won the souvenir in the Klondike as honestly as Mr. McKinley won the presidency on the outside, namely, by the majority of the votes of the people, I do not in any way begrudge the elegant present to the one to whom it was voted. Certain it is that he will have no more pleasant reminder of the campaign through which he has just passed and in which he was so overwhelmingly defeated. He honestly won the Klondike emblem by the vote of the majority of the Americans in the Klondike, of which vote he may well feel proud. I venture the assertion that had the Klondike souvenir gone to the White House it would have had an honored place among the presidential treasures and I, for one, am very sorry the majority of the people here did not vote to send it there instead of to the Nebraska country home. But as the present was voted to Bryan, it is his. As a Republican, I congratulate him on his handsome present and only hope that when his eye rests upon such a beautiful array of gold, it may to some extent detract his mind from its hobby, that of silver.

The election is over and we can now afford to be gracious to our late enemy; therefore, I assert without fear of successful contradiction by any man, even of my own party, that William Jennings Bryan is one of the brainiest among America's smartest men and most brilliant statesmen.

REPUBLICAN.

Few Are Destitute.

It is encouraging to know that, while many of the good ladies of Dawson are taking steps to provide homes and employment for unemployed and homeless women who may have come here as the result of hearing stories of high wages and plenty of work, and who have since found themselves unable to secure engagements, there are very few who have thus far applied to the Ladies' Relief Association for assistance in any way. In fact, not over two cases in which aid has been sought have come within the actual observation of the association which, by the way, has completed its organization and is now prepared to lend aid in any and all deserving cases.

Eldorado Whist Club.

The members of the Eldorado Whist Club met Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Worden, on 26, where the usual good time was enjoyed. The first prize was won by Mrs. Del La Pole, while the consolation was awarded to Mrs. Chas. Dunn. At midnight a supper was served such, it is said, as only an Eldorado lady knows how to prepare. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Worden, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worden, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Del La Pole, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Arndt, Miss Arndt, Miss Perkins, Messrs. Jack Cameron, Frank Belcher and Henry McGinly.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In the police court yesterday afternoon Geo. Nichols, on the charge of theft from the cabin of Chas. Temple, was held over to the territorial court.

This morning G. G. McClurg was up on the charge of neglecting to clean his premises. As the property in question is rented by him to other parties, and he was not aware of the condition in which they are, he was dismissed with a warning to be more careful in future.

"I know a man who always does everything right."

"Oh, nonsense!"

"Well, he has no left hand."

Smith—Those joke writers must be put to an awful strain sometime for subjects.

Brown—Yes; that's when they're at their wit's end.

SLORAH ON TRIAL

For the Murder of Pearl Mitchell in the Holborn Last Month.

SUSIE VERNON SAW SHOTS FIRED

But Did Not Look at Victim Because She Was Afraid.

RICHARDSON IS WANTED

And a Warrant Out to Stop Him on His Way to Stewart River and Bring Him Back.

This morning at 10:30 in the territorial court before Justice Dugas, the case of James Slorah, charged with the murder of Pearl Mitchell, was called and after the names of the jurors had been called by the clerk, Attorney Bleeker, who appeared for the defense, read his affidavit to the effect that Dr. Richardson was a very important witness for the defense, and had been called to attend a man possibly dying at Stewart river, and would not return for seven days. Upon this he based a plea for a further extension of time sufficient to cover the absence of the witness.

Mr. Bleeker also said that he was informed by reliable means that much new evidence was to be introduced by the prosecution. He cited authorities sustaining his position, that as the testimony had not been introduced at the preliminary hearing, and he had had no notice of this evidence, he was entitled to such notice before being forced to go to trial.

Crown Prosecutor Wade cited some more authorities in opposition and the court sustained him, but censured Dr. Richardson's action in leaving at this time, and ordered a warrant for his return at once.

James Slorah appeared in the prisoner's box neatly dressed and looking cool and composed.

The following jury was sworn and took their places in the box: F. J. Wilson, W. H. Jarvis, A. P. Bamfield, R. P. McLennan, Frank McQuillan and George H. Wilkins.

