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HYDRAULIC OPERATIONS

Success Last Year on Hutchinson

'Boomer Dam' Process Employed on a Tributary of North Fork of Fortymile.

Tracy Hope, the Duke of Bonanza Hill, who has been in the city several days waiting for the weather to moderate so that he can return to his new found home in the Fortymile district, considers that his section will make a showing next season that will make the eyes of Klondikers bulge out with a look of incredulity. Quietly and with no ostentation or boom newspaper articles several wealthy companies within the past year have been investing in property and importing machinery to work the same in that district and the results of such investment will begin to make itself apparent about next summer.

One of the largest undertakings and one that bids fair to prove one of the most remunerative is that being promoted and put through by the Peterson syndicate, a Chicago concern, which has straightened out the kink in the Fortymile river. Through some freak of nature in the dim and far distant past the river at the "kink" was made to form almost a complete circle, nearly doubling on itself and after meandering two and a half miles passing within 300 feet of where the "kink" began. After demonstrating conclusively that the bars and bed of the river in that vicinity carried a run of gold the company secured eight placer claims which covered the "kink" and last year cut a new channel across the narrow isthmus, thus diverting the stream from its old bed and exposing two and a half miles of the channel. This the company will mine next summer and will mark the beginning of large hydraulic development in the Fortymile district.

The ground is on the north fork of the Fortymile in American territory. The hydraulic machinery that will be employed on the ground arrived last fall and this winter is being transported over the ice from the town of Fortymile. The system that will be utilized is what is known as the hydraulic lift, a method by which dirt can be handled almost as cheaply as in the old hydraulic manner with a Little Giant. In the former the gravel, boulders and bedrock is forced through a pipe from its natural bed to the sluice boxes above by hydraulic pressure, a method that is particularly suited to ground that is lying in such a position that it would be almost impossible except at an enormous outlay to provide dumping ground for the tailings.

The ground was thoroughly gone over last summer by an expert sent out from Chicago by the company and he pronounced the proposition one of the best he had seen in a great many years experience. Water is to be brought in a large flume from Hutchinson creek, a distance of six or seven miles, which will acquire a head of 200 feet by the time it reaches the claims of the company at the "kink." As soon as water runs in the spring the company will be in readiness to begin operations and the result will be looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation by the miners of that section.

Some few miles above the "kink" on Bonanza creek, a tributary of Hutchinson, which is a tributary of the north fork of the Fortymile, is another hydraulic concern which operated last year with considerable success, their cleanup for the few weeks they were in operation aggregating over \$30,000. The ground mined is what is known as the Chris Everson property, the manager, Everson, being an old California hydraulic miner. The process employed last summer was tried for the first time in the far north, and proved an unqualified success. In California it is known as "boomer dam" mining. A short distance above the ground that is to be worked a dam is constructed across the creek and so arranged that it can be thrown open in an instant thus releasing all the water in a body. The reservoir is closed and after a certain amount of water has accumulated it is turned loose, its force sweeping everything before it, the gold carried by the bedrock gradually settling down to the bottom, which is afterward shoveled in the boxes and sluiced in the old fashioned way. "Boomer dam" mining in California is very common, particularly in small gulches where it is difficult to convey water in a sufficient quantity to hydraulic the ground in the old way.

Everson was highly elated at his success last season and will operate this year more extensively than ever before. The frost gave him no trouble whatever. Montana creek is often called one of the forks of Hutchinson, which in reality it is. Hutchinson enters the north fork of the Fortymile eighteen miles from its mouth.

DEATH OF OLD TIMER

Mrs. Primus of Bonanza Creek Passes Away

Came to the Yukon in 1898. Conducted Well Known Roadhouse.

Mrs. Primus, one of the best known of the pioneer women of the Yukon, passed away yesterday at the St. Marys hospital. She had been ill for a long time but only recently, was her condition considered sufficiently serious to warrant her removal to the hospital. All the care and attention possible was given to her but without avail.

Mrs. Primus came to Dawson in 1898 and during most of the time since her arrival has been engaged in the roadhouse business. Her establishment at No. 33 above Bonanza is one of the best known creek hostleries known to hundreds of miners who have stopped at her roadhouse and she was universally liked and respected.

MISSED THE JOKE

A Story of Acoustics in Yukon Council Chamber.

