

COMMISSIONER ROSS TALKS

Does Not Think Treadgold Grant of Particular Injury to Free Miner — Has Some Objectionable Features — In Other Respects It Will Benefit the Country.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

The very general discussion which has taken place in regard to the Treadgold concession, during the brief absence of Governor Ross, is of such importance and embracing so many details that it is impossible to do more than to give a brief interview with a long line of people waiting to talk with him upon other subjects.

"This concession," said the governor, "seems to be looked upon as granting unusual privileges. I have carefully looked into it and I do not see that it does. There are only two points in that document that seem to me to be open to question, and these are as to section 10 and its interpretation, and the right to enter any reverted claims. This latter really gives them the same rights as any other miner has. In short it does not seem to me that any great concession has been given. They are, of course, given the right to enter such claims without paying any fees, and they may enter for any number of reverted claims, and that being the only privilege granted it does not seem to be a very big concession to them."

"But does not the concession itself tie up the claims on the creeks mentioned in section 10 from further operations, or from being entered by individuals?"

"It does not seem to me that anything. The gold commissioner has taken upon himself to ask for any official ruling upon the point from Ottawa, and pending this the applications for locations on the creeks in question are being received but are being held in order to avoid any complications that may arise therefrom."

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EXPLORED KUSKOKWIM

Captain McKinley of the Leah Was There Last Winter.

There is one man in Dawson today who has seen and traveled over a 500 mile stretch of the Kuskokwim, about which so much has been written and more guessed during the past year, and that man is Capt. McKinley, master of the steamer Leah. For several years the Kuskokwim has excited the cupid of fortune seekers who saw no reason why the headwaters of that mighty river should not contain gold as well as the Yukon, and few have penetrated the unknown wilds in search of the elusive paystreak, but authentic news from that source has always been well nigh an impossibility. The river is a large one and at the mouth and at a point 80 miles above known as Bethel the Moravian missionaries have had settlements for the past ten years, but the upper reaches of the stream are known to none save the Indians. No steamer has ever ascended the river and for one to spend a season there on a prospecting trip it would be tantamount to either live with the Indians or subsist upon an almost straight diet of wild game.

Capt. McKinley wintered at St. Michael last year and before the close of navigation he determined as soon as traveling was practicable to ascertain for himself as much as possible of the unknown Kuskokwim. Early in November, before the heavy all of snow had arrived, he set out from St. Michael accompanied by two others. From such meagre information as he could secure he learned the best place to cross the divide from the Yukon was at a point 20 miles below the Russian mission. This portage proved to be but 75 miles in extent and was easily made by means of sleds and a chain of lakes. The Kuskokwim was struck about 100 miles from the mouth and in that immediate vicinity about 20 men were found wintering, some trapping and a few prospecting. The journey up the river was continued 500 miles to Stone creek and the latter stream was traversed 45 miles. Five days' travel from where the new diggings were supposed to be a party was met returning down the river. They had found nothing but a few scattering prospects. Stone creek gave but little evidence of having been prospected except in the most hurried manner and they saw not a soul on the creek at the time. Capt. McKinley's trip was one of observation rather than in the nature of a hunt for a claim and his entire time was spent in traveling, his party doing no prospecting whatever. The return was made by way of the Pimute portage to Holy Cross mission, thence to Anvik 45 miles and 180 miles across the Kaltag portage to St. Michael. The trip occupied three months and nine days, during which time 1400 miles were traveled.