Mr. Wade made a statement of the charge, telling that the accused was charged with the murder of Pearl Mitchell in the room of Susie Vernon at the Holborn, on the 23d of October last.

Pearl Mitchell returned from her work at the Orpheum theater at an early hour in the morning, and after waiting impatiently for Slorah till a late hour in the forenoon, Slorah arrived and found her in the room of Susie Vernon, when a quarrel took place owing to the lateness of the arrival of Slorah.

He left the room and returned shortly and attempted to drag the deceased out of the room, when Susie Vernon became frightened and covered her head with the bedding, she being in bed at the time. She heard what sounded like blows and then shots.

Mr. Wade gave a general resume of the case which is of too recent occurrence to require further detailing. He produced photographs of the room and of the wounds, both on the body of the deceased and upon the head of Slorah.

Susie Vernon was the first witness called by the crown and appeared less nervous than at the preliminary hearing. She testified that she had lived in Dawson about seven weeks and worked at the time of the killing in the boxes of the Orpheum in common with Pearl Mitchell.

The morning of the tragedy she had been ill and came home from her work about 3 o'clock. She said she had been awakened about 9 o'clock by the deceased, who had explained the fact of her not being in bed by saying that she could not sleep because Jimmie had not come home. She sat down and talked about his absence, speculating as to its reason. She had become so uneasy that she sent the porter to learn the reason of his absence. Ten or fifteen minutes after the return of the porter Slorah came in. He tried to kiss the deceased and explain his absence,

but she pushed him away, as she was very angry, and told him he had better go back where he came from.

Slorah had removed part of his clothing before coming to the room, being dressed in his undershirt and coat and trousers. He left the room soon, not being able to persuade the deceased to go, and was followed in a few minutes by Pearl Mitchell who again returned in about five minutes, being followed back again by Slorah who again asked her to go to their room. She told him she would not. She resisted his efforts to force her to go by pushing him away. Witness had then turned her face towards the wall and covered her head with the bedding. Immediately after this she had heard two thuds followed at once by pistol shots. Then she uncovered her head and sat up in bed and saw Slorah with the pistol in his hand standing near the bed.

Constable Piper was called at this point to identify a plan of room 2 in the Holborn.

The plan was then shown to Miss Vernon who marked the position of Slorah upon the plan at the time she first saw him after hearing the shots fired. He then held the revolver in his hand which was pointed towards the wall behind the bed. Pearl Mitchell was not sitting on the bed and witness did not look at her; she was afraid to.

"My God! Don't kill us, Jimmie," she had cried before she rushed from the room. As she left he had pointed the pistol upwards towards his head and fired again. She passed the electric bell as she left the room and rang it. She had called to John, the porter, in the yard, to come up quickly as "He had killed Pearl." There was no one else besides herself, the deceased and Slorah present at the time.

Under further questioning, Miss Vernon said she had seen Slorah fire one shot towards the bed after she uncovered her head.

The fur cape worn by Pearl Mitchell at the time she was killed was produced and identified by the witness.

Court then adjourned till the regular afternoon session.

Among the Pines.

Thomas avenue is the latest addition to Dawson's thoroughfares. The survey was made and the grade established by Billy Thomas, who is now the West Side hotel, skating rink and "bullet" pool. Thomas avenue runs "cankerbonkered" across the Yukon from the foot of Third street to his hotel and is set on each side with evergreen trees, which make it a thing of beauty and denote ingenuity on the part of B. T. who is now offering to bet that his trees will put out afresh in the spring. He is now thinking of adding hanging gardens to his West Side attractions.

More Delayed Mail.

It is said that two consignments of mail of 500 pounds each are stranded at a point between Selwyn and Selkirk, which point they reached in canoes and where they are now awaiting the arrival of dog teams before they can proceed on down the river. It is not likely that the mail will make what is intended to be winter schedule time yet for three or four weeks to come, as it will require time for the trail to get in good condition.

