

UP-RIVER NEWS OF THE CREEKS.

New Creeks Stampeded, Staked and Recorded in a Hurry.

A Budget of Staked Claims in the South - Strikes on Half-Dozen Creeks - Nuggets From Thistle and Scroggie.

Discovery claim on Thistle creek has had three holes sunk to bedrock. Mr. J. McCarty arrived in Dawson the latter end of last week and reports the three shafts 325 feet in extent and from the dirt at the bottom 1375 in good dust was taken. He further reports that claims around discovery are not being offered for sale, and that \$20,000 does not tempt the owners. Buyers with \$5,000 have to go as far as 80 below, to find anyone to talk to.

On his way up McCarty reports overtaking Dan Staley, footsore and lame. Staley had two days start but had overdone it already in attempting to beat the record out. Dan says he proposed to wait for warm weather and beat back to Dawson. He thinks he'll have enough of ice-travelling before he reaches the coast to last a lifetime.

Robert Patterson came in Sunday from Selkirk accompanied by Will Stone and J. Carroll. They report a temperature up there last week as low as 58 below. At Selkirk Koorler had reported a strike up that river, as high as 80 cents to the pan. Fifteen miles above Thistle creek, Tulare creek empties into the Yukon and a great many miners believe it cuts the same gold belt. It has been stampeded and staked and nuggets weighing as high as 75 to 80 cents are being taken out.

"Frisco creek, emptying into the Yukon 20 miles above Selkirk, has been stampeded and staked. Ballarat creek also in that neighborhood has been stampeded, though no results are reported from the two latter creeks.

Thistle creek is reported well off being taken out of one prospect hole. Scroggie creek, across the divide from Thistle, is keeping up the pace, and a nugget weighing \$32 was recently taken from the discovery claim, together with a lot of smaller ones.

Colonel Evans and party had a severe time in reaching Dawson. The first night out of camp they benighted without making a stopping place. The second day out found open water at Selwyn, and a sudden rise in the river catching the party and immersing their outfits completely. The shafts were gotten ashore, but not before the colonel had broken through to the waist and the entire party had been more or less in the dangerous water. Before they could freeze, a convenient cabin was reached and there the party laid for days in an attempt to dry out. Two of the party with the official mail sack were left behind to follow, and the colonel and captain struck out alone for Dawson.

The party met Corporal Richardson and party just above Selwyn. None of the upriver travelers had left Selkirk for the upper river. The colonel expects to leave for Selkirk again on Saturday, or not later than Monday.

From the colonel we learn that there were some 15 sacks of first-class mail caught in the ice five miles above Selkirk, when the floe stopped. The mail has been started upon dog sleds and may be looked for any day. Selkirk lots were placed upon sale October 1st, but since then some nine buildings have been started and the British-American Trading Co. has a large store. Two hotels have been completed for travelers.

The substitution of Mr. Edward Fenker as gold commissioner for Mr. Gordon Hunter was done very quickly upon the final decision of the latter gentleman not to act. Mr. Fenker was instantly notified and had but one hour to prepare himself for his long and venturesome trip. The gentleman will find himself strangely welcome at Dawson.

Diamond creek is a fork of Twelve-mile and enters that stream some 13 miles above Kenady creek. A Mr. Dietz made the discovery and on Friday night of last week the creek was overrun with stampedes and claims were staked off. It is reported upon excellent authority that upon the discovery claim, at the depth of 12 feet, \$140 to the pan was found.

Creek Items.

Geo. Gaisford, of No. 7 below on Bonanza seems to be followed by hard luck. In the last week of September he lost a scow load of merchandise representing some \$15,000 in Lake LeBarge and now to cap the climax fire visited his cabin on Saturday last and completely gutted the building, destroying all of his provisions and clothing. Mr. Gaisford had left for Dawson and Mrs. Gaisford had stepped out to a neighbor's for a few moments when his brother was aroused by the smell of smoke issuing through the walls of his cabin which adjoins. Rushing outside he saw the whole of his brother's home a mass of flames. Very little was saved and it was with difficulty that C. C. Gaisford saved his own home. The loss amounts to about \$500 and comes rather hard on Mr. Gaisford at this time.

No. 6 below upper on Dominion is proving itself to be a rich one. Mr. Johnson reports two pans of \$275 and \$9.75. In one of the pans a cube of tin ore about a half inch in diameter was found.

Ed. Davis of North Yakima, who is working a lay of 30-31 below on Bonanza, is blessed with a nameless who does not always behave himself. Mr. Davis is greatly annoyed over the arrest of his double for stealing and wants his friends to understand that he is not the one who has been misbehaving himself.