"There are several places above Bethel," said the captain, in speaking of his trip, "where a person can procure food in case of necessity. The Russian church has a mission in charge of Father Oloff 150 miles up the river and 40 miles beyond is a Catholic mission under the care of Father Lebeau. A few miles above the latter a squaw man by name of Lynn does a little trading and one can generally get flour there, but this is about the only thing carried in stock. Lynn's customers are almost exclusively Indians and they have had little or no contact with white men flour is the only civilized article of food they have learned to use. He does a thriving trade in fur, and has lived with the Indians so long he has become almost one of them. The Kuskokwim is a much better timbered river than the Yukon and is as fine looking country as I ever saw. Though no boats have ever gone up the river there is no reason why they should not if there were business to warrant it. The river is navigable for 600 or 800 miles and I believe from what I have seen of it that less difficulty would be had than on the Yukon. I don't think any prospectors have been found so far which would warrant any excitement at all, but I shall be greatly surprised if some good finds are not made there sooner or later. The indications are excellent and all that is required is patience and perseverance. At present on account of the lack of any trading posts, prospectors will hesitate to venture on such a trip, but eventually things will be different and then look out for a stampede."

Rates Advanced.

San Francisco, July 23.—The Chronicle says: Following the announcement a few days ago of an advance in the Southern Pacific Company's rates between here and Portland comes the news that a similar advance in passenger rates on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company has been decided upon beginning on July 26. The advance in steamer rates will occasion a corresponding increase in all other rates based on the ocean tariff.

Dr. J. N. E. Brown, territorial secretary, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to attend to the duties of his office.

YOUNG MAN'S HARD LUCK

Claude Mitchell's Case One of Peculiar Hardships.

The case of Claude Mitchell is one of peculiar hardship. He has been suffering for ten or twelve weeks from acute pneumonia, and his physician has impressed upon him and upon his wife that a change of climate is absolutely necessary to save his life. Mr. Mitchell thereupon decided to sell his claims for whatever he could get and at once to seek a warmer climate. He is prevented from completing his sale, however, because the government title he has to transfer is said to be valueless.

On Dago Hill, below Last Chance on Hunter, Mr. Mitchell has governmental titles to two claims. In regard to one of them the title is not in question, but in regard to one adjoining, which was purchased from the government at auction last November there is. He was offered \$12,000 for the two but declined to sell. After his sickness and the ultimatum of his doctor that it was absolutely necessary for him to go outside, he agreed to accept \$6000 for them. Relieved from the financial worry over the situation he and his wife managed to come down town on Thursday to transfer the title at the gold commissioner's office. There it was found that the title to the claims sold at government auction could not be transferred, and the intending purchaser therefore refused to take the property.

The cloud on the title is caused by a concession covering all vacant or lapsed ground in the neighborhood, which was granted in Ottawa shortly prior to the auction sale, but of which no advice reached Dawson until the December after the sale had been made.

Valuable Discovery.

New York, July 23.—Prof. Koch, of Berlin, will announce, says a Herald dispatch from London, his discovery that bovine tuberculosis is not transmissible to the human system. The famous bacteriologist in an interview authorized the statement that he has demonstrated that meat and milk tuberculous infected cattle may be consumed with absolute impunity.

Dr. Allen F. Haight of Chicago, the official representative of the American Medical Association, said: "If I had not heard Prof. Koch quietly announce his discovery in private conversation it would have seemed to me absolutely incredible. I can only say that Dr. Koch is too profound a student and has too much of a reputation at stake to promulgate such a proposition unless convinced of its soundness beyond the shadow of a doubt. If he is able to theoretically demonstrate his claim the sanitary system of the world will be shaken to its very roots. The worst revolution but faintly expresses what the discovery will precipitate."

English experts talked of the theory with mingled astonishment and contempt and asserted that the German professor would encounter stubborn debate and learned disproof of his "mad idea."

Dr. Reynolds, health commissioner of Chicago, when informed of Prof. Koch's theory, said: "The discovery is certainly of the highest importance, especially in regard to milk. As far as meat is concerned, I never believed it contained elements of danger when cooked and therefore the announcement has comparatively less significance for the civilized peoples of the world. As to milk taken in its natural state, it is a different proposition. While probably nobody is desirous of drinking the milk of tuberculous cows yet a great boon would be assured if it can be consumed with impunity. The discovery will also have a practical result in simplifying the work of milk inspection, although not altogether rendering this unnecessary."

Washing Away.

