

VERY MUCH ON THE BUM

What Late Arrivals Say of Nome

Same Expression Applies Very Aptly to Koyukuk Country.

Among the passengers who arrived on the Hannah last night were a party of six who had mused it in company from Nome to Nulato, intending to make the whole distance by Dawson over the ice. They are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kennedy, Sam Larson and Steve McNeil. They left Nome on April 1st, were twenty-five days on the trip over the ice, only to find that the ice on the Yukon was in too poor a condition to make it safe to proceed further, so they waited until the first boat up the river.

Mr. Miller said that right after the river broke up a good many people were reported as having left Nome for Dawson, among them several old-timers who wished they had stuck to Dawson.

"Nome," said Mr. Miller, "is pretty much on the bum, and unless some of the outside creeks turn out surprisingly well there will be nothing doing in the district this season. She looked like a dead one when we left."

"Coming down we heard very discouraging reports from the Koyukuk, but what there are some very good prospects, but there is nothing doing. Provisions have been very high. There were men at Coldfoot who hadn't eaten flour for a month and had managed to subsist on game. Many must have been on the edge of starvation, and at last reports it was expected that the miners would make a raid on the N. C. Company's warehouse."

In a letter from Volney Richmond, agent of the N. C. Co. at Bettles, however, under date of May 14th, a glowing account of the prospects of the Koyukuk are given. The letter is addressed to the company's headquarters at San Francisco and is in part as follows:

"Commenting on the prospects of the development of mining in this section we beg to refer you to our letter on the subject under date of March 1st, of which we herewith enclose copy.

"In addition we wish at this writing to submit for your consideration the following statement of facts of later discoveries and developments which we have received from thoroughly reliable sources. Our remarks on Hammond river and its tributaries have been fully justified and in addition to the discoveries quoted at that time, prospects ranging from 25 cents to \$1.75 to the pan have been found in other parts of this particular section.

"Since our visit to the Hammond river country it has been demonstrated that the nature of the greater portion of this district will be winter diggings, so that the output for the coming summer will necessarily be small in comparison to the extent of the prospects found. Pay has also since been located on Swift, a tributary of Hammond, and preparations are being made to open five claims on this creek the coming summer.

"In our visit of March 1st we stated that no prospecting was being done on Gold creek, but shortly after our visit to that section Messrs. G. C. Bettles, who owns a half interest in above, and Iver Johnson, owner of the same, together ran a tunnel into the bench on the line of 2 and 3, and located another pay streak, finding from 2 cents to \$3 to the pan. Johnson and his partner went 200 feet further up the creek and drove another tunnel into the bench. The first three pans of dirt they took from this tunnel netted them \$15, and from one bucket (ten pans) they struck out \$50.50. The pay streak is about forty feet in width, with seven feet of gravel that will average 5 cents to the pan, and as the dirt is frozen but for a few feet, also being above the creek and dry, it can be worked the year round. This later discovery, together with the creek above, should make Gold creek the best producer we have to date. From the foregoing we would estimate the production of gold this coming season from the various creeks as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Rows include Gold creek (\$70,000), Hammond and tributaries (60,000), Gold bench (40,000), Bettles creek (40,000), Iver Johnson (30,000), Johnson (20,000), Johnson (15,000), Johnson (10,000).

Slate ..... 5,000

Total ..... \$250,000

"The above we consider a most conservative estimate. None of the ground is being really worked, but only prospected, and the above amount will be the result of prospect work only.

"Of the population at present in the country about 450 wintered and in the neighborhood of 150 came in during the winter.

"From current reports it is probable that there will be a population here this coming summer of about 1500, but how many will remain here for next winter it is impossible at this writing to estimate, as the conditions prevailing during the late summer will determine the movements of the majority. In any event the prospects for the future look very bright."

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Rochester Hotel.—G. N. Williams; John J. Walker; Mrs. E. Dodson; Eagle City; Mrs. Chas. B. Stone, Eagle City; G. A. Ketterer, Fort Yukon; F. B. Barlagh and wife, Eagle City; Mrs. Hewitt, Eagle City; J. D. Teelor, Bonanza; W. Kieth, Bonanza; C. Talbot, Fred Johnson, A. Christopher, W. F. Davidson, C. Simonelli, J. Williams.