Quite a stampede occurred last Friday and Saturday to the benches off Big Skookum and on French Hill.

Lower Bonanza is showing up better every

day and there is every reason to hope that next summer will show good returns. Mr. Brady is opening up No. 82 for ground sluicing also Mr. Hill of 81.

A sad accident occurred on No. 20 above on Sulphur Saturday last when Teddy Martin had his skull fractured by a bucket falling on him from the windlass. In some unaccountable way the bucket broke away and struck him before the man on top could notify him of his danger. At least reports the patient was still alive but little hope is entertained for his recovery.

There have occurred this week two stampedes to the upper Klondike river. The accounts of the strike are too fabulous for publication until verified.

Travel upon the Hunker creek trail was unusually heavy last Tuesday. Considerable difficulty is being experienced upon Hunker during the present mild weather on account of water running in the shafts.

Hunker and Dominion roadhouses report business very dull.

Lombard is yet an unknown quantity; but little work has been done upon it thus far. What holes have been sunk there struck too close to the edge of the rimrock. Work is being pushed in sinking further back.

J. O. Sullivan, on No. 6 above on Hunker, has staked it good. In one shaft he has four feet of dirt which runs from 200 to 40 to the pan; the other shaft shows two feet that yields in chosen spots \$2.50 to the pan, with one foot of gravel just above that runs \$1.

John S. Williams' claim, No. 25 below on Hunker, has developed still greater richness during the last ten days. In addition to four shafts down and connected he has a tunnel in from the side of the hill, running 100 feet. He brings his pay dirt out with wheelbarrow, and uses his bulldozers and other waste to wall the tunnel. Week before last Mr. Williams by means of a "baby rocker" cleaned up 28 ounces from eight flour sacks of dirt. Several days later from three boxes holding less than a bushel, he cleaned up 8 ozs. and 18 pwt. This was the scrapings of bed rock. His pay streak is 20 inches to two feet in depth and of yet undetermined width. Mr. Williams is a miner of 39 years' experience and hails from Nova Scotia. He began by prospecting on benches on various creeks until he located No. 35. Mr. Williams was, what is present in working with his other owner of bench claim No. 37 below which has also developed good pay.

Messrs. J. B. Ellis and S. J. Bally, assisted by Mr. Beck and M. Solding have lately completed a new "short cut" trail, beginning on the Klondike river one and a half miles down the river from the mouth of Hunker, and joining the old trail at the "Catch Up" house. Messrs. Ellis and Bally are proprietors of the new road house the "Northern Light Inn" located upon the trail where it crosses Hunker creek.

Mr. Chisholm, on No. 3 above upper on Dominion, has good pay. Colors can be easily distinguished in a handful of dirt taken from the dump.

We have it on good authority that a good strike has been made on 8 below upper, also on 5 and 7 above upper, Dominion.

Messrs. G. W. F. Johnson and J. E. McAlpin, owners of No. 5 below upper on Dominion, have made a good strike. They have four notes down. The paying gravel strata is four feet in width. The gold is very coarse; several test pans taken at random showed as high as \$5. Elated by this strike the owners voluntarily give the nine men working for them a liberal increase in salary which was greatly appreciated by them.

The Bodega on Fire.

A bonfire on Sunday afternoon occurred at the "Bodega" of which Messrs. Chenoweth and Wilson are proprietors, which had it not been for the most fortunate circumstances might have proven disastrous in its results. Ben Hooper, the porter, was engaged at the moment on the second floor in the club room, when observing the odor of smouldering wood, visited the front room only to find the roof in a blaze, giving the alarm immediately. The fire department was promptly on the ground, and the chemists soon had the threatening flames under subjection; not, however, until the handsomely furnished saloon with its fixtures had been damaged to the extent of some \$2,000. Sparks from the fire had found their way into the dry moss and caused the burning.

Why They Are Not Rich.

A Nugget representative on the creek was just in time to hear an amusing conversation the other day between employees of the Bonanza tramway and some ladies selling tickets for the reading-room benefit at the Forks.

"Want tickets for the concert?" was asked. "Got no money," was answered, sententiously.

"What's the reason?" "No pay-day yet."

"That's strange. It seems as though they would be making enough to pay you off every night."

"So they would be if the Nugget would leave them alone. There's a big difference between one cent and a half a cent a pound."

The conversation followed the above lines for a few moments and ended by a trade-concert tickets for toll-road tickets.

A Good Map for 50 Cents. The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields, should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50 cents.

