

A GOOD GOVERNMENT TRAIL.

Shortens the Distance to Bennett Nearly 200 Miles.

Is Now Nearly Ready and Can Be Traversed by Horses—Great Bends in the Yukon are Avoided.

Ex-Corporal Richardson, who has made such an enviable record while with the N.W. M. P., as a "musher," and who has in his time been entrusted with the carrying of many important dispatches, has arrived in Dawson with Messrs. F. B. Davis and Villeneu from a horseback inspection of the government trail, which leaves the Yukon at Carmack's Post, comes in again at the lower end of Lebarge, takes the Indian cutoff at the upper end of the lakes to Fifty mile river, leaves it again at Whitehorse and comes in once more at Cariboo crossing at the foot of Lake Bennett.

Messrs. Richardson and Davis have been secured by the C. D. Company to forward the mail this winter, the company having secured a contract for a weekly service of not to exceed 700 pounds. Mr. Richardson is full of interesting information of the route.

"The total distance," said the ex-corporal, "is now just 442 miles to Bennett, against the 600 miles of winding trail last winter. Besides leaving the river in one or two instances for many miles, innumerable short bends in the river are straightened and shortened by cutting a trail across the flats.

"At Carmack's Post the Nordenskiold river is followed to a point where it nears Lake Lebarge, and there the C. D. Company is helping the government make a cutoff to avoid some rocky country ahead. At the upper end of the lake you will remember some low ground to the right, past an Indian village. This cutoff brings you about seven miles up on the Fifty mile river. At Whitehorse a trail brings you out onto the railroad grade which is followed to Cariboo crossing.

"The government has 40 or 50 horses at work on the trails, besides some hundred or more men, and the flying snow will find Surveyors McArthur's trail ready for use. The trails are level and can be used by horses at any stage of the river. There will be no need of using dogs because of insecure ice as was the case on the river. That dreaded Thirtymile is avoided. The only lakes to bother are Bennett and Lebarge. Two steel steamers have been built, one for each of those lakes, and the unfrozen Fifty mile will be traversed until the steamer is actually frozen in. The same with Bennett. The steamer there will make regular trips as long as there is a half mile of open water to travel on.

"Eighteen posts or stations have been provided between Dawson and Bennett and each is now provided with keepers, dog-drivers or teamsters, dogs or horses and all the necessaries needed during a long winter by a mail relay post.

"While some slight delay at the moment of the blocking of the river is bound to occur, the delay will be insignificant and trifling, as compared with last year, since open water on Lebarge, Fifty mile, Thirtymile, Marsh, Tagish and Bennett will prove no hindrance. Over 150 dogs have been distributed and all is in readiness for immediate service.

"Mr. Budette is general superintendent of the system. F. B. Davis will be in charge at Dawson and will push the outgoing mail on to me at Stewart. My course will be from there to Carmack's Post. Ex-Sergeant Pulham will there receive the mail with horses and push on to Bennett.

"The posts and their distances, starting from Dawson are: To Indian river 28, to Sixtymile 20, to Stewart 23, to Tulare 39, to Selwyn 36, to Selkirk 30, to Mento 24, to Mackay 24, to Carmack's 24, to Montague 24, to Chicko 24, to lower Lebarge 24, to upper Lebarge 30, to Whitehorse 25, to Turgan 20, to Cariboo 22, to Bennett 28.

Robert C. Winckley Acquitted.

The case of the Queen vs. Robert C. Winckley occupied the time of Judge Dugas in the territorial court Friday forenoon. The accused was charged with extracting 30 ounces of gold dust from the sack of W. H. Kerwin, who had left his gold in charge of the prisoner for safe-keeping. The evidence showed that the sack of gold dust had not been opened, while in the possession of the defendant, and the latter was therefore acquitted.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. H. Spencer arrived on the Columbian.

Prof. McConnell and party left for the outside on last Wednesday.

Flume McCool, of Grand Forks, is visiting a few days in Dawson.

Mrs. J. M. Pickel is spending a few days visiting friends at Fortymile.

John Manning and wife left for Cape Nome on the steamboat John Cudahy. Hastings and Hall, the vocal team at the Monte Carlo, left for the outside on the Sybil.

The Corliss Sisters have disposed of their restaurant and were passengers on the Hannah.

John Manning, of the roadhouse on No. 60 below on Bonanza, was a visitor in town last week.

Ramps Peterson was one of the John Cudahy passengers, booked for the newly discovered gold fields.

Virgil Moore and family departed on the John Cudahy. The "judge" will open a law office at Cape Nome.

Among the sports who will take passage for Nome are F. C. Bullene, Mike Moore and Harry Driscoll.

Inspector T. C. Primrose arrived on the Columbian and has assumed the police court duties of Col. Steele.

Billie Emerson, of the Gold Hill hotel, at Grand Forks, returned from a visit to the outside on Wednesday.

Consul McCook and his son were passengers on the Bonanza King, and left Dawson last Wednesday. They will go to Philadelphia.

