

## THE TRAIL TO THE COAST.

### The Cut-off From Carmack's Landing to Le Barge.

Shortens the Distance by 150 Miles—  
40 Miles Saved Between Whitehorse and Caribou.

The following is from a late issue of the Skagway Alaskan, which arrived on the last mail:

The new Dominion government trail on the winter route between Dawson and Bennett is completed, and mail has already been started over it. The news comes from J. J. McArthur, of the Canadian public works department, who has been in charge of the construction of the trail and who, with a party of 27 men that have been assisting him, arrived in the city last evening en route to Victoria. Mr. McArthur and his men are stopping at the Brannick hotel.

Mr. McArthur also brings word that the Dominion government has begun the work of removing obstructions from the Fivefinger rapids under the direction of Engineer Tache, and that he will soon begin the removal of obstruction from Thirtymile rapids.

When seen at the Brannick last evening, in speaking of the new trail, and the work required in building it, Mr. McArthur said:

"The new trail shortens the winter route 150 miles, 40 of which are eliminated by following the grade of the White Pass & Yukon extension between Caribou and Whitehorse.

"The work of my force was chiefly in cutting a road through timber. Pack horses were used for the conveying of supplies, but beyond that the men had no other help. The travel traverses a country that is not rough, but of course is hilly at places. The hills, however, are not steep, and only such as would be found in most western districts. The presence of the timber will shelter the traveler and make it more convenient for them to get wood. However, the numerous road houses scattered at intervals of every 25 to 30 miles, will make it convenient for the journey to be accomplished by fairly easy stages.

"We began work two months ago, starting at Carmack's landing, 22 miles this side of Fivefingers. Coming southward, we followed the valley of the Nordeskjold for 20 miles and then kept to the left, and by easy passes reached Lake Lebarge. The distance between Carmack's landing and Lebarge by our route is a little more than 65 miles, and by the river route 130 miles, meaning a cut off of 65 miles. The Thirtymile river is avoided by this part of the new route.

"Below Carmack's landing we opened the road to a point opposite Hutchiku bluff, a mounted police station, 33 miles from the landing. This trail helps the traveler to avoid the Fivefingers and Rink rapids, and is 15 miles shorter than the river route.

"This side of Lake Lebarge and between the lake and Tahkcaena, a trail was cut which gives a route several miles shorter than the old one. Then, coming southward again, the White Pass & Yukon route makes another saving of 40 miles over the old course between Whitehorse and Caribou.

"The Canadian Development Company is putting up roadhouses and preparing for the winter travel. How well along they are with their houses and how well stocked their places are, I cannot say. That is another story and one for them to tell.

"However, it may be depended on that the rail will shorten the time of overland travel to Dawson by many hours, and that it will be much used this winter.

"The Yukon route will be a popular one to Nome, and the new trail will be in condition and ready for the accommodation of those who come before the snows have left the interior valleys."

The exploration and location of the trail just completed by Mr. McArthur was made by himself in 1897.

**Cheered for the Government.**  
London, Nov. 24.—The attempt to hold a pro-Boer anti-war demonstration in Trafalgar square, London, this afternoon, resulted in a drastic failure. Thousands assembled, but not to support the speakers. On the contrary the crowd waved union jacks and sang the national anthem and "Rule Britannia" like mighty invocations.

The list of speakers included none of special influence, most of them being labor leaders or socialists, the members

of the peace associations have no opportunity to address the crowd. They were saluted with execrations as soon as they mounted the platforms, and were obliged to stand, smiling complacently during the singing of the national airs and the wild cheering for Mr. Chamberlain. Their attempts to put their resolutions to a vote were the merest dumb show.

Henry M. Hundman, the socialist labor leader, was a particular object of animosity. He was menaced with a forest of walking sticks when he tried to speak. The shouldering of a soldier and a marine, their hands clasped, in a procession around the square, provoked frantic enthusiasm, and was altogether an impressive incident, the multitudes bursting into the song, "Soldiers of the Queen." On many of the passing omnibuses, which carry small union jacks, the passengers lifted the flags from their sockets and waved them vigorously.

There were several ugly rushes for the platforms, which were surrounded by opponents of the demonstration, who yelled fiercely. Finally the mounted police were telephoned for to clear the square. Batons were freely used, several persons were trodden upon by the horses and 30 arrests were made.

The opponents of the meeting finally proposed resolutions in support of the government's policy, which were carried amid wild enthusiasm.

This evening the promoters of the demonstration held a meeting in private, and after a long discussion carried the following resolution:

"In consequence of the interruption of the anti-war demonstration in Trafalgar square today, tormented by a section of the yellow and stock jobbing press, this committee resolves to hold a public meeting in one of the largest metropolitan halls at an early date.

### An Enjoyable Social Event.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season occurred on Saturday night last at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pickel on Sixth street.

The occasion was a reception given in honor of Mrs. Seesoltz of Tacoma, Wash.

The interior of the house was beautifully decorated, the prevailing color being pink, while soft lights gave added charm and brilliance to the scene.

A merry crowd of guests were present to do honor to the occasion and for hours the little cabin was the scene of pleasure and gaiety. With whist, dancing and other amusements the hours were rapidly whiled away. During the evening an elegant collation was served to which all present did ample justice.