With regard to the east coast a sorry story has to be told, the county of Yorkshire, for instance, from Huddington to Spurn Head, has been disappearing, it is calculated, at an average rate of six feet a year. It is said that careful observation of a certain 12 miles stretch shows that the cliffs 40 feet high have been eaten away by the waves for 132 feet in 40 years. It is, however, at Spurn Head that the greatest ravages have taken place.

In Edward I's time the village of Ravenspiper, a seaport near Spurn Head, sent more than one member to parliament; in 1399 and 1471 Henry IV and Edward IV, respectively, landed there, but very soon after the latter's visit the entire town was swept away by the sea. Today the village of Killesnope alone stands upon the head; the old site of the village, once a fair place on a hill, with a fine old church, destroyed by the waves in 1826, is now some hundreds of yards below high water mark, and when New Killesnope joins it the sea and the Humber will not take long to destroy the entire promontory and make things very unpleasant at Grimsby.—Good Words.

OLD GLORY WAS HONORED

At Savoy Theatre. Last Night When Uncle Sam's Soldier Boys From Fort Egbert Were Given a Rousing Benefit by Dawson's Best Talent — A Grand Drill.

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The large auditorium of the Savoy theatre was filled to its utmost capacity with a happy enthusiastic crowd who had gathered to witness the musical show given in honor of the boys of Company E. U. S. Infantry, stationed at Fort Egbert who are now in Dawson guests of the Gandolfo baseball team. The performance from start to finish was first class in every respect and included many and various features new and entertaining.

The curtain rose for the first part showing the members of the N. W. M. P. and the U. S. soldiers forming a semi-circle with hands crossed and clasped. The opening chorus was finely rendered and received a hearty encore. During the first part songs, dances, sketches, new jokes were introduced which kept the audience in a state of convulsion. One of the principal features was the parody on "Tommy Atkins" sung by Constable Holmwood who was compelled to respond several times to encores.

In the second part specialties were introduced by well known local artists as well as a number of the Eagle boys who proved themselves good entertainers.

The programme included O'Brien and Brown in buck and wing dancing; Fred Green in one of his local songs; Miss Case in vocal selections; Danton of Company E. in snare drum selections; Foster the palmer in an exhibition of the mystic art; C. C. Hancock the tenor singer; Monk D'Almeida, tenor solo; a boxing contest between Messrs. McDonald and O'Donnell of Co. E. and many others.

The closing chorus of the first part made one of the prettiest effects ever seen in Dawson. The N. W. M. P. and soldiers took their first position and counter marched around the stage and ended in circles formed by the different companies on each side of the stage. During the singing of God Save the King Company E. stood with bared heads while the N. W. M. P. stood at salute. As an encore to this "Dixie" was sung, everyone joining in the chorus. The performance closed with a burst of patriotic enthusiasm joined in by everyone.

MR. ARNOLD IN LUCK

Also N. A. T. & T. Co. in Securing His Valuable Services.

F. W. Arnold, formerly chief clerk with the S. Y. T. Co., has accepted the appointment with the N. A. T. & T. Co. as head of the collection department and credit man.

Having been associated together for three years, Mr. Te Roller in making this choice has made no mistake in placing him in this important position.

Mr. Arnold is well and favorably known in the Klondike for his sterling qualities of character and particularly so with the commercial and traveling public. His friends and patrons of the N. A. T. & T. Co. will be pleased to learn of the engagement.

Horrible Death.

Tacoma, July 23.—Dr. Charles H. Reed, city veterinary surgeon, was killed almost instantly by a notoriously vicious horse in the street, in front of his residence at 9:30 o'clock last evening. Mrs. Reed, his wife, was an eyewitness of her husband's terrible end. Dr. Reed had purchased the horse but a few hours before, and to a friend had declared that he could ride it. The animal has been owned by a number of Tacoma citizens, all of whom, after becoming acquainted with its disposition, have either sold it or given it away. It is a bay pony, rather undersized, and so far no one has been able to manage it or tame its disposition.