Charles Hogben has succeeded Mr. Beal as keeper of the dog pound. Mr. Beal took 42 dogs to Cape Nome on board the Hannah.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Baker left on the steamer Cudahy for Rampart City. They will spend the winter with their son who is agent for the N. A. T. & T. Co. at that place.

J. G. Cavender, U. S. deputy marshal at Eagle City, who has been here for several days, returned to the American side on the steamboat Hannah.

Frank P. Slavin arrived on the Willie Irving. For the past three months he has been visiting his family at Victoria. He remains in Dawson this winter.

Kitty Pilkington left for Cape Nome on the Hannah on Saturday. Should that point prove to have been overestimated the objective point is Seattle.

Charlie DeLone, a well known Dawson sport, returned to town on the Columbian. DeLone is reported to have rolled "em high while on the outside.

Capt. J. J. Donovan was one of the passengers down river on the Chas. H. Hamilton. He will spend a week or ten days visiting the Fortymile district and Jack Wade creek.

J. M. Stewart, F. Hale, Victor S. Larson, Stratford Tallemack, H. M. Levi, J. R. Gandolfo and his two daughters, R. McDonald, James Ross and Mrs. C. S. Mills arrived Monday night on the Ora.

Harry Ash, who for some time past has been superintending the work on his claim No. 32, hillside, left limit, below on Bonanza, was in town for a few days during the middle part of the week.

Louis Seckels, the assayer of the N. A. T. and T. Co., will leave for the outside within a few days. He will go down via St. Michael and Cape Nome. After visiting Anaconda and Salt Lake City, he will return either to Dawson or to Cape Nome.

Representative D. C. Fraser, George Fraser, J. D. McGregor, inspector of licenses, Captain Jaynes, Dr. Milne, of Victoria, W. H. McPhee, J. M. McNamee, D. A. Ross, and A. A. Lindsley took passage for the outside on the last trip of the Columbian.

A Proposed Improvement.

The leading people of Dominion have started a subscription for the purpose of establishing a road from lower discovery on Dominion to 22 left fork of Hunker. The following is the reading of the subscription list:

We, the undersigned miners and business men of Dominion creek, hereby subscribe and contribute the sum opposite our names for the construction of a road from lower discovery to 22 left fork, Hunker. Going up the summit this road will start 500 feet up on Six pup below upper, thence with an easy grade for two miles will reach the old winter trail on summit between Hunker and Lombard; thence will follow along right ridge to 22 above on left fork, Hunker. This road will be 10 feet wide and well brushed on the lower side.

The subscribers will appoint a receiver for said road at its completion: Bartlett Bros., \$150; Rouse and Wrenn, \$100; H. Dougherty, \$50; Thos. H. Graham, \$50; H. L. Burt, \$75; Mrs. J. Artand, \$50; Mrs. M. Rankin, \$25.

At the Grand.

The staging of the "Arizona Scout" at the Grand was an ambitious attempt upon the part of the management on Monday night. Everything advertised was faithfully gone through. The sensational drop of horse and rider through the bridge and the fancy shooting of Charley Meadows, together with Frank Gardner's dive into the tank, were, of course, the features of the show, the acting of all but the handful of professionals being decidedly below par. However, the house was packed from cellar to garret, and as everyone went to see the drop and the shooting they were not disappointed. Mrs. Meadows, who holds the glass balls to be shot at, shows much nerve. When she faced the shooter with three glass balls fastened in her hair everyone remembered the fate of the wife of Frank I. Frayne, and trembled for her safety, though her own nerves were steady as rocks. The Pyne sisters are popular as ever, and indeed their work merits it.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

On the 16th inst. Joseph Fortier died at St. Mary's hospital. The funeral took place from St. Mary's church on Monday.

Richard Eskridge was deprived of his vermiform appendix on Monday at St. Mary's hospital, and is reported to be doing well.

"The Gold King," at the Opera house, is the attraction this week. An escaped convict acquires a million of Klondike gold and returns to dumbfound his persecutors.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, little Miss Carr joined her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Willis Carr, at Dawson. The parents are well known Seattle people, and the little lady weighs just ten pounds.

A Y. M. C. A. association was started at the Forks last Sunday, which proposes to meet each Sunday afternoon, and to apply to Secretary Reid for formal amalgamation with that body in the United States.

John Mulligan at the Monte Carlo continues to be the drawing card his mirth provoking qualities entitle him to be. Supported by Lynton, the team has always been a strong one, with an endless repertoire of "turns" for the banishment of dull care.

Four pet cub bears broke into A. E. Binet's home back of the Greentree Thursday afternoon. They played havoc with the contents of the pantry. It was impossible to remove them, until Tom Lloyd, their trainer, was found and his assistance secured.

I. N. Davidson, messenger of the Nugget Express, arrived on the Pingree Monday night with a large consignment of express matter. Mr. Davidson had a very successful trip to the coast, and brought with him all goods for which he took orders last spring.

Mr. D. Shulte, representative of Messrs. Heidsieck Co. (Dry Monopole champagne), is at present visiting Dawson City in the interest of the brand, for which Messrs. J. M. Douglas & Co., of Montreal are the sole agents.

