

WORK BEGUN ON THISTLE CREEK.

The New Creek Bids Fair to Be a Record-Breaker.

Mr. J. P. Simonds, Tells the Nugget What is Going on up the Yukon—Some Interesting Theories as to the Extent of the Gold Belt.

J. P. Simonds an experienced miner and prospector has come down to Dawson from the recently discovered Thistle creek. In an interview Mr. Simonds spoke as follows concerning affairs in that district which has come so prominently before the public notice:

Of regard the prospects of Thistle and the neighboring creeks as being most favorable. I have examined the creek bed thoroughly and can say from actual observation that for a distance of twenty-five miles there is evidence of a well-defined wash, such as is noticeable along Eldorado creek. Several prospect-holes have already been sunk on the creek with very flattering results. In two of these, pans are being taken out running from \$4 to \$6, and a number of nuggets which weigh from \$5 to \$8 have been found.

Recently a great deal of attention has been paid to the benches along the creek. These only occur at intervals by reason of the fact that in many places along the creek the benches have slid down and become part of the creek bottom. I think from all indications that the benches will prove rich. The best which I noticed is opposite and in the vicinity of No. 4 above discovery.

Asked in regard to the number of men who would be on the creek during the winter Mr. Simonds stated as his opinion that there would be fully 250. At the present time there are more than 200 men working, building cabins, getting grub and wood supplies and attending to other preliminary work. The owner of No. 34 is already at work sinking on his claim and is confident that he has a fine thing.

Mr. Simonds says that the miners on Thistle are objecting strenuously to the methods some stakers used to secure claims. At one place on the creek for a distance of a quarter of a mile the writing on all the stakes was in the same hand, indicating that all the claims had been staked by the same party.

Before the creek had been staked, the officers set posts at the proper intervals, marking the limits of the crown reservation of ten claims. Under the law there should be ten full claims of 250 feet each between each two reserved blocks. In one place in particular only seven claims were staked in the interval between the reserved blocks. It was not the fault of the officers but was due to the greed of the stakers, each of whom stepped off a good-sized fraction, in addition to the 250 feet to which he was entitled. It is a well-known fact that no fraction can now be recorded, and hence, when the survey of the creek is made, a stretch of ground equal to three claims will be added to the queen's reserve. Mr. Simonds called on Commissioner Ogilvie and asked him to throw the ground open for relocation when the survey is made.

No. 3 above is owned by Gilbert May. For this claim and an interest which May owns in discovery he recently refused an offer of \$75,000. There are two discoveries on Thistle, as on Dominion creek. The lower discovery was located on September 28th by Robt. Haddock; the upper by Murdock McKiver. W. H. Berray now has a half-interest with Haddock in the lower discovery. Robt. Henderson has acquired a similar interest in the upper discovery.

No. 1 above is owned by W. H. Berray, C. J. Muller, W. A. Splain and R. Hadden. No. 2 above is owned by Robt. Henderson, G. May, Jas. Webster and Murdock McKiver. No. 3 is owned by Gilbert May, No. 4 by Jas. Webster, No. 5 by W. A. Splain, and No. 6 by C. J. Muller.

Mr. Simonds has given considerable study to the topographical features and geological formation of the country between Lake Tomin and Dawson and is firmly convinced that the gold belt extends along this entire stretch of country on the right side of the Yukon. He is satisfied that the Stewart formerly came into the Yukon where the Klondike now empties. He will leave for the outside in a short time and will return with a party of experienced mining engineers and prospectors, with whom he intends tracing out more accurately the course of what he is now firmly convinced was the ancient river bed.

One Cent Per Pound.

On Wednesday morning the unfinished Bonanza tramroad commenced collecting a toll of one cent per pound on all freight, sledged over their snow-covered and graded right-of-way. The grade only extends a few miles up Bonanza and there is much dissatisfaction among the men who are now compelled to pay at the conveniently located toll-houses. These are placed at points where it is impossible for the sledder to run his load down or up the bank and thus avoid the toll-gatherer.

Banquet at the Fairview.

On Saturday night last a grand banquet was given at the Fairview hotel, participated in by members of the Shriners, Knights-Templars, and 2nd degree Masons. Col. McCook presided as chairman of the evening and Commissioner Ogilvie was present as guest of honor. In every respect the affair was a pronounced success, due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of the committee on arrangements: Messrs. McCook, Wilson, Perkins and Bard.