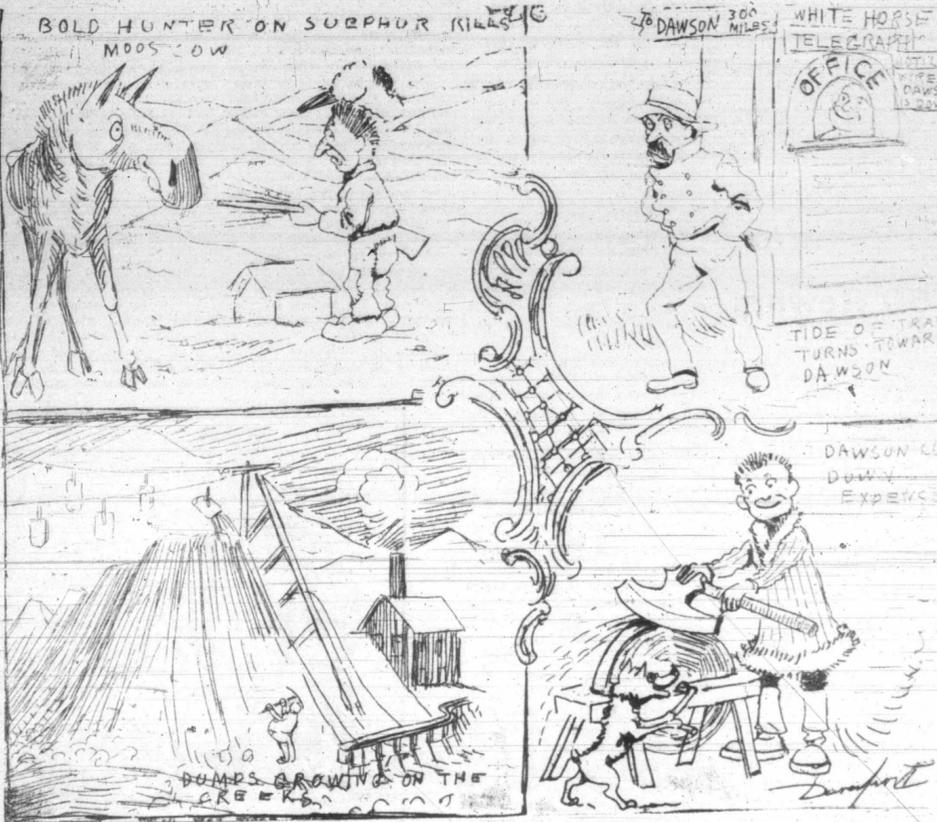
The Morning Joke scores another splendid scoop this morning with no more truth in it than there has been in any other of its famous scoops. There is a joke in it, however, but this was entirely overlooked. It says: "One of the bad features (as if there were hundreds of them known to the writer) of the Yukon council chamber has been the acoustics." It was possible for the reporters to catch only parts of an argument. The bad acoustics in the room has been remedied. A whisper can be heard plainly across the room. The cause was an immense ventilator in the center of the ceiling. This ventilator has been closed up and other methods used for its purpose. Yesterday a number of the civil service employees were in the room and expressed themselves pleased with the change.

The "yesterday" referred to was about three weeks ago, and was duly reported at the time. Very considerable alterations and improvements were then talked of but absolutely nothing has been done except to cut down the size of the members desks so as to make room for the three extra elective members.

But about the acoustics. Here is where the joke came in, which the Morning Joke missed. Two or three gentlemen were in the council chamber speaking of the subject, and one of them said he believed the sound escaped through the big ventilator. Mr. Mulligan was asked to go up and close it. When Mulligan returned the gentlemen considered the conditions improved.

As a matter of fact when Mulligan got to the roof he found the ventilator closed, and he opened it. So much for acoustics.

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RECENT LOCAL HAPPENINGS ILLUSTRATED.

REPAIRING DAMAGE

To Telegraph Line Is Difficult Work

Linemen Are Forced to Break Trails for Themselves—Line Down Again.

The Dominion telegraph line is down somewhere south of Stewart river. It may also be out of repair at several points beyond but it is only known at the local office that something is wrong somewhere on the far side of Stewart.

The break occurred yesterday morning and there has been no communication since.

Much greater difficulty is experienced this year in finding and repairing breaks in the wire than has formerly been the case. In previous years the Dawson-Whitehorse trail followed the river, which is the route also of the telegraph line. When anything wrong became the matter with the wire the linemen had only to take the river trail with a dog team and usually a break would be repaired in a very few hours. Roadhouses were scattered along the trail every few miles and the men who went out to repair the line were always certain of accommodation for the night.

The case this year is vastly different. The overland road does not run near the telegraph wire and the linemen must now break trail for themselves when their duty calls them out. They are forced to take blankets, grub, and often a tent with them and their work is therefore pursued under the greatest difficulty.

Several men have been out since yesterday endeavoring to locate the point at which the wire last went down and it is quite likely that they will locate it and repair the damage tomorrow.

Fortymile Rumors
R. M. Blair, the mining recorder at Fortymile, got in this morning, and it is rumored that in a few days Travelling Auditor Hill, of the N. C. Company, who has been spending some months at Fortymile with his sister, will arrive here. It is also rumored that Miss Hill will return to Fortymile as Mrs. Blair.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Frances Amelia Bain died in the general hospital here this morning from starvation, having refused to take food for 18 days. She was about to be removed to an asylum.

