

STUDIES IN THE KLONDIKE

H. M. Cadell Reviews Development of Rich Gold Fields in Alaska and Canada.

REGION HAS GREAT FUTURE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—In a recent publication of the Smithsonian Institution H. M. Cadell reports his studies and investigations of the Klondike and Yukon goldfields, including an interesting review of the early history of this district as well as a prophecy as to its future development.

Skagway Laid to Rest

On his trip of investigation, Mr. Cadell steamed up the coast from Vancouver, and through the Lynn canal, to Skagway which he terms the gateway to the Yukon, and describes as "a wretched little town with decayed wooden houses and grass-grown streets, the scene of many robberies, riots and murders at the time of the gold rush, which the police authorities had neither the power nor energy to control."

Bennett Is Deserted

At the head of Lake Bennett lies the deserted town of Bennett, where, at the time of the gold rush, there were lodged some 300 people in houses, huts and tents, but the only building now standing besides the railroad station is a wooden Presbyterian church, which shows that at least a few righteous men were among that sordid crowd.

Although great ice fields of the early ages swept the greater portion of North America, they missed the region of the Klondike, and consequently the gold producing deposits remained intact until the early prospectors discovered them.

Discovery of Gold in Klondike

Dawson City is situated on the alluvial flat where the Yukon is joined by the Klondike river, two tributaries of which are the famous Bonanza creek and Hunker creek. Although traces of gold were discovered in the Yukon valley in about 1880, it was twelve years later, in 1891, before it was found in the Big Salmon and in the Lewis, Kelly and Stewart rivers.

How Gold is Recovered

The various processes of recovering gold in this region fall under three main heads: 1. Hydraulic, by washing surface gravel with show and pan, or by sluicing with flume and sluice box; 2. Small parties, by working drift with mechanical scrapers and sluices; and 3. Capitalists, by dredging with powerful mechanical plants, hydraulic sluicing with monitors, or mining and stamping ore in mills.

eral methods of extracting gold from the frozen Klondike field, based upon his personal observations, and shows how man has changed the topography of this district, especially in the valleys; first the drift miners turned the gravel upside down, then the dredgers pried it all over again and threw it into great ridges of stone with mud banks between, and, finally, where there were white gravels on the high ground, the hydraulic "giants" washed them down into great fan-shaped cones, sometimes reaching across the entire valley, completely burying all below, damming up gulches and producing new lakes.

The vast territory of the Yukon district is imperfectly explored, and although

it is far north, the climate in summer is warm and favorable for agriculture and grazing. Exploration is now readily effected from Dawson, and Mr. Cadell hopes that fresh enterprise will reveal new resources that will lead to the permanent settlement of this remote and almost uninhabited outpost.

RED SQUIRREL IS KILLED BY A PASSING AUTOMOBILE

The dead body of a squirrel in the roadway at Farnam and Thirty-second streets yesterday was a reminder of an unusual auto accident, by which the animal had been caught under the wheels of a passing machine.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

Fort is to Attend Reunion of the Old Time Railroaders

En route east from ten days spent on the Pacific coast, most of the time in San Francisco, Gerrit Fort, passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific, is in town. From here Mr. Fort goes to Cedar Rapids, Ia., where Friday and Saturday he will attend a reunion of the old time employes of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad, long since absorbed by the Rock Island.

Saturday night with a banquet. When he quit the road, twenty-eight years ago, he was a clerk in the office of the superintendent.

As to conditions on the Pacific coast, Mr. Fort has this to say: "The exposition at San Francisco has been a wonderful success and the attendance is holding up well. People from the east continue to pour into California and residents of the state are now visiting the exposition in large numbers. The finances of the corporation are in good condition and all of the debts have been taken care of. Indications point to a successful closing of the big show and with the balance on the right side of the ledger."

STUDENT AT UNI OF OMAHA IS CALLED BY DEATH

Word was received Wednesday afternoon of the death of Miss Gladys Banghart of Manuoketa, Ia. Miss Banghart was a freshman at the University of Omaha and toward the close of the school season suffered a nervous breakdown from overstudy. Her condition improved somewhat and it was thought that she would be able to resume her studies this semester, but other complications set in which resulted in her death.

popular students in school. She was secretary of her class and connected with the "Gateway," the school publication. She ranked as one of the best students, and it was while trying to maintain her high standard that she broke down. A number of floral decorations were forwarded to her home by her former classmates. Miss Banghart was the sister of Mrs. R. B. Grant, an instructor in oratory at the University of Omaha.

ADAM BEDE STOPS OFF FOR A DAY IN OMAHA

Former Congressman J. Adam Bede of Duluth was in Omaha during the day on his way to Carroll, Ia. Just now he is engaged in promoting some irrigating and projects in Montana, but he is as full of political enthusiasm as ever.

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