

FACTS ABOUT THE KOYUKUK
Comprehensive Report of the New District
About Which so Much Is Now Said
Conservative Opinion of One Capable of Judging.

Through the kindness of Mr. Frank... the Nugget is today... most comprehensive account... Koyukuk district ever published... which adds additional... to the article is the fact that... reliance can be placed upon... statements made. Mr. Frank... was for a number of years a... of Dawson, where he held a... position on the Yukon... here for the Koyukuk... He is a gentleman of education... and extensive acquaintance... and conditions as found in... community and during his... of some nine months in the... about which—so much is... being said he embraced every... opportunity to familiarize... with the country in every de... This statements are most... and as such should receive... consideration from every... contemplating a trip into... district. The article, which... Mr. Lischie's own words... to be found to be full... interesting alike to the... prospector and capitalist... the Koyukuk dis... located well within the con... of the Arctic Circle. The river... miles in length and drains an... of 10,000 square miles. For the... miles from its confluence... the Yukon it is deep, sluggish... to one channel. After... point is reached numerous large... coming from diverse local... are found. These tributaries... in the rugged mountain peaks... have considerable fall and are... by shallow ripples and... which make them unnavigable... anything outside of a poling... The first white men to enter... region went over the divide from... and discovered fairly rich... diggings in the neighborhood of... mountain. In '89 another party... entered the wilderness but were... out by hostile Indians, one of... miners named Brummer being... by the savages. Those who... dipped down the Koyukuk and... constructed raft and... with a party of 25 well-armed... who forced the Indians to give... the murderer, who was promptly... Up to the year of '94 there... from 8 to 20 men went to that... each summer and worked bar... getting fair returns. In '94... the Birch creek stampede taking... the miners deserted the lower Yukon... and until the year '98 the... Koyukuk basin remained ungraced by... the presence of a single white man... When the tidal wave of gold... overran the Yukon and Alaska... the Klondike stampede, about... men went up the Koyukuk... they were mostly in parties and... some had 50 steamers of every... of worthlessness. These peo... with the exception of a doz... inexperienced in prospecting... the result that no discoveries... made and the crowd left the... discouraged and roasting the... at every opportunity. That... were wrong in their statements... gold existed there has been... by the subsequent discovery of... in many localities and in pay... quantities. Since the exodus... the country in '99 there have... on an average of about 200 men... the country, the great majority of... have done but very little pros... with the result that but com... little has been found in... country where the indications of... are on every creek and bar... geologically the country is of a... formation. Some gigantic con... of nature has changed the... of the country. In many... are the zones of different... in the earth's formation which... in the misty past far be... the ben of man. In some sec... stratifications of the earliest... which in other sections of the... remain hidden far down in the... recesses of mother earth... exposed on the surface. In other... the Aztec, Devonian, Reptil... and Carboniferous formations are... together in every imaginable... At present all the coarse... which cross-cuts the country... northwest to southeast for a... of 200 miles in the shape of... abrupt, clear-cut mountain... Below the schist belt is a for... of semi-granite which in... has been metamorphosed by... action into pure marble. Below

