

KNOBELSDORFF'S LECTURE.

On Nome, Its Mineral Resources and the Trail.

People From the States Can Reach Cape Nome Sooner Than Those From Dawson.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Last evening, at the Palace Grand theater, Mr. Carl Knobelsdorff gave a lecture on Nome, its mineral resources and how to reach there. Yesterday morning the lecture was advertised to take place at the McDonald hall; but at noon this plan was altered and bills were posted around town notifying the public that the Palace Grand had been secured for the purpose. At all events, at 7 o'clock, the hour which had been appointed, no auditors were present, and it was at least an hour and a half later before Mr. Knobelsdorff began his discourse. He addressed a good audience, but it is difficult to determine how many were attracted by the lecture. Eddie O'Brien introduced Mr. Knobelsdorff. The latter was attired in his trail costume, with the exception of the parkey. He is a man of middle age. His height is about six feet, and he possesses a well knit, though not rugged frame. He has the qualities of a good traveler. The lecture was disconnected, but his knowledge of the facts of which he spoke was so extensive that the discourse was interesting.

Mr. Knobelsdorff began by stating that he left Nome on Dec. 10th, and that he brought letters of introduction to Messrs. Carr, Olsen, Joslyn, Crawford and W.E. Wilson of Dawson, from Major Ingraham of Nome. The lecturer stated Nome is a town similar in size to that of Dawson, and has a population of 3200 people. Until late in the fall, good order prevailed; but after the stampede from Dawson had arrived thefts were of frequent occurrence. During the summer typhoid fever was quite prevalent, but the cold weather rid the community of this disease. Last spring very fine weather was experienced. About the middle of June the rainy and windy season commenced, and continued, with the exception of some good weather in August, until September 15th; from which time until late in November beautiful fall weather prevailed. On November 3d the last steamer left Nome; one week later ice formed at the water's edge. Until December 10th, the thermometer never registered lower than zero; but on that day it fell to 10 degrees below. There are sufficient provisions to support the population, and prices are reasonable. Fuel is the only scarce article; wood is selling for \$65 per cord.

The first discovery of gold in the beach was made near the mouth of Snake river. The beach diggings commence at high water mark and run into the sea. High water mark is a matter of much dispute; some assert it to be where the highest tide reaches, others claim its limit is marked by the drift wood. The question will have to be settled by the courts. Between Nome and Port Clarence the beach has been extensively worked. The miners agreed to respect locations of 10x15 feet last summer so long as the same were held by the presence of a rocker. After a spot has once been worked, the gold is not replaced by the waves again. The width of the beach is about 60 feet. The coarsest gold is found in gravel under the water. Bedrock is found at a depth of from six inches to four feet. The output of beach gold last year was \$1,500,000. This winter a few are attempting to pile out dumps on the beach, which they expect to wash next spring. Rocking with boiling water was tried, but this scheme proved to be futile. No one knows how extensive the beach diggings are; this fact remains to be ascertained next season.

Back of the beach and for four or five miles in width is what is known as the tundra. There are several small streams running through this land. These creeks and all of the tundra in the vicinity of Nome has been staked. Such claims are called beach claims, and can be recorded. The tundra has been prospected, and it offers no inducements to a poor miner. Capitalists may be able to work it profitably with machinery, and this will be attempted. The creeks, so far as prospected, have proven to be exceedingly rich. Anvil was the best last year, but Snow or Dexter is expected to take the lead next season.

The trail from here to Nome is good. There are plenty of roadhouses, which charge \$4 for supper, bed and breakfast. Mr. Knobelsdorff on his trip of 57 days, stopped in tents for two nights and at empty cabins for three nights, the rest of the time he secured accommodations at roadhouses. There is plenty of timber on the way until within 20 miles of Nome.

Should Study Geography. The statement in yesterday's News to the effect that Major J. F. A. Strong is publisher of the most northerly paper in the world, the Nome News, will not hold water when subjected to the searchlight of investigation. The latitude of Nome is a fraction less than 64 1/2, while in the northern part of Norway and on latitude 72 are three towns, Hammerfest, Vardo and Vadsø, in all three of which newspapers are published. Thus it is seen that the statement of the News is about 480 miles shy of the mark.

Weather Report. The official thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero last night. At 9 o'clock this morning the reading of the instrument was 2 degrees below. At noon the temperature was warmer and the needle then pointed to 3 degrees above.

Seldeman a Lucky Man. On Saturday, E. C. Seldeman fell into a shaft 129 feet deep, and hardly suffered any injury by reason of his fall. Seldeman works on Cheechako Hill on a claim which is being operated by Mr. Evans. He was being hoisted from the bottom of the shaft, and through the carelessness of the engineer, Seldeman was jerked into the shaft after he had reached the top. One hundred and twenty-nine feet below he fell into a "sump" of water, about three feet deep. The only ill effects occasioned by the accident was an injury to one of his thumbs.

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