

WINTER LIFE ON THE CREEKS

Interesting Detail of Happenings Recorded.

By the Nugget Correspondent for Gold Run and Dominion-Busy People.

Work is increasing steadily on Gold Run and present indications are that the camp will be a live one next summer. The creek above 43 is simply being prospected, although 47, 50 and one or two others report good pay. Forty-seven will be worked this summer, as the pay is located in the creek bed.

Forty-three has two complete plants, with self dumping buckets working smoothly and the dumps growing rapidly. The pay is reported good and the streak is wide.

Mr. Andy Robinson has put in the winter preparing for summer work. The claim is a good one and will be worked on a large scale.

Laymen are at work on 36, 37, 37a, 38, 39, 40 and 41. These claims all yielded up an abundance of yellow metal last winter and now that a second pay streak has been located the cleanup will be better than last year. The ground is being burned, thawed and worked in every known manner and the laymen all appear well pleased with their ground.

Thirty-five and thirty-six hillside left limit and 34 right limit are taking out pay. The two former are reported to be in rich dirt. Three steam plants are used to embowel the earth and hoist its treasure to the surface.

Messrs. Williams and McLeod brothers are working 35a and have some very good dirt on the dumps and more coming up as fast as strong arms can hoist it.

Rogers and Berg, pioneers of 34 have a thawer at work loosening up what pay is left on the celebrated Soggs, Ellis and Cahill claim. This claim was one of the best producers on the creek last winter.

Nos. 32 and 33 are being operated by laymen who have two first-class steam hoists and thawers at work as well as several hand power operatives. The dumps are fair sized and from their location should be productive of considerable of the much sought metal.

Andy Larson recently purchased the interest of John Stone in 31 and now has an automatic dump and steam plant working merrily away on the pay streak that once was so elusive, but now easily traced from claim to claim by even a chechako.

No. 30 is being prepared for summer work while 30a is let out on lays. Both claims are good ones if past working is a proof of the future.

No. 27, 28 and 29 are being worked by Chute and Willis as are 16, 17 and 18 and 22b. The claims have the finest plants that money can buy and their dumps tower above all others. By actual time, 29 hoisted 55 buckets an hour each bucket containing two wheelbarrows full of pay gravel. The other plants, four in number, are doing as well and run night and day, so that a great cleanup is anticipated.

Nos. 25 and 26 are being made ready for summer work, while John Korb of 24 has a plant actively raising pay dirt. No. 23 has out good dumps and the motive power has lately been reinforced by the addition of a new boiler. Mr. Peterson is also working 14 with good results.

No. 22 will be given over to summer work while 20 is hammering away and piling up the pay gravel in a manner exceedingly pleasing to Mr. Bredlee, the owner.

Frank Swanson has recently augmented his machinery by a large boiler which will shortly be in operation. The dumps already out will compare favorably with any on the creek, and the pay is said to be of the best. No. 13 is let out on lays and the boys are doing very satisfactory work. Mrs. Breckenridge is working 12c and personally superintending the work. The ground is rich and promises to yield its owner an abundance of that which attracts even to the utmost parts of the earth. Ennis, Murdock & Co. have a very nice hoist with self-dumping bucket and steam thawer on 12 and are getting out a big dump.

Joe Beck has just arrived from the outside and is superintending the setting up of his machinery on 11. The claim will be continuously worked from now on.

Nos. 8 and 9 are being prospected as are the hillside claims adjoining on

the right limit the pay seeming close to the line. No. 7 is on the pay and the boys have just set up a boiler, hoist and automatic dump and are ready to go at it in dead earnest.

Five and six are being prospected, as are the claims at the mouth of the creek on Dominion. Roadhouses are numerous on the creeks and dances are quite frequent. The Eagle roadhouse had a dance last Tuesday and a lively time was had. A number of girls from Dawson were in attendance.

Miss Lila Sylvester, formerly with the Boston Lyric Co., a violinist of considerable repute, has opened a roadhouse on 14. A stock of fancy groceries and cigars as well as first-class liquors will be offered to the public.

Mrs. C. Sloggy has built an addition to the Home bakery and lunch room on 28 and will cater to the public with a first-class hotel and stock of liquors. An opening dance will be given the 14 of February, St. Valentine's day.

Dominion.

Dominion creek is presenting a livelier appearance than at any time since the close of summer work. Joe Barrett has set up a large plant on 32 below upper. He will personally superintend the work which will start next week and continue throughout the summer. The Messrs Barrett and their mother will make their home on Dominion.

Louie Pond has moved to Caribou and has a few men sinking on 31 below upper. The claim will be opened about March 1st.

James McNeil and family have moved to 3 below upper and will superintend the working of the claim.

Caspar and Mrs. Ellingen will shortly arrive on 2 below upper where a large plant has lately been shipped. The claim will present an extremely active appearance during the summer.

Charlie Anderson of 1 below upper is getting out some fair dumps; the work will be greatly increased during the spring and summer.

