

### CLAIMS ON JACK WADE.

#### Have Clouded Titles in a Number of Instances.

#### Difficulties Originated When Creek Was Discovered—Questions Will Be Litigated Next Summer.

There is some trouble respecting titles to mining claims on Jack Wade creek. The difficulty arose originally about the time when claims were staked by the first locators. Then there were no local laws in operation, and the claims were taken in sizes of 1320 feet. Probably not more than five claims, of such dimension had been staked, when a crowd of people came into the district and held a miners' meeting. The size of claims were reduced to 1000 feet, and a local law was made invalidating powers of attorney. This meeting also elected a recorder for the district. Immediately after the meeting recent arrivals located 320 foot fractions on the claims which had been staked prior to the meeting. Then again, claims which had been located by powers of attorney were jumped by the new comers; this difficulty affects probably five claims on the creek. It is true that after the miners' meeting, no claims, exceeding 1000 feet in length were located; neither were any powers of attorney used. No complaints are made against the recorder. He has the confidence of the miners of his district.

Mr. J. H. Joslin has visited Jack Wade, and, speaking of the condition of affairs there, he said:

"The titles to a number of claims are clear and undisputed; but many other properties will be involved in litigation. The difficulties originated at the time when the creek was discovered. The miners expect to have a term of court at Eagle City next summer, and then their differences will be litigated. There has been no trouble over these questions of title. As a general rule, the party who jumped a fraction on a 1300 foot claim, may proceed with his development, while the original locator will confine operations to the 1000 feet, which is undisputed. Such is the state of facts relative to the claim owned by my brother, Mr. Falon Joslin. His developments do not interfere with those of the man who jumped 320 feet of the claim, and vice versa. Next summer, the contentions will be settled in court. Some claims, which have proven rich, are now in litigation; the interested parties having filed their papers in the United States court at Sitka. The country in the vicinity of Jack Wade is broken and irregular. It has not that ideal placer appearance which one sees in the Dawson district.

There seem to be two pay streaks on Jack Wade creek; one on the right limit and one on the left limit. That on the right limit yields very coarse gold; the paystreak on the left limit is counted to fine gold, similar to the quality of the output of the Klondike district. These pay streaks have been uncovered for a distance of twenty claims.

On account of the disputes respecting the titles to claims, men with money have been reluctant to make investments in properties on Wade. I think that all of the disputes will be settled next summer, after which, it is my opinion, that the district will experience a veritable boom in every branch of business.

When Judge Johnson visited the lower Yukon last summer, he said that he would make every endeavor to hold terms of court next season at Eagle, Circle and Nome. Initial steps have been taken to induce the central government at Washington to appoint an additional federal judge for the district of Alaska, whose jurisdiction shall be comprised of the lower Yukon country. It is not improbable that this appointment will be made before the ice goes out next spring. At all events, it is certain that congress, at its next session will consider favorably an increase in the judiciary of Alaska.

#### Will It Freeze?

It will surprise many of our outside readers to learn that in the Klondike country are any amount of open wells—many of them open and supplying water the year round. The experiment being made by Col. Word in supplying water to Dawson through pipes all winter is being watched with much interest. The pipes are not deeply in the ground, and the frost has already penetrated to a much greater depth, yet by allowing it to run freely at the overflow, no perceptible freezing of the pipes has yet taken place. Indeed it is impossible to freeze them under present condi-

tions. In traversing the entire length of the city underground the water is found to lose but one-half a degree of heat. Since the well, like many others, will probably be open all winter, the water will be at a higher temperature than 32 above zero. F. Running water at that temperature can lose a half a degree and still not freeze, so that it is really believed possible to operate the water service all winter.

#### Accident on Gay Gulch.

What appeared at first a most serious accident occurred on No. 6, Gay gulch, on Friday morning. The Lawrence Brothers own the claim and are working it. Beverly, the heaviest of the brothers, went to descend when the crank of the windlass slipped from the hand of Alfred Lawrence, striking him full on the cheek and knocking him senseless. Beverly went dashing down some 14 feet to the bottom, but fortunately received no injury. He shouted to his brother on top, and hearing no reply, climbed up hand over hand, to find Alfred unconscious on the ground bleeding from nostrils and mouth. It took 20 minutes to resuscitate him, though the doctor's advice is that no serious results are to be anticipated.

#### THIRTEEN SCANDINAVIANS.

#### Secure Choice Prizes in the New Cape Nome Diggings.

The god of fortune has dealt kindly with Scandinavians in the distribution of Cape Nome prizes. Word comes from the new diggings that 13 of this sturdy nationality secured that number of successive claims on Anvil, perhaps the richest creek in the camp.

On other streams they are proportionately in evidence and there are not a few Norwegians and Scandinavians in the district, while the Laplanders, whom the government gave transportation from their far away land to Alaska in the furtherance of the reindeer scheme, are well represented in the Cape Nome country. Thirty-five of them deserted Rev. Sheldon Jackson's government service and stampeded to the new discovery. They were among the first to arrive, all securing good claims.

