

MINERS SERIOUSLY OBJECT

To Thistle Creek Being Given Away in Concessions.

For the Reason That It Is Valuable as Placer Property—Many Rich Claims on It.

The miners who have been at work and prospecting on Thistle creek are justly very indignant at the prospect of a mining syndicate securing a hydraulic concession for the greater portion of that creek which, by the way, is about 20 miles in length. They assert that the creek, while but partially prospected, has given conclusive proof of being quite as rich as many of the better known and more extensively worked creeks from which millions of dollars worth of gold have been taken.

A number of Thistle creek miners and claim owners are now in the city among them Messrs. J. A. Dugas, Quackenbush, Ladd, Newman and others. Quackenbush and Ladd own claims 16 and 17 below discovery, and from the latter claim with one other man, they rocked out \$1500 within four weeks after starting to sink their first prospect hole. Quackenbush and Ladd have the money with them to show for itself. They leave tonight on the steamer Gustin for the outside for the purpose of bringing in machinery with which to work their two claims next winter. Single-handed and alone Newman, on his claim, a hill side, opposite lower discovery, rocked out \$800 in six weeks. J. A. Dugas, on claim 101 above discovery, has started a prospect hole from which at 2 1/2 feet below the surface he found 25 cents to the pan and \$6.80 as the result of one fire. He has not yet reached bedrock. On 164 above a fine paystreak has been developed and will be worked this summer. On 9 above a bar 80 feet wide has been struck, the pay running from 8 to 80 cents per pan. This claim will also be worked this summer.

In view of the many good claims, good beyond all doubt, proven to exist on Thistle the miners are very wroth that any syndicate should presume to gobble up the greater part of the creek, the concession sought embracing everything between 60 above and 160 above, or 100 claims which are alleged all to be good placer mining property. It is alleged by these horny-handed miners that the syndicate seeking the concession has procured affidavits from dis-appointed tenderfeet who prospected and found nothing on Thistle, to the effect that it is not paying property in the line of placer mining, and that on the strength of these affidavits which are both misleading and false, an effort to take the best portion of the creek away from individuals is being made by the company. The gentlemen now in the city state that if the government wishes to dispose of its Thistle creek holdings it can do so to private individuals by sale without giving it away wholesale in concessions. They say if Thistle creek is permitted to be worked as it is entitled to be worked, a large amount of modern machinery will be operated there next winter.

A Pleasant Outing.

"She is the 'Queen of the Yukon,' and can run right away from them all," such were the remarks to be heard as the last and elegant steamer Yukoner, after being thoroughly rebuilt, went up the river Friday evening on what might be termed a trial trip.

She steamed away from the T. & E. Co.'s pier at 7:25, and thousands crowded the banks to see her when she steamed by the city, and why not? Speed and elegance in a boat endear her to the landsman, yet the man is to be found who, having seen her travel, but what will swear that she can beat anything that "wheels her way" on the water.

Friday night's trip verified this confidence, for the graceful craft slipped through the water with ease and seemed to spurn the efforts of the waters as they rushed against her sides in resistance. She was running with only three-fourths of her speed, the engineer saying he had new packing and wanted to run her easy at first.

After steaming to the head of Tenmile slough she was turned at 9:15, and 33 minutes after was tied up at her pier. Even running at only three-quarter speed she made a record for the time to Tenmile slough, and there is no doubt whatever but the title "Queen of the Yukon" may rightly be given to the Yukoner.

Among the invited guests were to be seen Commissioner Ogilvie and Justice Dugas and wife. During the trip genial

Capt. Wood entertained his friends, and toasts were drunk to the success of the craft. Mrs. Wood entertained the ladies in the ladies' saloon and saw that everyone was served with a dainty lunch. A most enjoyable time was ended all too quickly and everyone went home delighted with the trip.

Capt. Wood says he is willing to wager \$1000 that he can make the Yukoner run from Dawson to Klondike City in 15 minutes, two minutes better than ever was done on any boat. On the lakes the Yukoner can attain, under favorable circumstances, 16 1/2 knots an hour, equal to 19 miles as measured on land. The boat will be run regularly this season once a week from here to Whitehorse.

Fear of Rain in Cuba.

The average Cuban is dreadfully afraid of rainwater. He believes that "drenching" in a rainstorm, followed by exposure to the rays of the sun, produces fever—not necessarily yellow fever, but an attack something similar to what is known as swamp fever in Mississippi or chagias in the isthmus of Panama.

The same belief prevails in Central and South America, but in a greater degree. On both coast lines of Nicaragua a light shower is the signal for a general scampering indoors and a disinclination to come out again until the sky is perfectly clear. Up on the high plateau on which the city of Caracas in Venezuela is situated and where there should be little or no fear of fever the natives are afraid to get even their faces wet. At the first appearance of a rainstorm the cab drivers, of whom there are more than 400, put on oilcloth screens in front of them and direct the course of the horses through a couple of peepholes, avoiding even a slight splash in the face.

All strangers from northern latitudes visiting Caracas are advised that not only is rain dangerous, but that it is not safe to take a bath within ten days after their arrival. Men accustomed to a daily plunge find this advice difficult to follow, especially in such a warm climate. Most of them disregard it and find that it does them no harm, and that it is a superstition based upon the laziness that follows a residence in an atmosphere so enervating that the dogs are too tired to get out of the way of the horses if the horse wasn't too tired to step on them.

