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GREAT FAITH

In the Future of the Koyukuk as a Coming Mining Field

IS EXPRESSED BY MANY PERSONS

Familiar With the Lower Yukon Country.

ONE PARTY NOW EN ROUTE.

Only Meager Reports of the Country Received Here—Many Will Go Soon.

From Saturday's Daily.

The news received at Dawson from the Koyukuk country during the past winter and spring has been too meager on which to base an intelligent opinion regarding its wealth and prospects as a future mining camp. However, an impression appears to have gone abroad that it is a good field, and entertaining belief, a large number has already started for and hundreds will continue to go there during the season just opening.

A late issue of the Alaskan has the following regarding the new fields:

"The first party of the spring to arrive here en route to Koyukuk came, yesterday from the States, by way of Juneau, and will get away today or tomorrow for the interior. The members of the party are Thomas M. Crawford, W. H. Porter and T. D. Drew. They have spent several seasons in the interior, having been at Circle, Minook and Klondike. They claim Circle as their home point.

"The party will go down the lakes to Lebarge and there take one of the first

steamers to follow the ice. The men have faith in Koyukuk and believe that it may prove one of the big camps of the north. Mr. Drew, while in company with his partners last evening at the Mondamin, where they are staying, said:

"I received a letter while in Juneau a few days ago from Walter Cookley, an old friend now on the Yukon. He wrote the letter at Rampart, February 22. Among other things he stated that the greater number of the people had left Rampart and Circle in the stampede to Koyukuk.

"Mr. Cookley said also that a man had just arrived there from Koyukuk and brought the report that three of the creeks have proved rich, and that they were expected to turn out as good as any in the Klondike. One of the creeks is Myrtle. The names of the other two were not given in the letter.

"Messrs. Crawford and Porter and myself have known of the promise of Koyukuk for some time. Men who were familiar with the district and knew there was gold in the place laid low after the rush to that field three years ago. They did so because the country had been plastered with location notices by power of attorney. Now that the power of attorney on many claims then located there has expired, the men actually in the field have reopened the district. They have passed a law that no claim shall be longer than 500 feet and that no claim can be located by power of attorney. It is a miners' law of the camp and it will hold. It is a good law."

Missing Persons.

The following persons, of whom any information should be reported at the town police station, are inquired for by relatives on the outside: O. C. Goddard, C. C. Whitaker, Turner Carlow, George Herbert Curtis, Matt Troll and J. H. Taylor.

Going Outside.

Mr. G. D. Devlin, former partner in the well-known freighting and packing firm of Pickett & Devlin, is a passenger on the Columbian this evening en route to his old home in Seattle. Mr. Devlin goes away somewhat unsettled as to the future, not being certain whether or not he will return to Dawson where he has been a prominent and respected business man.

Water Getting Scarce.

From many of the creeks come reports of a scarcity of water for sluicing dumps on hillside and gulch claims. At some points, it is said a portion of the dumps will be left unwashed on account of the scarcity of water, the hillside and gulch streams having practically ceased to flow owing to the fact that there was but little snow fell last winter to feed them this summer. Thus far there has been no complaints heard of a scarcity of water with which to wash the dumps of the creek claims.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Hershberg, the Seattle clothier, is now located in his new store on First avenue, directly opposite the Yukon dock.

Townsend & Rose

The Leading

Tobacconists

Have removed from their former location on Second avenue, to their

NEW STORE....

First Ave. Next to Madden House

Club Rooms Attached

W. H. PARSONS & CO.

UNDERWEAR

We will continue our sale for another week of light weight summer underwear, all American goods, silk finished and trimmed, suit, \$3

CLOTHING....

We have a large stock of the latest patterns, latest cut, dressy looking and correct style.

"SELTZ" SHOES

These are the clear thing in footwear. They look better and wear longer than any other shoe in Dawson today; they have a reputation all over the country for design and finish.

2nd Street, Opp. Bank of B.N.A.

"If You Bought It at Parsons It Must Be Good."

J. W. BOYLE

ILLEGAL GRANTS

Alleged to Have Been Issued for Fractional Claims on Last Chance.

