

A TRIP UP PELLY RIVER

The Steamer Prospector Makes Initial Trip Up That Stream—Both Pelly and Its Main Tributary Are Navigable for Many Miles—New Country Will Be Opened.

The steamer Prospector returned Sunday evening from an eventful trip up the Pelly river and its main tributary, the McMillan; eventful because it was the first steam vessel to ever navigate those waters and the trip, notwithstanding the circuitous channel heretofore uncharted and strewn with boulders and snags, was accomplished without accident or delay, an excellent testimonial to the skill and acumen of Capt. Ritchie as a navigator. From C. P. Colvin, a gentleman who made the round trip, much of interest is learned concerning that little known region. In the days of '98 and '99 many of the Klondikers who surmounted the frightful difficulties and hardships of the Edmonton route entered the Yukon territory via the Dease and Liard rivers, thence to the Pelly banks and down the river of the same name, and the knowledge of the upper reaches of the Pelly has heretofore been confined principally to those hardy voyageurs together with a few hunters and trappers who have penetrated its fastnesses in search of pelts. The McMillan and the country it traverses are even more unknown than the Pelly. Said Mr. Colvin in speaking of his trip:

"The Prospector entered the Pelly last Monday afternoon and we made the ascent as far as the mouth of the McMillan, 80 miles, with practically no difficulty whatever. Unlike the Yukon, the Stewart and the Koyukuk, the Pelly is confined to one well defined, distinct channel and possesses no sloughs whatever. The walls and banks of the river are for the most part of a volcanic formation, miles and miles of broken up basalt being seen on either side of the river. Below the canyon there is but little merchantable timber. A good stage of water was found at all points. In the canyon the current was much stiffer and the bottom of the river was plentifully strewn with huge boulders requiring the utmost skill on the part of the captain in avoiding them. This was especially true on the return trip when we had to back up continuously in running the canyon. This canyon, by the way, is nothing near the serious problem we anticipated. It is about four miles long and is located about ten miles below the mouth of the McMillan. The canyon contains three sets of rapids, each a mile or so apart. In the first a pecked rock almost in the center of the channel. The walls are steep and present the same general characteristics as seen below. Half way up the Pelly my attention was called to an extinct volcano which seemed to be about 30 miles distant. The rough, serrated edges of the mountain and the cup-like crater were plainly visible and it re-

quired but little effort of one's imagination to picture the scene which must have been depicted thousands of years ago when the present topography of the country was in the process of formation and this identical volcano was pouring forth volumes of molten lava.

"The McMillan river is totally unlike the Pelly. The first 50 miles of it is a slow, sluggish stream with only a two mile current. Its bottom is mud or quicksand and we encountered numerous snags and piles of drift. In one instance we had to go ashore and with a double block and tackle remove several snags before we could get through. We went up the McMillan 180 miles, or to within four or five miles of the forks which is the head of steamboat navigation. At the forks the McMillan divides into almost two equal portions and there is not enough water in either stream to navigate a steamer. When we reached our destination the whistle was blown for several minutes in honor of the event and we all piled ashore. A board containing the following inscription and ornamented with the Union Jack was nailed up on the spot:

"Steamer Prospector, Capt. J. A. Ritchie—The first to navigate the McMillan river—Arrived here August 15, 1914, having on board Neville A. D. Armstrong, Chas. S. W. Barwell, George Fenwick, T. D. Gillis, Frank Fenwick, D. W. Wright, Major H. J. Woodside, Robert Henderson and William Forbes."

"After photographing the party the return was begun in a heavy rain by it storm. On the mountains near by it was snowing heavily and I also observed that a layer of the beautiful extended down to within about 40 miles of the Yukon.

"The Armstrong Barwell party of seven was left there. They will survey the ground recently granted as a concession and return to Dawson in canoes taken up for the purpose. Major Woodside also left a couple of census enumerators who will cover the McMillan and Pelly rivers. But little sign of human habitation was observed and we saw but five men on the entire trip and they were poiling up the McMillan. In one place we found a deserted meat cache evidently put up by the Indians. As it contained a quantity of dry wood it was pulled down and used for fuel. We saw plenty of signs of game, and ducks and geese were in the greatest profusion."

