

### IT HAS A VERY FAMILIAR RING.

Atlin is Evidently Trying to Outdo the Klondike's Record.

There Doesn't Seem to Be Much Gold There But Officials Seem to Want Most of What is in Sight—What a Citizen of Victoria Says.

Vancouver, B. C., June 24.—W. F. Gibson, a prominent mine owner of the Lillooet district, returned this afternoon from Atlin. He went there three months ago to purchase claims for himself and other Vancouver people.

"I never was ashamed of British law before," he said, "but the administration of the government affairs in Atlin, with the senseless and unjust regulations, is enough to make even a British Columbia ashamed of his country."

The country fished up for the season. There is no work for men, and hundreds of people are absolutely destitute. There is, of course, no starvation, as the men are simply living off their fellows, and leaving the country at the rate of 100 a day.

When work miners' mass meetings were held, both of Canadians and Americans. Very strong language in denunciation of officials and government was used at both, and it was once suggested that the whole administration, bag and baggage, should be shipped out by the first steamer and an honest administration set up.

James Pringle of Victoria was in the chair at the Canadian meeting, at which nearly 1000 miners were present. Pringle, Dr. Munro and one other were appointed delegates to try the disingenuous state of affairs before the government at Victoria and oppose alien legislation. At the American meeting strong resolutions were passed to be forwarded to Washington.

"There is no work for miners at all. Officials are becoming rich very fast with their interest in the townsite. Men have been arrested within the last ten days for mining gold off claims that they have recorded, and recorded along with a dozen others. It is true one new creek was found and 150 claims were staked for the officials before any one else had a chance.

Then many peculiar individual cases have occurred. Americans last year found many good claims away back on the hills, and spent money on them and recorded them. Then they went back for a year, and now come into Atlin City, hearing of the alien law for the first time. A crowd of heifers look out for them, and in dozens and dozens of instances go out and re-stake the claims that the Americans have worked for a year.

"You don't pass a miner's tent in the whole district but the owner curses the government and lays the blame of the alien legislation on the attorney general, 'Fighting Joe' Martin.

"I can tell you that a great many Americans are being made out of the Canadians this year."

#### To Sell Reserved Ground.

As predicted in the Nugget some weeks ago, the Dominion government has determined to place its reserved ground in the Klondike on sale to the highest bidder. As a starter for the good work, the Dominion creek reserved claims and fractions will be the first to go on the market.

In the Toronto Globe of June 9 appeared an advertisement for sealed tenders for some 65 pieces of ground on Dominion. These include four fractions below upper discovery, five fractions above lower discovery, the balance being fractions and whole claims below lower discovery.

The terms of purchase will be 10 per cent to accompany the tender, 45 per cent to be paid on the acceptance of tenders, and the balance to be paid within six months, with interest at 4 per cent per annum.

Payments are to be made either at Ottawa or to the Yukon Commissioner at Dawson. The time for making tenders closes September 1, 1899.

It is specifically stated in the advertisement that no guarantee is made that the highest bid will be accepted.

#### A New Strike.

Information of a new and rich strike reached Dawson Friday morning with the arrival of Tom Winters and Jerry Galvin, who were sent up the river some weeks ago on a prospecting trip by Dr. Merryman. The two men report that a strike has been made upon Cottoncreek, a tributary of the south fork of Big Salmon river.

The location of the new diggings is 135 miles from Lewis river up the Big Salmon, but by going up the Hootalinqua sixteen miles the creek can be reached by making a portage of twenty-five miles across the divide.

Galvin reports that the diggings are shallow, the distance to bedrock averaging four to six feet. He says that seven men shoveling off of the rock averaged \$92 a day per man. Nuggets weighing 12 to 16 are of common occurrence. Fifty people are on the creek, which is a small one and entirely staked, and 50 more men are en route already. There are two women already there who have claims. Winters is confident that the new diggings will prove immensely rich.

Everything Goes, even the "Water Front" and the "Dawg Firm" of Kelly & Co. are now located in Tom Chisholm's building, on Second street.

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John Owens, too much Fourth, \$10 and costs. J. Angers didn't know when he had enough, \$10.

A. Oyanon, obstreperous; patriotic, \$10 and costs.

B. Larson, interfering with an officer and his duties, \$5 and costs.

P. Lynn, mixed his Americanism with his rye, \$10 and costs.

F. Carroll, skilful of bug juice and mind bent on trouble, \$10 and costs.

F. Douglass, an example of the awful terribleness of too much indulgence, \$25 and costs.

J. Leech wasn't drunk, and his disorderly conduct was punished with a fine of only \$5 and costs.

Sam Rosenbaum disposed of a quantity of milk which was unfit for human consumption and was fined \$25 and costs.

Robert Rhodes objected to being pumelled by W. T. Russell. His lacerated feelings were soothed when he saw his assailant fined \$5 and costs.

