

CLONDYKE

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Ability of frozen streams for the winter, will be matters to convince those who will not heed until brought face to face with these obstacles. No person should go there with less than 44 to 54 pounds of provisions for each day he expects to remain in the country. The actual food supply for each person should amount to fully 1600 pounds. Highly carbonaceous food should predominate. Stimulants of alcoholic character should be avoided. One pound of tea is equal to seven pounds of coffee for drinking purposes. Abundance of cranberries may be procured, put in water and allowed to freeze. A chunk can be broken off and cooked. Blueberries are also abundant.

"The wildest dreams of gold finds have begun, as continued search will prove, but it is well to think of the darkness ahead of 60 per cent of those who go this fall. My advice is to wait until March, 1898, and more will be accomplished with half the trouble and a minimum of expense.

"Such unheard-of schemes were never brought to light as are now flaunted before the public. The idea of a floating hotel to winter in the vicinity of the Yukon's mouth or at St. Michaels could not possibly emanate from the brain of other than a town-lot boomer from the prairies of Kansas, who never read of sea ice, or felt the winter storms at St. Michaels. Some one should strive to build a wagon road over Dyea pass to the lakes. The Dominion government will gladly give consent for such an enterprise. Our own government should be asked to appropriate a sufficient sum for an immediate preliminary survey, and when the money is ready the work can progress throughout the winter and be finished by the end of April, 1898.

MUCH GOLD TO COME.

The rumor that the next steamer from St. Michaels will bring an enormous amount of gold has been given yet more color by a private letter from a Mr. Newhall, in San Francisco, to a friend in Portland. The letter states that one of the returning miners on the last steamer, who started later than the others from the diggings, asserts his knowledge of some \$3,000,000 in dust and nuggets, which will follow by the next boat.

WILL MAKE LAWS TO FIT.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 29.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, Dominion minister of the interior, wired here that it is not the intention of the Dominion government to make the mining laws of British Columbia applicable to the Yukon. Special regulations applying to that district, which have been carefully revised by Surveyor Ogilvie, will be administered by the staff on the ground. Further amendments to the regulation will be made, and will be completed as soon as possible. Miners will have to deal with the dominion officials stationed on the Yukon.

WHAT A "GRUBSTAKE" IS.

A surprisingly large number of miners have been "grubstaked" within the last week by victims of the Clondyke fever, who are eager to avail themselves of the new opportunity to acquire wealth, but who do not like to endure the hardships incident to a winter on the Yukon. As a rule these "grubstake" contracts are made on the quiet, there being evidently some reason why neither staker nor the staked want their plans made public. The agreements are usually drawn up in legal form, and are as exact and ironclad as a government contract. A prominent attorney, who has drawn up a number of them since the craze began, furnished a reporter with the following statement concerning them: "The contracts executed when parties are 'grubstaking' men for the Clondyke, in a general way provide that the first parties furnish a stated sum of money to be used in the purchase of supplies, tools, etc., and in the payment of the expenses of transportation to the mine; that the latter furnish his whole time, talents and labor to the joint venture, and that the first parties and the miner share in agreed proportions the profit of the enterprise, which, it is stipulated, shall include any mining claims, located, discovered, purchased or ob-

tained; any gold dust or gold mined, and any other thing of value.

"It is generally agreed that the money advanced shall be lost, if nothing is made, and that the miner shall lose his time and trouble. The duration of the agreement is not always stated. Sometimes it is for the next two years, sometimes for the next season. Much is left to the honor and integrity of the miner. If more than one person advanced funds, they share the profits according to the sums."

A TELEGRAPH LINE.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—The Clondyke is promised close communication with the rest of the world in a short time. At least a telegraph company has been incorporated which will get to work immediately, its promoters say, stringing the wires. Articles of incorporation of the Alaska Telegraph & Telephone Company have been filed with the county clerk of San Francisco. The directors of the new company are C. W. Wright, Theodore Reichert, D. E. Bohannon, J. W. Wright and J. Fassett. The capital stock of the organization is \$250,000 of which \$100,000 has been subscribed by the directors.

The proposition is to construct a telegraph line which will connect Dyea with Juneau, and Dawson with Circle City. The estimated length of the proposed line is 1000 miles.

The promoters of the enterprise expect to get to work laying the wires in three weeks, and have them laid six weeks later. The company does not intend to have any telegraphic communication south of Juneau unless some of the larger companies construct a line north from Puget Sound.

WARNED.

LONDON, July 29.—The colonial office has warned intending gold seekers that it will be useless to start for the Clondyke before spring, as the journey is possible only in the summer time.

DECLINE.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—Local capitalists who are endeavoring to secure options on mining claims in the Clondyke country are not meeting with much success among the miners now here. The men seem to realize they have a good thing in what they have and are not disposed to submit to modern forms of conveyance, even though not forced to sell until the value of the property is investigated.

A SHREWD SPECULATOR.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—By far the greatest exodus of gold seekers bound for the Alaskan fields, that has yet occurred from this city, was witnessed when the steamer Excelsior, chartered by the Alaska Commercial Co., left. This is the last of the company's fleet which will connect with the Yukon river steamers this season. One passenger who paid \$150 for a ticket sold it for \$1,500. She carries 110 passengers.

TEMPORARILY ABANDONED.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 29.—Colonel Randall, of the Eighth infantry, received a telegram from Washington stating that the expedition to Alaska has been temporarily abandoned. It has been discovered that many supplies necessary for such an undertaking as the one proposed are not on hand and much time and expense would be necessitated to send the soldiers to a country where the preservation of life depends on perfect equipment.

The part of Alaska mapped out to be visited is said to be rapidly freezing up, and after serious consideration of all these facts the trip has been pronounced injudicious at this time and postponed probably until spring.

FOR CLONDYKE.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 29.—The City of Topeka sailed for Juneau, yesterday, with 240 passengers, two-thirds of whom were miners headed for the Clondyke. Of this number 100 were San Francisco passengers. Forty miners sailed from Seattle, and other Sound towns completed the lists.

The Topeka only goes as far as Juneau, where a transfer will have to be made to one of the several small boats running to Dyea. No horses are taken by the Topeka, the miners expecting to purchase them at Juneau or Dyea.

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