

MOOSE AND CARIBOU SCARCE

Snow Has Not Yet Driven Them From the Mountains.

Immense Herd Crossed the Head of the Klondike Several Weeks Ago—Wolves Plentiful on Stewart.

Charles Hamilton, a hunter who for several weeks has been camped on Australian creek, a tributary of the Klondike entering about ten miles above the canyon, returned to the city yesterday with three caribou, also bringing information confirming the report already received as to the extreme scarcity of game this year about the head waters of the Klondike. Since the season began Hamilton has succeeded in bagging but six caribou and two moose. Their scarcity he attributes to the fact that there has but little snow fallen so far this year, not enough to drive the herds out of the mountains to the lowlands. A couple of months ago an immense herd crossed the head of the Klondike going in the direction of the Stewart, but as it was before the open season began they were not molested. Old hunters who saw their tracks estimated there must have been 10,000 in the band. About his camp, according to Hamilton's story, big game is scarce the smaller variety is certainly not, as rabbits seem to be in existence in almost innumerable millions. Two men average 35 or 40 a day catching them with snares. They are a glut in the Dawson market at present. One of the upper Klondike hunters who brought in a load of 600 recently was unable to get 25 cents each for them. In addition to hunting Hamilton has out also a line of traps, but the fur bearing animals seem to be as scarce as those used for food. Up to the present time he has taken only six marten. Hamilton last year put in the winter on the Pelly and when he disposed of his fur in the spring his season's catch netted him a little over \$2,000. A man named Whitaker, who is located near Hamilton's camp on Australian creek had a narrow escape from death recently at the hands of an infuriated moose. He was out hunting and suddenly came across a huge bull moose, a cow and a calf quietly browsing along the creek bottom. Whitaker at the time was in good range and to windward of the little family, but wishing to not miss the chance of corraling all three he crept closer for a better shot. By a stroke of ill luck he stepped on a dry twig, it broke with a snap, the noise attracting the attention of the head of the family. Without waiting for an introduction, the bull upon perceiving the intruder in his happy home charged at the hunter like a mad bull. It was an embarrassing position for Whitaker and he had not over an hour for reflection. The underbrush was too heavy and too thick to attempt to run and there was no tree handy. With a prayer on his lips he rammed a cartridge into the chamber of his rifle, took careful aim and blazed away. It was a lucky shot, striking the charging beast squarely in the forehead and the king of the northern forests toppled over scarce ten feet from where Whitaker stood rooted to the earth. Hunters from other sections report a somewhat different state of things and a greater abundance of game than that now to be found about the head of the Klondike. Ed. McBeth, formerly in the mail service and who came down the river on the last trip of the Nora, is in from his camp on Roseland, a tributary of the Stewart. In three weeks he has bagged six moose and 22 caribou and says he has never seen game in that section more plentiful. Considerable difficulty is experienced with wolves and it is necessary if meat is left out

over night to hang it in a tree out of their reach. Shortly before coming to town two of the marauders visited McBeth's camp at night and destroyed almost an entire carcass of caribou which was hanging within 25 feet of his cabin door. As soon as he can procure a dog team for the purpose of hauling his meat out of the woods to the river where a team can get at it, McBeth will freight it to town.

POLICE ARE VIGILANT

And Are on the Lookout for Suspicious Men.

It is reported that failure to secure conviction in the case of William Brophy on the charge of vagrancy will in no way cause the vigil of the police to relax, but that they are still on the lookout for those persons who have no visible means of support of whom, it is alleged, there are not a few in Dawson. It is told of a number of male bleds who reside in Klondike City without visible means of support that they are preparing for a visit from the police by feigning to be engaged in business. One is said to have gathered together a few chairs and a couple of stoves and has put out a sign "Furniture Store." Another has a few cans of tomatoes and a jar of pig's feet and advertises "Groceries." This is an old dodge with these fellows, but it failed to work two years ago with a couple who conducted an alleged cigar store on Fourth avenue.

Rainy River District.