Dr. Reed succumbed in saddling it last evening, but the moment he mounted the animal it began rearing and plunging, and suddenly rearing on its hind feet, fell backwards upon the rider, who was struggling to hold his place in the saddle. The unfortunate man was crushed to the earth beneath the weight of the pony, and the enraged animal rolled upon him after falling backwards, in an evident attempt to kill him. The injured man was carried into the house, but lived only a few minutes after the accident. He was conscious to the last minute, and kissed his wife good-bye. She was standing on the walk in front of the house when the pony plunged and fell upon her husband. Dr. Reed came here last October from Oklahoma. He leaves a wife and two children.

Campbell Brought Back.

B. C. Campbell, for whose detention at Forty-mile a capias was issued several days ago at the instance of Wm. Scouse, was taken from the Sarah. He was brought up the river in charge of Constable Gardner.

The Geary Act.

New York, July 23.—Some of the Japanese living in this city have been alarmed by the action recently taken by the labor unions of San Francisco, which ask the Japanese to be excluded as the Chinese are under the Geary act. The San Francisco labor unions are said to be preparing a petition to Congress. The Japanese here are considering the wisdom of organizing to fight the plan and may start a counter-petition.

The attention of Y. Ohki, who is in charge of the Japanese consulate, has been called to the matter. Referring to the San Francisco resolutions he said: "They want much; these workingmen, that they will not get. Your congress will not pass such a law. I am sure of it."

"Congressmen and senators who would vote to keep the Chinese out of the United States would decide against any law that included the Japanese. Our government would surely resent such a discrimination, and would pass laws in retaliation which would hurt the trade of the United States in the East."

"Japan does not want to send laborers to the United States or any other country," added another consular official. "They are needed at home to build roads and ditches and battle ships, and to serve in the army. It is hard for one of the coolie class to leave Japan now owing to laws which the government has passed to keep them at home. These laws will be made even more strict in the near future, I believe. There are not many Japanese laborers in the United States today. Many of those who are considered laborers are really students who have to work their way while learning to do things after the American fashion. They stay here a few years and then go back home. In this the Japanese differ from the Chinese."

"Will the Japanese in this city take any action in this matter?" was asked.

"I have advised them to do nothing for the present, at least," said Chancellor Ohki. "Mr. Kogoro Takahira, our minister at Washington, is a most capable man and will take any action that may become necessary. He will not fail to do his best to keep Japan on as good a footing in this regard as the nations in Europe."

Challenge.

I hereby challenge Arthur Walker to meet me in a 10 to 20 round glove contest the winner to take all gate receipts and an additional \$500; the match to occur within 15 days from date.

JACK LEEDHAM.

Dawson, Aug. 3, 1901.

Several criminal cases will come up for hearing in the territorial court Monday morning next.

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THREE WIVES ON HIS TRAIL

Vancouver Butcher That is a Warm One.

Vancouver, B. C., July 23.—R. L. Stewart has disappeared from Vancouver and three different wives have just arrived endeavoring to find him. Stewart was a butcher whose place of business was in a large store centrally located on Granville street. He got in debt and a week ago fled to the other side of the line. Since then two wives have turned up from the East, one with two children and the other with three, and joined with the third, who was already here, in a search for the missing husband.

The first wife has been looking for him for two years, but as fast as she found where he was he was sure to get away just before she arrived. Her children had to be supported, and in arranging for them she was much delayed. The second wife did much the same thing, but now that they are reinforced with the third wife, who lived in Vancouver, they expect soon to overhail him.

At His Old Business.

Jas. F. McDonald, for many months manager of the Hotel McDonald and one of the most genial business men the city can boast of, has assumed the management of the Empire hotel on Second street, and will at once proceed to make it the most popular hostelry in Dawson. The hotel has lately been newly furnished throughout and will be run on the European plan only.

Mrs. G. L. Schooling and daughter arrived this morning on the Belknap. Mrs. Schooling has recently visited her mother, who was quite ill.

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