

**NEWS RIGHT FROM CAPE NOME.**

**Charles Walker Was on the Ground and Acquired Property.**

**Says the Gold So Far Exhibited Was Shoveled Out of the Waters of the Creeks—Charlie River Prospecting Very Finely.**

News of Cape Nome from the lips of one who has actually been there and staked is what has been eagerly sought by Dawson's thousands, and the Nugget has at last been able to equip itself with the information to satisfy it. For a news-gatherer has met and talked with the gentleman who probably occupies the unique position of being the only person in the city at present who participated in the new stampede. The gentleman is Charles Walker, the first mate of the steamer Yukoner, and who is touched for by his captain as a man of honor and trustworthiness. The two recently arrived in Dawson with the steamer Oil City as guests of Captain Basey, and it was on this boat that Mr. Walker was seen by the reporter and asked about his winter trip over the snow and ice to the new gold fields.

"I first heard of the discovery from Mr. Shellman, superintendent of the reindeer station at Eden," said Mr. Walker, in substance, "and was shown by him some of the gold taken from the Snake river country. I was satisfied at once that it came from a new field, as it is unlike any gold found elsewhere in Alaska or the northwest, and I have seen it all. There are three different shades of color—one very light, one quite dark and the third of a medium hue. Being interested in the strike and having plenty of time on my hands, I decided to investigate and possibly go over. Accordingly, on February 22, I left Russian mission and started on the 1400-mile tramp. I first went to St. Michael, which I found much excited, the news having reached that place long before.

"The discovery, I learned, was made last fall by three men, one of whom is named Engblom. They were obliged to go out for provisions, and while at St. Michael they tipped their secret off to a number of the big company people, and to Dr. A. W. Kittlesen. These tried to keep the information from getting out, and began to outfit men for the diggings, but one of the latter let the cat out of the bag while intoxicated and then everybody joined the rush. I at once hired a man to accompany me and went over to the diggings. I found everything in the neighborhood of the discovery staked, but was able to stake a claim on Dry creek and to buy another on Alpha creek.

"Although the discoverers had been able to reach bedrock at from four to ten feet before the winter set in, the gold they had taken out was all shoveled from the bed of the streams as the men stood in the water. No one was working while I was there, as there is no timber there with which to burn down. About twenty cabins had been built at the mouth of the Snake river and the place named Anvil city. There were, I estimated, about 250 people in the district at the time. I learned that all the gold found up to that time had come from three creeks, known as Boulder creek, Dry creek and Anvil creek; but it is a large district, and I am satisfied that gold will be found on some of the other creeks.

"Yes, a great deal of staking was done by power of attorney. I know one man who staked ninety claims. Judge Shepard, the U. S. commissioner at St. Michael, paid \$1000 for a half interest in a claim near discovery on Dry creek. How did the news reach the outside world? I presume it was through a couple of men sent out with mail by the discoverers and their friends in November last. They went to Kodiak island, which is located on the coast of southwest Alaska and where steamers touch. One of the men is named Larkstrom, and he is a brother of the A. C. Co.'s boss carpenter at St. Michael." Mr. Walker further expressed himself as having much confidence in the new gold fields and announced his intention of returning there.

From another source it is learned that in October last the miners of Snake river organized the new mining district. The name chosen was Cape Nome mining district. The outlines of the new gold fields were fixed as follows: Extending from Cape Nome in a north-westerly direction along the coast for twenty-five miles inland, making a district twenty-five miles square. It was decided that placer claims shall be located 1320 feet by 660 feet. Claims may be located by power of attorney, but this power of attorney must be recorded prior to the location notices. All claims must be recorded within forty days after the notice is posted. It was decided that water used for mining or otherwise taken from the natural water course must be turned back into the natural water course at the lower end of each claim. Dr. A. N. Kittlesen was elected district recorder for the term of two years, his fees to be \$2.50 for recording any kind of a document.

Cape Nome is the extreme southern point of the peninsula which extends to Cape Prince of Wales, which is the eastern point of Bering strait in the north and Norton sound on the south. The ships and steamers make Cape Nome and then stand in to St. Michael to avoid the shoal water caused by the discharge of debris from the Yukon rivers.

**GOLD ON CHARLIE RIVER.**

The Nugget enjoyed a call Monday from Oliver S. Johnson, a well-known resident of Seattle, who has just arrived with three companions from Charlie river, which they prospected for a distance of 118 miles from the mouth, which is the highest point reached by any prospector. Mr. Johnson says he found good prospects along the river and is satisfied

that the country is one of the most promising on the Yukon district. Pay dirt has been located on Todd creek, thirty miles from the mouth of Charlie river, at a depth of three and one-half feet, and dumps were taken out of Nos. 10 and 11. Good pay was also found on Derwin creek, and prospects on Sam's creek, three miles below Charlie river, are also encouraging. Charlie river runs between Forty-mile river and Birch creek, with the latter and the right fork of the Charlie heading in the same general neighborhood. Mr. Johnson and his comrades will return to Charlie river soon to resume their prospecting.

