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Prominent Dawsonites Tell What They Saw There.

Dr. Chambers, Dr. Benson and Jim Donaldson Say the Country Is Rich-The Season Closing.

The output of the new Cape Nome diggings this season will be \$1,000,000 is the estimate of Dr. J. J. Chambers, a well-known citizen of Dawson who went to the new country several weeks ago.
The doctor is admittedly conservative in had a population of from 250 to 300. his estimates and statements, and the claims and Anvil City, which has fact that he made a statement to the grown to 3500, is located a short disforegoing effect to his local business foregoing effect to his local business tance away. I just proceeded up Anvil manager, R. A. Ambolt, gives it added liver and found they had already begun strength and importance. The doctor to open up rich claims,

Claim No. 1, below discovery, owned wrote to Mr. Ambolt on August 4, the wrote to Mr. Ambolt on August 4, the by Lindblom, Lindberg & Binderson, letter arriving here only a few days ago, incorporators of the Pioneer Mining and the following are among some of his interesting statements concerning Nome:

"At this writing all lines of business are doing well. Wages are \$10 a day, though carpenters are paid \$2 per hour.

The camp is bound to be a good one, as the diggings are extremely rich; os far as it has been developed, the camp is as rich as Klondike for the same length of time after the discovery. I consider my holdings here as valuable as those in the Klondike. Many of the so-called "wild cat" creeks are proving by development to be rich, and every day has a fresh surprise. 1 believe the output for the season will be not less than \$1,000,000. Dexter creek has turned out a nugget weighing \$26,25, Up to date values have been held so high that few transfers of claims have been made. These are essentially summer diggings, however, and most of the people now here will have to go out. would advise no one to come now; if you send anyone let it be with the first ice in the spring."

Dr. Chambers, it is learned, will leave Nome this fall and go to his nome in Ohio to spend the winter; he will return to Dawson in the spring and, after looking into his affairs here, will proceed to Nome again by the river route, having decided to devote the bulk of his time to the new country.

Dr. Benson Back.

Dr. L. E. Benson, a well-known Dawson physician who went to Nome early last spring-he was a passenger on the first boat-arrived back on the steamer Portus B. Weare Friday night. He was equipped with valuable information concerning the new gold fields and has been kept busy, since his arrival, answering questions. The doctor went all through the prominent gulches and formed his deductions of their value by personal observation. As a result, he consider's the district to be the richest in Alaska and likely to prove as rich as the Klondike itself. Asked about the prospects of a solution of the question growing out of the wholesale staking by power of attorney, the doctor said he looks for a favorable decision from Judge Johnson during the latter's visit to Nome this got down to a working basis. summer, and he believes it will sustain the staking. Nome lawyers also anticipate an affirmative decision and are try ing to get the miners to raise a purse of \$100,000 with which to carry the question to the United States supreme court. It is found difficult, however, to effect an arrangement, as the contestants and claim jumpers are either without means or are not miners.

The doctor, of course, acquired some good properties while there, as evidenced by his reports. Two men in his employ, for instance, averaged \$43 per day for four days. His description of dissolved by mutual consent. the beach diggings tallies with that of

others heretofore quoted by The Nugget. He says that a strip of beach 65 feet from the water's edge is reserved from staking by the government, but men are being allowed to work there by the courtesy of the government. It is very by whom the same will be settled.

Dated at Dawson, Yukon Territory, this 22d day of August, A. D., 1899.

O. W. Hobbs, rich and the ease with which it is worked is such as to attract the efforts

of hundreds of men. It is, indeed, difficult to get laborers in town, even the gamblers treating the tables with haughty disdain.

From Another Source.

Among the many who have put in the summer at Nome and are enthusiastic over its resources is Capt. William Kidston, formerly commander of the wellknown steamship Roanoke. The cap-tain lately left for the outside and when asked for a statement of the conditions at Nome he spoke as follows:

Cape Nome will yet sprove to be the richest district in Alaska. I have spent eght weeks in the district and know what I am talking about. I arrived

Company, then had eight men at work: They were digging a drain ditch two feet wide. I took three shovels of the dirt, put it in a pan and washed it out. I got out of the pan \$8.56. That was on June 29. On the same claim on July 31 the first clean-up of eight men working six hours was \$6000. The second cleanup, on August 2, eight men working

eight hours, was \$20,000. Claim No. 7 is owned by Dr. Kittleson, and working 14 men eight hours, is taking out from \$2500 to \$3000 per Claim No. 8 is known as Price's claim, but is owned by Lane. They are cleaning up every day they work from \$1500 to \$2000. Claim No. 9, experts say, is the richest yet discovered. Every pan taken from ground two and three feet from the surface is running \$7 to \$8. This claim is owned by a Scandinavian missionary named Anderson, who discovered the district. Claims 11 and 12 are owned by Laplanders who accompanied the reindeer expedition to Alaska. They are making money hand over fist and are spending it as fast as they can take it out.

The Snow gulch district, owned by the Pioneer Mining Company, has three very rich claims. Other claims giving good promise are being opened up. On the three claims I speak of I have seen the gold fall off the shovel as the dirt was being thrown out. In fact, the ground is composed of slate gravel and gold. This is near the surface. They have not touched bedrock yet. I know this to be true, because I saw it.

On Glacier creek they have just begun to find gold. It is going to prove just as rich as Anvil creek, and all claims now being opened up are running just about the same. Claims are now being opened up on Osborne, Hobson, Boulder, Rock and Snake rivers, and all give good promise.