and diversified mineral resources... Fragments of copper ore, native and... peacock, iron, silver, lead, gold, free... and refractory, nickel and platinum... can be found in almost every creek... bed. One ledge of silver lead ore is... being prospected on Middle creek, near... Bettles. The ore from assays runs... 198 ounces in silver, 28 in gold and... 45 percent lead. A tunnel is being run... 100 feet to tap the ledge at a depth... of 300 feet. Another prospectively... rich lode was found near the Arctic... divide on a tributary of John river... during the past season. The body of... ore is over 200 feet in width and... can be traced for three miles. It has... an iron capping, is very refractory... and surface assays give returns of... \$22 in gold, \$35 in silver and nine... per cent copper. No attention has... heretofore been paid to quartz in the... country as it has been difficult to... prospect for, the whole country being... covered with a carpet of tundra, and... conditions have up to this time been... such as to offer little encouragement... for quartz property. Several veins... of good gold have been found in the... country. The timber there is scrubby... but answers all purposes for build... ing, burning, etc. Game in the way... of mountain sheep, moose deer and... caribou is plentiful. Of the smaller... variety, "fool hens," Arctic hares, and... ducks and geese abound. The town of that country will from... the present outlook be Bettles, as... that is the head of steamboat naviga... tion at present. Up to the present... boats have had a hard time to reach... Bettles and very few of the larger... ones could reach that point. One mile... above Bettles the Koyukuk waters... are cut in twain by the inflow of... John creek. Nine miles farther up... they again split at Wild creek and... seventeen miles still further by the... inflow of the North Fork, so it can... be readily seen that it is not practi... cable to go far above Bettles with... steamboats. Coldfoot is sixty miles above Bettles... at the mouth of Slate creek. The... mining recorder and civil officers are... located there. There is also a road... house and about twenty cabins. An... other town called Golder will be... built at the mouth of Hammond river... which will be in the heart of the... gold-bearing territory, and this will... undoubtedly be the camp of the lower... country. That will be 22 miles above... Coldfoot. The mining laws of the country are... in no way satisfactory. If Congress... decided to enact some measure with... a view to retarding the growth of a... mining country, no measure could be... devised which would do the work... more effectually than the existing... mining legislation. First, 1328 by 640 feet is too much... ground for a placer claim and every... one would have a better chance if... they were one-quarter that size. Second, the law governing the... doing of representation work is bad. A... man can locate a claim after the first... of January and hold the property... until a year from the following Janu... ary without doing any work. This... gives a man an option on 20 acres... of ground for two years by staking... and paying \$2.50 recording fees. This... is a good speculation for a person... and is taken advantage of, with the... result that hundreds of claims in the... country are being held on a purely... speculative basis. Third, the much-discussed power of... attorney privilege has been exercised... without stint and hundreds of claims... are tied up in this manner and closed... for the legitimate prospector. Fourth, the whole Koyukuk country... is one mining district and a person... has the privilege of staking on every... creek in the country and each one of... its tributaries if he so desires. This... gives the professional staker an op... portunity to hold miles of placer... ground in the country. These evils must be remedied before... the country has a fair opportunity... to develop. At present, some individuals... hold as high as 80 claims in the... country who have never spent one... dollar outside of recording fees nor... put a shovel in the ground. There are... in the heart of the gold belt a num... ber of creeks 10 to 15 miles in length... everywhere on which indications of... gold can be found which have been... held for four years on which there... has never been a hole put to bedrock... The country has many disadvan... tages to contend with. The season is... from fifty to sixty days. The mine... owner can work two shifts and... double this time. All the supplies... used must be moved from Bettles to... the mines, from 60 to 120 miles... which makes it very expensive, as... freight of from 25 to 50 cents a... pound is then added to the original... cost. Miners received \$12.50 a day... last season and mechanics from \$15... to \$20. Everyone must furnish and... cook his own food or he will not be... employed. The expense of goods is reas... onable considering the expense of... getting them into the country and... the cost of handling them. The N. C... Company have a well-equipped post... at Bettles and control the business of

the country. While several small out... fits have gone into the country they... have as a rule made very little mon... ey as they were unable to take suf... ficient stock to supply the needs of... the miners. The country is a place that it will... be well for a poor man to stay away... from for the present. As to the elem... ent that is going to the country to... look for easy money they will meet... with a sad shock. Only two classes... of people are required in the country... at present. The man with experience... in prospecting, who is willing to take... a chance, and who is situated so that... he can continue his researches for a... year or two, and the man who repre... sents capital, who may embrace some... of the many opportunities in com... mercial, transportation, mining, hydra... ulic, quartz and coal propositions. At present there is no business in... the country and will not be until the... opening of the mines next July. Many of those who are now going in... to the country without any definite... object in view would do better by... waiting until the opening of naviga... tion. Those taking in supplies with... a view of getting quick returns and... big profits will find they have made... a mistake. The people at this time... of the year have no money to buy goods... with and will not have until some... time after the mines open up. By... that time goods will arrive on the... boats and can be sold cheaper than... those which have been freighted for... 300 miles or more over the trail un... der costly conditions. There is every reason to believe... that the country will eventually de... velop into a good camp, not as com... pared with Dawson standards, but a... producer of anywhere from \$2,000,000... to \$10,000,000 a year in an area... many times larger than the gold belt... of the Klondike, and under conditions... far more expensive and adverse. There are now dozens of creeks lying... idle which are not rich enough to... pay to work at the present price of... food and wages, but which will pro... duce big money if these things are... brought down somewhere near a Daw... son basis.

