

### ANOTHER HARD LUCK TALE

Nome and Whole Lower Country Are at a Standstill

No Work to be Had and no Money in Circulation—People Are Leaving as Fast as Possible.

The T. C. Powers which arrived yesterday morning from St. Michael brought 17 passengers from Nome. Among them was Jack Wilson who brings another hard luck tale from the Silent City. He says that Nome, Teller, the Kougarok and all the surrounding country is absolutely at a standstill this season, with work for no one to be had and scarcely a dollar in sight.

"I left Nome August 13," said Wilson, "and the frost was still in the ground and fresh snow was in plain sight on the foothills. There is little or no work on any of the creeks and take it all together it is the toughest proposition I ever went up against. On the creeks where they have water the claims are all tied up in litigation so they can't be worked, and on those where the law suits have been settled they have not water, and there you are. Dexter and Anvil creeks, two of the oldest in the Nome district, are almost free from litigation now, but they have no water only when it rains and then the men have to get out and work in oil skins. In the Bluestone district, Gold Run is the only creek where really good pay has been located and almost every claim on the creek is at present tied up in a law suit. On one of the creeks near Council City the few men at work are on a strike for better wages. They went to work presumably at \$5 per day and board, but later learned they were to receive but \$4 per day and accordingly all quit work.

"In Nome the conditions in many respects are a fright. There are hundreds of people there who don't know where their next meal is coming from, have no provisions, no money, no work and unless they are taken away this fall by some of the government transports there will be much suffering and starvation. The saloons are filled every night with people asleep on chairs and the gambling tables, many of them poorly clad to withstand the rigors of a hard winter. Property all

over town has greatly depreciated in value and where a business block a year or so ago would have sold for \$5000 it will not bring as many hundreds now. The only theater running in town is the Standard and it is doing but little business. Frank Simons and Hugh Madden are the proprietors of the theater and also the Madden house, the two being run in conjunction, with Alex Pantages as manager of the theatrical end. The Standard is a much larger theater than any in Dawson, and at their opening night the house was packed and jammed at 25 cents admission. The second night there were not 100 people in the house. Pantages, I understand, is preparing to return to Dawson with a company new to this city. He has already booked the Clark Slaters, Hastings & Hall and a number of others. Eddie Dolan is anxious to come back, too. The Mascot, which was formerly a theater, has been turned into dance hall. Nome is full of Dawson gamblers and there are not a quarter of them who can dig up the price of a ticket to St. Michael. Among the saloons the Northern and Second-Class are doing the best business, but that is not saying much for them.

"The Nome beach which was the scene of so much activity last year and the year before is entirely deserted. Occasionally one sees a poor devil trying to rock out the price of a meal, but it is a rarity. I think that almost everyone who can raise the price will leave Nome before the close of navigation. That country may be all right after awhile but it certainly is not now. There are some very rich claims on some of the creeks, I am told, but they are either tied up in litigation or idle for the want of water."

#### A Quiet Wedding.

A quiet wedding occurred Saturday evening at 10 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Buck on Eighth avenue. The contracting parties were Mr. Ed Robinson the well-known electrician at the Dawson Electric Co.'s power house and Miss Greene, a charming young lady of Los Angeles, Cal., who arrived in Dawson Saturday evening at 8 o'clock on the steamer Yukoner. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few personal friends, the Rev. Mr. Naylor of the church of England officiating. Mr. Robinson is erecting a nice little cottage in the southern part of the town into which he and his bride will move as soon as completed.

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## PELKEY BOUND OVER

Must Answer Serious Charge in Higher Court.

James A. Pelkey who was arrested Thursday afternoon on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, preferred by A. E. Marks receiving teller of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was given his preliminary hearing Saturday afternoon in the police court before Magistrate MacCauley.

The evidence showed that on the 29th of last month Pelkey had made two deposits amounting to \$515.50. As Pelkey's handwriting was so illegible, Mr. Marks the receiving teller had made out a new deposit slip for him and had mistaken a figure 4 for an 8 on his first deposit of \$450, and had given him credit for \$850. His second deposit the same day brought the amount to \$515.50, but by reason of the mistake he was given credit for \$915.50. In the afternoon of the same day he drew out the full amount of the \$915.50, the ledger keeper writing out the check for him as his own handwriting was again too poor to be legible. Pelkey signed the check, presented it at the paying teller's window and received the money in payment and took it away without a word.

