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COUNTRY IS RICH

Is Latest News Brought Out by Letter From the Koyukuk

TO STEWART MENZIES OF A. C. CO.

Claims on Gold Bench Go \$100.00 Per Day to Man.

LOWER RIVER VERY ROUGH

For Want of Travel - Indifferent News From Tanana - Fuel Man Completes His Work.

After the long journey from St. Michael, much of which and until Fort Yukon was reached, was over an unbroken trail, Messrs. Stewart Menzies, auditor for the A. C. Co., Jas. W. Hill, assistant secretary in the home office of the company at San Francisco, and J. A. Marion, Yukon fuel man for the same company, reached Dawson about dark yesterday evening. At Circle City the trio was joined by Commissioner Chas. E. Claypool, who is located at that place but who is en route to Olympia, Wash., on a visit to

his family which he will bring back with him on the opening of navigation. After their long journey which was made almost wholly on foot, their only conveyance being a dog team, the recent arrivals were devoting today to what the Duke of Skookum was wont to call "the big rest" in comfortable rooms of the A. C. messhouse and where they were found by a Nugget representative this afternoon.

When asked about conditions on the lower river Mr. Menzies replied that they are very satisfactory except at Fort Yukon and Circle, there being a scarcity of flour and cereals at both places, also of sugar at Circle; but all other towns and stations are well supplied with everything and their inhabitants are all prosperous and confident. Dog feed is plentiful and reasonable in price at all points along the river.

The Menzies party traveled by easy stages, taking in all the A. C. Co.'s various stations, upwards of a dozen, on the long trip up the river.

Mr. Menzies did not go into the Koyukuk country on this trip as he did on a similar journey last year, but at Circle he received letters from the company's merchants in the Koyukuk and from them learned that prospects in that country are now much more encouraging than ever previously reported. The country is well provided with supplies to last until boats can go up the Koyukuk after the opening of navigation. At Bettles bacon was reported as scarce but was plentiful at Bergman. So miles further up the river. Good strikes are reported on Middle creek and on Emma creek, one of its tributaries. On Gold Bench which is up the south fork of the Koyukuk about 40 miles from its confluence with the north fork, gold was taken out at the close of the last season to the amount of \$100 per day for each shoveler. Gold Bench is being extensively worked this winter and many large dumps will be ready for washing out when the season opens. On its way up the party heard little of the Tanana, but only praise for the wealth and future promise of the Koyukuk.

In striking contrast to his experience of a year ago, Mr. Menzies met on the entire trip from St. Michael to Dawson only three parties, in all less than a dozen people, bound for Nome and they were met only a short distance down the river, all having left Dawson within the past two days or two weeks. Billy Leak's party was the first met. They were making good progress and were in fine spirits.

The natives along the river are reported as being in much better health this year than last when a large percentage of them died from some undefined but usually fatal disease. Their present healthful condition is probably due to the fact that they are better provisioned this year than last.

Mr. Marion, fuel agent for the A. C. Co., has been superintending camps all along the river and reports having next season's supply of wood now ricked up at convenient points along the route.

Mr. Hill, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Menzies, will continue his way on up the river en route to his home in San Francisco. Mr. Menzies will be occupied for some time in auditing the company's books at this place after which he will return to Fortymile, going from there to St. Michael on the opening of navigation.

Full fresh stock of spring medicines. Cribbs & Rogers.

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Fine fresh meats at Murphy Bros., Third street.

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ACTIVE WORK BEGINS

On the New Territorial Court Building.

In keeping with the development of Dawson from a mining camp to a metropolitan city, is the new courthouse building upon which work is now progressing very rapidly. When completed it will be two stories high, the lower floor being occupied with offices for the judges, sheriff, clerk, stenographer and a large library. The two courts will be on the second floor with jury rooms in connection. The finishing throughout will be similar to that in the new postoffice building. Two hot air furnaces will be installed in the basement for heating purposes.

Work on the foundation was commenced late last fall, but when the cold weather started it was discontinued.

Government Architect Fuller who made the plans is superintending the work and expects to have the building ready for occupancy for the September sitting of the court.

MANY ORDINANCES

Up for Second Reading at Tonight's Council Meeting.

A regular meeting of the Yukon council will be held tonight at which the most important routine work will be the second reading of a number of important ordinances, the first of which is one which provides for granting to the commissioner of the district more money for defraying expenses incident to the conducting of the affairs of the district.

Another ordinance which will be put on its second reading is one which provides for compensation of workmen in certain cases such as where they are injured while at work in mines.

The ordinance providing for the regulation of fees in probate and administrative matters will also be read for the second time tonight, as will the ordinance providing for the inspection of boilers and the examination and licensing of engineers.

The present ordinance regulating the Sunday liquor traffic being considered inadequate to the demands of law, an amendment to the liquor ordinance will be read the second time tonight. It provides that all blinds on saloon windows shall be kept up on Sunday and that no one shall be allowed within on that day.

COMING AND GOING.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNamee, of Bonanza, are visiting Dawson friends.

Proprietor Boyd, of the Denver market, has purchased the stock of mals and creamery butter brought in by Ripstein.

A large consignment of oranges and lemons are on the way in over the ice and are reported as being within a few miles of Dawson.

The communication of J. J. Comford and Edward Ross which was received in this office today will be answered in the next issue of our Semi-Weekly.

D. A. McRae, timber inspector is on his way in. He is walking from Selkirk down inspecting the timber along the river and is expected to arrive in Dawson the latter part of the month.

