

## MORE YUKON RAILWAYS.

The White Pass & Yukon Likely to Have Competition Soon.

One From Haines Mission and From Dyea and Another from Valdes To Fort Egbert.

[Special Correspondence.] Skagway, Feb. 28.—There is a very large amount of railroad speculation, with the Klondike as its objective point, and there is little doubt that some of the projects will go through and be built.

There is still the same old talk of an all-Canadian route, but nothing really definite in this regard. British Columbia is strongly favoring an extension of her system north of Vancouver, and tacked to this is the proposition of a line from Port Simpson by way of Atlin to Bennett. But at the same time the provincial parliament is favorably considering two propositions for franchises to lines starting from Lynn canal. Henry Bratnober, representing the London Development Company, has secured franchises from Ottawa, British Columbia, and, it is said, the United States for a road over the Dalton trail from Haines to Selkirk. The prime object of this is to develop the enormous copper deposits of Rainy Hollow, just over the summit, which are owned by the same company.

The more direct competitor of the White Pass is the Lake Bennett Railway Company, which is to start from Skagway over the Chilkoot pass. A few days ago the bill for this was favorably reported upon by the railroad committee of the British Columbia parliament, but by a majority of one only, so I understand.

The remaining proposition is the military road the United States is going to build from Valdes to Fort Egbert. Captain W. R. Abercrombie, Second U. S. infantry, who has this in charge, was to leave Seattle with men and materials on Feb. 26th. There is an American railroad proposition behind this, with every amount of financial backing and political pull. The military telegraph line will also follow this route. As this is of more immediate interest to you than the other propositions I append a portion of Captain Abercrombie's report:

The total length of the road, which Capt. Abercrombie believes to be feasible for railroad construction, for pack horses is 93 miles; the total length of the road to be excavated is about 35 miles; total length of road to be cleared and grubbed, 67 miles, and cleared only 12 miles. Twenty six bridges were constructed, exclusive of small culverts, with a total length of 856 feet. The largest bridge is 121 feet long. These bridges have 40 spans, the longest span of 40 feet being in the bridge over the China canyon. Two bridges have four spans each and three others have two spans each. Eighteen spans measure 25 feet or over. Nine log cribs were constructed, and 21,224 feet of logs were used in stringers and sills. These bridges have a width of nine feet.

The width of road in excavation varies from a five foot to a ten foot roadbed, the narrowest part being in Keystone canyon. The width of clearing and grubbing varies from 6 feet to 35 feet and verges about 25 feet. The narrowest part, viz., the six foot widths, is in the advance twelve miles and was made only of sufficient width to permit the passage of pack horses.

The comparative cost of construction of this route at prices common throughout the United States is given as follows:

Five thousand cubic yards solid rock at \$1, \$5000; 8000 cubic yards pick and shovel work at 25 cents, \$2000; 600 cubic yards retaining wall at \$3, \$1800; 120 cubic yards bridge cribs at \$2, \$240; 856 feet (linear) bridging at \$3, \$2568; 5 miles rock ballast at \$150, \$750; 200 acres clearing and grubbing at \$50, \$10,000; total cost in United States, \$25,108.

The average of this class of work along the coast region of Alaska is about 75 per cent greater than in the United States. Common laborers on the White Pass and Yukon railroad receive \$3.50 per day. Along the Yukon river the prices paid during the season 1899 were: Common labor, 65c. per hour; skilled labor, \$10 per day; foreman of party, \$15 per day.

**More Beef Arrives.**

Fourteen tons of fresh beef reached the city Saturday evening, the property of "Cow" Miller, and a portion of the large lot which was killed and dressed at Selkirk after having been driven to

that place from Skagway. Twenty five horses and 15 men were required to bring the meat down from Selkirk. Dawson has never been more liberally supplied with meat than at present, and several hundred quarters are yet to arrive.

### Friday's Council Meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the council was held at 8 o'clock Friday evening. All the members were present.

The minutes of the meeting of the 15th inst. were read and approved.

A communication was presented from the Board of Health pointing out that the public latrines were out of repair. Moved by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Clement.

Resolved, That \$500 be voted to the Board of Health to put the latrines in order and to cover other expenses.

A second communication was received from the Board of Health calling attention to the very unsanitary water supply, and recommending that something be done immediately towards providing a better supply of water and recommending the sinking of wells. This communication was referred to the committee in connection with the granting of a water franchise.

The order of the day being read for the second reading of the bill respecting taxation:

The said bill was accordingly read a second time and referred to a committee of the whole council.

The council accordingly resolved itself into a committee of the whole and after some time spent therein, Mr. Justice Dugas, chairman of the committee, reported that the committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again on Monday, the 19th inst., at 4 o'clock.

The council accordingly adjourned until Monday, the 19th inst., at 4 o'clock.

### Record of Transfers.

H. W. Geddins to H. Hoy et al., half of creek claim designated as lower half of 154 below lower on Dominion.

W. W. O'Leary to H. Hoy et al., half of creek claim designated as upper half of 154 below lower on Dominion.

W. A. Boyce to H. Hoy et al., half of creek claim, designated as lower half of 163 below lower on Dominion.

J. H. Latsnow to J. Levy, fourth of No. 13 Gay gulch.

W. J. Deane to F. W. Arnold, third of hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of No. 94 below on Bonanza.

T. F. Cisehman to V. Schwartz, fourth of hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of No. 1 above on Last Chance.