APPLES AND PEARS!

Street Vender Up For Having no Licence.

Martin Trowbridge, Better Known as "Frenchy" In Court This Morning.

"Apples and pears! Will you buy some apples and pear-r-r-s?" is the familiar cry known to everyone in Dawson and belonging exclusively to Martin Trowbridge, better known as "Frenchy," the fruit vender. Martin was before Magistrate Macaulay in the police court this morning charged with peddling his apples and pears without a license. Three witnesses were examined for the prosecution, including Corporal Piper, who had met him on the street with his basket containing fruit and other delicacies and had purchased from him an apple which was produced as evidence. He had asked the vender to produce his license and had been told that permission had been granted him by Alderman McDonald to peddle for a few days until the affairs of the city were put into proper shape and an officer had been appointed to collect license fees. Dick Brown was the next called and he also testified that he had purchased fruit from the defendant and upon asking for his license had been given a similar answer to that quoted by Corporal Piper. He had informed Trowbridge to appear at court this morning. Acting Comptroller Thos. Hinton was also called and stated that the defendant had not purchased a license for this year but had inquired about the licenses and witness had told him that the licenses were to be purchased of the territorial office the same as before. Defendant had stated that he had inquired of Mayor Macaulay and had been told by the mayor that the matter could be held for a few days and that he could sell his goods in the meantime the same as if he had his license. "That is not so, your honor," broke in "Frenchy," but he was immediately requested to hold his tongue until it became his turn to speak. Continuing, Mr. Hinton said that Trowbridge had boasted of his ability to evade the law in the manner stated. In his defense "Frenchy" stated that he had never had any conversation with Mr. Hinton concerning his license nor had he purchased either of his two previous licenses from him. All of his business had been transacted with another man in the office. He had been informed by Mr. McDonald in the presence of Alex. McFarlane that he could sell his wares for a few days and no one would molest him. The magistrate asked him if he wished the case enlarged and the parties mentioned subpoenaed to corroborate his statements. "What is the fine, your honor?" he asked with some trepidation. "You are liable to a fine of \$100 and costs," was the reply. He then requested that the witnesses be called. Subpoenas were issued to Mayor Macaulay, Richard Cowan, Alderman Jas. McDonald and Alex. McFarlane, and the case was enlarged until tomorrow morning.

ed telegram of advice from the Deseret bank of Salt Lake upon the Denver bank by means of which he secured \$350. He is alleged to have committed the crime on January 24th. He was arrested in Billings, January 28th. Deputy Sheriff Brown of Denver, who presented the requisition, left this afternoon for Billings. According to the papers accompanying the requisition, Berry represented to the Colorado National bank of Denver that he was John A. Sharp, a sheepman of Basin, Wyo., and that he was in Denver visiting his daughter and would like to secure \$350 upon a telegram he had from the Deseret bank in Salt Lake, authorizing the Denver bank to pay Sharp the money. He said he was an old depositor in the Salt Lake bank.

Consistency. They had been married but two months. He came home one evening to find his wife in tears. She had found an old scrapbook of his in which were pasted some poems he had written to some one else and published in the college papers. "I thought," she said, "you had never loved any one but me." And he promptly reassured her that she had thought truly, and burned up his old scrapbook in the furnace in the basement. And the next day he found that she had distributed on the mantel and the dresser not less than five photographs of as many former beaux of hers and invited two of them who were in town to dinner the next Sunday.—St. Louis Mirror.

Calling Up Fish. The other day several New York brokers received telephone orders to buy a certain stock and notify Mr. Fish at a given telephone number. Calling up that number, the response was invariably, "Which one is wanted?" Then followed this conversation: "How many of them are there?" "Several hundred large and small." "I want the head of the firm." "Oh, then, you want Colonel Jones." "Colonel Jones? No, I want Mr. Fish. Who in thunder are you?" "The Aquarium!"