THE CHARGES AGAINST SENKLER

Will Be Made More Specific Next Week.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Which the Complainant Asserts to Have Been Irregularly and Fraudulently Recorded.

As yet, the general charges which have been lodged against Gold Commissioner Senkler have not been made more specific by the complainant, D. G. McTavish; but the latter's attorney, Mr. Woodworth, is now engaged in drafting a bill of particulars in reference to the alleged official misconduct, and it is quite likely that the special accusations will be filed early next week.

As was stated in court last Tuesday, the complainant will endeavor to prove the truth of the statements which are contained in his letter to the minister of the interior; the prosecution will also attempt to establish that fractions, well known to be such, have been irregularly and fraudulently granted to favored individuals.

The complainant has alleged that three fractional claims on Last Chance creek have been recorded as full claims. These properties are particularly described in the official register of the gold commissioner's office, and the complete record of the first fraction, on which the complainant relies, is as follows:

Bench claim, second tier, left limit, opposite lower half of No. 11 above, discovery.

May 4th, 1899, located by Harry Edwards.

May 5th, 1899, recorded by Harry Edwards.

May 15th, 1899, Harry Edwards transferred to Dr. R. M. Simpson a half interest in consideration of the sum of \$500.

May 15th, 1899, Harry Edwards transferred to Thomas E. McDonald a half interest in consideration of the sum of \$2000.

August 16th, 1899, Thomas E. McDonald mortgaged his half interest to J. A. McDonald to secure a loan of \$1000, which mortgage fell due February 1st, 1900.

March 13th, 1900, a certificate of representation work, No. 674, was filed. The entry made on March 13th, completes the record for this particular claim, which Mr. McTavish asserts to be a fraction.

The second piece of fractional property, concerning which malfeasance is alleged against the gold commissioner, is described as the bench claim, third tier, left limit, opposite No. 10 above, discovery on Last Chance. In reference to this ground, the following entries have been made:

April 20th, 1899, located by H. W. Diffendorfer.

April 22d, 1899, grant issued to H. W. Diffendorfer.

May 10th, 1899, H. W. Diffendorfer transferred to J. K. Sewell an one-sixth interest in consideration of \$1000.

May 9th, 1899, H. W. Diffendorfer transferred to W. V. Sommerville a five-sixths interest in consideration of \$5000.

June 15th, 1899, W. V. Sommerville transferred to Amelia Palmer, a five-sixths interest in consideration of \$2000.

June 24th, 1899, Amelia Palmer transferred to David McLeod, a one-sixth interest, in consideration of \$500.

June 29th, 1899, Amelia Palmer transferred to C. E. Glidden a two-thirds interest in consideration of \$5000.

July, 1899, C. E. Glidden and W. V. Sommerville mortgaged a two-thirds interest to Humboldt Gates to secure a loan of \$3160.

July 24th, 1899, C. E. Glidden mortgaged a two-thirds interest to Humboldt Gates to secure a loan of \$1000.

October 9th, 1899, C. E. Glidden, J. K. Sewell and David McLeod gave a 50 per cent lay on the property until September 3, 1900, to Michael Caines.

The third fraction which is said to have been fraudulently granted, is described as the bench claim, second tier, left limit, opposite No. 10 above, discovery on Last Chance. Bounded up stream by Larven, down stream by Moss, and adjoining McGregor's hillside. The following entries have been made in connection with this property:

May 6th, 1899, located by George B. Thornton.

May 9th, 1899, grant issued to George B. Thornton.

May 9th, 1899, George B. Thornton transferred the whole claim to Thomas McDonald in consideration of the sum of \$5000.

June 16th, 1899. Issue no assignment on this property. Refer to gold commissioner or clerk of records.

June 17th, 1899. Cancelled by order of gold commissioner as fraction. Dufferin Pattullo, mining recorder.

In reference to the foregoing fractional claim, the allegation is made that mining operations have been conducted on the property since the cancellation of the crown grant, June 17th, 1899.

Corral the Horses.