A choice program was rendered by the following: Mrs. Wilson, Geo. Noble, Frank Howard, Capt. Jack Crawford and Mr. Hutchinson. Mr. Ogilvie was called upon for an address and

responded in short but pleasing speech. Toasts were offered by nearly all of those present, among whom were the following: W. T. Perkins, Commissioner Ogilvie, Col. O. V. Davis, Wm. L. Wilson, John Gilson, Atty. H. C. Lisle, E. D. Vanetten, Col. McCook, F. S. McFarland, W. L. McDonald, R. R. Campbell, J. D. McPherson, Paul Jones, R. W. Gordon, Wm. McCord, S. D. Grant, H. G. Williams, E. H. Langley, Dr. L. E. Benson, W. M. Gifford, F. M. Kiceele, G. M. Alexander, W. N. Couch, L. M. Gorham, G. H. McPherson, Wm. Brenner, S. H. Graber, W. S. Martin, Wm. Newman, J. R. Rogers and Fred Jacobson.

The next meeting of Shriners will be held on Dec. 3d, upon which occasion Commissioner Ogilvie will act as chairman.

A Treat for Sunday Night.

Capt. Jack Crawford's entertainment on Sunday night at Pioneer hall, is being eagerly looked forward to by his many friends and admirers in Dawson, who understand and appreciate what a treat is in store for them. Capt. Jack's reputation as an entertainer is not confined to his own country by any means. All who heard him, and their name is legion, are pronounced in their expressions of satisfaction and approval. The captain is assured of a good house and an enthusiastic audience.

Ogilvie's Wizard.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! beware of thy fame! For a halo of glory that's presided thy name O'er the snows, thyng' hope to flutter to light— Brings back human hearts from the dust of— blight!

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! thy strength's in the right, Then rescue the country that exalts thee to might! From the tarnished name dashed by hands without shame Through their greed and their clenching of "booding" fame.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! wise be thy way; As a struggle the's hoary's clear in thy way; For the blizzard official is high and in sight: Implying that great arm should be wielded with might.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! hearts would grow warm— For the man whose high principles injustice doth scorn; Whose hand deals but one law without bias or guile; Then stability begets peace to flow like a river.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! if ferrest the fight? There is steel who will back you with bayonets all bright! A soldier, more than name, akin to what's right! So doubt no desertion what'er thy right!

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! time's on the wing, Our hopes, if you blight them, the deeper the sting; For the noblest of spirits apace grow forlorn— When official corruption from its shrine is not torn.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! a lanceet real bright, If not fitted or fastened, and made pure air tight; May leak out the boodle as ether things do, If twisting the noddle pin with one hand or two.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! black's the art, When by an official one's led to depart To bring back the spot of some suitable mine; To give him occasion to make this claim "mine."

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! with your great heart, A few packs to the summit would cause it to start; For such woe's of thy brother off playing this part. Through "no record," "Come again" to secure office start.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! hear the refrain, "I cannot record that it's held by some men" Sadder voice than the sluggard through falsehood for gain. An official prostitution degraded in shame!

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! I see not his book, But betrayed through just trusting the hypocrite's look. Can't heigh do light mix harsher alloy When from his sweet lips flow the words, oh so easy?

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! list the wee game, "You've come back too soon; just see me again" Whilst patiently wait, perishing feet at the door To receive "Fry again" as oft gotten before.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! remember this waiting is patiently borne by great hearts slowly breaking Through hopeless despair, with its vulturous swoop. Nearing those loved ones they had hoped to recoup.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! how bad the plan That creek claim and bench claim are in the same pan? Take care for thyself what'er heat it may generate; To fastest corruption thyself be no lender.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! these are signs you must stay, Ogilvie! Ogilvie! these are cries you must weigh. From far distant homes for the loved ones they go To embrace the real welcome from the Lady of Snow.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! how sad but how true, though Thousands have suffered this burlesque and woo. And with their last dollars have been forced to go From hope's brightest bowers of our Lady of Snow.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! be not too slow As two ladies of beauty wait mantled to know Miss Canada is stooping her ear sadly low To hear Kilping's sad wail from his fair Lady of Snow.

Ogilvie! Ogilvie! take heed to this warning, And in doing so it will be thy adorning. For life soon is o'er, no more sorrow there And a starjewelled crown thy portion shall share. Yours in love, WIZARD.