Will Arrive Tonight. There will be mail in tonight for everyone, the stage with a consignment of 500 pounds having passed Stewart at 7 o'clock this morning. If schedule time is made it will arrive about 6 this evening. Another will be in tomorrow, having reported at Selwyn at 6 o'clock yesterday evening.

Arrived Saturday. Robertson's stage arrived from Whitehorse Saturday afternoon, eight and one-half days out, with the following passengers: Nick Kiser, Gus Kiser, C. Milton, A. Kennedy, M. Sern, A. Henderson and Miss Ruby Ellis.

Very Unnice. Dawson, March 8, 1902. To Klondike Nugget: To decide a bet, could you, through your columns, furnish us with the age of Lou Tomerlin? Yours, PAUL SCHMIDT. (Really, Paul, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. It is the top rail of ill-manners to come out flustered and ask about a lady's age. However, you shall have the desired information. Lou Tomerlin is just 18 years old, or will be in May. Eight years ago she was 17; but that does not affect her present age.)

Kelly & Co., Leading Druggists. If your clothes need pressing, cleaning or repairing see R. I. Goldberg, The Tailor, at Hirschberg's.

THEY ARE GOOD. You will say so after trying them. Beef Croquettes. Can be procured nowhere in Dawson but at The Family Grocery, F. S. Dunham, proprietor, corner 2nd Avenue and Albert street.

TRAVELERS TO KOYUKUK TAKE NOTICE That the N. A. T. & T. Co. at Fort Yukon has a full stock of goods for outfitting, at reasonable prices. Any shortages arising will be reported to their Circle City station.

MANY ARE UNDECIDED

Where to Go for a Summer's Prospecting

Chicken Creek Seems Small and Koyukuk Is in the Far Distance.

Dawson, like all other mining centres, has an element that is always looking for pastures new. They have stampeded to every known creek, gulch and pup within a hundred or more miles of Dawson and yet they have not found what to them looks good. They have recorded perhaps a dozen claims each only to allow them to lapse at the end of a year. Having thoroughly covered the country of which Dawson is the metropolis, they are now looking for new territory and are uncertain whether to make their next move to the Chicken Creek or to Koyukuk. Nature has endowed this element with faith, the most necessary adjunct to a prospector's outfit, and it is just such men that make valuable discoveries. They are the vanguard of development which is in many instances followed by prosperity.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Regina Hotel, March 10, 1902. — Jas. Hood, Hunker; M. A. Ranson, Dominion; J. A. Hyde, Seattle; F. Turner, Dawson. Empire. — Sami MacKinnon, Vancouver; Archie Johnson, Vancouver; S. Macdonald, Victoria. Hotel Flannery. — Albert Heymann, Grand Forks; Wm. Lennon, Gold Bottom; F. A. Dawn, Dawson; P. Lindin, Eagle City; Wm. Malone, Dawson; Frank Agert, Henderson Creek; Richard Dillan, Henderson Creek; Nick Kiser, Seattle; Gus Kiser, Seattle; J. Neilson, Hunker Creek; W. F. Beamish, Hunker; H. Kirn, Dawson; H. A. Darin, Dawson; Geo. Heldman, C. De Gregor, Bonanza; A. Peterson, Gold Hill; R. A. Whiler, Tacoma, Wash. The white cooks, bakers and waiters of Dawson are requested to meet at Bihets hall on Tuesday, March 11, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a union. BY ORDER COMMITTEE. P-11 Job Printing at Nugget office.

They Doubt It.

The telegram published in the Nugget of Saturday to the effect that the police commissioners of Victoria, B. C., have decided to permit open gambling in that city was something of a surprise to the many old Victorians in Dawson, not a few of whom express the belief that there must be some mistake. Others insist that it is true and that Victoria, with a wide open policy, will give Seattle a close race for business and a resort for coming and going Klondikers.

Swindled the Bank.

Helena, Feb. 14.—Governor Tople today honored a requisition of the governor of Colorado for Chas. W. S. Berry, who is wanted in Denver on the charge of swindling the Colorado National bank of the city. It is charged that he passed a forg-

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