Sad Occurrence on Sulphur.

Last Tuesday Ed Welbon of 27 below on Sulphur, was cleaning gold from sand by the means of a quicksilver retort. His wife, sister and little son Willis were present at the time and were all made very sick from the gaseous fumes of the retort. The child grew worse, despite all that could be done to save him, and died on the next day. Mrs. Welbon is still very low, but hopes for her recovery are entertained. The body of the child is being brought to Dawson and will probably reach here this evening. Reports from Sulphur are to the effect that the sad occurrence has cast a mantle of gloom over that portion of Sulphur where the Welbon family is very popular. The death of their little boy is a great bereavement not only to his parents but to their many friends.

In the Fistic World.

"Caribou" Sinclair is up against the hardest game of his life in his meeting with Coulter at the Club gymnasium tomorrow night. Sinclair, however, is game and it can be said to his credit that he has never faked a match since he entered the field for pugilistic laurels in this country. The impression prevails among the knowing ones that the contest will be a hot one as both men are in the same class and without any apparent advantage over each other in skill or experience.

The eight-round preliminary between Kid Brooks and Kid Lamb may develop into a go well worth seeing as in "try outs," between ambitious youngsters some very clever and often strong work is evidenced. There will be several other bouts worth seeing and a wrestling match between Jack Devine and Fred Thoenner.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

BOBS UP AGAIN

Hugh John McDonald Will Run Against Maxwell in B. C.

MAYOR GARDEN HAVING WITHDRAWN

Labor Forces May Run Labor Candidate to Split Vote.

TUPPER'S ADIEU TO POLITICS.

Captain Foote of Danube Gives Revised List of Figures As to the Winners.

Victoria, Nov. 10, via Skagway, Nov. 16.—Hugh John McDonald, having been defeated by Clifford Sifton in Manitoba, is to run against Maxwell in this province, Garden, the Conservative candidate, withdrawing in his favor. Garden is mayor of Victoria and is very popular; but whether he can throw his support solidly to McDonald is a question which only the election will decide. Many of Garden's most ardent supporters bitterly opposed his withdrawal. The local forces threaten to put up a labor candidate for the purpose of splitting the vote.

Bids Adieu.

Montreal, Nov. 9, via Skagway, Nov. 16.—Sir Charles Tupper said adieu to political life this afternoon.

Revised Figures.

Skagway, Nov. 16.—Capt. Foote, of the steamer Danube, who arrived today from Victoria and Vancouver, gives the list of the result of the elections thus far held as follows:

Ontario—37 Liberals, 52 Conservatives.

Nova Scotia—10 Liberals, 10 Conservatives.

British Columbia—1 Liberal, 2 Conservatives.

New Brunswick—9 Liberals, 5 Conservatives.

Manitoba—1 Liberal, 4 Conservatives.

Prince Edward Island—4 Liberals, 1 Conservative.

Northwest Territory—3 Liberals, 1 conservative.

Quebec—54 Liberals, 10 Conservatives.

Of the 213 members elected, there are 119 Liberals and 85 Conservatives, the other 9 being Independents.

Bon Ami Club.

A social and dancing club to be known as the Bon Ami Club was organized Wednesday evening at a meeting held in Barret & Hull's office. Membership is limited to 30, and there are nearly that number enrolled. Ten dances will be given during the next few months. The officers elected are: President, Chas. E. Taylor; secretary, treasurer, Burne Pollock; executive committee, G. A. Coleman, J. H. Patton, Peter Steil.

The Weather.

Mercury is slowly but surely declining, the minimum for the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning being 12 below zero, the maximum being 9.5 above zero.

Oddly Shaped Nugget.

Charley Rieckert is in town and displays a curious nugget which was taken from his claim on Chechako Hill. The nugget is a perfect letter R, when looked at from one side, but in an opposite direction it assumes the shape of a horse in full gallop. Mr. Rieckert has struck it on his claim, each bucket of dirt taken from the pay streak representing from one to twenty dollars. His many friends are congratulating him on his good fortune.