It is practically a waste of money to build sidewalks along the suburban street of Dawson, so long as horses are permitted to run at large and walk over the walks at will. The class of lumber used in the construction of the walks is so light that an ordinary horse breaks a board or two every time he crosses a walk, with the result that the latter soon become dangerous to pedestrians. The fine walk recently constructed along Third avenue from the corner of Lancaster & Calderhead's waterroom to Fifth street is already broken in many places by horses crossing it, and will, if they are not taken up, be practically ruined in a short time. Sidewalks are a necessity and horses running at large are a nuisance.

A Wholesale Business.

In addition to doing all the work in its line for the entire Yukon district, the big industry known as the Yukon Iron works, has been instrumental in providing a similar industry for the city of Nome. This week through the agency of the local institution a complete plant for a foundry and machine shops at Nome was sold, the machinery to be shipped from Seattle on receipt of a telegram from W. C. Dawson, Acting Manager the Yukon Iron Works of this city. The fact that purchasers of such a large plant deal through a Dawson agency is a credit to the concern which brought about the transaction.

To Private Life.

The eight privates in Major Hemming's command, the Y. F. F., who signified their intentions of taking their discharges and remaining in Dawson instead of going outside with the company, will get their discharges on next Thursday, the last day of the present month, and be relegated to the walks of private life. Major Hemming does not know yet the exact date on which he will get away, but it will probably be early in June. Many of the officers and members of the force, and especially Sergeant McKinnon and his excellent band, will be greatly missed from Dawson.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 66 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 35 degrees above.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

WYVERN DEPARTS

For Nome With a Full Complement of Eager Passengers

AND A SMALL SCOW IN TOW

Ice Jam Reported at Foot of Lake Lebarge.

MERCHANTS DISAPPOINTED

At Failure of Merchandise Laden Scows to Arrive From Bennett—Marine Notes.

The steamer Wyvern, with a small scow in tow sailed today for Nome. This boat has attracted a great deal of attention on account of its beauty in lines and fittings. She looked like a miniature torpedo boat and made a striking figure as she steamed down the river. She is bound for Nome and carried the following people:

Messrs. Miller, Stevens, Stanley, DeLarge, Baze and G. B. Swinehart, the newly appointed U. S. Commissioner of Nome.

News has been received of the Closset. She has not as yet reached lower Lebarge, but is on her way up the river. The Flora did not take on her passengers and mail 12 miles from here as intended, owing to the fact that the Closset made away before the departure of the Flora. She was reported at Salmon on Wednesday.

A great deal of dissatisfaction and disappointment is felt by many merchants who have been expecting the arrival of scows with merchandise. The cause of their non-appearance is due to the lakes not being open for travel, consequently the scows cannot get through. All which have arrived at Dawson came from this side of Lebarge, where they were hung up during the winter.

Bennett is now open and the lake boats are making regular trips to and from Caribou Crossing.

The steamer Flora is hung up at lower Lebarge owing to the ice being jammed at the mouth of the lake. The ice is all broken, however, and a favorable wind may open a passage at any moment.

The steamer Gold Star was reported at Ogilvie this morning and was expected in Dawson before noon. Up to time of going to press she has not arrived and it is thought she is again tied upon a bar. The Gold Star comes from Five Fingers, where she wintered.

The steamer Columbian sailed today with a full passenger list.

The Canadian was reported at Selkirk this morning.

A cut in rates to Whitehorse is announced by the Canadian Development Co. Other companies will probably follow and if so a lively time is expected.

Sunday Services.

Rev. D. G. Cook, of Grand Forks, will conduct divine service at the mouth of Gold Bottom on Hunker creek in the building lately occupied by Bartlett Bros. for a roadhouse, on Sunday morning, June 3d, at 10 o'clock.

Hershberg, the Seattle clothier, is now located in his new store on First avenue, directly opposite the Yukon dock.

Ladue Co.

Has received its beautiful Calendars for 1900 and cordially invite the people of Dawson and vicinity to call and select one for their homes.

Fine Groceries

Our Stock is Still Complete

..Steam Fittings..

A full line has been brought in over the ice. Special prices in quantities.

Bar Glassware

A Choice Selection

Ladue Co.

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Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.
Sawing, Flume & Mining Lumber
Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike River and at Boyie's Wharf.
J. W. BOYLE

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The Ames Mercantile Co. F. JANSEN Res. Manager