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AFTER THE SQUATTERS AGAIN.

The Inhabitants of Klondike City are in the Toils.

Ordered Up to Day—The Squatters Thought They were Forgotten but a Zealous Government Never Overlooks a Bet.

The Klondike City sale of lots again bobs up severely and the squatters are ordered to come up and pay; but the price is not stipulated. The order reads as follows:

NOTICE. Applications and renewals of applications will now be received at the Crown Lands office for Klondike City lots.

One-half of purchase price to be paid at time of application, and balance when title is completed. Where there is more than one applicant each applicant will be required to deposit full amount for the lot, to be held until such time as the case can be decided upon.

When desirable a purchaser can secure a half lot. For particulars apply at the Crown Lands office. J. W. WILLISON, Crown Land's Agent. Dated at Dawson November 8th, 1898.

The line enclosed in brackets is crossed out in red ink, but is reproduced to show that at least part of the document was thought to be inadvisable even before it left the office of Mr. Willison. There are other sections which might also be well crossed out with red ink or with paint.

In the act governing the administration of Dominion lands in the provisional district of the Yukon occurs the following:

8. All sales of lots shall be on the following terms, namely: one-third of the purchase price to be paid in cash at the time of sale, and the balance in two equal payments at six and twelve months, respectively, after the date of the sale, etc.

If the foregoing means anything at all it should mean that Mr. Willison's demand for one-half down should be red-penciled, as the law plainly says one-third. Then regarding the sale at Mr. Willison's private office it would appear to be another case for red-penciling. Here is the latest law on the subject:

6. The first sale of lots shall be at public auction and shall take place at the townsite after a notice thereof has been published in one or more of the newspapers published in the Yukon district for a period of not less than thirty days. The notice advertising the sale shall fix an upset price for the lots, which price shall be graded according to the location of the lots.

7. After the first sale by auction the commissioner may hold other sales by auction, in his discretion. Lots undisposed of by auction may be sold by private sale, at prices fixed by the commissioner and approved by the minister of the interior.

It is self evidently the intention of the law that the first chance at purchasing lots shall be at public auction, so that it would not be out of place for Mr. Willison to again use red ink on his notice where it directs applicants to come to his office and buy by application.

Mr. Willison might as well keep his hand in with the red paint brush, because the third paragraph of his notice requires payment in full, where the law of July 7th only calls for a third.

The last we heard of the sale of these squatters' lots in Klondike City, previous to this one dated October 8th, was early in July when the residents were notified that unless they came up and paid an arbitrary price by a certain day their property would be sold over their heads.

They neither paid the price nor was the property sold away from them. The fact is the squatters settled on that unsurveyed land by the advice of Mr. Fawcett, who further advised them that their squatter's rights would always be conserved and that whenever the ground should be surveyed they would only be taxed a nominal sum to pay for surveying. The nominal sum of Mr. Fawcett had increased to as much as \$650, which was the price asked for the lot occupied by Tom O'Brien—a large one—by Crown Lands Agent Wade.

The price asked raised something of a howl and payment was never enforced, Mr. Wade preferring to leave so disagreeable a duty to his successor.

If signs are read rightly there will be considerable dissatisfaction at the present time if Mr. Wade's prices are enforced upon the unfortunate squatters, who, by every known precedent, are entitled to what they have built upon and occupied without let or hindrance since the time Klondike City was a "house town" and a mosquito swamp.

Forks Items.

"White House" Watt was down to the metropolis this week to witness the contest between Dick Agnew and "Black Prince."

Mrs. Allis was riding behind her dog team and got turned over going down the bank. The injuries to the head are serious and painful and the lady may be confined to her home for some time.

"White House" Watt reports sixteen travelers entering his house in one day during the late cold snap with ears, nose or toes more or less frozen. Several frozen ears turned black and burst open upon thawing out.

The Rev. Dickey is laboring for a free reading-room annex to the church, and, as a means to that end, has secured Capt. Jack Crawford for a benefit entertainment to be given in the near future at the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Nider was observed having a badly injured hand attended which had been cut in a most peculiar manner. He was hauling his camp outfit over the trail with a chapsaxe exposed on top of the load. The sled started to turn over and Nider made a quick grab which resulted in almost severing a finger.

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