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ALLEGED

GAMBLERS

Crowded Police Court This Morning

Police Conduct a Round-Up Last Night of Upwards of Seventy Men.

The police court, and all its perils, was uncomfortably crowded this morning, the result of a gambling raid made immediately after midnight last night. The defendants themselves numbered over seventy, and then in addition there were the bondsmen for them, and the legal luminaries and a whole host of those who think the police court is the best kind of a free show. There were also several defendants arrested as a side show of the gambling raid but having no connection with those charges.

There were about eighteen men of the Mounted Police engaged in the raid, under Sergeant Smith, and the number of people they arrested and took to the barracks under a charge of gambling was about seventy-four, forty-one from the upper rooms of the Monte Carlo and thirty-three from the Madden house. Mr. Marshbanks and Mr. I. Rosenthal, the owners of the places, were also arrested. In the early morning hours things were as busy as they were at the regular meeting of the court this morning. Captain Starnes and the clerk of the court were sent for; there was a scurrying around town for bondsmen, and these having been produced in sufficient amounts to satisfy Captain Starnes all the defendants were bound over to appear for trial at ten o'clock this morning.

Several other cases were called and heard before any mention of the gamblers, and at shortly after eleven o'clock A. Macfarlane in their behalf moved the court that they having duly appeared for trial and not having been served with any charge they and their bondsmen be discharged.

Captain Starnes said there were over seventy arrests and the clerk had not had time to make out the informations. Some were ready and if the attorney insisted they should be called but it would simply be a waste of time.

"But what is the charge?" insisted Mr. Macfarlane.

"You know it is gambling and so do they, and you cannot take up the time of the court with a mere technicality," was the answer of the magistrate.

After quite a discussion on this and other points of procedure the case of W. Berryman was called and he entered the dock. The charge was that in a room over the Monte Carlo saloon used as a gaming house he was looking on while games were going on in said gaming house. Mr. Macfarlane entered a plea for him of not guilty and asked for an enlargement of the case to tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. He said that he also appeared for all the others and was ready to proceed.

In the end the whole of the cases were enlarged until tomorrow afternoon, the defendants renewing their bonds to appear.

SCATHING JUDGMENT

Perjury Charged in the De Soucy Case

Opinion Given That the Crown Should Proceed Against the Violators of Oaths.

The case of Palmer Bros. vs. Estby et al which was begun Tuesday ended yesterday in judgment being rendered for plaintiff, his lordship in handing down his decision taking occasion to severely score De Soucy, one of the defendants, for having committed perjury so flagrant that the court was bound to take cognizance of it. At the beginning of the trial judgment by default was entered against Estby and Rothness, the other two defendants. The action is on an account for goods furnished the defendants who were laymen on 43 Gold Run. It is alleged that De Soucy was one of the laymen, though he is now seeking to evade payment of the debt incurred by claiming he was merely a laborer on the claim. His lordship's decision in part is as follows:

"It is stated that the Klondike is the grave of reputations. I think it is the grave of truth, too. I never heard a case where there was more contradiction on a question of fact which was clear and well defined. There could be no possibility of doubt. It was a matter on which the parties could have been certain, particularly as to the interview when the lay agreement was signed. Three men, apparently respectable, swearing to one thing, and three others, apparently as respectable, swearing to directly the opposite, upon a matter where there could have been no possible doubt whatever. Whom am I to believe? Mr. Palmer says he met De Soucy; who told him he was a partner in this lay, and wanted credit; that he authorized his manager, Mr. Rumsey, to give De Soucy credit. De Soucy said more than that, that he was personally responsible, meaning, I suppose, that he was personally good. Rumsey afterward saw De Soucy and confirms this story."

Other evidence as to De Soucy's admissions were reviewed by his lordship. Continuing, he said:

"If I were to decide on the weight of evidence by simply counting of noses, I would say the evidence was in favor of the plaintiff. But is there anything further to help me to come to a conclusion? As to the character of the parties, who should I believe?"