Sam Nichols, well known by the sobriquet of "Porcupine Sam," went to his claim, 1 above upper, immediately upon his arrival in Dawson. He started work at once but the holes have filled with water as fast as they were sunk.

Messrs. Chris Reid and Dunc McLellan were flooded out on 1 above upper and have abandoned the drifts. Chris says trotting the bogs of the Emerald Isle is not in it with jumping up a ladder to escape the incoming water in a drift.

Messrs. M. J. McNeil and Ralph Stamp were flooded out on 2 above but have succeeded in bailing out and are once more hoisting.

Gus Chisholm has started the plant on 3 above upper and is hoisting dirt in a very pleasing manner. The dumps give promise of being big ones by cleanup.

Messrs. Boatman and partner have been struggling to overcome the overflow of Happy Jack's old drifts on 4a above upper and are hoisting dirt again after considerable delay.

Messrs. Heeny, Chisholm, Ross and English Billy, laymen on 7 above are getting out good dumps and report good pay although they too have been troubled with water.

Taylor & Co. have recently placed a thawer on 8 above and are taking out some good pay.

Anderson & Co. have been working 12 above all winter with a thawer and have out the largest dumps on upper Dominion.

Messrs. Timm and son are doing some good work on 17 above with a thawer. They have several good dumps out and report good average pay.

Messrs. Petram, Love, Rodgers and McNamee are doing good work on 18 above. They are burning the ground, but nevertheless their dumps will compare favorably in size with those of many operating thawers.

C. A. Johnston & Co. have sold 21 above upper, the dumps not being included, so Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will remain on the creek. This claim is one of the best above upper discovery, the gold being of a shotty nature and running very even with a wide pay streak. Messrs. Weaver, Burke and Oleson have the same pay and have recently set up a thawer. One would expect poor or very little pay so near the head of the creek, but these claims are on a flat below steeper ground and have apparently caught the greater part of the pay from here to the extreme source of Dominion.

It is reported that Mr. E. W. Mills has bonded the mining property 15 below upper and will shortly arrive in Dawson with heavy machinery to work out the ground.

Ed Serrill and party are taking out some large dumps on 14 below upper,

burning the ground and hoisting some good dirt.

Wissing brothers are doing a little work on 16 below upper and will do extensive summer work.

Messrs. Nicholson, Foley and McRae have out good dumps on 18 below upper. They are burning the ground and hoisting with a horse. Dan Nicholson was the lucky man who at a musical raffle recently won Miss Butler's box, a fine Regina, playing all kinds of dancing music as well as popular airs. The boys are now taking lessons in dancing from Prof. Tygelson.

James Kelly, of 22, has resumed work after two weeks' delay pumping out water from flooded drifts. Mr. Kelly reports better pay than ever. His dumps are the largest on the creek.

Sullivan and McGonigle have out good dumps on 21 above. They have worked on the pay since the freeze up and are well pleased with the results.

Smith, McNeil and Wilkenson are working a thawer on 24 and the dumps are growing like mushrooms. They will work the claim extensively the coming summer.

A Biting Cold.

The fact that the indicator in the weather gauge has once more dropped down in the neighborhood of 50 degrees below has brought to the attention of the public a realization that winter is not yet a thing of the past in this portion of the kingdom. People who were out yesterday assert that the cold although but little below 40 degrees, was much more biting and chilling than a few weeks ago and when it was fully 20 degrees colder. Stage passengers between Dawson and the Forks yesterday declare that even fur robes lost their efficiency on the trip and they were forced to patronize roadhouse stoves at intervals along the route.

This morning was several degrees colder than yesterday, the cold still being of a very penetrating and biting quality. However, this will be the last severe cold weather of the season; at least "Old Probability" says so, and he bases his assertion on observations covering a period of more than 20 years. Yesterday was a quiet day in Dawson, very few people being outside. Walking parties to Moosehide and up the Klondike were all postponed for the day and until some future Sunday. It was an inning for "Old Bory," who well and faithfully held the boards.

Miss Tracie's Benefit.

The entertainment given for the benefit of Miss Marion Tracie at the Savoy theater last Saturday afternoon was the best that ever took place in Dawson. A larger lady audience never was assembled before in this or any other local theater than appeared at this entertainment. The affair was a success both from a theatrical and financial standpoint. The program opened with an overture rendered by Prof. Freimuth and the Savoy orchestra. Post and Maurettus in "Irish Aristocracy" were very funny and the piece lasted one hour, which was full of fun and created many a laugh and smile. The entire company did well in this roaring comedy. Miss Cecil Marion's singing was heartily appreciated. Mr. Sutherland did well. Miss Kate Rockwell in her buck and wing dancing and cake walk, assisted by the little peaninny, was a treat. Bryant and Onslow in their knock-about act did nicely and created many a laugh. Madam Lloyd was up to date and sang two songs which pleased the audience. The Wilson children, Claire and Irene, sang and scored an encore and the little children in the audience were well pleased. Miss Edith Montrose sang a parody on "On the Wabash," taken from the Transvaal, and also sang Miss Marion Tracie's composition, "God Save the King," which brought long applause. Misses Walther and Forest responded to three encores and their singing on this occasion was highly appreciated. Prof. Parkes gave a long series of pictures.

