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Special Correspondent of the "Nugget" Gives His Views—Will Be a Good Mining Camp in a Year.

Cape Nome is rich in gold and some day will be a first-class mining camp. At present things are in a chaotic condition. I wouldn't recommend anybody to go there.

This is the summary of a talk had by a representative of this paper Wednesday with Pete Wilson, a young citizen of Dawson who had just returned from Cape Nome after a careful conscientious and intelligent survey of the new gold field. Pete is a sour dough, a "Mis-sissippi" from the very heart of the West, a conscientious fellow and one whom every one places (unbought and unswerving) in the highest of esteem. Because of this, he was bedeviled by a crowd of friends before he had fairly been tied up and was to tell the story of his trip to the new gold field. The reporter went out to the crowd and a conference, where Pete had only ten minutes to spare at a time.

"I went to Cape Nome where gold is reported to have been found," said Pete, "and saw with my own eyes what is being done. Snow creek, a tributary of the Klondike, shows some very rich gold. The people there are very rich. I refused to go to the gold pan, but I informed that as high as \$8 to the pan had been found. Anvil creek is in spots rich, and I hope and Lane, 600 yards from the shore, out 211,000 from the gold. They have men engaged in digging for gold, like man-digger creek for gold, above dis-covery, as high as \$10 per day to the having been made. Dry gulch has a fair prospect, but nothing big. Redback is richer from the surface, and I don't hear anybody going for feet. The gold is all course, \$8 nugget is the largest I have seen being taken out. They are easily summer diggings and few people will remain there next winter. The gold is easier than hell and it is a great deal of the time. Besides, there is no timber and everybody on the coast has to use coal oil. Happily, the gold is not required."

"The great trouble at present," continued Mr. Wilson, "is that the whole thing has been staked and restaked and is all tangled up. Claims have jumped at least a half dozen times. In consequence, nobody feels any security in his possessions. Very few laws have been taken because no one knows when they will be ordered off the claim by one of the numerous claimants. The result of this condition is that investments are being made, as the thing a man is at all sure of buying a mess of law suits. No, there has been no serious trouble, to speak of shooting scrape occurred, but a man was hurt. A Dawson man who was in a restaurant nearly stopped one of the bullets with his head; it broke a china dishes instead and the man was in a faint for two days. There is a disposition to await the arrival of Judge Johnson and get a ruling from him on the legality of the claims and until then things are quiet. Judge Hume, of Portland, there, and he says the power of the courts will not hold in any court in Alaska."

"An illustration of the grating which men have taken up the gold has been taken up, between them, 100,000 or 12,000 acres of land! What is needed is an untangling of the mess, the creation of new divisions, the limiting of miners to one claim each. With this done, a year ago a good camp there, but I wouldn't advise anybody to go there now,

"I think that Anvil shows up some good quartz prospects and look for substantial developments there in that line. The formation is the same as in Eldorado. Over in the Golovin bay country, too, a silver deposit discovered 19 years ago is being worked."

What the Dawsonites are Doing.

Asked about the doings of the Dawsonites, Mr. Wilson said: "James White, Bob Griffith and 'Tex' had a saloon at Anvil, but they sold out a few days before and I understand, each cleared about \$6500. Frank Schow has an interest in a saloon called the Elk, and Bob English is running the Pioneer. Dick McArthur and Fay Delezene have taken a lay for three years on No. 2 above on Anvil creek; there is good pay above and below them, but they have been busy putting in a dam and have not yet taken out anything. Sam Hurn, a son-in-law of J. J. Healy, runs a pack train, as also does Mr. Lane; they get 20 cents for handling eight miles to discovery on Anvil. I don't know of any Dawson man who has made any investments or of any who has secured a good claim by staking."

"Dr. Chambers had a case call from being seriously hurt a few weeks ago. He had gone over from St. Michael on the little and the fire boat reached the beach it was capsized by the heavy surf, all the people were thrown under the boat, which was pounded down upon them by the breakers. One man had a broken leg and his spine badly injured. The doctor escaped unhurt, but he got a good ducking and was considerably dazed by his shaking up."

Miscellaneous Things.

"Wages in the creeks are 50 per day and board, but if one wishes to work all season he is given \$8. Anvil City has a population of about 2000, with eight saloons, and there are about 2000 people in the Golovin bay country. Lieutenant Craig and 15 soldiers keep order at Nome. Three boats are now running over from St. Michael, the Herman for the A. C. Co., the Sadie for the A. C. Co., and the Discovery, from Seattle. The trip costs \$20 and freight rates are \$20 and \$25 per ton."

"A United States revenue cutter, for service on the Yukon, has arrived at St. Michael from San Francisco. It is about 180 feet long, with a wheel nearly as large as the Sissie's and is fitted with great speed. It is most sumptuously fitted up."

Mr. Wilson left Dawson on the Monarch June 18; he will not return to Nome, if at all, until next spring.

Ten Dollars to the Pan.

A well-known Klondiker who went to Cape Nome several weeks ago wrote to a friend this week as follows:

Cape Nome, July 17.—L. B. Glass, Dawson.—Dear Sir: I arrived here a few days ago and have been out on some of the creeks. They have good ground here on four creeks and that is all that are working. Four feet is about the deepest they have yet. The district is all staked and most of it is staked by power of attorney. They will have to fight it in the civil court. The troops are here to uphold the law, so a miners' meeting amounts to nothing. They busted one up here that tried to change the laws. We have to abide by Laplanders' law now.

I think there is lots of gold here. The country is not prospected yet; it will be all summer diggings the way things look now. There is no timber here—nothing but beach wood that is driven ashore, and it is a wet swampy country. There will be some claims jumpable if not represented by January 1. I think there will be an opening then. There are lots of Dawson people here, but they will not stay, for it is a rainy place and they never get out to the creeks.

