

Far Away Alaska.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I listened to a sky-pilot spouting on the street last night and it reminded me of my religion, so I write to you to have my paper sent to Skagway.

I have been in the Atlin country and I find it very satisfactory indeed. My brother and I have each located a creek claim and a bench claim on Pine creek. We did about two weeks' sluicing on one of them, then had to quit work on account of the freezing weather. We will return to the mines again in March.

There is quite a large scope of country in the Atlin district which prospects fairly well so far as the prospectors were able to find out in the short time allotted to them this fall. Pine creek will no doubt prove to be the best creek located so far in this district, although Spruce creek comes in for a share of the praise, while Wright's creek is claimed by some to be the best. Some of the smaller creeks may be good, but they are small. There is also quite a scope of country near the camp not yet prospected, on account of the parties having to carry their provisions, bedding, tools, etc., on their backs, so were not able to go very far from camp, on account of the weight of their packs in case they took more than two weeks' provisions. But it will be different next year. The Atlin country is one of the best grass countries I have ever seen, and it will be easy to keep horses to do the packing instead of men.

Discovery on Pine creek is about 200 miles from this place, via Bennett and White Pass. The White Pass and Yukon railroad is built out from here about twelve miles and trains make three trips each day from here. From there everything taken in has to be packed on horses and mules as far as Lake Bennett, where it is loaded into rowboats, steamboats, or scows, as one chooses, and taken to Dawson; or if you are going to Atlin you pay three cents freight from Bennett to the steamboat landing at the upper end of Taku Arm, where it is unloaded and packed or hauled over the portage, to Lake Atlin, a distance of two miles, which costs you two cents per pound. It is then boated across the lake to Atlin City, a distance of seven miles, and from there to the mines on Pine creek, about seven miles, you have to pay six cents freight. What they charge for ferrying across Atlin lake I did not learn, but from here to Bennett it will cost you ten cents, making about twenty cents for every pound of freight taken in there now.

Men are coming out from Dawson by the steamboat load every day, and Dawson is getting the black eye in good shape. I have seen quite a number of sick from Dawson, and have been told by men

just up from there that people are dying of fever at the rate of nine per day. There seems to be very little sickness here now. It is raining here most of the time.

A. OFFICER.

Skagway, Oct. 18.

Some Things Worth Remembering.

Remember to judge people by what they do, not by their sentiments—especially yourself.

Remember that you may have your best friends among those who disagree with you.

Remember that happiness, when it comes at all, usually comes to those who do not go in search of it.

Remember that there is nothing noble in being superior to some other man. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self.

Remember that in the struggle of life it is always possible to turn one kind of defeat into another kind of victory. Try it and see.

Remember that having fine sentiments is a poor substitute for being a man. Thoughts are gifts; but your life and your acts speak for you.

Remember that the true way to conquer prejudice is to live it down. Do not talk about it with others; do not talk about it to yourself.

Remember that to give up the struggle when it is in part over, because you cannot get the chance you want, may show that you deserve no chance at all. Take what chance you can get and fight it through.

Remember that prejudice hurts the one who cherishes it much more than the one against whom it is aimed.

Remember that it is brave to be in the minority. That is where the strong usually are. Weak natures like to hide behind a majority.

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