

TYPICAL KLONDIKE MINING CURIO.

The Clark Claim Threatened With Undignified Extinction.

It Was Staked Without Reference to a Base Line, and Now Lies Prone Under Four of Its Neighbors.

A claim contest of unusual interest and embodying some legal points, the decision of which will have an important bearing on the

claims to have told Mr. Peterson that McKenzie, knowing he had not put himself in condition for a fight, had demanded a guarantee that he would not be knocked out, or if he was he should have all the gate receipts, on the strength of which Rooney advised Mr. Peterson to declare the fight off. Rooney further says the fact that he has \$1200 on deposit at one of the banks and did not make any bets on the result of the fight is evidence that there was no arrangement for his knock-out in the fourth or any other round. Rooney has his ticket purchased for a return to the outside, expecting to leave on Monday or Tuesday, but says he is willing to meet Mc-

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GOOD REPORTS FROM THISTLE.

Profitable Dirt Being Taken From Numerous Claims.

The Miners There Are Satisfied With the Prospects and Expect the Creek to Turn Out Handsomely.

Mr. J. P. Simonds gives the NUGGET the following report of Thistle creek:

Thistle creek is about 27 miles long, and heads in a high, rugged mountain very much broken. Topographically speaking, it might be called the King Solomon group. The general formation heads at a dome to the northeast of the creek, yet the creek forks above the two hundreds and leads off to the south very much like Eldorado does from Bonanza to another dome much higher than the other mountains, from which point can be seen the surrounding country for many miles. The main draw of the ancient channel, running northeast by southwest, forms a collar on the two domes and makes a basin just over the low divide of Thistle in the 180s, very much like that of the great Weaver basin, in Trinity county, California, where the La Grange has taken out 300 ounces in a fifty day run of water. The country rock is that of schist, and in places angelicious granite and porphyry. Tracing the ancient channel some 2000 feet higher than the present water course can be seen the contact of slate and porphyry and mica schist broken down. All indications show that the gold comes from a chlorite state and is deposited in a pocket stringer quartz formation. The quartz being formed after the deposit of gold shows plainly that the breaking down of the mountains and exposure to the oxygen of the air has freed the gold and carried down to the creeks below, where the present water course places Thistle creek in that part of the famous Yukon valley where nature bestows her best favors. Not only is she a moss-covered, rugged, rocky region, but her conglomerative mineral formation broken down by the changes of water shows that she repays the prospector and miner abundant returns in gold for all the labor he has so far performed. Some work seemingly has been done on the creek, yet the majority of the prospect holes are simply gophered, where a sediment of hematite forming a false bedrock leads the inexperienced prospector to believe he has struck and got to the bottom. Most of the work is done on rimrock and right limit, and, generally speaking, the left tangent is the short side of the present creek, and I would say that Thistle is not yet prospected more than you can see by the following reports:

I found considerable work done on discovery and in progress. An effort was made in a manner to crosscut the valley at lower discovery, at which point it is about 1,400 feet wide. Holes were put down at intervals of fifty and seventy-five feet apart from the right limit to a point about 300 feet from the left rim. In this strip of 300 feet twenty-one holes were started, only to be filled with water when at various depths of from five to twelve feet. The idea of getting to bedrock in that locality was given up until about May 15th, when one of the holes that had been near bedrock was tailed out and taken down, tapping the paystreak, which has now been located as commencing along the left limit at upper discovery and

Nos. 1 and 2 above. Five pans from the hole show an average of \$2.25 to the pan, besides a two-ounce nugget. The owners figure on ground-slucing these claims, the conditions being extremely favorable. The benches and hillsides adjoining discovery show considerable activity and excellent prospects."

A resume of the situation is as follows: On No. 17 below four holes are down sixteen feet to bedrock and the prospect is now 15 cents to the pan.

No. 18 below also has four holes to the same depth, with pay ranging from 21 to 6 cents and occasional nuggets, worth 13 to 20 cents. Good work is being done here.

At 19 below bedrock has been reached at sixteen feet in three holes, with as high as \$2.40 to the pan and dirt averaging 20 cents. One nugget worth \$2.15 was found here. The paystreak is over two feet in thickness. The men are well satisfied here and would not sell for anything but a fortune.

On 2 above discovery fifteen sluice boxes are being busily employed from a large dump. About \$10,000 in coarse gold is expected to be cleaned up.

Nos. 6 and 7 above show good prospects and work is being pushed.

At 60, 62 and 64 above good work is being done on prospects of 15 cents.

At 66 above, left limit, it is fourteen and eighteen feet to bedrock, and six holes are down to coarse gold.

On 101 are two holes twenty feet to bedrock, with good prospects.

