

THE TOWNSHIP QUESTION SETTLED.

The Original Locators Get All They Claimed.

Mr. S. T. Conkling Arrives From Ottawa, Bringing Documents That Put a Quietus to Adverse Claimants—The Proclamation.

Mr. S. T. Conkling, general superintendent of the Joseph Ladue Gold Mining & Development Co., of the Yukon, arrived in Dawson June 16, bringing with him his credentials.

A letter in Mr. Conkling's possession, from the assistant secretary of the Interior Department at Ottawa, states that letters patent will be issued to Joseph Ladue for 100 acres at the junction of the Yukon and Klondike rivers, and known as Dawson City, less such portions of the property as was sold by Ladue prior to Dec. 21, 1897. In such cases letters patent will issue direct to the grantee. A notice published by Major Walsh in our issue and this issue, states that the right of private parties will be protected, and in an interview that official said this proclamation would be strictly enforced, and included the rights of Joseph Ladue, and those who hold under him. A receipt for payment on the townsite property was issued by the gold commissioner, acting land agent at that time, on June 15, 1907.

A representative of the NUGGET was shown all the papers in the case and the letter from the department of the Interior, and Major Walsh's proclamation settles the question, practically.

FROM THE DIGGINGS.

The Cleanup Still in Progress, Water Being Scarce.

Washing up is still in active progress at the diggings and probably will not be entirely completed before the latter part of July. Water is a scarce article on both Bonanza and Eldorado and the claim owners and lay-men are all hoping that the longed-for rain will soon make its appearance.

The gold claim the larger claims is being rapidly located to Dawson, and when all returns are in a better estimate of the total output can be made than has been possible thus far. Opinions still differ as to the much discussed question though there is a noticeable tendency to lower the amount rather than to raise it.

As a general proposition the men who worked on lays during last winter failed to realize their expectations. Many did not make even wages and some few, it is understood, did not so much as cover expenses. It is highly probable that few claims will be worked on lays next season. As one layman concisely stated the situation: "No owner who has found his claim to be rich will care to give out any lays and from their experience this last winter few men will care to work a lay until they have first satisfied themselves that the claim is rich."

The royalty question has also cut quite a figure. Many complaints are heard among the miners and some claim that permanent injury will result to the mines if the royalty is not done away with.

Notes From Up the Gulch.

D. McLeant, M. Parsell and Louis Renard, who have been working on 67 Bonanza below, will leave shortly for Pure Creek, where they have good prospects in sight.

Henry Olesen and Oscar Ohlsson of Douglas Island, have spent the winter working on 61 Bonanza below. The result of their work is quite satisfactory.

The report that No. 8 Eldorado had been sold for a large price is no longer true. It is understood that \$200 was offered on the deal.

A large bear was killed on 85 Bonanza below some days ago.

Messrs. Wright, McCollough and Price of No. 8 Bonanza above will have completed their washing up about July 10. They have been working in men and announce that results are good.

W. M. Cowley of Seattle, is located on 22 Bonanza above. Mr. Cowley states that while the pay streak on his claim is not so wide as on some others, the result of the winter's work is quite satisfactory.

Jas. Shelby and A. Duffay are located on 27 above on Bonanza. Both men hail from Newport, R. I.

On June 13 a nugget valued at \$180 was picked up on No. 4 Eldorado.

Ten men and two horses, all loaded with gold and escorted by a police officer came down from the diggings last week.

Jim Hardin of Seattle has been working on 42 Eldorado during the winter.

Messrs. Kuhl and Beauvoisin have been working on 42 Eldorado. They will complete the wash up in a short time and then will move over to Bear Creek.

The Lippy claim, No. 16 Eldorado, is one of the best as every one knows. About 25 men have been employed in working it and 10 lays were let in addition. It is estimated that the clean up will reach from a third to half a million dollars.

Large Scow Load of Provisions. A party of eight reached Dawson on last Saturday night, most of whom left Seattle on May 22nd. The party consisted of C. E. Downie, C. E. Jones, A. Jones, Jack Sterne, Chas. Kalem, S. News, J. Gleason, and E. S. Blanck. Mr. Downie who has been running a store in Skagway the past winter owned the scow and brought in 10 tons of provisions for the market.

This scow was towed from Lake Bennett to the White Horse Rapids by the steamer Willie Irving which runs in conjunction with the steamer Ora which reached here Saturday from the White Horse. Mr. Downie reports an excellent trip.

Mr. Blanck is one of Seattle's star athletes, having figured very prominently in football and base ball and track athletics at the Seattle Y. M. C. A. for the past 3 years.

