

## A WIERD THEORY ADVANCED

By Captain Fussel, of the Roadhouse at Minto.

### Thinks the Bodies of Clayson, Relfe and Olson Were Cremated by Their Murderers.

Were not the bodies of Fred Clayson, Lynn Relfe and Lineman Olson burned? This is the question that is asked by Capt. Fussel, keeper of the roadhouse at Minto, where the missing men were last seen. The captain has not only brought the question forward, but he believes there is a plausible foundation for a belief in such a disposition of the remains of the bodies and the belongings of the men. This news is brought out by E. B. Steadman, John H. Riley and others of a party that arrived on Tuesday from Dawson. Mr. Steadman has been engaged in mining in the Klondike, and is a man that observes. He says:

"We put up at Minto with Capt. Fussel, and there learned from his lips the theory that the missing men were burned. The captain says he saw a huge fire blazing some distance, probably a mile to three miles away, or farther (I do not recall just the details he recites), from his house, shortly after the long-lost trio left Minto.

"The suggestion has been made that O'Brien not only helped to kill Clayson, Relfe and Olson, but that he killed his own partner, and probably burned his body."

"McGuire is the name of the detective working on the case in the vicinity of Minto. He is from Chicago. I understand McGuire feels satisfied over the arrest of O'Brien, but that he thinks O'Brien's partner has escaped to the coast.

"It is reported at various places, and in one new roadhouse in particular, which is near Minto, that Capt. Fussel's is a place to be avoided, since the disappearance of Clayson and his companions. We heard this story, but we placed no stock in it. We thought it perfectly safe at the captain's, and to prove our belief went there and ate with him, and took beds for the night. We found nothing wrong with the house. The uncanny tales that are being told against the captain's place are, we believe, open to censure, and it is understood they emanate largely from a new roadhouse between Minto and Hutchiku."—Skaguay Alaskan.

### A Big Dump.

Charley Glasscock was down from his claim today, where he and his seven partners have been building up a dump on a hillside claim since last July. Up to the first of the year the "octette" had out the largest dump in the district. As they are not operating machinery, their dump is now surpassed by many where thawers are used.

### Murder Near Seattle.

Mrs. Guy-Gale, a farmer's wife, aged 25 years, was killed Wednesday at Stones Landing by a man known as John Hammond, who arrived Tuesday from Buffalo, N. Y., says the Seattle P. I. of the 9th.

Hammond had formerly been a suitor for Mrs. Gale's hand, and was rejected. He had sworn that she should not live with another and desperately carried out his terrible threat.

He went about his terrible deed in such a businesslike manner as to leave no doubt that he had coolly calculated on killing her before he started West. After leaving Tacoma yesterday afternoon, he seemed impatient on finding that no steamer would go to Stones Landing until Wednesday morning. This steamer he took.

It is reported from there that he proposed that Mrs. Gale should accept his attentions and go East with him. She turned a deaf ear to his story of devotion, only to find that he was prepared to take her life. Almost before she was aware of his intentions he whipped out a new revolver and began firing. Three bullets are said to have entered her brain and body. She died almost immediately.

Hammond then deliberately took his own life, firing a bullet into his brain.

A neighbor's child, who had heard part of their discussion, gave the alarm. Gale was in Seattle. A messenger was sent to inform him as well as Coroner Sparling. Gale passed the messenger on the road, and did not know of the tragedy until he reached home.

He married Mrs. Gale last year, after the death of her first husband whom she had married in the East in preference to Hammond. She was a pretty woman of the blonde type, and married Gale for love despite the fact that Indian

blood runs in his veins. Hammond's body will be buried at Stones Landing. Mrs. Gale's will be taken to Tacoma, where she had large numbers of friends.

### Many New Eagles.

Forty-nine new Eagles were made at the meetings of Dawson Aerie, No. 50, yesterday afternoon and last night, making upwards of 150 persons initiated into the mysteries of the order within two weeks since its institution in this place. Men from all the walks of life are asking that the protecting pinions be spread over them, and all who have been "through the mill" appear to be pleased with the treatment accorded them. As there are now about 225 Eagles in Dawson, the question of a room sufficiently large to accommodate the numbers is one with which the Aerie will soon be confronted. Last night was the time appointed for the election of officers for the new aerie, but the matter was deferred until the next meeting. The charter roll will close next Sunday at two o'clock and all who desire to get in as charter members should have their applications ready to submit before or at that time. After the regular order of business had been completed last night a social session was held—a sort of experience meeting—at which a most excellent time was had by all present, and which lasted far into the "wee sma."

### Another Alaskan Road.

An application has been made to the Canadian government for a franchise to build a railway from Fort Simpson through the Cassiar and Atlin mining districts to Lake Bennett. Capitalists of Montreal and Toronto are behind the plan, which it is expected will go through and form another line from the coast to the head of steam navigation on the Yukon.

It is stated that the Canadian government will in all probability subsidize the new enterprise on the basis of its being an all-Canadian route, Fort Simpson being situated on Dixon's entrance, in British Columbia. The distance is about 250 miles.

If the new line is built it will compete with the present White Pass & Yukon route, and with the proposed line from Haines Mission into the interior, a charter for which is pending in the British Columbia parliament. It is said the Dominion government believes that the construction of an all-Canadian railroad to the upper Yukon will benefit Vancouver and Victoria.