ON GAY GULCH.

Protest That Grant Was Obtained on False Affidavit.

Protest was entered this morning in the gold commissioner's office by Aime Olliver against the granting of the upper half of creek claim No. 7 Gay gulch to James Pottinger, the commissioner has set the case for trial on March 6th.

The plaintiff says in his affidavit that he staked the said claim on October 13th, last, and the same date made application for a grant for it. It was refused on the ground that the defendant was the recorded owner of it. Plaintiff now claims that defendant had obtained a renewal upon a false affidavit. About August 18th notice was given by the defendant to the mining recorder that he intended to work No. 7 in common with No. 8, which he held, and after that date he filed affidavits of representation work upon it when no work had been done on either of the two claims after the said notice had been given. Plaintiff therefore asks that the grant to defendant be cancelled.

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MOOSE KILLED.

McBride Bags One at 2 Below on Sulphur.

Sulphur creek this winter has been productive of something more than huge dumps that line the creek bottom from 40 above to the 90's below. For some inexplicable reason a number of moose have chosen that particular section as a feeding ground the range of hills between Sulphur and Dominion and also the divide separating the former from Quartz creek being covered with the tracks made by the huge unwieldy beasts in their migrations to and fro. Occasionally they venture down in the valley and when some miner will generally secure a several weeks' supply of fresh meat. Since the beginning of winter some three or four moose have been killed on the creek almost within range of the cabin doors. A few days ago two of them wandered down the side hills at 2 below approaching within 100 yards of the road house kept by McBride. The latter perceived them before they took flight and succeeded in bagging one without stepping but a few feet from his eye door way.

CROSSROAD SIGN POSTS

Placed at All Junctions of Creek Roads

The government is preparing for a great rush of cherokees into this country, and is having signs painted to direct them where to go to find the paystreak. All up the creeks there are to be sign posts at the junctions of all the government roads. Superintendent of public works Bertand and his assistant Dave Macfarlane were planning them out this morning. As far as they have gone in this work the signs will be placed as follows:

Beginning at the junction of Bonanza and Hunker the finger pointing up Bonanza will read—To Bonanza, Eldorado, Sulphur, Gold Run, Quartz, Eureka, Whitehorse.

At Bonanza the finger post will read—To Upper Bonanza, Sulphur and Gold Run.

At the junction of Bonanza and Hunker, Dominion, Sulphur and Gold Run.

On his further journeyings the cherocho will meet with the sign directing him to Bear creek, then Last Chance, then Gold Bottom. Next will come Sulphur and the winter road to Gold Run. Then Dominion, Sulphur, Hunker, Gold Run, Caribou, Gold Run-Dawson, Lower Dominion, Caribou-93 below on Dominion, Quartz creek and Eureka.

The idea is an excellent one and may save the cherochoes quite a lot of unnecessary walking after they get here.

Cause of Stage Fright
An expert claims that stage fright really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from the fact that persons in Dawson contemplating appearance should be careful of their diet and always buy groceries of Dunham, where they are always sure of getting the purest and best.

Another Fast Connection

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—The first train to make the trip from Chicago to the Pacific coast over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Union Pacific roads leaving Chicago this evening, passes through Omaha tomorrow morning and goes directly west over the Union Pacific.

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Second Class Mail

The next newspaper mail will arrive sometime this evening. It travelled all last night and reached Indian river at an early hour this morning with three passengers, 280 pounds of mail and 100 pounds of express. The passengers desired rest and it was determined not to start from there until noon today. It should therefore be in about seven o'clock this evening.

The Merchants' line was to have a stage go out today, but those who had booked asked that it be postponed until tomorrow. The White Pass regular stage leaves tomorrow also.

Slightly Warmer

"Slightly warmer today," said Sergeant Major Tucker when the weather reporter called this forenoon for the temperature. The minimum for the twenty-four hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 55 below; maximum, 42. At noon the instrument marked 41 which showed a degree higher than the highest of the preceding day. The weather is evidently breaking though the frost king has a grip that he does not care to release.

TO START A SCARE

Morning Joke's Knowledge of Hydrants

Yesterday afternoon it was found that the main on Second avenue was frozen and until a late hour last night Dan Matheson was superintending the work of the steam thawer at the corner of King street and Second avenue. At this point, after a good deal of excavation, the trouble was remedied, but the main was found to be choked with ice at other points, and the men of the water company were still at work on the main this afternoon.

