

PROPOSES TO GO IT ALONE

Capt. Henry Benis' Trip to Nome Will be Solitary.

Was a Member of the First Party to Explore Copper River—Is a Jack Wade Creek Pioneer.

Capt. Henry Benis, who arrived in the city a day or two ago from his home at Fortymile, will leave for that place tomorrow and expects to get away for Nome within a few days. Captain Benis was formerly with the Mallory Steamship Company, which operates a fleet of steamers between New York and Southern points. In 1897 he fell a victim to the gold fever and resigning his position on the "bridge" struck out for the golden northwest, his destination being the Copper river country, where the yellow metal was to be scooped up by the pound. He was one of thirteen, the first party to land on Valdez glacier in the late fall of '97. That winter was not bestrewn with pleasure to the party. On the contrary, it was one of great hardship and deprivation, and worst of all, no gold was to be found even when the mining season opened the following year. Growing disgusted, Captain Benis struck out all by himself and finally reached Fortymile by the overland trip. He has since made that place his home. Last winter he carried mail between Fortymile and this city, making several round trips over the ice. He was among the first prospectors on Jack Wade creek where he secured claim No. 4 above the mouth of the creek, which claim is showing very rich gravel. Benis' business in Dawson at present is to sell his claim to Judge Morford who returned from a visit of inspection to Jack Wade less than four weeks ago.

Captain Benis was also one of the first men to locate on Napoleon creek, where, for several claims above its mouth, the creek is quite rich. Nearly all the best claims on this creek are owned by the N. A. T. & T. Co. Benis expects to leave Fortymile for Nome early in February. He will travel alone and he says: "When I want to stop there will be no one to argue with me and offer advice about this thing and that thing. In traveling alone I will have only myself to please and if I make mistakes there will be nobody to growl at me."

Benis positively refuses to take any man's power of attorney. He is going on his own responsibility and for himself; "going of himself, by himself and for himself," as the late lamented Abraham Lincoln would have said. He will take a team of four dogs and a light outfit. He expects to buy provisions along the road wherever they are to be had, but will stack up for the long distances between provision stations. He does not expect to encounter any heavier winds on the trip than he has experienced on the bridge of the Western Texas in gales of Cape Hatteras.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

Two decisions were rendered by Gold Commissioner Seukler on Saturday. The evidence in the case of Miner vs. Kuzok, which involved the title to the hillside on the left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 8 above on Fox gulch, disclosed that one Rehm was the first staker of the ground in litigation, and that he was not a party to the suit. The commissioner decided that he could not adjudicate the dispute until Rehm was brought into court and the rehearing of the action was set for the 12th of next March.

The case of Rehm vs. McLellan affects the lower half of No. 20 Gold Run.

The claim was staked on March 3d, 1898, and recorded March 10th, by McLellan, to whom a grant was soon afterwards issued. On May 11th, 1899, Rehm staked the lower half of the same claim, but was not permitted to record.

He instituted action against McLellan and alleged that the defendant had never staked the ground, and prayed that McLellan's grant be declared void. The evidence at the trial was so conflicting that it was insufficient to establish the fact that McLellan had not staked, and the commissioner decided in the latter's favor.

The case of A. Painter, T. Cole, and Mrs. T. McGowan, plaintiffs, against H. T. Harmon, T. Halstead and F. Brueseth, defendants, is occupying the attention of the court. The plaintiffs are the owners of a bench, right limit, exposite No. 3 Eldorado, and they contend that the defendants, who own No. 3 are conducting mining operations on the bench claim.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. O'Connell is a guest at the McDonald.

Max Endleman of Grand Forks, is visiting Dawson.

August Borg of Eldorado, is visiting friends in the city.

F. H. Griffith will leave during the week for the outside.

Jack Raymond of Gold Hill, is a guest at the Hotel McDonald.

A. Smith will leave for Skagway with a dog team the fore part of this week.

John Campbell, a miner on Dominion, is among the guests at the Flannery.

Capt. J. B. Wood of the T. & E. Co. contemplates a business trip to Stewart river.

J. Hale, who left here January 13th, arrived safely in Skagway on the 26th instant.

J. H. Hughes and Mr. Bolless left this morning on a trip over the ice to Skagway.

James Mitchell of Grand Forks, is in town for a few days. He is stopping at the Hotel McDonald.

P. J. Sheehan and A. W. Cream are among those from the creeks, who are visiting the city.

John Donahue arrived Friday from Thistle creek. He will remain in town for several days.

Fred Brueseth of Grand Forks, is in town on legal business. He is stopping at the McDonald.

Jack Hines and Frank Campbell, two well known Dawson sports, arrived from Skagway last Saturday evening.

J. C. Arhenback, Sid Perry, D. McFall, H. B. Clark, Henry Wirth and Mr. Cruikshank, are registered at the Flannery hotel.

Mr. Mahoney of the N. A. T. & T. Co. has concluded to close out his business in Klondike City. He will probably reopen in Dawson.

A. D. Curry recently paid \$600 to James Flannery for four malamutes. Curry has sold his roadhouse at No 28 Gold Run and will depart for Nome next Wednesday.

C. R. Garvin and J. Noble are interested in a hydraulic proposition on Australia creek, returned from that tributary Friday night, and are registered at the Flannery hotel.

Lieut. S. E. Adair has received a telegram to the effect that Cockrill and Morgan arrived safely in Skagway. These gentlemen were reported to be lost by a local contemporary a week ago.

Messrs. Sam Levy and A. Corrigan started Saturday afternoon for the outside. If they can procure what they are going for at Skagway they will not go further than that point. At any event they expect to return to Dawson early in March.

A banquet will be tendered at the Hotel McDonald this evening by Messrs. James F. Macdonald, H. W. Leonard and others, to Mr. D. C. MacKenzie, in honor of his departure for the outside. Mr. MacKenzie has been in Dawson for some considerable time and is the representative of several large commercial concerns situated in Canada.

Justice Dugas of the superior court, and Major Perry, police magistrate, left this morning on an official trip to Dominion to be absent until the first of February. Just what the nature of the official business may be could not be learned, but it is said to have some connection with a disagreement which occurred at Mike Bartlett's roadhouse some time ago.

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