

ABOUT THE TANANA COUNTRY

Extensive Copper Lodes Have Been Located There.

M. E. Bray and Party Returned From a Two Months' Prospecting Trip.

On Friday evening Mark E. Bray, C. Chittick and M. C. Harris returned from the head waters of the Tanana river, in which locality they have been prospecting for the past two months.

Mr. Bray and his party left Dawson on July 13, with five pack animals. They crossed the Yukon river, and reached the headwaters of the Tanana, after traveling 250 miles in a southwesterly direction. The trip occupied 20 days. About 28 days were spent in prospecting the country adjacent to the Tanana. Locations were made on an extensive ledge, located near the head of the middle fork of the Tanana river. The length of this ledge was not ascertained, but it was exposed in two different gulches, which were about ten miles apart. The vein carries red oxide of copper, with native copper running through it. Besides its value in copper, the ore will run about \$20 to the ton in gold. Mr. Bray brought back some very good specimens of copper ore and native copper; the latter consisted of pieces of float. Some were quite large, and he reports that the party came across fragments of such size that two men could hardly turn them over. A few Indians live in this part of the Tanana country. They make the native copper into nails, bullets, arrow heads, game traps, etc. The district in which the party staked locations, is named the Healy district. It was opened up by C. D. Emmons and his party in 1898.

The Tanana river is navigable by steamboats for a distance of 630 miles from its mouth. The Healy district is 75 miles further south, which distance must be poled, or lined, in small boats. Location papers are recorded at Sitka, Alaska. Beginning at a point about 100 miles southwest of Dawson and continuing to the head of the Tanana, Mr. Bray saw several large veins of quartz exposed, which had every characteristic of being gold bearing. Samples were secured and have been given to a local assayer for examination. About 200 miles from the mouth of Ladue creek, which flows into the White river, favorable indications of placer gold were found. The rock formation is mica schist, and similar to that of the Klondike district.

The journey on return to Dawson was made in 12 days. This was Mr. Bray's second trip into the Tanana country. He led a party by way of Fortymile last February over the snow and ice. In the latter part of June they floated down the Tanana, and came out on the Yukon at Weare, from whence they took an up-river steamboat to Dawson. Mr. Bray considers that his recent trip was successful beyond expectations. He will return to the district some time during the coming winter.

Roast Baby Is Not Bad.

Queer things to eat and how they taste had been the topic of conversation for half an hour with a little group of passengers on a down East steamship. The list had gone as far as rats when the captain joined the party, and he listened respectfully to the experiences of those who had numbered cats and horse flesh in their menu at some period or other.

"What was the worse thing you ever had to eat, captain?" someone asked him at last.

"Well, I went to sea at 13 years of age, and for a good many years I didn't have much terrapin or canvasback duck, but that didn't interfere with my growth to any great extent," and the captain, who was a man of fine physique, drew himself up to his full six feet. "But I think I ate one thing that no one else on this boat ever tasted, and that is roast nigger baby."

The captain paused while the exclamations of horror spent themselves.

"It was in a South African port, and the natives were not reputed cannibals, and in many ways they showed evidences of much civilization; but they had a semi-religious rite that called for the sacrifice of a child at stated intervals. The choice was made by lot, and the parents were expected not only to consent uncomplainingly, but to partake of the feast. By some mischance I got myself bitten to this ceremony, and I had a broad tip that it would be pru-

dent for me not to refuse. I therefore attended, and so did another white man, who was, literally and figuratively, in the same boat with myself.

"Yes, we ate some of the baby. It wasn't so bad, but I've never hankered after it since."

The captain went back to the bridge and the drift of the talk turned away from things to eat.

Benefit at the Grand.

Professor Parks is the only man in Dawson who has successfully operated moving pictures. His services have been volunteered on every occasion they were asked, whether to relieve the Salvation Army shelter, or to defray some sick actor's hospital expenses. On the eve of his departure for the outside it has been decided by his many friends to give him a benefit, which will take place on Wednesday night at Arizona Charley's show house. Of 300 moving picture films and 2000 stereopticon slides the choice ones will be chosen for the occasion. Give him a good send off; he deserves it.

Yukon Pioneers Decide.

Col. Miles asked Mr. Oigvie if he would be satisfied to leave it to the Y. O. P. who should be taken for the model of the golden statue which the colonel proposes for the Klondike exhibit at the Paris exposition. Mr. Oigvie said yes. At the regular meeting of that order on Monday night the members indicated Father Jack McQuesten, the ancient trader, as their choice. All that now remains is for the colonel to raise the necessary amount of gold. Thirty years on the Yukon has not dried the popular old merchant to a point but what it will take lots of gold to reproduce him life size.

STEAMBOAT NEWS.

On Wednesday the steamboat Ora, owned by the B. L. & K. N. Co., left for Whitehorse. She took up 15 passengers.

The N. A. T. & T. Co.'s steamboat John Cudahy left Wednesday afternoon for Cape Nome. She carried 125 passengers.

The arrival of the N. A. T. & T. Co. steamboat John C. Barr is expected daily. She will make a trip to St. Michael, providing a passenger list of 125 persons is secured.

The Florence S. arrived in port Wednesday night. She brought down seven passengers and 30 tons of freight. The Florence S. started on her return to Whitehorse Friday noon.

The W. K. Merwin arrived from Whitehorse on Thursday morning. She carried a cargo of live stock, comprised of 60 steers and 75 hogs. She brought down only seven passengers.

The Bonanza King departed on her last trip for Whitehorse on Wednesday. She registered a list of 63 passengers. The Canadian Bank of Commerce shipped out \$700,000 in gold dust which will be guarded by Corporal Judd and Constable Barnes of the N. W. M. P.

The C. D. Co.'s steamboat Columbian arrived from Whitehorse on Wednesday. She carried 60 passengers, among whom were Miss Barber, Miss K. Moss, Miss London, Miss Viether, Miss Rosa Ross, Ella M. Wilde, Fannie L. Madden, Mrs. Lozier, Mrs. Guest, Mrs. L. Ross, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Tyrrel, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Caskey, Dr. Carper and F. M. Zilly. The Columbian left at 3 p. m. Thursday, on her return to Whitehorse. She had a passenger list of 35 persons.

The little steamboat Flora, owned by the B. L. & K. N. Co., arrived from Whitehorse on Wednesday. She was loaded with 30 tons of freight, and carried 32 passengers, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. J. Mumme and their daughters Katie and Mattie, Jessie Robins, Doris White, Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. R. S. Wining, Mrs. C. R. Reiger and Mrs. Mary O'Connor. The Flora departed on a return trip Thursday afternoon. She registered 14 passengers for Whitehorse.

Notice.

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