L. L. James' logging outfit and men left yesterday morning for their camp on the N. A. T. & T. concession, 60 miles up the Klondike where they have a contract for cutting 1,000,000 feet of logs.

Mrs. Envision, of the Arlington roadhouse at the junction of the A. H. trail and Huinker creek, gave a St. Patrick's ball on Monday night. The crowd assembled from town as well as from all parts of the creek and everyone present had a royal good time.

The Catholic choir is preparing to sing Roswig's Mass in P. and Lambillott's Alleluia for Easter. A rehearsal will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the church to which ladies desiring to assist are cordially invited to attend.

Died Yesterday.

The six-days' old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Waltenbaugh died yesterday at the residence on Fourth street, near the McDonald Iron Works, of which Mr. Waltenbaugh is superintendent. The cause of death was cholera infantum.

A. C. TEAM THE VICTOR

In Yesterday's Hockey Game, Score Being 4 to 1.

The police boys went to defeat before the A. C. hockey team yesterday afternoon with a score of 1 to 4. Good plays were made on both sides, particularly by Timmins and Paterson for the police and Barclay, Hagle and Kennedy for the A. C. team. During a scrimmage in the second half Paterson emerged with a cut over the eye, but upon examination it was found not to be of a serious nature and he finished the half. The superior combination work of the A. C. team won for them the game. The line up of the teams was as follows:

A. C.—Goal, O'Hara; point, Barclay; cover point, Watts; forwards, Hagle, Miller, Smith and Kennedy.

Police—Goal, Timmins; point, Marshall; cover point, Henderson; forwards, Patterson, Tiffin, Keenan and Stewart.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

BACK FROM SELKIRK

Comptroller Lithgow and Mr. Watson Arrive Last Night.

Comptroller J. T. Lithgow and Alfred Watson, the latter a clerk in Commissioner Ogilvie's office, returned last night from a business trip up the river which extended as far as Selkirk. The trip was made for the purpose of inspecting the government posts, auditing books, accounts, etc. They traveled by dog team and made the run down from Selkirk in 4 1/2 days. They report having had a very pleasant, though somewhat tiring trip. They were absent from Dawson 11 days.

Mr. Lithgow says the trail is crowded with people nearly all of whom are headed this way with horses, sleds and heavy loads of freight. The trail up the river as far as Selkirk is, he says, in fine condition for travel. Mr. Lithgow reports considerable excitement over the discovery of gold on Mascot creek which empties into the Yukon between Thistle creek and Selwyn. On Balarat creek gold has also been discovered and many claims have been located on both. There was considerable of a stampede to Mascot.

Good Word for Police.

Billy Munien arrived from the outside yesterday evening en route for Jack Wade where he owns an interest in a valuable claim. He says that the police stationed along the trail from Whitehorse to Dawson are the most obliging class of men with whom it has been his pleasure to meet in a long time. They are ever ready to aid travelers in any way in their power and are held in the highest esteem by all. Mr. Munien says that two policemen en route from Lower Lebarge to Dawson would have arrived here yesterday but for the fact that they linger along the trail in the good Samaritan work of helping others with heavy loads.

Old Timers Coming In.

Reports from along the trail are that many teams freight laden are headed for this place from Whitehorse and that the majority of the teams and freight are the property of old timers, many of whom left the Klondike last year not expecting to return. Among the latter is Angus McDonnell who for two years was a driver for the A. C. Co. and who left here for Nome last year. "Big Mac" is reported as due to arrive Saturday with a fine span of horses and a general freight cargo.

FOR HEAP BIG TIME

In Way of Midsummer Carnival of Sports in Dawson

TO BEGIN DOMINION DAY, JULY 1.

Race Track Already Provided For Near Brick Warehouse.

PROMOTED BY LOCAL SPORTS.

Slavin and Sharkey Glove Contest a Leading Feature—Sports Will Last a Week.

A movement is now well under way to hold a carnival of sport in Dawson next summer, commencing Dominion day, Monday, July 1st, and continuing all that week. The affair is in the hands of Jackson, O'Brien, Slavin, Meadows and Tom Rockwell. A site has already been selected on the flat back of the brick warehouse on Third avenue, on which will be built a half-mile track. Charles Meadows is going outside within a few days to arrange for the booking of horses and jockeys for the meeting. There will be suitable purses put up by the management to induce some of the leading horsemen in the country to make entries in the different events. Shooting clubs are to be formed and electric traps will be imported for a blue rock tournament which will occur on some special day.

Another and the biggest feature of these midsummer holidays will be the boxing contest between Slavin and Sharkey, who it is understood is anxious to meet the big Australian. Should the arrangements be completed which are outlined above it will mean not only the expenditure of many thousands of dollars by those having the affair in hand but will bring to Dawson thousands of men from all over the territory as well as many from the outside and neighboring Alaskan centers. The money which would be expended by all these people can hardly be estimated. During the progress of the pugilistic event a series of pictures are to be taken of the contests, which as it is proposed to hold the same in the open under the full light of our bright summer day, should be the finest pictures ever taken by a kinesiologist and should be more valuable for reproduction than any other similar pictures ever taken. The usual athletic sports will also be embraced in the tournament and a general high jinks will be held all during the carnival.

Badly Scalded.

Word has reached Dawson that a man whose name has not been learned was badly scalded on claim 2, Gold Run, last Sunday, the cause being the blowing out of a boiler plug allowing the boiling water and steam to spurt all over him. The report received here is that the unfortunate fellow's condition is critical as the result of the accident.

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