In speaking of the success of the trip, Mr. Meed, general agent of the Prospector, said they were ready to explore the head waters of the Pelly, some 300 miles up from the mouth, providing there was any business to warrant it.

Melbank and while the part is not long "Billy" makes it a strong one. Chas. Moran assumes the character of the footman of the mansion of Mrs. Winthrop.

Miss Lucy Lovell makes her reappearance this week and received a hearty welcome last night. She takes the part of Edith, the blind sister of Douglas Winthrop; and in an easy, graceful manner and receives much commendation for her clever work.

Julia Walcott has the part of Miss Ruth Winthrop, an elderly aunt of Mrs. Winthrop.

Daisy D'Avara shows great improvement in her work this week and assumes the part of Mrs. Dick Chetwyn, a society lady very creditably.

Vivian as Constance Winthrop the wife of Douglas has a very strong emotional part and one on which she has devoted considerable time in preparing. Her acting in this part shows the result of careful study and makes it one of the best in which Vivian has yet appeared before a Dawson public. The play is excellent and should receive a large patronage throughout the week.

The Cummings stock company opened the week last night to a crowded house presenting for the first time in Dawson Sol Smith Russell's beautiful play and greatest success, "Peaceful Valley." This is one of the prettiest and best comedies on the stage today and is being well produced this week.

It is the story of the betrayal of a poor unsophisticated country girl by one of the hyenas of New York society and her final rescue from an evil life by her brother, the downfall of the villain and the happy union of the hero to the girl of his affections, although their stations in life are far apart.

Ralph E. Cummings who heads the cast as Hosea Howe, the character in which Sol Smith Russell has made himself famous, does full credit to the

part and is ably supported by the balance of the cast which is composed as follows:

Mr. Rand, Jack Williams; Charles Rand, his son, Harry F. Cummings; Jack Farquhar, Harry Sadley, Ward Andrews, Frank B. Clayton, John Ford, a landlord, W. T. Hodson; Willson, a waiter, George Evans; Virgie Rand, Miss Leota Howard; Niobe Farquhar, Miss Lillian Grant; Martha Howe, Miss Edith Bate.

The action of the play is in three scenes and occur in the following places:

Act 1—Ayrton house, White mountains, Vermont.
Act 2—"Sittin' Room" at the Peaceful Valley farm.
Act 3—"Best Room" at the Peaceful Valley farm.

The latter part of the week commencing Thursday night Julia Arthur's great play, "A Lady of Quality," will be produced.

The Orpheum this week has a larger and bigger vaudeville show than has ever been seen on a Dawson stage.

The entertainment commences with Eddie O'Brien's laughable comedies entitled "McGee's Picnic," and continues through a long olio in which all of the old favorites and a number of new stars make their appearance, in songs, dances, sketches, etc. The performance concludes by a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match between Ole Marsh and Gene Riley who will wrestle for the best two out of three falls every week.

The entertainment throughout is first class and is sure to attract large audiences every night this week.

CONNELLY RELEASED

After Being Held in Jail for Non-Payment of Debt.

Tim Connelly was this morning released from custody after having been in jail a number of weeks during which a sentence of 15 days was served simply because he owed a bill he could not pay. Connelly is a one third owner in 24 and 2 below upper-on Dominion and his troubles are due to these claims. They were worked last year but at the cleanup did not yield enough to pay the expenses. The miners received their money but there was only \$750 left to pay the boarding house keeper, a man named Olsen. The owners of the remaining interest in the claims left the country and Olsen came onto Connelly for the entire amount. He was arrested under a capias on October 9, though he avers he had not the slightest idea of leaving the territory, gave bonds, but as his case could never be brought to trial, he released his bondsmen and gave himself up to the sheriff, intending to force the case to an issue. In this he was unsuccessful until two weeks ago when he received a sentence of 15 days which was completed yesterday.