The Cuban fear of rain, however, is based upon experience and is not a mere superstition.—New York Press.

Through Rates.

The Klondike Corporation, in connection with the Alaska Exploration Company and the Alaska Commercial Company, yesterday announced a through passenger rate of \$180 from Skagway to St. Michael first-class, and \$105 second-class. The local rate from St. Michael to Nome by the steamers of the Alaska Exploration Company or the Alaska Commercial Company will be \$20. It is ventured the second-class fare may be further reduced.

The same combination yesterday announced a freight rate of \$65 a ton from Dawson to St. Michael, with regular freight tariff from Bennett to Dawson by the Klondike Corporation's boats added. Also, a rate of a cent a pound on freight from St. Michael to Nome. The freight and passenger rates become effective today. These are the first through rates from Skagway to Nome that have been announced, and J. G. Copeland, agent for the Klondike Corporation, announces that his company will immediately begin to book freight and passenger's on through tickets and bills of lading for either Nome or St. Michael.

The first-class fares to St. Michael will include stateroom and meals all the way from Bennett to St. Michael. The second-class will include stateroom and meals to Dawson, and beyond there sleeping accommodations will be supplied, but passengers will be required to supply their own food.

The first steamer out of Dawson over which the new rates will apply, are the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Hannah, leaving Dawson June 1, and the A. E. Company's steamer Gustin, leaving Dawson June 3. After that bi-weekly connections will be made.

The new through rates have just been arranged on the part of the Klondike Corporation by McDonald Potts, general manager of the line, who arrived several days ago from Victoria, and is now in Bennett. He forwarded the rates from Bennett yesterday, and they arrived last evening.

Mr. Potts wrote that he had just received a telegram from Dawson that the steamer Flora of his line had left on her way up the river, and is expected to arrive at lower Lebarge May 24.—Alaskan.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

When in town, stop at the Regina.

WHEREAS AND RESOLVE.

Adopted By Alaska's Republican Convention.

Swear Allegiance to the Parent Stem, Endorse President McKinley and Kick on Being Taxed.

At the recent Republican Alaska district convention held in Juneau, the following report of the committee on resolutions was submitted and unanimously adopted:

We, the Republicans of the district of Alaska in convention assembled, do hereby declare our allegiance to and affirm the principles enunciated by the Republican party at its convention held at St. Louis in 1896, and hereby endorse the policy and administration of William McKinley.

Whereas, The form of territorial government has by experience proved to be the most satisfactory and desirable under the principles of our republic previous to arriving at the condition of statehood; and

Whereas, The conduct of affairs in Alaska under the present system is un-American and unsatisfactory, we being deprived of any right of participation in the creation or administration of the laws to which we are compelled to submit; and

Whereas, A vicious occupation and business tax has been imposed upon us without our solicitation, sanction or consent, the immediate effect of which has been to paralyze the industries of the country by draining it of its surplus capital, and, further, we suffer under an educational system which is inadequate, inoperative and ineffective; and

Whereas, Having no representative at the national capital we cannot make these grievances known; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the wish of the Republican party of Alaska that territorial government be extended to Alaska immediately with a division of the territory, and that in the official life of the district the principles of home rule shall govern, and that our delegates to the national convention be instructed to use every means in their power to have this plank inserted in the national platform.

That the commercial interests of Alaska make it imperative that the capital of Alaska and the land office for the southern district of Alaska be immediately removed to Juneau.

That the commercial interests of Alaska are now so important that direct cable communication with the Sound has become a matter of the most urgent necessity, that the immense travel through the intricate inland channels of Alaska's waterways, involving risks of life and property, demand that the lighthouses indicated in the many petitions which have been sent to the department should be erected forthwith.

That what has heretofore been regarded by the United States as the boundary between the United States and Canada shall be maintained in its entirety.

Mr. Tewksberry Departs.

Mr. David B. Tewksberry, who for several months past has ably filled a position on the editorial staff of this paper, will leave tonight on the Rock Island for Nome, where he will swing a shingle to the breeze and resume the practice of his chosen profession, that of law. Before being seized with the lust for gold, Mr. Tewksberry had a lucrative law practice in Salt Lake City. He leaves Dawson with the best wishes of a host of friends, those who know him best experiencing most regret at his departure. That his pathway on the high road to fame may be strewn with nugget-laden clients is the wish of his associates left behind. Mr. Tewksberry will also act in the capacity of correspondent for outside newspapers.

Demand for Mutton.

Ten days ago 340 head of sheep arrived here in scows from up the river, they having been shipped from Hootalinqua, to which place they were driven over the ice. The sheep were discharged on the west side of the river and on yesterday there were but 32 head of the original 340 left, the remainder having been slaughtered and sold within the few intervening days.

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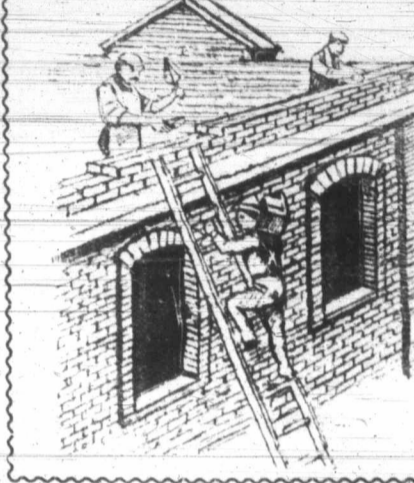
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