He will perhaps be heard from in the 4th of July event.

STORIES OF THE TRAILS.

There is in this city one of the grittiest little women in the whole world. She had heard the stories of the Klondike's richness. Away back in her cozy home on a Connecticut farm she pictured how she would come to Dawson alone and over the ice and thus be the first woman to thus make the trip. She had warm friends in New York, and to them she went and unfolded her plans. They tried to dissuade her, but to no avail. She proceeded to Puget Sound and there studied out what she would need for the journey, made her clothing, and trained her two dogs. She landed at Iyon with 900 of freight and proceeded to dog sled it up the trail, and in the face of storm and extreme cold landed it all at the scales. Then from the summit down over the long stretch of lakes she pushed her dogs on and put her entire outfit to the foot of Lake LeBarge. There she left a part of her outfit to come on by boat and proceeded on, reaching Fort Selkirk when the ice was getting too soft and dangerous for further travel. She pitched her own camp, cut her own wood, cooked her own meals, loaded and unloaded her sled, and hundreds of times refused the proffered assistance of men to boost her sled up steep places, or turn back her sleigh when it would upset. A passenger tells of offering to help her on one occasion, but seeing him with a pack on his back thanked him with the remark that he had enough of his own funeral. She was the only woman on either trail hauling by herself. Her dogs were the best trained of any; she never whipped, and fed them well and never over-worked them. She has them with her here and they may take her out over the ice. She stood the cold well, and the hard work—work that wore out many a man—did not seem to hurt her any. She deserves, and we know she will make the money she desires to relieve her home and make life comfortable in the future. Such a spirit as hers will always succeed.

There is a certain little pamphlet sold to the intended miners in Seattle, and known under the title of "Married and didn't know it." It is a strange story, but still more creditable than the following fact. "Had passed through the rapids and didn't know it."

After all what has been seen and heard of those famous White Horse Rapids, and considering the amount of people standing in silent or noisy admiration along the shores while the boats glide over the swift and raging waters, it seems an absurdity to even think any man could ever go through all those dangerous rapids without having the faintest notion of it. However, such a fact happened this month. A crowd was admiring a small, comical, honest faced little man standing alone straight as an arrow on the rear of a big, heavily loaded boat, steering calmly as a man accustomed to the dangers of navigation. Three miles lower the same witnesses again saw the same little man with the same big boat. This time the little man shouted to them: "Hallo partner, can you tell me if I am far from the White Horse Rapids, I want to deck my boat with this piece of canvas." A loud and irrepressible laugh was at first the only answer he could get till at last one fellow managed to ejaculate: "You damned fool, you passed them long ago; you are three miles below!" "Is that so—Well, well, I must say I thought the water was pretty rough!"

BLEW THROUGH THEIR WHISKERS.

A Texas Ranger Gives the Games a Rub That Diminishes Their Pile.

They play high here in Dawson, and the bill of fortune bounces many ways, but the most peculiar and erratic course it ever took is now being talked among the fraternity. Walter Leroy, a Texan, tried to locate a mine and could not. He then tried to find employment and failed. Walter, however, with the proverbial Texan spirit, knew something experience had taught him he could do, thoroughly, so he straightway got very drunk. It was none of your common jags but a regular old time Texan "bender." When he started out Leroy had about \$50, and when he woke up the next day in the tent of some friends, imagine his surprise to find every pocket bulging with money, and his gold pouch so heavy he could hardly carry it. During the night he had virtually cleaned out every game he struck, and when he finally went under the table, his friends carried him home richer than he ever was before, or probably will be again.

Dawson Realty Market.

Merchants from the East contemplating business here will doubtless be glad to know that suitable houses can be obtained at reasonable prices. One or two log cabins, not too large for a small stock, are still for rent, only \$600 per month being asked. A vacant lot on Second street in the business district might be bought today for \$7000, but the bargain will doubtless be quickly snapped up. A corner with two-story log cabin recently sold for \$20,000 cash. Water front lots are leased at \$10 per front foot per month, and a tent 14x16 could be stretched for about \$400.

Telephone Plant Arrives.

The Yukon Telephone and Telegraph Syndicate organized last fall by E. Leroy Pelletier, and numbering among the stockholders Alex. McDonald, Dr. LeBlanc, Bill McPhee, Geo. Demars, and John Erierson, is a reality. The syndicate have received its plant, consisting of 80 miles of wire, 25 long distance transmitters, 100 drop switch boards, and a complete outfit. Lines will be run up the gulches, and a city exchange established.

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