The Scandinavians were no less fortunate on the Klondike. They have been remarkably successful in that great gold camp. In the list of Klondikers who have to date taken out all the way from \$50,000 to \$300,000 each are such names as Andrew Olsen, Hans Hansen, Swan Peterson, Hans Olsen, Chris Johnson and — Brusett. Andrew Olsen is known to have shipped over \$300,000 worth of gold dust out of the Klondike to date.

The sturdy French Canadians have been remarkably successful on the Klondike. Like the Scandinavians they stand the cold well, having been accustomed from birth to the chilling blasts of far northern climes.—Seattle Times.

#### "THINKLETS."

[By Othmar.]

If one could get Faith he would secure a triune for she embraces hope and charity.

The decolette dress in Dawson doesn't come as high as the dressmaker's bill for making it.

Making love to a woman in Dawson is like using tobacco—it sometimes keeps a man from worse vices.

The honest Dawson merchant never has two weights. He pays out and takes in dust with the same weights.

As long as men and women inhabit the Klondike the recording angel will continue to add to his collection of lies.

Some women think it would be great fun to lay back in the barber chair and get shaved, but they haven't the face to try it.

Did you ever notice that when a woman—an old maid especially—buys a chair she always selects one with two arms to it.

Several of Dawson's actresses have married for money and not as a guarantee of good faith. I know of several ladies in town who are not actresses who are willing to do the same thing.

#### Resented.

"And how did you come to marry him?"

"I didn't come to marry him," answered the womanly little woman indignantly, "he came to marry me."—Chicago Post.

#### Unassisted.

"And was no physician in attendance on your husband in his last sickness?"

"No, he died a natural death!"—Unserer Gesellschaft.

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#### ANGEL DANCERS.

#### Accused of Heinous Practices by Mrs. Lamb at Woodcliff, N. Y.

Mrs. Annie Lamb, of Bristol, Mass., has cast a bomb into the camp of the "Angel dancers" at Woodcliff, N. Y., by publishing through the World some serious charges against the religious fanatics and thereby causing the arrest of four of them. Prosecutor Stagg complains that he is constantly being approached by members of the order with a view of finding out the whereabouts of the prosecuting witness and influencing her to withdraw the charges. Stagg refuses the information and intimates that the matter will be pushed to the bitter end.

The "angels" are, by Mrs. Lamb, accused of a number of serious improprieties, many of which amount to but outrages upon conventionalities but a more serious charge is embodied in her accusations, that, taking advantage of her two young daughters' religious fervor, two of the young men dancers, Mason and Garry Storms, have effected their ruin. The girls, aged 15 and 17, are detained as witnesses to the grand jury, and meanwhile the fanatics are prevented from seeing them or their mother by keeping their present whereabouts unknown.

#### First on Hunker.

The first child born on Hunker creek came to light early on Thursday morning. The happy parents are Mr. and Mrs. Matherson, living on the hydraulic concession next to the Hillside road house. The little girl is lusty and strong and weighed ten pounds.

#### INTERESTED IN BIBLE.

#### Emperor of China Manifesting Great Pleasure Over Its Stories.

Rev. T. J. N. Gattrell, who for ten years has been a colporteur of the American Bible Society in northern China, has returned to the United States. In his last report to the society he says: "Ever since the presentation copy of the New Testament went to the dowager empress our depository has been visited almost daily by officials of the court. They say the emperor observes 'Worship' day (Sunday), and that he frequently goes to a lonely place to pray to 'Tien Chu' (God), and that when he is thus engaged no one dares disturb him. Some time ago he purchased through our agency a large number of scientific and Scriptural books, and we hear he is delighted with some of the stories of the patriarchs, and particularly with an illustrated life of Christ, which he has ordered to be bound in velvet and to be put in a convenient place in the library. He has applied to our store for copies of books treating of the differences between the Catholic and Protestant churches."

#### As He Put It.

Planche told this story of an Irishman who was driving a mail coach. He observed him to be tying his neck up in the voluminous folds of his comforter and remarked, "You seem to be taking very good care of yourself, my friend."

"Och, to be sure, I am, sir," answered the driver. "What's all the world to a man when his wife's a widdy?"

#### Strong Bank Notes.

So firm is the texture of a genuine Bank of England note that burning can hardly destroy it. The authorities have in a little glazed frame the remains of a note which was in the great fire of Chicago. Though completely charred and black, the note is sufficiently legible to establish its genuineness and be cashed.

#### Eddystone.

The smallest inhabited island in the world is that on which the Eddystone lighthouse stands. At low water it is 30 feet in diameter. At high water the lighthouse, whose diameter at the base is 28 1/2 feet, completely covers it. It is inhabited by three persons.

#### From Alpha to Omega.

A little miss,  
A little kiss,  
A little bliss,  
A wedding—that is splendid;  
A little jaw,  
A little law,  
Back home to ma,  
And, lo! the trouble's ended.

#### Couldn't Say.

Is your husband in line for promotion?"

"I don't know," doubtfully answered the young woman who had married a title. "Since they worried Mr. Hooley so there don't seem to be very many promoters around."—Washington Star.

#### Another Foul Slander.

"What does he do for a living?"

"Nothing." He's on the detective force."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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