Sixty thousand acres of free grant lands in the Rainy River district are now open for settlement. Any male head of a family or sole female head, having a child, or children under 18 years of age, may locate 160 acres free, and may also purchase an additional 80 acres at \$1 per acre. The homesteader must clear and cultivate at least 15 acres, and in no one year less than two acres, during three years; must build a habitable house at least 16 by 20 feet in size, and must continuously reside on the land for three years after location. If the 80 acres additional is purchased, at least 15 acres of it must be put under cultivation within three years. Patents may issue at the expiration of three years from date of purchase or sooner if settlement duties have been performed. Minerals and pine timber are reserved to the government, but the homesteader may use such pine trees as may be needed for building, fencing and fuel, and may sell such pine trees as may be necessarily removed in the process of clearing, but must pay timber dues on all pine timber sold. All timber remaining on the land when patents issue passes to the patentee. These lands are very fertile and covered by a dense forest, generally of valuable timber. The Ontario and Rainy River Railroad now nearing completion, runs through this block of land and brings it within easy reach of markets. This railroad is a link of the Canadian Northern system, which within the next six or eight months will have a continuous line from Port Arthur on Lake Superior, to Winnipeg and thence 300 miles northwest—Winnipeg Press.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

HOTEL FLANNERY:—Mrs. Egbert, Banker; J. H. Mathewson, Bonanza; J. A. Williams, Hunter; D. J. McInyre, Hunter; Louis Kronskoff, El Dorado; W. Osterli, Bonanza; John Butler, Hunter; William Abbott, Grand Forks; Chas. E. Jones, Sulphur; Pat Hanley, Sulphur. Give the boy a fine knife for Xmas. See Shindler.

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OUTLOOK IS EXCELLENT

Last Chance Output to Be Greater Than Ever Before.

C. P. Dolan, one of the heaviest operators on Last Chance and a mining partner of Deputy Sheriff Ellbeck, came in from the creeks last night and is busy today renewing old acquaintances. "Said he: 'I believe there is more work being done on Last Chance this year than ever before. Claims which have not been previously prospected are being opened up and excellent pay has been found in many instances. Three-fourths of the claims between the mouth of the creek and the forks are being worked and this year pay has been located on a number of properties on the right fork. Both Discovery and Fifteen pups are receiving considerable attention and as far as I know are turning out fully up to expectations. I feel quite confident that next summer will see the biggest clean-up Last Chance has yet produced.'

SEASONABLE COMPLIMENTS

Presidents of Two St. Andrew Societies Send Messages.

Among the first messages to come over the through wire when it began working last night after a week's rest was the following: Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 30, 1901. To R. P. McLennan, President St. Andrew's Society, Dawson: 'Charlie chieft with outh light, May, friendship's lowe breeze unco bricht.'

W. P. & Y. R. COMES TO TERMS

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—The White Pass Railroad officials today informed the deputy minister of railways that next week will be presented their new rate schedule for approval and that the present rate will be virtually cut in halves as instructed by the government. The passenger tariff will be amended later.

The Crater of Popocatepetl.

The crater itself is a marvel and is well worth a hard journey to see. A huge and gloomy pit it is, its steep sides emitting sulphurous smoke and fumes, and its perpendicular walls descending, it is said, to a depth of 1,500 feet. At the bottom is a small lake of emerald green, surrounded by volcanic rocks and deposits of sulphur. At the top there is a ledge of rock at the crater's edge, from which we made our observations of the crater and upon which we were photographed. I did not observe any difficulty in breathing or any noticeable increase of heart action, but several members of the party were panting painfully and were hardly able to speak. One of my comrades told me that he could feel his heart beat through his coat and sweater. The temperature was very cold, but it seemed to be modified somewhat by the natural warmth of the crater, and we were protected against the icy wind outside—Harper's Weekly.

She Knew Amos Keeter.

She was a very talkative old aunt and her memory was remarkable. Her nephew from the city soon realized the strength of both these characteristics. "Say, aunty," he put in when he found an opening in the old lady's continuous chain of reminiscences, "did you ever know the Sletcher family that used to live around here somewhere?" "Knew 'em all," cried the old lady without a moment's hesitation. "Yes, indeed." "Did you know Amos?" continued the joker. "Amos Keeter!" cried the old lady again. "Well, I should say I did. Many's the party he's taken me to. Amos Keeter? Dear, dear, how his name does call up the good old times!" And then the wicked nephew had to go out behind the woodshed to laugh.

MUCH WORK IN PROGRESS

Lower Dominion Is Being Rapidly Developed.

R. P. McLennan has returned from a trip covering Gold Run and Lower Dominion. He reports a surprising amount of work in progress on the latter creek. Below the mouth of the Gold Run a small army of men is engaged in opening up new ground and heavy shipments of machinery are being taken over daily to be placed on claims on which the pay has been struck. The Gold Run pay extends down Dominion for an unknown distance and work all along the creek is being prosecuted in a vigorous manner.

How It Helps. "Do you find that a college education helps your son much in his farming?"

