

CLEVER BIT OF SCHEMING.

Two Miles of Paystreak Gathered Up for a Song.

The Lost Channel on Hunker Is Located at Last—Eighty Men Employed to Sell Their Right.

A bit of shrewd figuring by Leroy Pelletier, the use of between \$7000 and \$8000, and a clever plan for working the whole scheme through, culminated this week in a series of incidents that made important history for Hunker creek. The aforesaid figuring resulted in locating the long-lost and much-sought "old channel" that disappears at No. 35 below and so continues to No. 60 below; the money was used to buy the rights of 80 men, and the plan followed was one which secured to the lucky discoverer and his associates every claim but one between the two points named for a comparatively trifling sum.

A couple of weeks ago, while at Gold Hill, Mr. Pelletier fell to studying the problem of the lost channel and finally decided to his satisfaction that, instead of playing out, as many thought, it simply made a detour and would be found back on the hills. He communicated his views to W. W. Tinkham and that gentleman was so impressed that he proposed they go over at once and look into the matter. They went that very night, and just where Mr. Pelletier said it should be, they found the long lost channel. In places the gravel was so near the surface that the could kick it up with their feet. As they made their way over the old channel, their find was further confirmed by coming across two men engaged in prospecting. They were down to bedrock and had pay.

Saying "nothing to nobody," the two went back home and together with George Pulver, also of Gold Hill, figured out a plan to pick up the "whole cheese." Next day they procured the services of Surveyor Mosher and attendants, went over to Hunker and began to lay out the ground in claims. The surveyor was allowed to believe only that the men were after a hydraulic concession. The surveying took a week and at the expiration of that time Mr. Pelletier came to town and prepared to play the final part of their plan. Engaging Stephen Brown, the well known street advertiser, he was sent out to secure men to locate the property. Brown was not taken into the confidence of the three and he, like others, acquired the "hydraulic concession" idea. Accordingly, he went about town crying out for men who wanted to sell their right and telling all who asked, with the most honest intention, too, that "a big company wants to get a hydraulic concession."

So apparently open was the whole thing that nobody thought of getting suspicious. Even a newspaper reporter who went to inquire the reason for hiring the men was easily put off with a story that "a big company wants to get a hydraulic concession, and as it is too late in the season, thought they would secure the ground by getting men to stake." In an incredibly short time 80 men were engaged, dispatched to a rendezvous and on Wednesday were taken to the ground. Each was allotted a claim, after which the men were marshalled at an attorney's office in town, where they made out their applications; these were taken, together with a plat of the whole, to the recorder's office, and the grants were made out without a hitch. By employing an attorney to make out the applications, not even the employes of the recorder's office were "on" until every foot of the ground had been applied for. It was the very idleness of the plan that won success.

The men were paid varying sums of money for their right, ranging from \$20 up and the claims cost about \$75 each to the three men who engineered the

big scheme, and they think the property is worth a million. The gravel is white like that of which the whole paystreak on Bonanza creek is composed. The place has been named Nugget Hill.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Pat Galvin came down from Hunker Thursday on business.

Attorney Clarke returned this week from a business trip to Skagway.

Fred and Alfred Harper have left for San Francisco to attend school.

Ex-Fire Chief W. J. Allen spent several days in the city this week.

Jim Macauley has left for Victoria to spend the winter at his old home.

"Cow" Miller arrived in Dawson this week after an extended stay on the outside.

Frank Ebe, owner of a bench claim opposite No. 16 Eldorado, has gone to Nome.

J. D. Donahue, of Hunker, has gone to Montreal to purchase mining machinery.

Dr. T. N. Rogers was down from the Forks this week for the first time in several months.

A. E. Weinberg and John H. Bates, of Eldorado, left for the outside this week to spend the winter.

Mrs. H. A. Macauley arrived this week from her home in Victoria to spend the winter with her husband.

J. L. Cote, a Dominion surveyor, has arrived at Dawson and is already at work upon government improvements.

Louis Coste and E. Morrison, of the Dome Gold Mining Co., have gone to Whitehorse rapids on business connected with the copper deposit there.

Mr. D. A. Shindler, the hardware merchant, who went to Skagway to meet his family, returned on the Ora, accompanied by his wife and child.

Louis Schloss left on the Leah Wednesday for San Francisco. He was accompanied by Capt. J. E. Hansen, who will spend the winter on the outside, or at least a portion of it.

John Bodelman and Ike Schwartz have received some fine machinery with which to develop their rich claim, No. 41 below on Hunker. They threaten to set a fast pace for the miners of the creek.

The Flora arrived from Whitehorse Thursday with the following passengers: Baird Fair, Archie Cameron, Mr. and

Mrs. M. E. Thompson, I. Finkenstein. The news was brought down that the steamer Sybil was aground on a bar above White river.

Commissioner Ogilvie went to Whitehorse Tuesday, accompanying Messrs. Maxwell, McLean and Robertson, and will be gone about a week. The political "significance" of the junket has not been announced.

Billy Thomas showed his usual kindness of heart when Aeronaut Leonard had his nasty tumble. Several times a day he visits the wounded man, keeps him in reading matter, looks after his general welfare, etc. It is Billy's kind who constitute the salt of the earth.

Constable Herbert R. Skirving is acting temporarily as stenographer and clerk for the police court. The fact that he performs each duty well is not only creditable to himself, but is a complimentary suggestion to the versatility of the boys of the N. W. M. P.

M. E. Sampson has assumed the local agency for the B. L. & K. N. Co., vice Mr. Parson. The gentleman was lately associated with the company at Bennett and was previously connected with the White Pass railroad. The gentleman has a pleasant address, is energetic in his ways, and will keep the merits of his fleet everlastingly before the attention of shippers and the traveling public.