J. M. Wilson, of the Alaska Commer, cial Company, had bought about 50 claims prior to August 5, and had an option on 30 more. These were purchased upon the advice of Ivan I. Peterson, a mining expert whom Wilson sent into the district.

The North American Transportation and Trading Company has a half interest in 20 claims.

The output from Cape Nome this sea son will be at least \$500,000, which will represent about two months' work. There is no telling what next season's coutput will be, but it will run into the millions. Now I say this because, I know that in Snow gulch they took out \$150,000 in 20 working days, which is the best work ever done in Alaska.

Next fall there will be bigger and greater discoveries, and that portion which is considered the best has not yet

Timothy Hopkins, of San Francisco, is buying claims on Golovin bay, where the deeper down you go the richer the

which is owned by the government, and they are panning out from one ounce to

Notice of Dissolution.

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Action of the Military in Dispersing a Meeting Discussed.

James Donaldson Denominates It a Spaulding Defends His Action.

James M. Donaldson, one of Dawson's best known citizens, who went to ing claims which were afterward trans-Nome in July, has gone to the outside ferred to the transportation companies. from there, but is expected to return to Dawson shortly. In discussing the dispersing of a miners' meeting at Nome, nation, saying it was nothing short of miners two minutes to get out.

miners to the outside. The chairman The gold district seems to appeared at the latter's tent they found United States Commissioner Shepard awaiting them. Shepard declared to them that no such miner's meetings would be allowed, and that if either of them took part in any further meeting they would be arrested and sent to Sitka or lined up and shot before leaving.

After this experience the miners concluded to let things run their course. No further meetings were held and the situation remains the same, except that all development work is stopped, save on a very few claims. There are about 400 locations in the Cape Nome mining district in a territory 25 miles square. Most of these were taken through pow-There are a large number of men ers of attorney for Tom. Dick and working on the beach below Anvil City, Harry, living anywhere and everywhere, and many of them have since been transferred to the corporations. There is thus 80,000 acres, representing all that is worth anything in a prospective way in the Cape Nome district, tied up so that miners arriving there dare not room six men and a sergeant, with venture to strike a pick or shovel into drawn bayonets, and when I noticed a the ground. Most of these claims were disposition on the part of the miners to recorded since February last. Under the territorial law no work need be done on them until after next January. Then if nothing is done it will still be a full I learned on absolutely reliable authoryear before these claims become delinquent to be relocated by other people. It can thus be readily seen what a tremendous injustice has been done the honest prospector. If not a shovelful of dirt is thrown next summer on any of these claims they cannot be taken. The men at the meeting, and especially the ringleaders, were very much incensed at me for upsetting their plans, and threats were made to lynch

If the few claims that are being developed show big results the unlawful holders of the surrounding claims will have opportunities for selling or pushing development, as they like. All that the miners desire to see done was to have these claims represented this season. It is well understood thing around Cape Nome that the Laplanders who were sent to that country by the High-Handed Outrage-Lieutenant United States government have been permitted to declare their intentions before United States Commissioner Shepard and have been used for locat-

Speaking of the development work being done in the creeks, Mr. Donaldson said: _"I visited Anvil 'creek and Mr. Donaldson, expresses much indig- the other principal gulches. There is a good deal of work going on in sluicing, an outrage. The meeting was called in mining, etc., and good results were bea legitimate way, fully 400 miners were ing obtained. On No. 5, Anvil, 16 present, and it was purposed only to men were employed and cleaned up, to pass a mining regulation requiring that my knowledge, as high as \$8000 in one claim owners should represent their week. On Snow gulch there were three claims during the first year of assess- claims being worked. The pay was big ment. The action to be taken was em- and seemed to run about \$250 a day to bodied in the report of the committee the man. The gold was of a black, and when the question was put to adop. flaky character. There is lots of gold this report Spaulding interfered and there. Colors are found everywhere. said that if an attempt was made to pass | There is a black, heavy sand pervading the motion he would clear the hall. it, which makes it somewhat difficult to Then pulling out his watch he gave the clean the gold readily. Underneath the moss there seems to be a glacial When the time expired he formed his strata which is very peculiar. In soldiers at the rear of the hall and with places it is the clear, blue crystal ice bayonets fixed they gradually forced the that you can look right down through. of this meeting was Judge Clark, an although the paying gulches at present old and well known lawyer of Seattle are close together. I made an offer of and Sitka. The secretary was a young \$4000 cash for one claim to a man named man named Milroy from Olympia. Aft- Rosebud, but he was all excitement and er the meeting had been dispersed Judge speculation and asked \$40,000 although Clark and Milroy were sent for by he had never put a pick in the ground-Lieutenant Spaulding, and when they The people are crazy with excitement."

The Other Side.

Fragmentary and prejudiced reports have been received at Dawson from time to time concerning the oreaking up of a miners' meeting at Cape Nome by the soldiery a few weeks ago. Lieut. Spaulding, by whose order this was done, has been succeeded at that point by Lieutenant Crige, and he now gives his version of the affair as follows:

For several days preceding the meet-ing I heard that it was the intention of those interested in the meeting to pass a resolution throwing open the district for reloction. Such action as this would, no doubt, have caused bloodshed, as men owning the claims would not have permitted outsiders to jump them. Consequently, when the meeting was called to order by a man named Clark and the resolution had been read, I addressed the chair, stating that I was there to represent the United States I addressd the chair, stating that I was there to represent the United States government and would not permit them to pass such a resolution; that if they persisted I would clear the hall.

I had stationed in the rear end of the

hall, which they did. Later on several