

# COUNTRY IS RICH

Is Latest News Brought Out by Letter From the Koyukuk

TO STEWART MENZIES OF A. C. CO.

Claims on Gold Bench Go \$100.00 Per Day to Man.

LOWER RIVER VERY ROUGH

For Want of Travel - Indifferent News From Tanana - Fuel Man Completes His Work.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.  
After the long journey from St. Michael, much of which and until Fort Yukon was reached, was over an unbroken trail, Messrs. Stewart Menzies, auditor for the A. C. Co., Jas. W. Hill, assistant secretary in the home office of the company at San Francisco, and J. A. Marlon, Yukon fuel man for the same company, reached Dawson about dark yesterday evening. At Circle City the trio was joined by Commissioner Chas. E. Claypool, who is located at that place but who is en route to Olympia, Wash., on a visit to his family which he will bring back with him on the opening of navigation. After their long journey which was made almost wholly on foot, their only conveyance being a dog team, the recent arrivals were devoting today to what the Duke of Skookum was wont to call "the big rest" in comfortable rooms of the A. C. messhouse and where they were found by a Nugget representative this afternoon.

When asked about conditions on the lower river Mr. Menzies replied that they are very satisfactory except at Fort Yukon and Circle, there being a scarcity of flour and cereals at both places, also of sugar at Circle; but all other towns and stations are well supplied with everything and their inhabitants are all prosperous and confident. Dog feed is plentiful and reasonable in price at all points along the river.

The Menzies party traveled by easy stages, taking in all the A. C. Co.'s various stations, upwards of a dozen, on the long trip up the river.

Mr. Menzies did not go into the Koyukuk country on this trip as he did on a similar journey last year; but at Circle he received letters from the company's merchants in the Koyukuk and from them learned that prospects in that country are now much more encouraging than ever previously reported. The country is well provided with supplies to last until boats can go up the Koyukuk after the opening of navigation. At Bettles bacon was reported as scarce but was plentiful at Bergman 80 miles further up the river. Good strikes are reported on Middle creek and on Emma creek, one of its tributaries. On Gold Bench which is up the south fork of the Koyukuk about 40 miles from its confluence with the north fork, gold was taken out at the close of the last season to the amount of \$100 per day for each shoveler. Gold Bench is being extensively worked this winter and many large dumps will be ready for washing out when the season opens. On its way up the party heard little of the Tanana, but only praise for the wealth and future promise of the Koyukuk.

In striking contrast to his experience of a year ago, Mr. Menzies met on the entire trip from St. Michael to Dawson only three parties, in all less than a dozen people, bound for Nome and they were met only a short distance down the river, all having left Dawson within the past 10 days or two weeks. Billy Leak's party was the first met. They were making good progress and were in fine spirits.

The natives along the river are reported as being in much better health this year than last when a large percentage of them died from some undefined but usually fatal disease. Their present healthful condition is probably due to the fact that they are better provisioned this year than last.

Mr. Marlon, fuel agent for the A. C. Co., has been superintending camps

all along the river and reports having next season's supply of wood now rickied up at convenient points along the route.

Mr. Hill, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Menzies, will continue his way on up the river en route to his home in San Francisco. Mr. Menzies will be occupied for some time in auditing the company's books at this place after which he will return to Fortymile, going from there to St. Michael on the opening of navigation.

## HE TRAVELS ON SKATES

By Claiming Local Origin for Leadville Quartz.

There is now in Dawson an old man who has a unique plan for keeping himself filled up to the top vest button with free whisky. His scheme kept him drunk in Skagway from the spring of '98 until 18 months or two years later when he came on to Dawson and it is said to have caused him to be able to bid dull care begone many times since his arrival in the Klondike vale.