Says the younger of the Browning Sisters: "There's sadness in her sadness, when she's sad; there is gladness in her gladness, when she's glad; but there's nothing can compare, on the earth or in the air, with the padness of her padness when she pads."

On Wednesday the effects of the Aurora restaurant were sold at public auction. The property was purchased by Mr. Harry Edwards for \$700; this amount was not sufficient to satisfy the claim of Mr. Tom Chisholm for rent.

The Monarch, which was scheduled to leave for St. Michael on Thursday, waited 18 hours expecting a party of six persons from Indian river, who failed to arrive. She loaded 150 sheep at West Dawson, and departed on Friday. There were 160 passengers for St. Michael.

Farmer Dick Gardner has lost his cow. It strayed from the farm house on No. 2 Forty-nine gulch one day last week, and Dick is disconsolate as a consequence. The aforesaid cow is red, and a full description, together with a notice of reward, appeared in The Nugget of Wednesday.

This is a country of such rapid changes that it difficult sometimes to figure ahead. The A. C. Co. has over 50,000 feet of imported lumber on hand, which has been expensively hauled the length of the Yukon river and which would sell more readily now at St. Michaels at better price than after incurring the expense of several cents a pound for hauling.

As the Hannah dropped a few feet down the stream, preparatory to casting off her lines, she tightened up her forward hawser. It caught the smoke stack of the fire engine on the water front and threatened to topple it over. Fireman

M. A. Probst, who was in charge of the engine, drew his knife and was in the act of cutting the hawser when the pilot excitedly called to him to desist. The engines of the Hannah were reversed, and Mr. Probst was satisfied.

Letter of Thanks.

Editor of the Klondike Nugget: Through the columns of your paper I wish to thank the residents of Dawson for the uniform kindness which they have shown to me since the very first day of my arrival here. I am sincerely grateful for the sympathy which has been expressed for the position of my unfortunate boy. I have remained here only a few weeks, but the recollections of the many acts and words of the kind people of Dawson shall be treasured by me for life. I thank them most sincerely. Yours truly,

A. J. GODDARD.
Dawson, Y. T., Sept. 19, 1899.

Notice.

Information is wanted a The Nugget office concerning the whereabouts of Edward Norton Costello.

Excellent service and moderate prices at the Cafe Royal.

Pocket memo books, counter blotters time books, pens, pencils, ink, mullage, paper fasteners, letter paper and writing tablets for sale at Nugget office.

Don't forget opening of Cafe Royal Wine Rooms, Monday night, Aug. 14.

Lay blanks, bills of sale, deeds and mortgages for sale at The Nugget office. Price 25 cents each.

Reduced rates at the Cafe Royal.

K. of P. cards at the Klondike-Nugget office.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Black and white collie dog found at Sixty Mile on July 4th, 1899. Owner can have same by paying expenses. M. Deana, first cabin in rear of residence of the Catholic priest at St. Mary's Chapel.

LOST—Small memo book between the Mouth of Bear and Dominion Creek. Finder return to Nugget office or Melbourne Hotel and receive \$5.00 reward.

LOST in Dawson, red pocketbook containing papers of value to owner only. Please leave at Nugget office, ANATOLE HAREHOUX.

WANTED

WANTED—A lady partner in a good paying business. Apply at the Dawson Waffle Bakery, back of Bonfield's.

BOY who has had experience in a printing office. Apply at Nugget office.

WATCHMAKER wanted; first-class man at Sale & Co., formerly Pond's.

GERMAN books, grammar especially, at this office.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Tin-lined water tank; capacity about 300 gallons. Apply Nugget office.

RESTAURANTS.

THE FRENCH RESTAURANT, cor. Third St. and 3rd ave. Open all night. Regular \$1 dinner from 12 to 8. Meals sent out. Delicious French pastry a specialty. Breakfast 25c.

LUNCH COUNTERS.

MINERS' HOME—Coffee and Lunch Parlors, confectionery, cigars and fruits; neat and homelike; pure cream and high grade coffee a specialty. Mrs. M. Morgan, prop., cor. Third ave. and Third st.

C. J. BOYD'S 25c. Lunch Counter, Second ave., next P.O., entrance also on First ave.; big stack of hots and coffee, 25c.; corned beef, tea, coffee or milk, 25c.; sandwiches and coffee, 25c.; ham and eggs, or steak and eggs and coffee, 75c. Bread, cakes and pies for sale. 9-23

BLACKSMITHS.

OSBER & HAWLEY, Third ave south, bet. 3d and 4th sts.; blacksmithing, machine, wagon and sleigh work done promptly at low prices; scientific horseshoeing a specialty.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

WADE & AIKMAN—Advocates, Notaries, etc. Office, Bonfield Building, opposite A. C. Store, Dawson.

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TABOR & HULME—Barristers and Solicitors. Advocates; Notaries Public; Conveyancers. Offices, Green Tree Blg.

CLEMENT, PATTULLO & RIDLEY—Advocates, Barristers, Notaries, Conveyancers. Office Money to loan. Offices, First Avenue.

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