

THEY RETURN DISGUSTED

With Lower River Diggings and Stampedes in General.

One Miner Says Koyukuk Has Not One Claim That Will Pay \$10 a Day.

Diametrically opposed to the conditions existing at Eagle City are the reports brought up the river from the Tanana and Koyukuk districts, to say nothing of the doleful wail which comes from Nome.

N. Sager, a miner who left here early this spring and went to the Koyukuk, was a passenger on the Rock Island arriving yesterday, and if anyone asks him if he is going back he looks disgusted and says, "Not for gold and precious stones."

"There is not a claim in the district that will pay \$10 a day to the man," says Mr. Sager, "and those that will pay \$5 and board are like hens teeth. All wages are paid on bedrock, and if a man goes to work expecting to get fair wages after a cleanup he can consider himself lucky if he gets \$2 and board for his work."

"The reason is that the claims are not rich in the first place, and then there are so many who have to be paid and yet do not work. There is the owner who is superintendent, a bookkeeper, a day boss and a night boss, and all the rest of them, and so, when the miner comes to get his pay he is mighty lucky if there is anything coming to him."

"No, sir, the Koyukuk is a frost—a dream of the night that is burst and gone."

O. Vek is another Dawson miner who, this spring, allowed himself in an unguarded moment to become infected with the deadly Nome disease and, while so infected went in search of green fields and pastures new. The pastures he found were new all right, but, as he says, just a trifle shy in the matter of sustenance.

Vek went to Nome, and from there he followed up all the principal stampedes religiously, and wore out many pairs of nice new shoes as a result. His summing up of the whole situation is contained in a few brief remarks on the subject of stampedes in general, and the great Nome rush in particular. He says if a miner has the capital to go out and bring in plenty of machinery for pumping, etc., and is naturally very lucky, he might get miners' wages out of the beach. Mr. Vek stopped at Circle City on his way up and started for the Tanana diggings going, in company with others, about 50 miles back on the trail where so many people were met coming out, and who all had the same tale of woe to unfold, that the ingoing party turned and came back.

U. S. Marshal N. J. Trodo, of Circle City, was also a passenger on the Rock Island, and while he says that Circle is very quiet, and that the mines of the Tanana are wholly in an undeveloped condition, still he has much faith in their ultimate productiveness.

Marshal Trodo came from Rampart to Circle with the prisoner, Chas. Hubbard, who shot and killed Tom McNamee in May last, and who is to be tried on a charge of murder at the next sitting of the court at Circle, which will commence on the 3d of next month.

A Jack Wade Nugget.

Mr. F. T. Hope, who arrived Sunday from the Jack Wade country, brought with him a 35 ounce nugget which was found on the claim of Wm. Chappelle, which is a fraction between 11 and 12 above lower discovery. This gold is worth \$18.50 to the ounce and is distinctly different in color from that of the Klondike district. Mr. Hope says a large amount of gold is being taken out of the Jack Wade country.

Regarding the Tanana.

Mr. Thos. Cale, who but lately returned from a nearly two months' visit and prospecting trip through the Tanana, gives a very intelligent account of that country, and, being an experienced miner, what he says is doubtless accurate. He says there is a vast country there which, so far as it has been prospected, shows a light run of gold nearly everywhere, but that so far nothing to justify a stampede.

{Only two claims in the entire district, both on Homestake, have been thoroughly developed, and only one of these two pays above the expense of operating. The best day's work on the richest of the two claims was \$18 to the man shoveling in, four men being engaged in the work. And at the price of labor and provisions there but little profit exists even at \$18 to the man.

Mr. Cale says that it is yet impossible to form an intelligent opinion of

the country, as it has not been developed and only superficially prospected. Much of the country is staked, having been located by parties, 75 per cent of whom have come out and left the country probably never to return; but their having staked will serve to practically tie up the country until the first of the year 1902, when, unless the original locators turn up to develop their property it will be subject to relocation.

Personally Mr. Cale has faith in the future of the Tanana, but he says many have gone there this season and come back disgusted, satisfied in their own minds that the country is of no value as a mining region.

At present there are, says Mr. Cale, not to exceed 100 prospectors in the district, although many more have visited it this season. The trail in from Circle is in fairly good condition now, and previous to the fall rains which have made it muddy in some places was an exceptionally good trail for this country, there being no steep hills and only two low ridges to cross in the entire distance of about 120 miles.

Mr. Cale says considerable stuff will be sledded in this winter by those who contemplate work next season, as he says it is an ideal winter trail.

Two different classes, says Mr. Cale, are circulating stories regarding the Tanana. The practical miners tell of the country as they find it, while many who are out more for speculation than for legitimate mining, and who have located without any prospecting whatever, tell rose-hued stories of the country for the purpose of booming it.

The Newsboy's Passengers.

The story of the passengers from Nome on the Newsboy has taken legal shape. Label was filed in the United States court today against the steamer by R. E. Gibbons, of Ballard; Thomas Seucier, of Lewiston, Me.; Davis W. Reeve, and Joseph W. Baum, of New York; W. H. Graham, H. F. Winnes and J. Whiting, of Redlands, Cal.; and the following from Seattle: J. W. Knapp, R. Fitzpatrick, J. Fitzpatrick, A. S. Allen, O. J. Thompson, R. F. Garner, Ralph Simon, Richard Grant and R. W. Brookfield.