No. 104 is being worked, but the prospects are as yet indefinite.

Good prospects have been found at 120 above and work is being pushed.

No. 121 has developed coarse gold and 15-cent nuggets.

Nos. 124 and 125 above, left limit, nine holes are down and dirt worth 20 cents to the pan is being taken out. Work is being pushed.

Fine work and good prospects is the report at 140 above.

At 163 above dirt worth 30 cents to the pan is found at seventeen to twenty feet, and nuggets worth \$1.22 and \$1.27 have been found.

One hole is down at No. 164 above, with dirt worth 30 cents. One nugget worth \$1.52 was found.

Much work is being done at 165 above, and the prospects are satisfactory.

At Nos. 180, 181 and 182 above, eleven holes average prospect pans worth 20 and 30 cents to the pan, and considerable work is being done.

At Nos. 200 and 220 above good work is also being done, and the claims are commencing to show up favorably.

Considerable prospecting will be done this summer, and next winter is expected to develop important mining operations, as the miners there have much confidence in Thistle.

Baby Edgren Goes Home.

Paradoxical as it may appear, it can be truthfully said that among the crowd of passengers who left for the outside by the steamer Victorian Thursday the least was also the greatest. The distinguished personage was none other than Baby Edgren, and no celebrity ever left the Klondike before amid such an eclat as accompanied the departure of the little mite of humanity, whom a fate, cruel and yet kindly in turn, robbed of its young mother and placed in the temporary keeping of strange but loving hands. The retinue of people who accompanied the little one to the boat was both large and distinguished, and there was such a succession of hugs and kisses,

farewells and tears, that even the little one must have realized to a degree the havoc which her departure was making in the kindly hearts left behind. Dr. Mary Mosher, in whose immediate keeping the little one had been and who had learned to love her devotedly, wept throughout the day; nor was she alone distinguished by this evidence of grief.

Accompanying the little one is Mrs. John McDonald, who will be met at Seattle by relatives of the baby, who will take her to the home of the dead mother's father at Madison, Wisconsin, there to make her future home. With her is a wardrobe of which a baby of royal blood might be proud and a sack of gold-dust, nuggets and money, which cannot fail to impress the waiting grandfather with a sense of the great-heartedness of Dawson's ladies and gentlemen who have looked after the welfare of his little relative. It is also safe to assume that the little one will not be allowed to be forgotten by friends of the Klondike in the future.

Long Journey Ended.

One of the longest and most difficult journeys undertaken by Klondike Argonauts terminated on Sunday last in the arrival at Dawson of a party consisting of Dr. J. R. Connolly of Chicago, B. Witken of New York, David Hopkins, D. M. Dalglish, U. P. Moran, of Ottawa, M. A. McLean, J. Orchid, J. B. Ruff, of Chicago, and A. E. Harris, of Michigan. Two other men were included in the original party, namely J. P. Bourret and F. L. Orchid, but they were drowned en route, the first named at Fort Simpson on June 25, 1898, and the other in the Peel river during the following September.

The party left Edmonton on September 7, 1897, crossing the Swan mountains to the Peace river, down which they floated to the Slave river and thence to the Great Slave lake. There they took to the waters of the mighty McKenzie and made their way to the Peel river, which flows into the waters of the Arctic ocean itself. The party then roped their boat up the river 200 miles to the Pass river in the Rockies, proceeded thence to the Beaver, a tributary of the Stewart, thence to the main river and down the Yukon to Dawson. One, not even the men themselves, can portray the awful hardships endured by the members of the party nor tell half the important incidents of the long and eventful trip; but it is safe to assume that the trip has few parallels in the history of this northern country.

Hespler Hard Hit.

Alfred Hespler was arraigned before his lordship Judge Dugas on Wednesday, to receive sentence for the crime of theft. The judge reviewed the fact that the prisoner had been in a penitentiary on the outside and was sentenced to jail here, and then sentenced him to serve a term of five years at hard labor.

O. H. Pangburn, also charged with theft, fared much easier, even leniently, it may be said. Pangburn, the evidence showed, stopped at a road house at Last Chance, owned by Nellie Hoven, and finding her absent went inside and took possession. The tempting presence of a stock of liquor proved too great for his weak spirit and he went against it until he lost his judgment. Others dropped in after that and Pangburn helped them generously to the stock of liquors and cigars, besides throwing in a few meals. He was given two months at hard labor.

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for the report, Mr. Peterson called the two men together and told them he would not tolerate anything of the kind in his place; that the fight had to be on its merits or it would not be pulled off at all. He did not get a satisfactory answer, and so the contest was abandoned in order that good faith might be kept with the public. Rooney denies the report of a deal and puts the blame for the affair upon McKenzie. He

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