The old man carries with him a small piece of Leadville, Colorado, quartz from which the bright yellow gold stands out in bold relief and his scheme is to enter a saloon and inform the proprietor that he has just returned from a quiet sneak into the hills all by himself. Then in a very confidential way he tells of a great lead he discovered and to substantiate his statement shows the Leadville quartz which he carries carefully wrapped in a piece of buckskin. He informs the saloon man that he only proposes letting a few good fellows in on the ground floor and confidentially informs the dispenser of grog that he is on the list of few good fellows.

Of course the saloon man's eyes stick out and he says "have something, and make my place your headquarters until you are ready to go back to your discovery."

The old man "has something" and continues to patronize that house for some times a month or until the proprietor tumbles to the fact that he has been taken in by a rank old fakir. Then the Leadville quartz is carried to another saloon and the same program is carried out and another prolonged drunk is enjoyed.

As the old man is now in Dawson, dispensers of the oil of joy will be wise to devote but little time to gazing on Leadville quartz.

### Good Word for Police.

Billy Munsen arrived from the outside yesterday evening en route for Jack Wade where he owns an interest in a valuable claim. He says that the police stationed along the trail from Whitehorse to Dawson are the most obliging class of men with whom it has been his pleasure to meet in a long time. They are ever ready to aid travelers in any way in their power and are held in the highest esteem by all. Mr. Munsen says that two policemen en route from Lower Lebarge to Dawson would have arrived here yesterday but for the fact that they linger along the trail in the good Samaritan work of helping others with heavy loads.

**Hum of Industry.**  
From the number of early morning steam whistles heard and the dense volumes of smoke seen to roll heavenward from a dozen smoke stacks and the busy hum of machinery heard all through the day a person could well imagine himself back in some New England town instead of where he must look nearly straight up at night to view the north star.

All the mills, machine shops and foundries in Dawson are now being operated steadily and two months later several of the mills will run day and night in order to keep up with the demand for their products.

### An Explanation.

"John," said the funny man's wife sternly, "did you write this horrid mother-in-law joke in The Weekly Snicker?"

"Yes, my dear," replied John humbly, "but"—

"Well, I think you are just too mean for anything. Hasn't my mother always treated you like her own son?"

"Yes, love, I know she has, but then"—

"Don't try to excuse yourself. If I had ever supposed you capable of such baseness, I never should have married you. I don't see how you will be able to look her in the face when she comes to visit us next week."

"You don't understand," said John desperately. "She told me that joke herself, and it will tickle her to death to see it in print."—San Francisco Examiner.

## A. C. TEAM THE VICTOR

In Yesterday's Hockey Game, Score Being 4 to 1.

The police boys went to defeat before the A. C. hockey team yesterday afternoon with a score of 4 to 1. Good plays were made on both sides, particularly by Timmins and Paterson for the police and Barclay, Hagle and Kennedy for the A. C. team. During a scrimmage in the second half Paterson emerged with a cut over the eye, but upon examination it was found not to be of a serious nature and he finished the half. The superior combination work of the A. C. team won for them the game. The line up of the teams was as follows:

A. C.—Goal, O'Hara; point, Barclay; cover point, Watts; forwards, Hagle, Miller, Smith and Kennedy.

Police—Goal, Timmins; point, Marshall; cover point, Henderson; forwards, Patterson, Tiffin, Keenan and Stewart.

## ACTIVE WORK BEGINS

On the New Territorial Court Building.

In keeping with the development of Dawson from a mining camp to a metropolitan city, is the new courthouse building upon which work is now progressing very rapidly. When completed it will be two stories high, the lower floor being occupied with offices for the judges, sheriff, clerk, stenographer and a large library. The two courts will be on the second floor with jury rooms in connection. The finishing throughout will be similar to that in the new postoffice building. Two hot air furnaces will be installed in the basement for heating purposes.

Work on the foundation was commenced late last fall, but when the cold weather started it was discontinued.

Government Architect Fuller who made the plans is superintending the work and expects to have the building ready for occupancy for the September sitting of the court.

## MANY ORDINANCES

Up for Second Reading at Tonight's Council Meeting.