Ben Ferguson appeared on the stage and thanked the audience, actors and actresses, musicians, help, Savoy management, newspapers, etc., for their kind help and assistance. The gross receipts were \$436.75; expenses \$121.25, leaving a net profit of \$315.50. Miss Tracie is still confined to her bed. The success of the entertainment was due to the untiring efforts of Ben Ferguson, who took hold of the work with a vim and brought the enterprise to a successful termination.

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VAST FIELDS OF RICH ORE

Now Known to Exist Near Whitehorse.

Mr. J. A. Christie now in Dawson is Heavily Interested in the Property.

William Bauman, a well known mining expert, has just returned from a trip of inspection of copper deposits on Whitehorse and Five Fingers, on the Lewes river, in Yukon territory. He gives a glowing account of the country, and says some shipments of ore are ready now to be sent to the Sound smelters.

The copper mines on or near Whitehorse rapids are mostly owned by Victoria and Vancouver parties; one grant of 3000 acres is controlled by F. Burnette, Senator Templeton and others. Seattle parties, Josiah Collins and others, own a large interest.

The next big copper town is about five miles above Five Fingers, between Whitehorse and Selkirk. This is a most massive and enormous deposit, and will be a large producer when in working order. The ore is a carbonate copper glance and oxide of high percent copper and high values in gold and silver. This large property is controlled by Mr. J. A. Christie, of Vancouver, and Carl Kleinschmidt, of Seattle. It contains about 3000 acres of land in a government grant. This is the most convenient copper property on the Lewes river, on account of the ore product, which assays from 15 to 65 per cent copper and \$9 to \$12 gold. They dump onto the boats, without necessitating any working by trains or wagons.

Coal mines now producing coal for shipment to Dawson are close to the Five Finger copper deposits, and will furnish fuel for a reduction plant.

At Rink rapids is a new discovery of a large copper vein now under development.

At Morris creek the Yukon Company is developing also a large copper deposit of rich ores.

"In all my examination of copper mines in North and South America," says Mr. Bauman, "I have never seen such formidable copper formation and assurance of big copper output as I inspected on the Lewes river and Whitehorse rapids. Very soon this will be a large producing territory of copper, as well as of gold. Seattle should be the point where these rich ores should be reduced to fine copper, ready for the market, including a rolling mill for copperplate and copper wire, which is bound to be one of the greatest industries in the Northwestern hemisphere. The Skagway Whitehorse railway is a perfect success in all its departments."

J. A. Christie mentioned above is now in Dawson and at the Nugget office today confirmed the statement of Mining Expert Bauman to the Seattle paper.

Dog Runs Amuck.

About 2 o'clock this afternoon the Aurora saloon was the scene of considerable consternation all on account of a medium sized brown dog which, when the door chanced to be open for an instant, entered the room and proceeded to make things very lively. The poor brute which was crazy with rabies ran higher and thither over the floor of the big rooms and bit a number of other dogs which chanced to be there at the time. Men climbed on chairs, black-jack tables, stoves and on each other's

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shoulders; Andy McKenzie grabbed the deadly fizz syphon, took hasty aim and shot—himself in the eye. It is hard to say what amount of damage would have been done but for the presence of mind and heavily ironed boot of a miner who watched his chance and in the dog was rushing by him, delivered a kick on the canine's head which temporarily knocked the frothing, blood-flecked animal out. Another blow to the head from a heavy stick of wood caused that dog to have had his day and the remains were carried out and deposited on the ice of the river. There were half a dozen or more dogs in the saloon at the time and nearly all of them were snapped by the diseased crazed brute before it was killed.

The Weather. Beginning Friday night, at which time and during the 24 hours previous, the temperature had not been below zero, there was a general decline and last night the minimum point reached was 45.5 below zero. At no time within the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning had the maximum temperature been higher than 36 below.

Mail Expected. There is a mail due to reach here tomorrow afternoon or evening, having passed Selkirk on the way down Saturday evening. The mails from Whitehorse are now making the schedule time, six days being allotted for the trip. A small mail arrived from Eagle City and Fortymile yesterday.

To sell oats, hams and flour for cash see S. Archibald.

Sour Dough Was On. Hop Yeaster—Say, come let's send out for a suit.

Sour Dough—Not me; last suit I sent for didn't fit. No, I'd sooner have a suit made here; got just as good tailors. I saw a suit made here in Dawson that beat anything made outside. I made my stake here; I'll spend it here; take another smile. Say, I know a tailor (Brewitt) that's got a fine stock. Let's give him our orders. Hop Yeaster—Well, I guess that's right; take another smile.

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SOCIETIES. THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION of Yukon Lodge, (U. D. E. & A. M.), will be held at Masonic hall, Mission street, monthly, Thursday or before full moon at 8:00 p. m. S. H. Wells, W. M. J. A. Donald, Sec'y