"On the one hand we have a party seeking to establish a legitimate claim; on the other hand parties seeking to evade payment of the claim. How do they come into court? With clean hands? These very men are the ones who on their own admission put up an unjust preference, to put it in that broad way, whether it is an unjust preference legally or not, it is one morally. They give to some men who say they were laborers, everything they have in the world to defeat the other creditors. Are the men who committed a fraudulent act, because it is a fraudulent act, to be believed in preference to men who tell an honest story and have no interest in the result? I believe the men with the cleaner hands."

"It is said the documentary evidence is evidence against this, but I think the documents are almost balanced. In fact, as far as that goes, the book kept by De Soucy is evidence against himself and more. This counter balances the evidence of the notes and bills of sale, as the bill of sale evidence is rather ragged. The inference I would draw from the time book kept by De Soucy is that his name has gone down since for the purpose of this action.

"A bill of sale was made of the machinery on No. 43 Gold Run to De Soucy and one Wiegand for \$1. Wiegand's interest was not transferred back to the parties who satisfied his debt, but to De Soucy, who now sets up the original bill of sale for security for his debt. Why was it not transferred back to the parties who paid Wiegand? Instead of that in furtherance of the same design he transfers to De Soucy, who then becomes the legal holder of the entire assets of the firm. Then if you look at the course of dealing I think what I have already said ought to convince a jury of what the real dealing was. First, we have De Soucy who now says he was a mere laborer and engineer on the claim,

taking all the interest in the arrangement of the lay. Then again we have De Soucy giving to Estby a power of attorney, as he is going out of the country for good, to deal with the property which he has just received from Estby for a debt. He seeks first to secure himself by taking a bill of sale for the machinery and then hands right back by a power of attorney to the man who owns it to deal with as he likes.

"I have no reason to disbelieve the evidence of Palmer, Rumsey, McConnell, Robertson and Nelson. There are other suspicious things; De Soucy coming into the country broke and a short time afterwards has \$1000 to lend. He explains by saying he earned some and that a man named Williams had sent \$750 in to him in payment of a debt. This money came just in the nick of time for him to lend it to Estby and Rothness.

"I think the perjury is so flagrant the crown should be obliged to look into it. It is strange that men on a direct issue, where there could be no possibility of a doubt, should swear virtually one in face of the other. I, as a jury, have to use my best judgment as to whom to believe, and I believe the story of the plaintiff and his witnesses. There will be judgment accordingly."

When Silk Was Precious

Common as is silk nowadays, in earlier times it was a most precious material. When it was first brought into Europe, silk commanded three times its weight in gold, and so valuable it was deemed that in the reign of Tiberius a law was passed forbidding it to all save noble ladies and prohibiting men from wearing it on the ground of its effeminacy. So unusual was it even 200 years later for a man to wear silk that every historian of the time of Heliogabalus noted the fact that that emperor had a silk gown. For ages it continued at an abnormally high price, Charlemagne in the year 780 could send to King Offa of Mercia no more valuable a present than two silk coats.

A Monster Vessel

Ptolemaeus Philopater, one of the ancient kings of Egypt, is said to have built a vessel 420 feet long, 56 feet broad, 72 feet high from the keel to the top of the prow and 80 feet

to the poop. She had four helm-ropes of 60 feet, her largest oars were 56 feet long, with leaden handles, so as to be more easily worked. She had two prows, two sterns and seven rostra or beaks. On both poop and prow she had figures of men and animals that were fully 18 feet high. She had 3,000 rowers, 400 cabin boys or servants, 2,820 marines to do duty on deck, besides being provided with immense stores of arms and provisions.

Equal to the Occasion

A man was once given a large dog to take care of by a friend who was going abroad, but the dog annoyed him by always sitting in his best armchair.

One day a splendid idea struck him. He came into the room and found the dog in his usual seat, so he walked up to the window and called: "Cats! Cats!"

Up jumped the dog and rushed to the window, while the man went and sat in the chair.

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