The best diggings at present are six and eight miles from town. I have seen \$10 pans not six inches deep.

FRANK DAVENPORT.

Anvil City, July 2.—(Editor Klondike Nugget.)—I have just returned from a two days' tramp through the Cape Nome mining district. I saw five claims in operation, three on Anvil and two on

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Snow, the latter named creek being the better of the two; they are taking out about \$300 per day to the shovel. It is three and a half and four feet to bed rock; the pay begins at the grass roots. All they have to do is to shovel off the mess and they are ready to sluice. This is the quickest money I ever saw. Several claim owners will be ready to begin sluicing in a week or so. I am told that transportation can be had out of here as late as November 1, but I don't believe it. There is no wood, no lumber, nothing to build a shelter with, raising and blowing almost continuously. We have been working more than a half dozen miles at \$5 per day and board, the wages of the camp, and but few men can be induced to work. All seem to want to try their luck at prospecting. The mining season is about 75 days here. There are claims in this district that have at the present time from six to fifteen feet of solid ice on them and cannot be worked this season, and possibly never. Provisions are much cheaper here than in Dawson, and no doubt will be still cheaper in a short time. Eggs are 75 cents per dozen, flour \$3 per sack, potatoes 10 cents per pound, three cans of milk for a dollar, and everything according. The gold is here but I would not like to tell anyone to go and get it, they have up there and come down here.

"I am informed that 10,000 people are moving from Seattle just as fast as they can secure transportation. There are about 1000 people here now and buildings are going up everywhere; lumber can be had at \$75 per thousand, but nails and carpenters are very scarce at present. We are to have a semi weekly mail service between here and St. Michael, so you can address me Anvil City, via St. Michael. There is going to be a world of trouble over power of attorney claims here, which are being jumped just as fast as they can be found by new comers. I will mail this letter and write another and send it to you with Ed McConnell, who is going to start for Dawson in a few days. You will please forward my mail to Anvil City. I will write you when I return from the trip we are going to take. Hoping that this may find you in good health, with best wishes to all, I remain yours very truly,

PHILIP SMITHMEYER.

Anvil City, Alaska, July 19. Geo. M. Allen, Editor Klondike Nugget.—Dear Sir: I write you according to promise the actual conditions which exist here now, and my trip from Dawson. You remember I left on the 12th of June aboard the Seattle No. 3. We had a very quick trip to St. Michael, making in seven days. The captain was voted by the passengers a most courteous and kind gentleman. Arriving at St. Michael we were accommodated by the captain with meals at \$1 each meal. Some went ashore to board with the A. C. Co. and N. A. T. Co. at \$1 per meal.

We left for Cape Nome on the 27th of June and got here the next day. The surf was very rough but we made a good landing without getting a wetting. There were no buildings here of any kind then, only two or three small log cabins built of driftwood and about 1000 tents. The city now is as large as Dawson. Following are a number of buildings built in the past 20 days: The Northern, A. C.

warehouse, Klondike saloon, the Anvil saloon, Schow's Behring saloon, Price's warehouse, Kelly's warehouse and store, The Elk saloon, Postoffice restaurant, the Pioneer, the Pioneer restaurant, Bartholmew & Ewing, general supplies, the Can Can cafe (Matchett & Mortimer props.), and many others.

There have been no large quantities of gold come in from the creeks, but a large number of men have been in our restaurant with dust from Anvil, Snow, Dexter, Boulder and Glacier creeks. A miners' meeting was held on the 6th of July, but was stopped by the U. S. troops, in charge of Lieutenant Spaulding. They used force, but it was un-called for as the miners were very quiet and peaceable. A resolution was offered, the substance of which was: to open for relocation all claims recorded illegally. There are other troubles here, such as homestead rights, town lots, etc. There is a very good opening for a paper like The Nugget. Every one here feels that it would be the salvation of this camp if such a paper was here. We are doing a \$250 business daily and steadily increasing.

There is gold here and plenty of it. Every time the dish water is thrown out there can be seen at least 200 colors in the bottom mixed with fine black sand. Any place on the beach for 20 miles shows 150 to 200 colors to the shovel. On Anvil creek the pay is from the surface down.

A report of a new discovery came in last night, 65 miles west of here, 50 cents to the pan from the surface down. There is no burning to do—simply shovel in. The boat leaves immediately, so I shall have to close. Kind regards to all.

H. B. MATCHETT, Can Can Cafe, Front St.

As Others See Us.

Gold comes from the Klondike at the rate of \$1,000,000 a day—some days.—Topeka Capital.

One Klondike man has managed to get together two tons of gold to show for his year's labor. This is almost as good as farming in Kansas.—Kansas City Journal.

It is estimated that two-thirds of the gold hunters who went to the Klondike country in 1898 returned with nothing to show for their trip, but their cries of distress are well-nigh drowned by the joyous shouts of the minority.—Topeka Capital.

A lucky Klondike miner, if the transportation companies can be believed, pulled an \$1,800 nugget in out of the frost. But a little Klondike wealth calls for a lot of big talk. Eighteen hundred dollars made in any other way would call for no remark.—Minneapolis Journal.

Consul McCook, of Dawson, estimates that the Klondike will produce \$10,000,000 this year. As that amount has been already brought out from that district, it is safe to say that Mr. McCook's estimate is a conservative one.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The announcement that the time between Seattle and Dawson has been reduced to six days sounds more like one of Jules Verne's tales than an actually accomplished fact. Nevertheless, it is a fact; and American push, enterprise and capital have made it a fact.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Notice. All persons knowing themselves indebted to Edward McConnell will please call and settle before the 15th of August or their account will be placed in the hands of an attorney. Also, all persons holding accounts against me will present the same at once.

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