Pocket memo books, counter blotters, time books, pens, pencils, ink, mucilage, paper fasteners, letter paper and writing tablets for sale at Nugget office.

Tried a Flim-Flam Game.

A well-known young fellow tried to beat a faro bank with one of the numerous flim-flam games on Tuesday night. He had laid a dollar bill, rolled up into a ball, on one of the cards, and when it won he picked up the money rolled it about in his hand and then laid it down again, but when the dealer picked it up he found the \$1 bill accompanied by a \$100 bill. He saw through the scheme and refused to pay the bet, whereat the young fellow made a big roar, but it didn't work and the young fellow got himself under suspicion.

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The Nugget's

success as the Pioneer Paper of Dawson, having grown from the size of a postage stamp, printed on a hand press, to a large eight-page semi-weekly, set up by a typesetting machine, and printed on a modern power press, all of which has been accomplished by a large circulation among the miners on the creeks and liberal advertising patronage from the merchants of Dawson, has prompted the owners to issue a

Special

edition in September, which will be printed on book paper and encased in an elegant lithographed cover—a work of art in itself. The Nugget's special edition will be handsomely

Illustrated

not less than fifty views appearing. It will contain pages of original matter descriptive of the mines, the creeks, the town and life in Dawson, and will be as complete and handsome a special

Edition

as was ever issued on the coast. The Nugget is the only paper in the territory provided with an art department, and has the only office prepared in every way to issue a special edition.

Mrs. Crane and Capt. Galpin.

The following paragraph, taken from the P. I., of the 28th of August, may be of interest to our readers: "Mrs. Crane has a score or more mining interests in the Klondike, notably four on Eldorado and two on Dominion, between discoveries. Her mining partner is Capt. W. M. Galpin, the Klondike correspondent of the London Times. Capt. Galpin is also associated with her in the publication of her book." The foregoing has no political significance.

Ship your gold dust by the Nugget Express. Next messenger leaves for the coast on or about September 10. Office in the Aurora block.

Notice of Flyer Line.

The firm of Nels Peterson & Co., has been this day dissolved, Mr. David H. Pingree having withdrawn therefrom and having sold to me all his interest in said firm as well as in the above company. All debts owing to the firm are payable at the Dawson office.

NELS PETERSON,
Dated Dawson, Sept. 5th, 1899.

Still Growing.

The big sale at the Red Front continues, with sales increasing every day. Bargains are offered in all lines of men's furnishings and clothing at prices never before offered in Dawson. Manager Jake Klein expresses himself as being very well satisfied with the results that have thus far attended the sale.

Mrs. J. H. Thomas' cottage on Fourth street, near Third avenue, wherein she gives Turkish electric and tub baths, together with massage is elegantly appointed and supplied with every modern convenience.

Maps of the Klondike and Stewart river districts for sale at the Nugget office.

Private dining and wine rooms at the Cafe Royal.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Two 25-horse power boilers and hoists, apply this office.

WANTED

WANTED—Young girl to assist in road house. Apply at this office.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Short-hair yellow dog, black breast, white streak down throat. 1 X L Road-house, 3 below Hunker.

FOUND—On Bonanza a large brown dog, owner can have same by calling at Abbot & Curtis, Grand Forks.

RESTAURANTS.

THE FRENCH RESTAURANT, cor. Third St. and 3rd ave. Open all night. Regular \$1 dinner from 12 to 3. Meals sent out. Delicious French pastry a specialty. Breakfast 25c.

LUNCH COUNTERS.

MINERS' HOME—Coffee and Lunch Parlors, confectionery, cigars and fruits; neat and homelike; pure cream and high grade coffee a specialty. Mrs. M. Morgan, prop., cor. Third ave and Third St.

BOYD'S 25c. Lunch Counter, Second ave., opp. Criterion, next P. O., entrance also from First ave.; big stack of hot and coffee, 25c.; corned beef, tea, coffee or milk, 25c.; sandwiches and coffee, 25c.; ham and eggs, or steak and eggs and coffee, 75c.

BLACKSMITHS.

OSBER & HAWLEY Third ave south, bet. 3d and 4th sts.; Blacksmithing, machine, wagon and sleigh work done promptly at low prices; scientific horseshoeing a specialty.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

LAWYERS

WADE & AIKMAN—Advocates, Notaries, etc. Office, Bonfield Building, opposite A. C. Store, Dawson.

BURRITT & MCKAY—Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, etc. Offices, A. C. Office Building. Safety deposit box in A. C. vaults.

TABOR & HULME—Barristers and Solicitors, Advocates, Notaries Public, Conveyancers. Offices, Green Tree Bldg.

CLEMENT, PATTULLO & RIDLEY—Advocates, Barristers, Notaries, Conveyancers, etc. Money to loan. Offices, First Avenue.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

DR. J. WILFRED GOOD, M. B. S. R. C. P., Edinburgh; late surgeon to Winnipeg General Hospital; medical health officer for Dawson; Large and varied supply of glasses. Office Room 11 Fairview Hotel, telephone 24.

J. H. KOONS, M. D.; A. C. Building.

MINING ENGINEERS.

TYRRELL & GREEN, Mining Engineers and Dominion Land Surveyors. Office, Harper St., Dawson.

OYSTER PARLORS.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS! Every style. Eastern coast and cove oysters, prepared by scientific oyster chefs at "The Kozy," Second avenue, between Second and Third streets. Turkey dinner Sunday, \$1.50.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

A. M. STEFFIN—Builder and contractor, Second avenue, opposite B. N. A. Bank. All kinds of carpentering work done; plans drawn and estimates furnished on building contracts.