### Regarding Cape Nome.

While the reports are doubtless exaggerated, as usual, enough is known to make it certain that a new kind of Eldorado has been found. Like all recent important gold discoveries it is different from anything known before and adds a new chapter to the history of gold mining. After a thousand years of such experience as the world has had during the last 50 years it is possible that gold mining will be reduced to definite laws. But in our time exception seems destined to be the rule.

The fact that men at Cape Nome are actually going out upon the ice and mining through it into the bottom of the ocean opens up visions of marine gold mining in the future.

We have all read of the triumphs of deep sea sounding by ships which have brought up buckets full of earth from the deepest parts of the ocean. Let one of these scientific ships once bring up a handful of nuggets of gold and there will be a stampede to that particular latitude and longitude that will be surprising. Just how they would stake off claims upon the white capped waves is not easily divined. But anything is possible to the kind of men who hunt whales in the Arctic and at Klondike mines through 20 feet of perpetually frozen ground.—Denver Republican.

### Mosquitos Plentiful.

A well known Dawsonite who is remarkable for the tenacity with which he adheres to the rules of truth and veracity is responsible for the following:

"On one of the warm bright days last week a water man left a pail of water at my house, and having read in the papers something about the impurity of river water I decided to conduct a little investigation on my own hook. There was some ice in the water which the heat in my cabin soon caused to melt, and in four minutes after the last piece of ice was gone myriads of small wigglers began to come to the surface of the water; after remaining there not over two minutes little wings and a bill would begin to sprout and in another two minutes a full fledged mosquito would soar away. I counted until 107,318 winged insects had left that bucket and until the water mark had been lowered fully two inches; and that night there was as much buzzing in my cabin as I ever heard at a summer resort both in New Jersey or in a cypress swamp in Georgia."

When in town, stop at the Regina.

## JOE VINCENT IS A WINNER.

Gold Commissioner Senkler Decides Contest Case in His Favor.

### Suit Brought on Technical Grounds for Valuable Claim Is Decided in Favor of Defendant.

An important decision has been handed down by Gold Commissioner Senkler in the case of Werbus vs. Vincent, a copy of the judgment in which case is herewith appended. The case should stand as a warning to professional claim jumpers and men who seek to deprive others of the benefits of heavy investments upon purely technical grounds. Briefly stated, the defendant, Joe Vincent, purchased from Fred Parker the original locator, the property in question, hillside on the right limit opposite the upper half of 78 lower Bonanza, and proceeded to expend a sum of money aggregating almost \$10,000 in developing the ground. After expending this money and locating the pay, Vincent's title was attacked by one Werbus, who claimed to be the original locator of the ground in dispute. It developed in the trial of the case that both Werbus and Parker had applied for the same ground under different descriptions. Parker had, however, secured his record before Werbus applied for his and subsequently transferred the ground to Vincent.

Werbus did not offer any objection to Parker's title and apparently did not discover that he had any rights in the premises until Vincent located the pay on the claim. Then Vincent's title was attacked, and resort was had both to the gold commissioner and Judge Dugas' court by Werbus. In both instances Vincent was sustained, the decision given today finally deciding the case.

Messrs. Pattulo and Ridley represented Mr. Vincent, who expresses much satisfaction with the able manner in which his case was handled. The decision in full is as follows:

The plaintiff staked the upper half, left limit, of No. 78 below on Bonanza, on the 17th July, 1898, but did not record until September 2d. One Fred Parker staked on August 15th, and recorded August 23d, what he described as the lower half, right limit, of No. 77 below on Bonanza.

Between July 27th and September 2d, 1898, the ground staked by the plaintiff was open to location. (Nelson vs. Donnelly.) It was between these dates that Parker staked and recorded the ground which he described as the lower half, right limit, of 77 below on Bonanza.

The survey of the Parker claim in September, 1899, under Mr. Parker's direction showed the location opposite the upper half of 78, and not opposite the lower half of 77, as he described on applying for record.

Parker staked before this portion of Bonanza creek had been surveyed. The creek being about 1000 feet wide at this point, I would not therefore, consider the misdescription made by Parker could be construed as carelessness or neglect such that should disentitle him to the ground he staked, owing to the difficulty in such cases of properly describing a location with relation to the creek claim upon which it fronts.

The question is whether Parker's evidence, with Mr. Smith's, also with what has been heard as to the work done from the time of the staking thereof, is such as to establish the original position of his location posts in the face of the misdescription above referred to. Parker says his original upper post as shown in the survey of his claim is still standing, but that at the time his survey was made his lower post had disappeared. He is however, satisfied the ground, as surveyed, is within the ground as originally staked. The only conflicting evidence is that of

Mike Gulbenrich, who says he saw Parker stake in the summer of 1899, at the line dividing creek claims 77 and 78. The writing on this post he declares claimed up stream, not down. Mr. Parker alone testifies as to the actual staking. The position of the work done upon his location is consistent with his evidence. The stakes are the root of title in all cases. One describes his location as well as he is able. The result is purchasers should always find out the actual position of adjoining prior locations before the purchase is made.

I think the owner under the Parker location is entitled to the ground as shown upon Mr. Bolton's plan, dated September 16th, 1899.

Dated Dawson, March 19th, 1900.  
E. C. SENKLER,  
Gold Commissioner.

### Relegated Dogs.

The long period during which dogs in this country must forage for their

own food or starve has begun. The mglamute that two short weeks ago was the pride of the household is now spurned with the boot of contempt from the very door where he was formerly petted, fondled and given to eat of the best in the larder. But the summer of his discontent is here, and until snow flies next fall he will lead a "dog's life" in every sense implied in the expression.

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