The supply being cut off from the Cascade laundry, a fire hose was laid on from the river. The shriek of the morning Joke this morning as to the terrible dilemma the city would be in if a fire should break out while this main was frozen, is another instance of the knowledge the Joke possesses of the city's fire arrangements. The water works does not supply any water to the city for fire purposes, and it would therefore make not the slightest difference if every main in town froze up. All the water for fire purposes is pumped from the river, by the fire engines.

But the Joke must make the story "yellow" and startling somehow.

New York as a Tenant.

New York city pays annually \$33,807 for the rental of offices used by departments and bureau. The biggest part of this sum goes to the Stewart building, 1142, 180. In this former dry goods store are housed numerous executive heads. The department of finance alone pays over \$87,000 for quarters on six floors. The Park Row building gets \$79,732. The splendid apartments of the borough president cost no less than \$31,682, while those of the commissioner of water supply, gas and electricity are nearly as expensive at \$23,645.

O'Connor Sells Out

John O'Connor, the pioneer scavenger of the city, has disposed of his business to Harry Abraham, and in company with his two sons will leave about the first of the month to investigate the reported strike in the Tanana country. Mr. O'Connor will not desert the Klondike but will give up scavenging and turn miner. His family remains here during his absence.

Deny the Report

London, Jan. 18.—J. P. Morgan & Co., of this city, today denied the report circulated by the Brussels correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph that a "new Morgan trust is projected to include all the British, German, French and Italian shipping companies trading between Europe and South America."

Miners Arrested

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 5.—Two miners named Kent and Walsh were arrested at Westville, N.S., last night on suspicion of having attempted to blow up the safe in the Bank of Nova Scotia building yesterday morning, and of having robbed a jewelry store of goods valued at \$1,000.

Will care for one of two good dogs for their use during the balance of the winter. Apply Nugget office.

WORK FOR MORE MEN

Coal Creek Coal Co. Gets Its Patent.

Will Have Its Railroad in Operation by the First of Next September.

Another Dawson enterprise has succeeded in obtaining letters patent of incorporation under the new Dominion law in regard to the incorporation of companies. The first one was the Yukon Hardware Company, and the second, which was granted on the 23rd inst., is that of the Coal Creek Coal Company, the incorporators being—Falcon, Joslin, broker; James Anderson Williams, of the Eldest—Eight Company; and Henry Seimer, miner.

The application for this patent was the first made under the new law from this territory, but there has been some delay owing to the fact that the application asked for leave to operate a railroad. Railroads, in the ordinary acceptance of the term as public carriers, cannot be granted powers under this act, and can only operate under a special act of parliament. This company had no intention of operating a road for public business, and the difficulty was gotten over by an amendment of the charter which gives powers for the building wagon roads and other necessary means of transportation. Under this the company will have power to build a steam road to its mines for its own private use.

This road has already been surveyed from the banks of the Yukon to the mines. It is a distance of ten miles, but the road will probably be twelve miles. John Joslin said this morning that his brother Falcon and the other director, J. A. Williams, were now on the outside purchasing material for this road. He had had a wire from Mr. Williams a few days ago that all the necessary purchases had been made, and that the material would be shipped in by the earliest boats. "We shall have that road in operation by September 1st," said Mr. Joslin this morning.

"Our mining manager, David Black, came in on Sunday and returned to the mine this morning. He says they are working the coal bed on nearly a level now. They have run an incline shaft to a depth of 350 feet, 250 feet of which is at an angle of about 10 degrees and from that on the raise is nearly level right through the coal. The bed is from 4 feet 6 inches to 11 feet in thickness, and is of excellent quality.

"We have only a few men there at work now, about 10, for the reason that we have had difficulty in getting teams. But we have succeeded in making arrangements for more teams and shall now be able to put on more men and haul a large quantity of coal to the bunkers on the river bank during the winter."

ON ELDORADO.

Protest on Twenty-Five Minutes Priority of Staking.

In the gold commissioner's court Lina A. Thompson has filed a protest against Charles A. Scoury upon a question of priority of staking. She declares that she staked fractional creek claim 51a, Eldorado, on January 14th last, at midnight, and that the defendant did not stake the same claim until fully twenty-five minutes after. The case is set for hearing on March 5th.

Sold His Wife.

Cobourg, Ont., Jan. 18.—Judge Benson sentenced George Albert Reynolds, of Pevey township, to three months in jail for assisting to commit bigamy. Reynolds is the man who traded his wife off to his brother Walter for a \$11-watcher. The pair were married and pleaded guilty of bigamy. They got four months each today. The parties agreed in court to resume their legal relationship after serving their terms. The original couple have two young children and George was left in charge of them while the second marriage took place.

Constable's Suicide

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—Albert Lohman, assistant provincial constable to Chief Colin Campbell of this city, and one of the best known members of the first contingent to South Africa, committed suicide this morning in the police office here.

Lohman was dependent over the suicide of Powell, a former constable, in Vancouver a week ago.

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