

THE RISE OF EAGLE CITY

Which Promises to Become a Point of Importance.

What is Being Done Down There and What is Proposed for the Future—The Mines Good.

That Eagle City has a long start of its competitors on the American side in the race for first place as a mining and commercial center, there is now no room for doubt. Eagle was not, like some individual, created great, and if greatness has been, or now seems to be in process of being thrust upon her, it is because it is deserved, and is the slow but healthy outcome of long years of patient endeavor and honest labor, and not to any boom or process of booming. Just a healthy, honest growth which received its first impetus from sour dough miners, years ago when grub stakes were about all that ever came to gladden the heart of the Alaskan gold seeker.

Recognizing the coming importance of Eagle City by reason of the persistent favorable reports coming up the river, the Nugget sent a representative to verify or disprove the stories current, and the following account of the investigation is given as a result:

The mining industry is to Eagle City what it is and must continue to be to every town in Alaska not situated on the sea coast, the breath of life, and the mines of the district are in a healthy, prosperous condition, with every indication that with future development will come an increase in their production.

At present American creek is of principal importance because it has been more extensively prospected than any other creek in the district, although it would be an overstatement of the truth to say that even this creek had been thoroughly prospected. It enters Mission creek about one and a half miles above Eagle, and is many miles in length, throughout which, from time to time, have been made good finds both in nuggets and coarse gold. The most recent strike was made quite recently by the owner of No. 10 above discovery, Mr. John Jensen, who tapped a 30-foot pay streak which returns anywhere from \$65 to \$100 per day to the shovel. Eight or ten men are working there now, where the ground upon which the deadwork has previously been performed, is nearly worked out. As soon as this is done work preparatory to next summer's sluicing will be commenced.

Much work of the development order throughout the district, but especially on this creek and its tributaries is being done, and this has received a great stimulus through Jensen's discovery. Numerous claims are being worked both below and above No. 10, but none of them have yet been thoroughly prospected, and as a consequence of this do not yield such large returns.

The reasons for this are many and easy of comprehension. The fabulous richness of the best of the Klondike mines, have generally had a tendency to dissatisfy miners with ground that yielded less, and the Nome bubble also drew many away who might otherwise have done well where they were. Other stamperers nearer home have also helped to draw working owners from the Eagle district. Again, many of the claims were staked by Dawson miners who have contented themselves with doing merely the assessment work called for by law, leaving the true development work to any who would do it. Now, however, the miners have awakened to the fact that a pretty good thing seems to be in sight, at home, and the district is becoming very active in consequence, and from 6 below to 17 above on American creek, work is being pushed. Mr. H. G. Torrence, general manager of the Alaskan syndicate, which owns a total of about 75 claims in the district, is on the ground supervising the prospecting work of 48 miners.

Granite, or the middle fork of Forty-mile, which is about 75 miles distant from, though tributary to Eagle, is receiving some attention also, as two pack trains accompanied by a large party of prospectors went there from Eagle about 10 days since. Barney creek has claims working this summer which yield \$45 per day to the man.

Discovery Fork, the principal tributary of American creek, so far as prospected produces good pay also. Generally speaking, the whole district is looking well from a mining standpoint, and promises very soon to be second to none on the Yukon.

People coming up the river from Nome commonly remark the air of life

and general activity of the town as compared with other places they have seen below, but of course this is not due to the mines wholly. Much work is being done by the military, which is busy building large barracks and otherwise improving and making the post ready for occupancy as the military headquarters of Alaska.

But there is yet another reason why Eagle must assume paramount importance between the boundary line and St. Michael, and that is by reason of the telegraph line now in course of construction between Valdez and Eagle.

In order to get reliable information on this subject, Lieutenant Rogers, the commanding officer of Fort Egbert, was called upon and interrogated upon the subject. He said: "Yes, your information is quite correct concerning the present governmental construction of a telegraph line from Valdez to this point. So far as my latest information goes, there are now complete 120 miles of the line. The entire distance is 450 miles, and I believe the obstacles in the way of construction are inconsiderable."

"When will be the line be completed?" was asked.

"That will depend so much on matters upon which I have such meagre information that I can give no opinion. There are, so I am informed, 60 men on their way here, with supplies, to commence operations at this end of the line, and of course this will greatly contribute to shortening the time of completion."

"Can you give the Nugget any information concerning the present condition of affairs with regard to the proposed railroad between this point and Valdez?"

"Nothing of a definite nature is yet known here concerning the matter, beyond the fact that there is a deadlock between the company desiring to build the road and the department. The trouble appears to be that the company demands certain concessions effecting mineral lands and military affairs which the departments governing these matters will not concede."