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NEWS FROM THE KOYUKUK

Miners Pay for Goods in Dust of the District.

Provisions Were Scarce Last Winter But Will Be Plentiful During the Coming Season.

Nothing but good has been said of the Koyukuk by the arrivals from there since navigation opened. There have been no exaggerated statements, by everyone said the country was good and full of promise. Mr. Hills, who spent the winter at Bettles in charge of the A. E. Co.'s store, when he reached Dawson said that the winter in the whole district was paying for his supplies with dust. This to him was as good an indication of the mineral wealth of the country as any that could be advanced.

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creaks, and that he has seen nothing as good in the Klondike. The gold is much coarser and of a darker color. Last winter, it will be remembered, very little provisions got up as far as Bettles, and the miners had to break trail and get in their supplies from Bergman, 80 miles to the south. Notwithstanding the large amount of time this took from the work on the creeks there was considerable of a clean-up. A private letter from a man who is thoroughly well known as reliable, dated mouth of Koyukuk, June 22, reads:

"I have been up the Koyukuk to the head, but the water was so high I could not get into the hills, so thought best to make another trip in the boat. Am on my way to St. Michael now and by the time I get back the water will be low enough to go up the creeks."

"George Rice got in to the mouth of the river as we came out. He has a big outfit and is bound for the head of the Koyukuk. The country is a very lively one up there—

"Four hundred and fifty pounds in dust is on this boat for St. Michael. Don't think of leaving Dawson to go

out of the country until you hear from me again. The next time I can give you the right steer, and if I say come you can bet your life am right. The country is pretty well staked, but six out-of-ten locations run out the first of the year on the creeks known to be good."

The "right steer" came on the Susie, as also did the information to others contained in the last paragraph. People are in a hurry to get there to take up the abandoned claims that will be open for relocation on January 1. W. G. Brien, of Brien & Clements, left in a hurry on the Tyrrell Saturday. Miss West and Miss Edith Montrose were passengers on the same boat to the Koyukuk. The Susie, which leaves tonight, will undoubtedly have a large passenger list.

Terms have already been made with the owners of the Clara-Monarch for large freight shipments. One party contracted for 110 tons of provisions, a number of hogs and a sawmill outfit. This party proposes locating a new townsite north of Bettles. Another party has ten tons of freight to ship and as the men who came out yesterday say there is a shortage of supplies in the district there will doubtless be many more shipments ready by the time the Clara-Monarch sails, many passengers there will undoubtedly be. There is one party of 33, principally music hall people, already booked.

Fifteen men from Nome came up the Susie for the Koyukuk, showing that good news of the district has gone down the river.

Motion Argued.

A motion to dismiss the capias was argued this morning before Mr. Justice Dugas. It was shown that the defendant had had the money to pay the capias of \$117 which was due the plaintiff at the time the capias was issued. The motion was not allowed and Fische was remanded to jail.

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All the Houses Are Vying for Public Patronage and Are Putting on Good Shows.

The Standard last night opened the week to a very small house but the excellent play "Young Mrs. Winthrop," which is being produced this week is sure to attract larger audiences for the balance of the week.

The management has taken great care in the preparation of this play and have spared no expense in making the scenic effects and costumes harmonize with the time and place at which the play is written, with the result that the play this week in every particular is one of the best and strongest which has yet been produced in Dawson.

The play is a beautiful love story depicting the slow separation of two loving hearts through a misunderstanding and their final reuniting through the efforts of their lawyer who has been commissioned to make a division of the property.

Alf T. Layne as Buxton Scott, a lawyer, assumes a part in which he has made himself particularly proficient.

C. W. Rohman as Douglas Winthrop who also has a part for which he is well adapted and makes his character a very strong one.

Robert Lawrence as Herbert, a young man in love with Edith the blind sister of Douglas Winthrop, has the sympathy of the audience in his efforts to make love to the girl.

William Mathen takes the part of Dr.