

CHAMPION NUGGET FOUND.

It Was Unearthed by Peter Jord at No. 34 Eldorado.

Weight Over 74 Ounces, and Is Valued at \$1158—Atlin Falls into Line With One Worth \$807.

The largest nugget found in the Klondike up to date weighs 72½ ounces, and is worth \$1,158. Thus will run history, and it will be a true statement of fact. The existence of the nugget only became known on Friday last, when Peter Jord, a man who had been representing No. 34 Eldorado, brought it to town and turned it over to John Nelson, one of the owners of the claim. It was, however, found as far back as June 24, but Jord had cunningly kept the affair a secret, "because," he explained to a Nugget man, "everybody would be running to my claim and wanting to see it, and I wouldn't be able to do any work."

The nugget is almost six inches long by nine inches in circumference, and it is oblong in form. Its surface is rugged throughout, but is worn smooth. Not all of it is gold, but the percentage of quartz—about six ounces, it is estimated—only makes it the handsomer specimen. It is, indeed, a beautiful object to look upon.

Jord, who was representing the claim for what he got out of it, relates that on the date above given he uncovered the piece on bedrock, striking it twice with his pick before he got it out. He "said nothing to nobody" about it, but quietly cached it away until he was through with his work and ready to come to town, which he did on Friday last. Then, to show how little he cared for it, he sold the nugget to John Nelson at once. It is not unlikely that it will be taken to Paris for exhibition at the world's fair, and it will prove valuable in attracting attention to the great richness of Klondike's deposit.

No. 34, where the nugget was found, belongs to Alex. McDonald, Harry Smith, Bill McPhee and John Nelson. Jord is a native of Denmark, but came here from British Columbia.

Atlin Has One, Too.

The Atlin country has attracted renewed attention to itself by turning out a nugget worth \$807. Indefinite news of the find reached Dawson a week or more ago, but it was not confirmed until Sunday, when T. S. T. Theggard, an old-time and well known Dawsonite, arrived direct from the scene. The nugget was found, he said, on Spruce creek, which has been turning out well of late, as also have been McKee, Pine and Willow. Royalty has already been paid on \$1,500,000, and he thinks the end of the year will bring it to \$2,000,000. Capitalists are now investing quite heavily in the country, having found it an excellent hydraulic proposition. Some of them are already starting up plants, and next year will undoubtedly see a scene of activity throughout the camp. Mr. Theggard says that it has been decided that aliens holding property at the time the exclusion act went into effect will not be molested in their holdings, and this has given great satisfaction to all classes.

Mr. Theggard, who was formerly interested with Harry Ash in the Northern, is now interested in mining ventures, and has several scow loads of machinery coming down the river. The gentleman bears the distinction of being probably the largest man in the Klondike.

Soldier Boys Leave.

Thirty-one soldiers of the queen left by boat Friday for the outside, agreeable to the order referred to in the previous issue of The Nugget. Col. Evans accompanying them to Selkirk. A large crowd of citizens and most of the soldier boys remaining were at the wharf to see them off and there was considerable excitement. As the boat was

leaving the boys on shore gave their departing comrades three cheers and a tiger, which were responded to in like form from the boat, and the shore boys then struck up "Soldiers of the Queen." As the boat passed the barracks the flag dipped a "good-bye," the sentries saluted and there was an exchange of bugle blasts.

It was learned just before the boat went out, that all the soldiers remaining at Selkirk except a few left to guard the stores, will be transferred to Dawson at once.

Important Mining Deals.

F. de Journal this week sold William Biggs his half interest in two bench claims, opposite 60 below on Bonanza, for \$15,000. Billy Bard owns the other half.

Vernon & Storry sold at auction on Thursday the balance of the mining property belonging to the Pioneer Mining company, consisting of 11 claims opposite Nos. 17 and 18 above on Bonanza, 15 claims on Last Chance and No. 211 below lower on Dominion creek. The property was purchased by Billy Bard and F. de Journal.

The Telegraph and Railroad.

On Sunday, it is learned through the arrival of the Bonanza King, the government telegraph line had reached a point below Stewart river, and was coming along at the rate of seven miles per day. At that rate, barring untoward circumstances, the line will be at Dawson in two weeks.

It is also learned that work has been commenced at Cariboo Crossing on the extension of the White Pass railroad to Whitehorse rapids, though it is not expected that cars will be running before next June. It is also expected that the line will be extended to Atlin.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Work was commenced Friday on the construction of the bridge over the slough.

L. H. Gray is said to have resigned his position as traffic manager of the White Pass railroad.

J. P. Whittren, who left for the states some weeks ago, has been ill with typhoid fever at Milwaukee.

Local sports will be interested in learning that Kid McCoy was knocked out at Chicago on the 17th by McCormick, in 2 minutes and 47 seconds.

A drunken woman smashed a window at the Regina with her fist on Saturday morning. After sobering up she paid the cost of the glass and it was decided not to prosecute.

Cribbs & Rogers have a fine exhibit of grain and fruits from J. A. Acklin's farm, together with a picture of the premises in one of their windows. It attracts much attention.

Mrs. C. M. Swan, mother of Mrs. Hetherington has purchased a lot on Mission street opposite the Salvation Army barracks and will put up a cottage on it.

The steamer Reindeer bumped into the Lotta Talbot on Thursday and badly damaged the latter's wheel. The crash was heard for a long distance and hundreds of people were attracted to the scene.

It is said that the council contemplates ordering that the electric light poles standing in the middle of First avenue shall be moved to one side of the thoroughfare. It will be a great improvement and the present is the best time to have it done.

A flying spark set fire to the moss in Mr. Hobbs' establishment on Thursday afternoon and a pretty good fire was on before it was discovered. The department turned out and the blaze was soon extinguished. It is Mr. Hobbs' purpose to enclose his plant with iron as a precaution against fire.