V. Lord to J. Gerrouard, fourth of No. 14 below on Hunker.

W. D. Comer has mortgaged to M. Harris, the mortgagor's interest in No. 21 above on Sulphur.

F. Renaud has mortgaged his interest in 14 below on Hunker to J. E. Gerrouard.

### American Miners in Siberia.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—William Mitchell Bunker, of San Francisco, who since March last has been traveling in the interest of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, is now in Berlin, on his way to the United States. In the course of a talk upon his journey in the East and a close study of the trans Siberian railroad, as related to American trade he said:

"I found no ground for the fear that Siberia will become a serious competitor in the matter of wheat. The fact is that the wheat in Eastern Siberia is inferior. Even when grown from California seed it degenerates the first year. Everywhere along the Amoor I found at the landings piles of American flour. So far as lumber is concerned, despite the abundance of forests from Vladivostok to the Ural, the trees are small, and most of the lumber comes from Puget sound. Thus far the railway has benefited the United States more than all Europe combined, with the exception of Russia, as we are supplying rolling stock, lumber and flour, and the road will continue to benefit the United States more than Europe.

"The Americans there are well treated. Many of them are engaged in exploring for gold, particularly the sea shore deposits."

### Telegraph Construction.

J. B. Charleson, superintendent of public works in the Yukon territory for the Dominion government, is in Skagway on his way to Atlin with a crew of line constructors.

Mr. Charleson announces that the Canadian Pacific railway is to erect a direct wire from Vancouver to Quesnelle. This is to get connection direct with the line to Dawson, and will obviate the necessity of relaying the message at Ashcroft.

The Dominion government will also, according to Mr. Charleson, extend its line from Dawson northward 50 miles to Cudahy, practically to the American boundary line, with the opening of Yukon navigation this year. This line

will connect at Eagle with the great system of military telegraph lines the United States has just decided to build in Northern Alaska, and which will have as the three cardinal points in its circuit Valdez, Eagle and Nome.

Furthermore, the branch of 50 miles north from Dawson will give outlet to the world at large for that vast region north of Dawson, and which the American system will serve. Capt. Abercrombie has already been dispatched by the United States government to begin the Valdez-Eagle line.

"These lines," says Mr. Charleson, "will be among the greatest agencies in the development of this far northern country. I am glad to hear the United States is to build the Northern Alaska line. We were in a position ere this to extend to the American boundary beyond Dawson, but deferred. Now that the Americans are to build a system north of us we will find two reasons for going to the boundary. First to serve the north in a humane way, and second to get the business that will be made tributary to our system. Of course we shall also be tributary to the American line."—Skagway Alaskan.

### POLICE COURT NEWS.

The temple of justice over which Magistrate Perry presides was crowded this morning and nearly every thing in the category from the violation of the fourth commandment down to dog theft, was on the docket for hearing.

These are days of wars and rumors of wars, but even the most visionary of our people never anticipated that Dawson would become the seat of African war. 'Tis true this is the adopted home of many of Ham's dusky descendants, as well as of many "copies" of that quadruped which always looks to the writer as though it blushes at the thought of its ancestry and has no part in the future of its race—the mule. Dawson has negroes and mules, but she is short on their associates, alligators, water-melons, hen roosts and cotton, "sah."

The first of these tropical products was represented in court this morning in the person of one John W. Miles, a gingerbread hued gentleman, who is well known to the pioneers of the Yukon, Mistah Miles having been here for, lo, these many years. His grievance this morning was that his cabin out in the "rhubarbs" of Dawson has been forebly broken open, entered and robbed of provisions, supplies, etc., to the value of \$5 in the coin of the realm. He named as the despoiler of his cache a young man whose name is a household word in every city, town, village, hamlet and farmhouse between Desolation, Kansas and Moosehide—a young man of "strength"—Black Prince. A warrant was issued for the latter's arrest, and one of the principals in a late glove contest will be subjected to the humiliation of being forced to answer to a charge of stealing the ordinary necessities of life.

Campbell Hendricks, who conducts a store on Front street, swore to a complaint on which a warrant was issued for J. Allman, a neighbor merchant, whom the former accuses of wielding a broom with such force and violence as to cause the complainant's nose to gush forth bright red blood.

Jorden Andrews was up on the charge of stealing "one husky dog of the value of \$150 from Chas. Swain; but as the prosecution was not prepared with its evidence, the case went over until this afternoon.

Daniel Griffiths and Bush, charged with violating the holy Sabbath by engaging in worldly pursuits on that day, namely: hauling wood, each asserted that they had been out on the river so long as to lose all reckoning of time, therefore, they did not know that yesterday was Sunday. The court expressed regret that general indications of the Lord's day were not sufficiently apparent in Dawson to have impressed them of the fact of its being Sunday and dismissed the case at costs.

A. J. Anderson, J. Johnson and J. T. Berry were all up charged with violating the Sabbath by hauling wood, and each made long pleas in extenuation of his guilt. Anderson went so far as to pick up the copy of the holy Bible, held and "Hobsoned" by all to whom the oath is administered, and asserted that it sanctioned Sunday work insofar as necessity and mercy go, and stoutly asserted that his work had been on the line of necessity. The men were each fined \$5 and costs.

William Walker and three others instituted suit against the C. D. Co., for wages alleged to be due for jacking up several of that company's steamers from the ice.

On complaint of Lillian N. Gordon a warrant was issued for Henry Lawrence whom she charges with having failed to turn over \$150 collected by him for her.

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