

TRAIL IN BAD CONDITION

Much Mud on Route to Glacier Creek

Boucher to be Extensively Prospected—Large Amount of Supplies on the Ground.

Freighters and packers returning from the Sixtymile district over the new trail are complaining considerably over the condition it is in in various places. At the time the government constructed the trail the work was done rather hurriedly and no provision was made for drainage, with the result that in the low spots and in the crossing of small draws the water has either settled and formed extensive mudholes of uncertain depth or where the force has been sufficient it has groundswayed away a portion of the grade leaving it so sliding that traveling is rendered extremely difficult. Since the discovery on Boucher creek freighting in that direction has received a very great impetus and teams or pack trains are leaving every day or two via the Hubrick ferry. Yesterday a six-horse team started out with 2800 pounds. Considerable difficulty was experienced in making the hill leading up from the water's edge, it being necessary to take off about half the load when half way up the steep incline. Though the trail was not originally intended for the use of wagons they are being used as far as the Thirty-mile roadhouse, from which point recourse must be had to pack animals. The recent heavy travel to Boucher has been responsible for the discovery of a new route to that promising district. Leaving the main trail at the Swede creek dome the divide of California creek is followed to Sixtymile. Crossing the latter stream another divide is traversed and one soon lands at discovery on Boucher. Orcutt's pack train was the first to enter the Sixtymile field, they having taken several loads to Miller and Glacior creeks and also part way to Chicken creek early in the spring before the Boucher strike was made. The wisdom of the government in putting in the trail to the Sixtymile district has become more and more apparent each day. This year practically all that trade has come to Dawson whereas heretofore it has gone to Forty-mile simply because there was no way of getting in to Dawson. A petition has been presented to the government praying for the widening of the trail and the placing of it in condition for the use of wagons and the request will doubtless be one of the first to be complied with next season, it now being too late to expect the accomplishment of anything in that direction this year.

Not Far Away

Chatham, N. J., Aug. 14.—Wilberforce Ogden, the young divinity student who disappeared from the home of his father, Wm. Ogden, on August 4th, and for whom a persistent search has been made ever since, was found today in the loft of his father's barn, in the hay, reading a book. Young Ogden returned some months ago from Vermont Theological Seminary, his health having become impaired by study. When found today he told his father he had been in the barn ever since his disappearance, and that he had lived on food obtained in nightly visits to his home. He appeared to be in good physical health, but his mind is still affected.

Denies Murder

Albany, Ind., Aug. 24.—Mrs. Minnie Masterson, wife of James Masterson, was murdered here today and her husband is in jail, charged with the murder. He denies the charge. He says that he and his wife were returning from Louisville to their home on South street, this city, and had just gotten off a car, when a man stepped from behind a post and grabbed his wife, who was a few steps ahead of him, and the woman screamed "For God's sake, Willie, don't!" and three shots were fired in rapid succession by her assailant. Masterson insists that the murderer of his wife fired two shots at him one of which took effect in his arm. He was bleeding profusely from a wound in his arm when arrested.

Natural Salt

The finest example of natural salt making is to be found in our own country, writes F. O. Jones in an article in the Scientific American. Great Salt Lake is the largest body of brine in the world. It has a singularly great elevation of 4200 feet, considering the fact that salt lakes are usually near or below ocean level. The area which it covers greatly varies from the wet to the dry seasons (winter and summer), but upon the average it is about 70 miles long and 30 miles wide. Four rivers flow into it—the Jordan from the south, the Bear from the north and the Ogden and Weber from the east, besides many minor streams. Despite this great influx of fresh water, the lake contains 23 per cent. of solid matter, nearly all of which is chloride of sodium. It is extremely shallow, the greatest depth being only about 35 feet, while the average is little more than one-third of that.

The basin which Great Salt Lake originally occupied is of very irregular shape. The surface of the lake was then about 1900 feet higher than it now is. Its extreme length was 346 miles and extreme width 145 miles, the total area being 19,750 square miles, or more than nine times its present size. At that level it remained thousands of years, making a well-defined shore line on the surrounding mountains. To this stage of its history geologists have given the name of Lake Bonneville. A second great and even more prolonged stage occurred when the lake had fallen to the 625-foot level, and this is known as the Provo shore line. During both stages it had an outlet northward by way of the Snake and Columbia rivers. Besides the season changes, the level of the present lake fluctuates through periods of considerable length not yet clearly determined. In 1847 it covered an area of 1700 square miles, but in 1869 the area had increased to 2360 square miles, its extreme dimensions being Length, 83 miles; width, 51 miles; depth, 49 feet. A decrease then began—Juneau Miner.

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The Auditorium has been playing to excellent houses all week. Manager Bittner is in consequence wearing a broad gauge smile.

Miss Frances Butz, who has for a long time been in the employ of Mr. Thos. McGowan as stenographer, has accepted a similar position with U. S. Consul Saylor.

Work on the King street sewer is progressing rapidly. A large gang of men is busy opening the ditch to receive the boxes which are built and ready to be put in place. The sewer will be a permanent improvement and should require no repairs for several years.

The latest thing in politics is the announcement that Joe Clarke will back W. A. Beddoe for mayor. By the terms of the original deal Beddoe was slated for member of the Yukon council and the change has been made for the purpose of putting him a little farther off. There are larger fish than Beddoe to be placated and the Y. C. chairs are to be used for that purpose. When the mayoralty election rolls around Mr. Beddoe will probably be tendered the position of egg inspector now occupied by Mike Stone.

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Marsh Wins THE MATCH

Quite a crowd gathered at the Standard theatre last night to witness the wrestling bout between Pete Morrison of Nanaimo, B. C., and Ole Marsh, the Terrible Swede. The match was for the best two falls in three, catch-as-catch-can, for a purse of \$250 and the gate receipts. Chas. Krelling was chosen referee and upon the mat being spread the gladiators went at it. Marsh had the advantage of about 25 pounds in weight and he also showed the most cleverness though it was by no means an easy task to dispose of his opponent. The Swede took the first fall by a full Nelson in 17 minutes and the second fall by a double Nelson in 22 minutes and 45 seconds. Lancastershire rules governed the match, choke holds were allowed but not flying falls.

Following the match the air was blue for a time with challenges of all kinds, characters and descriptions. Nick Williams, master of ceremonies, read a challenge from an unknown who desires to take on Hector if he will come down to 158 pounds. He will wrestle Archer at any old weight, his own being 150 pounds, and he has posted \$25 as an evidence that he means business.

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