"Well, yes, I kinder think it does a little sometimes. Since Eary's come back hum he's got a bill lot of them new notions about social distinctions, so he never loafs around with the hired man keepin him from work like he used to."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Fancy Xmas cards, exquisite designs—Kilgore & Landahl's. Kelly & Co., Leading Druggists. Job Printing at Nugget office.

Reflections.

A dollar in the hand is worth two in a will. Women's thoughts of men are mostly afterthoughts. A wise man never counts his checks before they are cashed. If you bestow a favor, forget it; if you receive one, remember it. Absence may conquer love, but it sometimes takes costly presents to hold it. Women don't mean it when they kiss each other, they do it for the purpose of showing men what they are missing. It is not necessary for a man to be poor in order to be honest, but sometimes it seems necessary for a man to be poor if he is honest.—Chicago News.

LOST—Flat nugget charm weighing \$16.50. Probably lost between Second avenue and Aurora saloon. \$20 reward if left at the Nugget office or with Andy McKenzie.

Patrons of the Standard theater last night were much disappointed in not seeing Miss Leotta Howard in her beautiful serpentine dance. In some unknown manner either the rest of some other portion of the appliances used to produce the requisite electrical effects became out of order and it was necessary to omit the strongest feature of the program. The assurance is given that the apparatus will be in working order for this evening's performance.

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WEATHER IS VERY MILD

Only North Wind Creates Demand for Furs.

But for the north wind which has blown unceasingly for the past several days and is still blowing, fur coats could be laid away and spring apparel donned. Many persons, principally cheechacos, are deterring writing letters to outside friends until they can say that the weather here is 50 degrees below zero. There is a glaring possibility that their friends will not hear from them this winter. According to the entry made by Sergeant-Major Tucher this morning on the official weather report the minimum temperature for the preceding 24 hours was 4 degrees below zero, while the maximum temperature was 3 degrees above zero. Although the snow has drifted considerably, about four inches have fallen within the past four days.

BOUND FOR WHITEHORSE

Party Gets Away in Sleds Early This Morning.

A jolly crowd consisting of C. S. Sargent, of Sargent & Pinsky, Joe Riley, Bert Dickey, Joe Marshall and Messrs. Higgins and Dobbs left for the outside at 8 o'clock this morning over the ice. Single horses and light Yukon sleds are being used as a mode of conveyance and the party anticipates but little difficulty in reaching Whitehorse without mishap. Mr. Sargent goes outside on his annual trip for goods for his firm and during his absence will visit New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Montreal and Quebec. He expects to return over the ice some time in March.

Will Play Whist.

A number of society people will meet this evening at the residence of Mr. Charles McDonald for the purpose of organizing a whist club. Officers will be chosen and it is proposed that a series of games comprising a tournament will be arranged with suitable trophies to be presented to the winners.

FOR SALE—A snap—3 pups, half Maltese, one year old, broke to work. Apply this office.

X-MAS TOYS

Standard Time.

The difficulty of appreciating the difference in time that prevails between different countries is very general, and the following list is printed for the purpose of a ready reference guide by which to calculate the time of any occurrence in another country. All nations, except Spain, Portugal and Russia, calculate their time from the meridian of Greenwich, accepting as standard some even our meridian, east or west of Greenwich. For instance:

Western European time, or that of the meridian of Greenwich, is legal in England, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. Central European time, or one hour east of Greenwich, is legal in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Congo Free State, Denmark, Italy, Serbia, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland. Eastern European time, or two hours east of Greenwich, is adopted by Bulgaria, Roumania, Natal and Turkey in Europe.

Eight hours east of Greenwich applies to the Philippines. Nine hours east of Greenwich is adopted by Central Australia and Japan.

Ten hours east of Greenwich is official in Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania.

Eleven and a half hours east has been adopted by New Zealand. The United States, Canada and Mexico have adopted the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth hours west of Greenwich.

The Hawaiian Islands adopted the meridian of ten and a half hours west.

In Spain the meridian of Madrid, fourteen minutes, forty-five seconds west of Greenwich, is legal; in Portugal, that of Lisbon, or thirty-six minutes, thirty-nine seconds west, and in Russia that of St. Petersburg, or two hours, one minute and thirty seconds of Greenwich.—Ex.

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Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Jones has introduced a bill for the exclusion from the United States of all persons who are political refugees or who are otherwise than anarchists. The second section directs a board of inquiry to be appointed to investigate the cases of any alien who is believed to be a political refugee or an anarchist, and to report to the Senate on the result of its investigation. The bill also provides for the deportation of such persons and for the forfeiture of their property.

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