A regular meeting of the Yukon council will be held tonight at which the most important routine work will be the second reading of a number of important ordinances, the first of which is one which provides for granting to the commissioner of the district more money for defraying expenses incident to the conducting of the affairs of the district.

Another ordinance which will be put on its second reading is one which provides for compensation of workmen in certain cases such as where they are injured while at work in mines.

The ordinance providing for the regulation of fees in probate and administrative matters will also be read for the second time tonight, as will the ordinance providing for the inspection of boilers and the examination and licensing of engineers.

The present ordinance regulating the Sunday liquor traffic being considered inadequate to the demands of the amendment to the liquor ordinance will be read the second time tonight. It provides that all blinds on saloon windows shall be kept up on Sunday and that no one shall be allowed within on that day.

### Back From Selkirk.

Comptroller J. T. Lithgow and Alfred Watson, the latter a clerk in Commissioner Ogilvie's office, returned last night from a business trip up the river which extended as far as Selkirk. The trip was made for the purpose of inspecting the government posts, auditing books, accounts, etc. They traveled by dog team and made the run down from Selkirk in 4 1/2 days. They report having had a very pleasant, though somewhat tiring trip. They were absent from Dawson 11 days.

Mr. Lithgow says the trail is crowded with people nearly all of whom are headed this way with horses, sleds and heavy loads of freight. The trail up the river as far as Selkirk is, he says, in fine condition for travel. Mr. Lithgow reports considerable excitement over the discovery of gold on Mascot

creek which empties into the Yukon between Thistle creek and Selwyn. On Balarat creek gold has also been discovered and many claims have been located on both. There was considerable of a stampede to Mascot.

Mrs. Envison, of the Arlington roadhouse at the junction of the A. E. trail and Hunker creek, gave a St. Patrick's ball on Monday night. The crowd assembled from town as well as from all parts of the creek and everyone present had a royal good time.

## THE BOARD OF TRADE

Appoints Standing Committees at Last Night's Meeting.

The council of the Board of Trade held a meeting last night and appointed the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Mercantile—H. C. Macaulay, H. Te Roller, T. G. Wilson, A. B. Palmer and Chas. Bossuyt.

Mining and Property—E. B. Condon, Emil Stauf and Alex McDonald.

Public Works—D. Doig, E. S. Orr and James I. Gray.

Finance and Auditing—H. T. Willis, W. D. Bruce and J. P. McLennan.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to discuss the taxation question with the Yukon council made its report which was accepted and the committee discharged after being thanked for the very satisfactory result of its work. The committee on new quarters reported that rooms A and B in the A. C. building just opposite from the rooms now occupied had been secured, and were being remodelled and fitted up for the use of the board and would be ready for occupancy in a few days. A letter from the London Chamber of Commerce containing a resolution regarding the absence of a Dominion bankruptcy law and urging the Board of Trade to make representations to the Dominion government with a view to legislation on the subject, was read by the secretary and was referred to the committee on public works.

A communication was read from the Atlin Board of Trade enclosing a copy of a petition sent to the legislative assembly of British Columbia stating that the development of the country was greatly retarded by the exceeding high freight rates and requesting the legislature to grant the charter to the Chilcoot Railway Co., so that by having competition the rates might be lowered and asking the Dawson Board of Trade to use their influence to this end. The communication was laid on the table.

### Liquid Air.

Charles E. Tripler, the famous experimenter in liquid air, recently went to Boston to visit his friend, Elihu Thompson, the electric expert. He took with him a can of liquefied air. It was a quart can of the coldest thing on earth that Mr. Tripler had in this can, and he took it with him to luncheon, where he put it on the floor by his chair. They lunched in a hotel cafe and ordered a steak. After it had been brought in and while the waiter's back was turned, Mr. Tripler lifted it from the platter opened the can and exposed the meat to the liquid air. When he put it back on the platter it was hard as a rock.

"Waiter," called Mr. Tripler, "come here." The waiter obeyed.