The road which the company desires to build will extend from Valdez which is situated on Portage bay, an inlet of Prince William sound, to Eagle City, its terminus, and will tap and render tributary to Eagle the districts of Tanana, Copper river, Fortymile and Seventymile, and would be an all-American route.

As an incentive to build this road, the company, which is said to be composed of New York capitalists, has already some very valuable and extensive copper interests on the headwaters of the Copper river. There are at present in the town of Eagle about 400 people, which number is being augmented by every steamer coming up the river, which brings its load of sadder but more wise miners who have been to Nome.

Each of the larger companies of Dawson have a store at Eagle, managed by men who prove by their cordial reception of strangers the wisdom of the home officers in selecting the proper men to fill responsible positions, and anyone who goes to Eagle on business or pleasure may be sure in advance of a pleasant reception.

The recent establishment of a court there will also tend largely to increase the business of the town proper and add much to its growing importance.

These are some of the reasons why Eagle City is talked of so much of late as a coming town of much importance, and its prospects to an outsider seem bright indeed.

South Dawson Booming.

South Dawson as a business center is forging rapidly to the front. It is dry and level and being on the main line of travel to the creeks, enjoys a continually increasing volume of retail trade.

Many substantial improvements have recently been made in that locality, chief among which are a warehouse 40x60 feet belonging to Orr & Tukey, a fine two-story building 25x70 feet erected by Anderson Bros. and a two-story block almost completed by Leighty & Barton. All these improvements are in the vicinity of Third street and Fifth avenue, on the southwest corner of which J. R. Watson will begin on the 25th inst. the erection of a handsome business block which when completed will be two stories in height and in dimensions 26x70 feet. The first floor will have four of the finest storerooms in the city. The second floor five suites of rooms to be used as living rooms. He is also building a cellar 20x24 feet, six feet deep, under this block. He now has one room in this block completed, and it is without doubt the best lighted business room in Dawson, and would make an ideal room for either hardware or drug store, either of which would prove a paying investment, as neither business is represented south of the postoffice. Owing to its location this is the best corner in South Dawson,

and when Mr. Watson has his block completed, which he will have done inside of 60 days, he will still continue to have the best paying business corner in South Dawson, if not in the whole city. As a consequence of the many improvements now being made, real estate in the south end has recently taken quite a boom, of which a number of shrewd investors have already taken advantage.

River News.

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The passenger list of the Rock Island was not obtainable this morning, the only copy having been taken by Health Officer McArthur, who failed to return the same either to the boat, the company's office or the custom house.

The A. C. Co.'s down river steamer Alice arrived last night at 10 o'clock with 240 tons of freight. This is the first time this season the Alice has come up to Dawson. Her sailing time is announced at 2 p. m. next Tuesday.

Following is her passenger list: W. George, F. H. Brackett, I. D. Melds Thos. Cole, L. W. Harnish, H. J. Griffin, Mommico Gatta, B. Kanarsche, John Mooney, J. A. Kent, C. L. Steel-smith, Chas. Haug, Chas. McDonnell, A. Backstrom, J. H. McCourt, T. T. Hufe, J. L. Banks, M. Kincaid, Allen McLeod, Jas. Harrington.

The John C. Barr is expected in a day or two. She was passed by the Rock Island near Fort Yukon. The Susie and Sarah were met near the same place going down river. The A. E. Co.'s boat Gustin was met at Circle. The Hamilton was passed at the mouth of the river with a barge in tow coming up. The Louise, going down, was met at Rampart with two barges. She was stuck at the time on a bar.

The Barr is reported to have a large number of passengers aboard.

Citizens Committee.

The citizens' committee at their meeting Saturday evening decided to at once press the Yukon council to carry into effect the expressed wish of the governor general, the prime minister and parliament and have the election of two members of the Yukon council at once. Some exception was taken to the form of ballot which was described in the draft ordinance and a secret ballot was

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ASSAYERS.

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the only one acceptable to the representatives of the citizens.

It was pointed out that the citizens' in mass meeting had decided on two occasions that no incorporation ordinance should be even considered until the two people's representatives had been elected, and each member of the committee was urged to use his influence to have the wish of the people obeyed in this respect. Great satisfaction was expressed at the appointment of Major Z. T. Wood to the council.

Notice.

All members of the A. F. & A. M. are requested to meet in Fraternity hall, Mission street Tuesday, August 21, at 8:30 p. m. to complete arrangements for instituting a lodge.

J. A. DONALD, Secretary.

A dance will be given at McDonald hall on Thursday evening.

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