Notice. All births, death and marriages must be reported to Captain Belcher, registrar of births, deaths and marriages. Non-compliance with this order will subject the offender to penalty.

A minstrel show in aid of St. Mary's is to be given on Christmas night at the Tivoli.

OUTFIT LOST ON BLACK RIVER.

Seven Thousand Dollars in Cash Went to the Bottom.

Mr. J. Berry's Boat is Upset and the Owner Sees His Property Disappear—Nothing of Value was Recovered.

Messrs. John Manning and M. J. Berry are old time Black Hills acquaintances. Mr. Manning is now in Dawson and Mr. Berry is down the Yukon where he went before the freeze-up to explore the Black River. Up-river travelers have just brought in a letter and a package from Berry which relates a considerable tale of woe. He had succeeded in making his way a considerable distance up the river when all of a sudden what appeared to be a waterspout burst over the boat and the men on the bank saw everything they had in the world disappear from sight. Berry lost a large outfit, all his clothes in the pockets of which was \$7,000 in money and a large diamond ring valued at \$1,000. In a short time a dunnage bag appeared floating upon the surface and was the only thing saved. In the bag were some old clothes containing a very valuable gold watch which Berry had tried to set going again with a jack-knife and whatever tools he happened to find around after the loss. The result was a double handful of loose wheels which wouldn't go back into the small space enclosed by the lids of the case. The pieces were done up in a package and sent to Mr. Manning who had the watch fixed at a cost of \$70. The latter gentleman also sent his unlucky friend post-haste \$1,000 and an order on the company store at Cadahy for grub to any amount wanted.

Physical Training.

"Did you ever see a man in training for a sparring contest or a prize fight? If not you have failed to see the human animal at his very best point of physical development. In the ring you may see strength, science and endurance, but you also see more or less exhaustion. You are also more or less worked up over the contest and all but a few of the spectators in the immediate neighborhood of the ring are looking on at a distance. All this and much more was impressed upon the mind of the Nugget representative on Monday afternoon at Sam Barber's training quarters on Second avenue. The "Black Prince" and "Kik" Williams met in a 20-round go on Thursday night at the Monte Carlo, and Sam had the training, handling and managing of the affair for the Prince. Sam himself has acquired considerable of a reputation, first as a fighter, but of later years upon the Pacific coast as a trainer and second. In Dawson he has seconded most of the winners and but once the loser, though he appears in every important fight event in town.

The Prince is a young colored man of 25 who has been seen in Dawson a few times, the last time sparring Dick Agnew to a draw, Agnew being seconded by Sam Barber.

But this more especially of the physical training, for a contest that we care to speak. The scribe, by appointment, was ushered into the quarters and found the Prince sleeping soundly after his morning's spin up the Klondike a few miles and back. At the appointed time he was awakened and Sam, with one assistant, proceeded to work with him. A dash of tepid water on the face and the rapid exercise commenced. Running, jumping and exercise in every imaginable position was indulged in, and after half an hour of the fastest kind of work, the sweat commenced to run, though the wind showed that the past two weeks of work had not been wasted. Then the gloves were put on and nearly the next half hour was spent in instructions in heavy punching—now at the jaw, then the short ribs, until both the principal and second assistant were in a profuse perspiration. Then the sweater and other garments worn by the Prince were removed and the real work commenced. A tepid bath, a rub-down and a roll between heavy blankets and then a massage as energetic and thorough as ever man received. Witch-hazel and alcohol rubbed into the muscles with every part of the body kneaded and pounded until not a sign of stiffness remained—nothing but a picture of glowing health and a human animal in a state of physical perfection.

The Prince who looked a perfect model says that though he has been in many a contest he never before was trained down like a racehorse as now. Every muscle and sinew stood out flexible, strong, yet hard enough to withstand any blows received from a strong opponent.

Attending down like that administered by the veteran, Sam Barber, is worth many hundreds to a man even if he never entered the ring at all. It is simply hard work without exhaustion, guided scientifically by one versed in athletics, with perfect sanitary conditions, dieting and bathing. Given a healthy subject to work upon and these concomitants raise the body to the highest standard of health and strength that is capable of. After such a course of training a man cannot very well be injured in the ring, no matter what his opponent may be. The exhaustion is quickly recovered from and the effect of blows passes like water off a duck's back.

Speaking of physical training of the foregoing character reminds the scribe that others in town beside the page are indulging in it—some for one complaint and some for another, and the improved physical appearance of some of our citizens who before could not go outdoors without taking a fresh cold, is most marked.

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