Mr. Fred Shepard, who had long been stenographer in the office of the commissioner, resigned his position on Thursday. The gentleman is now having two cottages erected on Mission street, and when they are done he will settle down to business affairs. Mr. Shepard is an attorney, but being an American, cannot practice here.

The commissioner has let additional contracts for the construction of the government trail as follows: J. H. Sutherland five miles; J. H. Seeley ten miles; Patterson & Cleveland another five miles. The 30 miles are now under construction and the work will be pushed with the utmost vigor. Several hundred men are finding work on the trail.

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DENYS THE CAPTAIN'S STORY

Anderson Didn't Know What He Was Talking About.

Did Very Little Prospecting and Less Panning—Capt. Robertson Tells the Real Story of the Expedition.

DAWSON, Y. T., Sept. 4, 1899.—Editor Klondike Nugget: Dear Sir—In your issue of the 2d inst. an article appears headed "No Gold in the Rockies," and containing a description of an extended prospecting trip made by Captains Anderson and Robertson to that locality. The statement given by Captain Anderson regarding our travels and prospecting work done is entirely misleading and untruthful. Coming from one having such a reputed knowledge of geological and mineral formations, it may tend to hurt honest and hard-working prospectors now doing good work in the upper Klondike, 20 miles beyond the highest point reached by him. Besides, my name is mentioned as a co-traveler with Captain Anderson. I would, therefore, be glad if you would publish the following plain facts regarding the trip:

Our route lay up the south fork of the Klondike, 15 miles above Flat creek. We prospected on a hillside of the range dividing Flat creek and the Klondike, without success. We then continued our journey to a point on the south fork 125 miles from Dawson, where we stopped at the camp of Mr. Carter, who is engaged in hunting and prospecting in that district. Here I left Captain Anderson and started with Mr. Carter on a prospecting trip toward the Rockies. We (Mr. Carter and I) reached the head of the Porcupine, traveling to the southeast along the dividing range between the headwaters of the north fork and McQuesten, thence to the south fork and back to Mr. Carter's cabin. Here I learned that Captain Anderson was at Mr. Reid's camp, three miles below. On resting a day I joined him, after an absence of 14 days. We returned to Dawson in Mr. Reid's canoe. Nine miles above Flat creek the canoe was overturned, and our guns, clothing, diary and sketch map of the journey were lost.

Now, sir, I would point out that Captain Anderson was never within 80 miles of the headwaters of the Klondike, McQuesten or Porcupine. How he can report thereon, I cannot comprehend. As a fact, Mr. Carter and I came upon many quartz ledges near the heads of the north and south forks of the Klondike, and Mr. Carter is now awaiting the result of assays on very likely-looking stone from that quarter. Regarding the creek on which the Frenchman worked, Captain Anderson was not nearer than 17 miles to said creek. Mr. Carter and I passed that creek, but not one of our party washed one pan thereon. As to Australian creek, we passed it some miles off. Regarding the statement about washing 1,000 pans, Captain Anderson washed two pans during the whole time I was

with him, and Mr. Reid, who was with the captain during my absence, informs me that he did not see him wash one pan. JOHN ROBERTSON.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Sam Kirk left for Seattle on Friday.

Rody Connors left for the outside on Friday.

Dr. Pohl, formerly of Portland, Or., is in the city.

Sam Reed, of Dominion creek, is ill with typhoid fever.

Capt. Sutherland left on Thursday to visit his home in Scotland.

"Hootch" Miller and brother are over from their claim on Dominion for a short visit.

William Wachter has rented the two-story house adjoining the Flannery and has moved his family in.

Miss Faith Fenton has recovered from her indisposition, and is again at her duties in the commissioner's office.

Mrs. Devig arrived from the outside on the Bonanza King Sunday, and has joined her husband at No. 26 above on Last Chance. The lady has spent the last two years in Europe.

Mrs. E. A. Holm, of Juneau, Alaska, who had been a guest for some weeks of her daughter, Mrs. Al. Agnew, left for her home this week, but may continue on to St. Paul for a visit with a brother.

Dr. McFarlane left on Friday for an extended trip in Canada and the United States. It is intimated by friends that he may, while away, be joined in wedlock to an accomplished young lady who is well known in Dawson.

Mrs. Harry Woolrich and son arrived from the outside on Wednesday on a visit. Harry had been expecting them for some time by the lower river route, but the change of programme made no difference in the delight he felt at their arrival.

Mrs. C. Noble and Miss Josephine Pickel arrived home on the Bonanza King Sunday from a trip to the Whitehorse rapids. They report having had a most enjoyable trip and speak in highly complimentary terms of the service on board the boat.

The Bonanza King brought in a large number of passengers on Sunday among them several ladies, with their children, coming to join their husbands. Among them were the following: Mrs. S. Archibald, T. S. Theggard, A. B. Harris and wife, T. H. Mallory, D. Gunn, Mrs. G. Sney, A. J. Lirdwickson, R. J. Preston, Mrs. M. Day, Thos. Day, Lillian Day, Josephine Day, Mrs. N. Devig, Mrs. T. P. Blair, John Micenti, Thos. P. Reilly, Samuel Lavoic, J. L. Cox, C. C. Townsend, Mrs. O. L. Moore, Matt Mokels, Matt Mater, John Parsons, E. Dyer, J. Hicks, Mrs. Noble, Miss Josephine Pickel. The King was also heavily laden with freight, including 50 tons for one of Dawson's mercantile establishments and 66 head of cattle. The boat left again for Whitehorse on Monday.

The Nugget Express will cash money orders issued by any of the outside express companies. Office in the Aurora block.

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