The story of the libellants as told in the legal documents is about as follows: When the Newsboy was advertised to sail from Nome for Seattle last month, her agents there, J. G. McCall and H. M. Haines, represented her to be in first-class condition and a fast sailer, well equipped and supplied, and that only first-class tickets would be sold. These tickets were sold at \$75, and in a few instances \$100. When the passengers went aboard the vessel, they did not like her looks, and wanted their money back. They say that they found the vessel short of hands; that the bedding was so scant as to cause sickness, that it was impossible to keep clean; that 81 passengers were crowded into a cabin suitable for less than 20, where good ventilation was impossible; that they were denied the promised luxury of a social hall; that their baggage became water-soaked; that the food was not fit to eat, and the water for drinking was black, foul and tainted; that they had to use salt water for bathing; that the passengers had to buy their own provisions at Dutch Harbor. The libellants ask damages in the sum of \$800 each.—Seattle Times, Aug. 8.

A Pronounced Preference.

Some amusing stories have been told of the inability of many English people to pronounce the letter H. This peculiarity is by no means confined to the "cockneys" of London. We have known professional men who possess the same perverse inclination.

Here is a confirming anecdote from the Youth's Companion. The subject is the honored and aged English grandmother in a Massachusetts household.

She has two granddaughters, twins, named—although their mother now admits that she ought to have known better—Hannah and Anna.

The old lady is extremely attached to them, but there is seldom a day in which her bright old eyes do not snap, and her pretty, white curls quiver with wrath, at what she calls with spirit, "the 'opeless hagggravation" of trying to make them understand which she is talking to.

"I didn't call 'Anna; I called Hannah," she will protest indignantly, when the wrong one responds to a summons. "Why don't 'Hanna come 'erself, instead of sending 'Annah, when she wasn't hasked for?"

Nothing makes her angrier than to suggest, no matter how carefully and delicately, that any confusion of Hs might be responsible for the "difficulty."

"I'm Henglish, I own," she says, with frigid dignity, "but I 'ope I know 'ow to pronounce my Hatches! It's only the hignorant Henglish who say 'ouse for 'ouse and 'orse for 'orse, Hannah! What are you laughing at? I said 'ouse—'ouse and 'orse—hexactly

as you do! 'Ark now, and 'ear me.' Then very slowly and with deep impressiveness: "'Orse! 'orse! 'ouse! 'ouse! 'ouse. And I 'ope you're satisfied!"

A Wonderful Story.

The following account of the Florence S. disaster was published in the Toronto-Mail and Express, having been telegraphed from Vancouver.

The steamer Cottage City, arriving this afternoon from Skagway, brought news of a terrible accident by which 40 lives are said to have been lost.

The Lake Lebarge steamer Florence S., a top-heavy river boat, it is said, overturned while going through the rapids at Thirtymile. She had 110 passengers on board, and of these 40 met death in the swirling waters of the Upper Yukon.

The barest statement of the accident was brought today by the Cottage City. She called at Juneau, Alaska, on Tuesday at noon, and the story has just arrived here. The statement lacked confirmation, however, and until other boats come down the news cannot be given in detail.

The steamer Humboldt, which arrived yesterday from Skagway, brought the story of an accident which occurred at Lebarge last Friday. The Humboldt's passengers coming through from Dawson said that the Florence S. ran into a sailboat and the occupants of the latter, an unknown man and Mrs. Alexander Stewart, of Bennett, and her daughter, were all drowned.

The steamer was at that time coming up Lake Lebarge. According to the story brought by the Cottage City, which left Juneau several hours after the Humboldt, the Florence S. was on her way down on the trip on Sunday afternoon. She was in the rapids, and became unmanageable. She was always known as a top-heavy boat, and had an exceedingly large number of passengers and much freight on her upper deck for steamer drawing only 26 inches of water.

She capsized in the middle of the rapids, and the people who managed to get ashore did so on pieces of the upper works of the vessel which were torn away. No further details could be learned at Juneau.

There were undoubtedly two separate accidents, but further than the story generally circulated at Juneau, there was no authoritative account of how many lives were lost.

Skagway Patriotism.

Slumbering fires of patriotism have been aroused in Skagwayans the last two days. In business circles, there has been going the rounds a contagious feeling of jealousy for the country's honor. It sprung from the visit of the Canadian government steamer Quadra to the port. Contention was made that the Quadra committed a breach of international etiquette by failing to fly an American flag at her fore when coming to port, and by same after making anchor. However, Capt. John F. Walbra, commander of the ship, in explanation of the etiquette of government ships yesterday stated that with a vessel of the Quadra's class, it was not the rule to carry a flag in coming into port. He expressed the best of friendly feeling. Capt. Hovey, U. S. A., says the captain is right.—Alaskan, Aug. 12.

News From Nome.

Word comes from Nome that Postmaster Geo. N. Wright formerly of Skagway has been removed. What the cause for his removal is had not been stated. The information is simply to the effect that Inspector John P. Clum had asked for his immediate resignation, which was forthwith delivered. Joe Wright, brother of the removed official was at once installed as acting postmaster.

The position of poundmaster at Nome is not a profitable one. A nigger was appointed to the position and when he had succeeded in getting all the dogs in town corralled the citizens broke down his enclosure, turned out all the dogs and warried his coonship to leave town on the next boat.

Information Wanted.

Patrick McGee, San Francisco, Cal.; John T. Burns, Saginaw, Mich.; Henry Tinney, Goldenville; Oscar J. Wright, Portland, Or.; Geo. L. Graham, Bay City, Mich.; Orin H. Pangburn, Bay City, Mich.; Enoch L. Hammer, Pueblo, Colo.; Joseph A. Richardson, San Francisco, Cal.; William Andrew Gray, Victoria, Australia.

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