The case against Alex Morrison, charged with the theft of gold dust, was dismissed, there being no evidence on which to base the charge.

Thursday was gamblers' day, and the crown exchequer was enriched to the extent of nearly \$5000 by their presence. The fine was \$50 and costs in each case.

M. Ross and M. J. Myle, innocent of the kicking qualities of the health ordinance in relation to nuisances, had their eyes opened to the extent of \$10 and costs each.

John Orton and Mable Nammeln, the young people who eloped to Forty-mile, are now free to repeat the experiment, the criminal case against the young Lochinvar having been dismissed.

James Brownley demanded access to the nest of a soiled dove in the tenderloin district, and upon being denied admittance he kicked the door in with his brooms. He was mulcted in the sum of \$5 and cautioned to put the door in a state of repair.

Blanche Montigny, Tribby Dubois, Lillie Dubois, Yie Duanguie, Jennie Bonoli, Marguerite Williams and Alice Miller ignored the police order to remove their persons to the official Whitechapel and were fined \$50 and costs each. It is believed now that they will move.

The Yukon "pirates" are in a bad way. The evidence against them proved such that the court felt obliged to commit them for trial before the territorial court, which sits in September. At last reports they were all in jail except Captain Larsen, and most of them will probably remain there until fall, as they are strangers here and will probably not be able to get bail.

L. L. Winney, lately from Black Hills creek, Stewart river district, was arrested while walking the streets of Dawson with a pair of boots belonging to Henry Gebring on his feet. He set up that he found the boots on the creek bank here Gebring's cabin, and as the case of the prosecution was weak the prisoner was discharged.

### LOCAL PREVENTIVES.

The N. A. T. & T. Co. will soon erect an iron covered warehouse, 30x150 feet in dimensions, on their wharf at the levee.

Arthur Lawin has begun the erection of a new business establishment on First avenue, adjoining the Comet barber shop.

Tom Chisholm's roof garden, with a Highland Scotchman parading back and forth with a bagpipe, was a prominent spot on the Fourth.

The Seattle P-T reports that G. O. Logan and C. H. Harper, of Seattle, have purchased Jacob Aul's claim at No. 5 below lower on Dominion.

There was a large attendance at the firemen's dance on Tuesday night, and the usual happy time was had. The boys cleared \$302.75 from the event.

T. C. Healy has dismantled his steam launch, the Wise Mike, and transferred her machinery to another and a larger craft, which will bear the name of the old boat.

A small fire in the cabin of Beaver & Lory called out the fireboys on Tuesday. It was easily extinguished and before any damage had resulted.

People occupying cabins on the highway skirting the Klondike river and lying just east of the bridge have been told to vacate by the authorities.

A steamship rate war broke out among the local representatives of the Flyer and Columbian lines on Friday, and passage to White Horse rapids was sold as low as \$15.

Ten sacks of mail, all Canadian, arrived on the Victorian Wednesday night. It is learned at the postoffice that the Canadian and American mails are now coming in separately.

A band of Indians arrived down the Klondike river Tuesday night with a raft load of moose meat, that proved upon investigation to be bad. Dr. Good the next day condemned it, and the police threw the whole outfit into the river, much to the disgust of the gentle Siwash.

Engineer Buck has completed the survey for sidewalks on First and Second avenues. Property owners or tenants must build sidewalks on First avenue eight feet wide on the established grade. Those neglecting to comply with the ordinance are liable to a fine of \$100 per day.

E. Leroy Pellitter promises to be the first man to experiment in hydraulic mining in the Klondike, as he was also the first to introduce steam thawing machines. He has secured a large pump from the steamer Rock Island, and expects to have it in operation on 60 below on Bonanza within 10 days.

Mr. Anderson, of the Hunker concession company, has made application to the gold commissioner for the privilege of constructing and operating the longest sluiceway in the country. It will be about 20 miles long, and will carry the waters of the Klondike to the property of Mr. Anderson's company. The company will operate in but a small way in the meantime.

George Lion, of the Villa de Lion, expected to have the Burpee for the accommodation of the public on the Fourth, and caused it to be advertised that passage would be free. But another man secured the craft, charged 50 cents for the round trip, and George feels that the foregoing explanation is due to him and to the public in order that he shall not be thought to have dealt unfairly.

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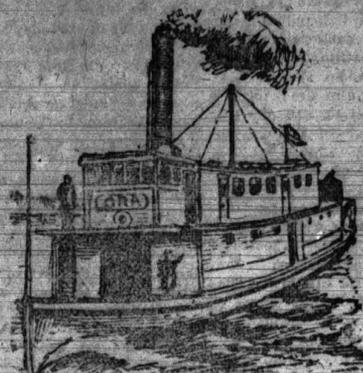
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