## Yukon Vegetation.

It would be an impossibility to make the skeptical in the outside world believe that in the vicinity of Dawson, this cold, frozen, north country, could be produced such a variety of vegetables as was put on display Saturday by W. P. Boyd of the Denver market. There were all kinds of vegetables arranged in such artistic manner as to make a dainty and pretty picture as could be seen in any country. The background was composed of cabbages and tall lettuce, peas, radishes, cucumbers, cauliflowers with rutabagas on the sides, while in front were boxes filled, to overflowing with turnips and beets; all products of the wonderful Klondike. This is not all. The latter part of the week there will be put on exhibition an immense cabbage measuring five feet in diameter across the leaves. Dawson is just beginning to show her possibilities but from such a beginning who can tell to what an extent those possibilities will carry her.

Soggs' diamond drawing Tuesday evening at Chisholm's; secure tickets at Chisholm's saloon, or the jewelry stores of Sales, Frank Schumann's, Lindemann's, McArthur's, Biff's, Collins, or Vesco's, or of Soggs. The four stones are worth at retail at least \$5000. We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

## ROUGH ON WOOD MEN

Supply of Fuel on Upper Yukon Much in Excess of Demand.

The fact that less than one-third of the number of steamers are now plying on the upper Yukon that were expected to be operated this season has resulted most disastrously to wood choppers, many of whom for the past year have been engaged in getting out fuel and piling it along the banks of the river expecting to sell it to the steamers. Many of these men had contracts with the steamer companies which stipulated that the wood was to be paid for when taken away. As two-thirds of the upper river fleet has been tied up all the season the wood is not being taken away and those who at great labor and expense provided it are wondering where they will get off. Many of them are so hard-put for money that they are offering their fuel at the bare cost of production and the sign "Dry wood, \$5 per cord," is frequently seen on the hundreds of long racks along the river banks between Dawson and Whitehorse.

Nor is the fact that there is no market for their wood the only source of annoyance to those who must await its consumption before receiving pay for their hard labor. Thousands of cords are piled dangerously near the edge of the banks. This wood cannot possibly be consumed this season and unless moved back will necessarily be lost in the high water of next spring in which event the contractor will be the loser and the steamship companies will be out nothing.

This is the fuel condition as it exists today on the upper Yukon and owing to it honest labor is the element that must suffer. As the readers of this paper are painfully familiar with the cause which made necessary the remaining inoperative of from 12 to 16 steamers during the present season they will know where to lay the blame when woodmen are unable to meet their bills for supplies used in their camps during the past year.

Views at half price for next ten days. Cantwell, photographer; Third street, opp. N. C. Co. Kodak films developed, 50 cents per roll. Kodak photos 12 1/2 cents each. Goetzman's. Case goods 25c, Sideboard, 113 First ave.

## ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The Will H. Isom, the powerful steamer of the N. N. C. fleet, was sighted at the mouth of the river August 19 by Captain McCarty of the T. C. Powers which arrived here yesterday morning. The Isom had three barges in tow, the total tonnage amounting to over 200 tons. She should arrive in town a week.

The T. C. Powers arrived yesterday morning, 14 days out from St. Michael, with 300 tons of freight and passengers, 17 of the latter being from Nome and the balance from way points. Captain McCarty reports the Steamer No. 2 towing the Louise's barges on the river as he passed up, and the Isom was in sight at the time the most powerful boats on the river probably indulge in a race up the river. The Powers left this morning for the lower river and expects to make another round trip before the close of navigation, wintering in the deep opposite Klondike City. Captain McCarty will spend this winter outside his first in four years.

The Selkirk arrived yesterday with 11 passengers and 100 tons of freight. She returned to Whitehorse this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Yukoner, which arrived Saturday evening with 60 passengers, left again tonight at 8.

The Flora with a scow containing 250 sheep and 642 cattle consigned to Chris Bartsch arrived last night. She also brought 42 passengers and will leave on her up trip this evening at 6 o'clock.

The Lightning, one of the delivery fleet, is now engaged as a tug carrying coal for the N. A. T. & C. Co. She left on her first trip to the mines at Cliff creek yesterday morning at 7 o'clock.

The Wilbur Crimmins arrived last night with a cargo composed entirely of hay and potatoes. The return trip will be made tomorrow at 6 o'clock.

The Clifford Sifton leaves Whitehorse this evening.

## New Hotel at Summit.

Jack Raymond and Nels Nelson are building a large hotel on the summit to be called the Summit Hotel. It will be about eight miles from Grass Lake. They promise to fit it up regardless of expense.

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Ottawa, Aug. 30. A court of investigation pointed to investigate leading up to the Islander. The court following membership of the department Victoria, chairman

RECEIVED STRIKE

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Montreal, Aug. 3. The train been declared off. The accepted the recon- ciliation committee the settlement p given to the track. The pay schedule re-affirmed and the to work are assured. The strike has been June 17 and 150 affected.

Imports The drawing of that Soggs is due will take place tonight. Those who secure them of any to 3 p. m. Soggs at Chisholm's drawing take place the holder, a char There will be no d as Soggs soon going property.

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