At a late hour the guests departed, carrying with them the recollection of an evening of unalloyed enjoyment.

### Change of Occupation.

Andrew Greener no longer pursues the humble but honest occupation of dishwasher. He now manipulates a buck saw and the fruits of his labor go toward keeping warm the powers that be in the barracks neighborhood.

Until Friday night Greener was employed at the Hoffman House grill as dishwasher, and at that time he was detected by Proprietor Stevenson in making away with a piece of beef from the larder. He was promptly arrested and Saturday morning was taken before Police Magistrate Perry, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of theft and was sentenced to six months at hard labor.

Greener volunteered the information that he had for the past month been stealing meat from his employer and disposing of it to outside parties. He had been in Mr. Stevenson's employ for four months.

### Work for Freighters.

A prominent Dawson freighter, in a recent conversation with a Nugget representative, remarked that at present there are probably 300 tons of freight in this city to be hauled out on the various creeks, which, in addition to the large amount of freight on stranded scows up the river, will make business for teamsters for several weeks to come.

A few contracts for small consignments now at Stewart have been let at ten cents per pound, but on large lots the prevailing rate is from 7 1/2 to 8 cents per pound. The continued mild weather has not been favorable to the business of freighting from up the river.

### Notice.

All persons are notified not to purchase any of the ground on No. 7 above on Bonanza for building purposes, as we intend to ground sluice the same.

JAMES TWRED.

Send your friends on the outside a special edition of The Nugget. It will tell them more about this country than you can.

## NEW STORIES RETOLD.

Colonel Cody, the eminent scout, helped to build a church at North Platte and was persuaded by his wife and daughter to accompany them to the opening. The minister gave out the hymn which commenced with the words: "Oh, for ten thousand tongues to sing," etc. The organist, who played by ear, started the tune in too high a key, and had to try again. A second attempt ended, like the first, in failure.

"Oh, for ten thousand tongues to sing my great—" came the opening words for the third time, followed by a squeak from the organ and a relapse into painful silence. Cody could contain himself no longer, and burst out, "Start it at five thousand, and maybe some of the rest of us can get in."

A mischievous youngster at the Mission, amusing himself with a vase, managed after several attempts to get his hand through the narrow neck, and was then unable to extricate it. For half an hour or more the whole family did its best to withdraw the fist of the luckless young offender, but in vain. It was a very valuable vase, and the father was loath to break it. After a final attempt, he gave up his efforts in despair, but tried a last suggestion. "Open your hand!" he commanded, "and then draw it forth." "I can't open it, father," declared the boy. "I've got my penny in my hand." "You young rascal," thundered his father, "drop it at once!" The penny rattled in the bottom of the vase and out came the hand.

From the top of Lookout Mountain it is possible to see over seven States of the Confederacy. Bill Nye climbed the eminence with a party and the guide proceeded to point out the landmarks.

"Where's North Carolina?" he inquired. The man pointed to a place in the horizon to which distance gave a purple hue. "That's it over there," he replied. "I know that's not North Carolina," Nye declared. "Here is a map of the United States, and you can see that North Carolina is pink. I live in that state considerably, and I have helped to paint it red, but, of course, I go away sometimes, and it fades a little, leaving it a pink. The place you are pointing at, a color-blind man could see is purple."

J. Pierpont Morgan went to England recently to assist at the marriage of his late partner's daughter, Miss Burns, to young Harcourt. He cabled from New York for a special train to meet him at Southampton. Upon disembarking, the omnipotent millionaire encountered the superintendent, to whom he said: "Did you get my cablegram?"

"Yes," was the response, "but we never send special trains with less than twenty passengers." "But I offered to pay the full price," responded the banker. "Can't help it, you know," was the curt rejoinder, "we never break our rules." And Mr. Morgan went to London on the regular passenger train.

The superintendent of the Standard Oil Company's works at Whiting discovered an Irishman laying pipe in the customary excavation in a manner that displeased him. This superintendent was renowned for his command of language, and the Irishman was damned in a hundred different ways. Still he never looked up. The great man suddenly pulled up in his wild tirade. "See here, my man," he roared, "don't you know I'm giving you hell?" Slightly turning his head, the pipe-layer replied: "An' ain't I takin' it like a little mon?"—San Francisco Wave.

### In Spite of Us.

A bank account is well to have Against the future's dawn; But, like a lot of lauded things, It's often overdrawn.

### Superstitious.

"He proposed to me on Friday," but of course I wouldn't accept him then." "Why not?" "It's an unlucky day." "Oh, well, the chances are it would have been unlucky only for him." "Thus it was that a friendship of many years was broken."—Chicago Post.

### A Radical Remedy.

Tangle—What is a good cure for corns, Jimson?  
Jimson—There's only one sure and certain cure.  
Tangle—And what is that?  
Jimson—Cut off your feet.—Harlem Life.

The Salvation Army holds services in the new barracks, Second avenue, as follows: Tuesday, 3 p. m. (barracks time); Thursday, 8 p. m.; Saturday, 8 p. m.; Sunday, 3 and 7:30 p. m. Free reading room in same building; open every day. Also in the evenings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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