**ECHO OF THE FEVER.**

A reminder of the gold fever which agitated, and all but crazed, certain portions of the States and Canada two years ago was discovered on one of the boats which recently arrived from below. On board were several people who came into the country by way of the McKenzie river, and with them were a lot of rakes which they had brought in with the expectation of raking in gold nuggets from the bed of the creeks.

A miner recently arrived from Tulare says there are no operations there at present and that the discoverer is now working on a wood contract.

**Distinguished Travelers.**

Messrs. Louis Sloss, general manager, and J. M. Wilson, a director, of the Alaska Commercial Company, were passengers to Dawson on the steamer Ora, as mentioned in the last issue of the Nugget. The gentlemen will remain in the Klondike about two months, and the time will be busily devoted to the furtherance of plans in the interest of their company, and this cannot fail to be of benefit to the country. Asked his opinion concerning the permanency of the Klondike, Mr. Sloss said the best answer would be found in the millions of dollars invested here and in the steamboat service by his company, which was accepted by the reporter as an instance where "money talks." Asked concerning their fleet of boats, Mr. Sloss said that there was nothing particularly new with the line of river boats, which will be about the same as last year, but that the ocean steamer Bertha had been thoroughly renovated and an extension of 40 feet completed. He also stated that the steamship St. Paul is to leave San Francisco on the 25th with soldiers and supplies for the Yukon. She has lately been in the service of the war department of the United States between California and Manila. The construction of the telegraph line to Dawson is progressing finely, and will be completed by November. Mr. Wilson says it will follow the water trail down to Selkirk, but from that point will probably be laid overland.

**Celebrated His Arrival.**

A small company of friends and acquaintances were handsomely entertained aboard the steamer Oil City on Saturday night by Captain D. C. Basey, its gallant skipper, in honor of his release from the embrace of an Arctic winter and the arrival of his craft at the metropolis of the Yukon. Assisting him were Captain Morine, of the steamer Yukoner, and wife, and Mrs. C. R. Plough of Rampart, who are his guests. It was 11 o'clock before the company had assembled and an hour before the banquet board had been prepared was pleasantly passed by the gathering guests with the genial captain in his state room. The supper was served in the saloon at midnight and was of a nature which did credit to the judgment of Captain Basey and the skill of his Chinese chef. Sparkling champagne followed each toast in the series offered, and reminiscences from the career of the gallant host assisted in making the hour one of the most enjoyable to all present. As the last pledge was drunk, Captain Basey imposed upon his guests the pleasant duty of commemorating a portion of next Thanksgiving day to remembrances of the occasion and agreeable thoughts of the friends present. The guests of the evening were: Capt. R. C. Morine and wife, Scott Lindsay, A. L. Stephens, Wm. M. Heron, Mrs. C. R. Plough, L. Cole, J. C. Beasley, E. S. Morine, Cole Burge, W. H. B. Lyon, Mrs. Janet Stephenson, E. F. Botsford, Geo. M. Allen, Wm. Eassie, W. D. Rainbow.

**Fires at Skookum.**

Fire destroyed two cabins on Big Skookum, together with their contents, on Thursday afternoon. It started in the cabin of James Downey and Archibald Baruch presumably from a spark, and communicated to that of Frank Brew, and as the men were away slumbering at the time the property was beyond rescue before they could reach the scene. Among the losses most felt by the gentlemen were a number of chickens, which they had been carefully nurturing.

**Among the Best.**

Captain James Lee, master of the steamer Bonanza King, is an old-timer and one of the most successful navigators on the Columbian and Willamette rivers. His work on the upper rivers of the Yukon system has been especially marked by those who are acquainted therewith. The recent trip of the Bonanza King was remarkably successful, and the captain has been the recipient of many congratulations. The Flyer line is rapidly establishing itself in the confidence of the public.

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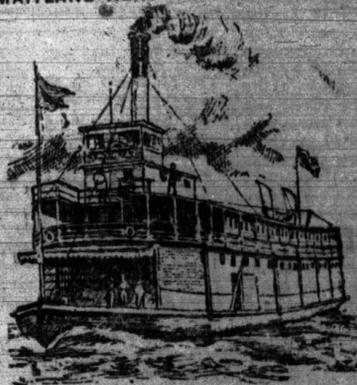
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