

A SWEDISH IDEA OF A PARTNERSHIP

Didn't Want to go Halves With the Queen on a Mining Claim.

Came Down the River Alone—Shot the Rapids Alone—Located the Mine Alone, and Wanted to be Let Alone.

Ole Oleson was a Swede. He was very much a Swede. It was in the fall of '97 that he heard of the wealth of the Klondike. I don't know that he thought over the matter; but, certain workings took place in his brain and the result was that Ole made tracks for the Klondike.

Ole bought a large outfit and landed with it at Skaguay in September. He had no horses but he had a strong back and a strong pair of backstraps. He moved his outfit to Liarsville, which as everybody knows lies at the foot of the hill some four miles from Skaguay.

Ole had no partners. He said "Partners is hal en i tank i better be alone." So he found it slow work moving his outfit over the trail; but then Ole was never in a hurry. He was distinguished on the trail by the immensity of his packs, his silence, and his appetite.

When Ole arrived at Lake Bennett he had no money so as he expressed it he "must move pretty quick," made some money and bought a boat. He received numerous applications for a passage down the river but he said "No! Aye tank, Aye want no partner; partners is hal."

So in the middle of October, the time when leaves fall, Ole set sail from Lake Bennett and made slow but sure progress. Some shrewd dickering with squaws made him the owner of two pairs of moccasins. Arriving at Tagish Lake the Customs-house officers held Ole up for duty.

Ole sculled his boat round Windy Arm though every other boat, and there were many, had been unloaded and pulled up on the beach. Arrived at Miles Canyon Ole steered placidly on. Men shouted at him from the banks "That's the Canyon—Miles Canyon." "Is dat so?" he said. "Aye bin looking for it all day;" and he took his boat through and on through the White Horse rapids without the loss of either confidence or outfit.

And now running ice began to make things lively for Ole. Miniature bergs came out of all the tributaries of the Yukon and jostled Ole's boat in the rudest manner. "Day raise pretty hal but Aye goes to Dawson yust der same."

At length Ole reached Dawson. He immediately made tracks up the creeks but he had to go far afield to find vacant ground. But Ole found some and it was good ground. He was a Swede. Returning to Dawson to record, having learned one or two things, he asked could he record number 12. "No," said the recorder, "it's recorded long ago."

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"Aye had no partners." It was too bad. Next day he did no work and delighted not to satisfy his appetite. After all his care to avoid having a partner that one should be imposed on him and that one a woman? He almost wished he had not come to the Klondike.

"I'm the gold-commissioner, what do you want?" replied the worried looking man. "Aye want to know the queen's address." "What for?" "Aye tank Aye write a letter to der lady."

"Vell," said Ole, "Der man he say der lady is my partner on der claim so Aye tank Aye buy her half or let her buy me out. Aye no want no partner en she do no work a tall."

Ole returned to his claim fully convinced that things relating to mining and administration in Dawson were rather uncertain and insecure. They are still uncertain and insecure.

On the Wheel. Secretary Biddle of the Miners' Association is an all around athlete with a taste for rolling the wheel. A son in Birmingham, Alabama, has also achieved distinction on the "iron steed."

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