"What's the matter with this steak?" he asked, anxiously.

And he lifted it from the plate by two fingers and struck it with his knife. The frozen meat rang like a bell.

"D-d-o-n't k-n-now, sir, he faltered, and he started for the head waiter on the run.

Mr. Tripler, by the way, is one of the fiercest-looking men in the inventing business. His mustache is of the pirate cut, and his eyebrows bristle and meet in the middle. Therefore the head waiter approached him with almost timidity.

"Do you serve your steaks like this as a rule?" asked Mr. Tripler, as he struck the table with his hand.

"It's that fool chef," exclaimed the waiter as he started for the kitchen.

A few minutes later the chef appeared with the head waiter. He recognized the steak by sight at once. Then Mr. Tripler took it up and rang it again.

"Mercy! Gracious!" ejaculated the chef, piously crossing himself. "I didn't do it, sure!"

Then Mr. Tripler laughed and Mr. Thompson smiled. A new steak was ordered and the frozen one carried below to fool the rest of the kitchen.—Ex.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

# FOR HEAP BIG TIME

In Way of Midsummer Carnival of Sports in Dawson

TO BEGIN DOMINION DAY, JULY 1.

Race Track Already Provided For Near Brick Warehouse.

PROMOTED BY LOCAL SPORTS.

Slavin and Sharkey Glove Contest a Leading Feature—Sports Will Last a Week.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.

A movement is now well under way to hold a carnival of sport in Dawson next summer, commencing Dominion day, Monday, July 1st, and continuing all that week. The affair is in the hands of Jackson, O'Brien, Slavin, Meadows and Tom Rockwell. A site has already been selected on the flat back of the brick warehouse on Third avenue, on which will be built half mile track. Charley Meadows going outside within a few days to arrange for the booking of horses and jockeys for the meeting. There will be suitable purses put up by the management to induce some of the leading horsemen in the country to make entries in the different events. Shooting clubs are to be formed and electric traps will be imported for a blue rock tournament which will occur on some special day.

Another and the biggest feature of these midsummer holidays will be the boxing contest between Slavin and Sharkey, who, it is understood is anxious to meet the big Australian. Should the arrangements be completed which are outlined above it will mean not only the expenditure of many thousands of dollars by those having the affair in hand but will bring to Dawson thousands of men from all over the territory as well as many from the outside and neighboring Alaskan centers. The money which would be expended by all these people can hardly be estimated. During the progress of the pugilistic event a series of pictures are to be taken of the contests, which as it is proposed to hold the same in the open under the full light of our bright summer day, should be the finest pictures ever taken by a kinetoscope and should be more valuable for reproduction than any other similar pictures ever taken. The usual athletic sports will also be embraced in the tournament and a general high jinks will be held all during the carnival.

### Triumph for Private Allen.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The house committee on merchant marine has voted unanimously to report favorably a bill for a fish hatchery at Tule, Miss. This came about as the result of an irresistible argument made before the committee by John Allen.

Mr. Allen referred to the years he had spent in the house wrestling with cares attendant on the transaction of the public business, the delightful associations, the many tender recollections and the pleasant reminiscences. He referred to his own generosity in always being willing to grant every member all he asked for his district.

"And, Mr. Chairman," concluded Mr. Allen, "I am about to retire from the scenes of my labors, of my trials and triumphs, and leave the burden of conducting the affairs of the nation to be laid upon younger shoulders. But in my old age when I am far away from the scene of public strife and hear no longer the clash of wit and wisdom in forensic debate; when I long for some reminder of old times and of familiar faces—what then, Mr. Chairman? Ah, that is the time when shall wander through the rooms of the fish hatchery—if you pass this bill which will then grace the beautiful City of Tulejo and watch the fishes hatch and marvel at the wonders of nature. And, Mr. Chairman, I shall see exemplified the truth of the saying that 'a sucker is born every minute.'"

Mr. and Mrs. James McNamee, Bonanza, are visiting Dawson friends.