

IDEAL COUNTRY FOR MINING

Hamlin Garland's Account of the New Atlin Gold Field.

VERY RICH, BUT HARD TO REACH

Located in an Unexplored Region, with a Pleasant Climate—Bench and Quartz Finds, as Well as Placers.

SKAGWAY, Sept. 16, 1898.—The course of Yukon travel appears to be shifting. The source of this great river, and not its mouth, seems likely soon to be the principal port of entry. Bennett lake, Tagish and Atlin are all connected and form one irregular body of water much more extensive than any printed map shows.

How the Rush Began. The spring rush to Bennett had fallen off

glaciers and over unexplored swamps. Every conceivable folly was manifested. Scarcely one man in ten of all this host could properly pan a shovelful of dirt, and not a few of them were the ner-do-wells of the country.

Location of the New Fields. The strike was in a region little known to the boatmen of the lakes. Pine creek lies far east of the Yukon travel. No one knew how extensive Tagish water was and Atlin lake in a still more completely unexplored region to the east.

But when Tagish water reached the shore, it was an inch by inch struggle with the strong and lusty waves against a head wind. It was the work of days to drive the boat up the seventy or eighty miles of water between Caribou Crossing and the Taku arm of Tagish.

All this sailing and rowing was on one of the most superb and splendid inland waters in America. Far to the south the lofty glaciers of the savage coast range shone like

benches high above Pine creek. This would seem to indicate that the placers were due to quite other causes than the flow of this meager stream. If this should turn out to be true then an immense placer field requiring extensive systems of hydraulic mining will be opened next year.

Trails and Water Routes. The route likely to be most traveled, however, is by line of Bennett and Tagish, for it is possible to line a boat through Atlin river, a strong water river which connects Atlin lake with the Taku arm of Tagish lake.

At night in the camps men sat grumbling and swearing about their camp fires. Almost every party was in a bad humor. There was always some enthusiastic individual who had made a "find" or had seen some one else who had. This man was set upon, ridiculed, abused or upheld according to the temperamental difference of his hearers.

Gradually the camp thinned out. The faint-hearted ones who had not the courage or the skill to go dig and sweat for gold sailed away. Others went out upon their claims to build cabins and lay sluice boxes. Others still busied themselves with packing their goods up the trail or scoured the country for new indications.

Slowly the voices of the men who meant business began to predominate. They were cheerful and confident; moving about quietly they began to buy more tools and provisions. To their friends they showed gold—not much, but enough to demonstrate that there was a real basis for their hope.

Bench and Quartz Finds. An old man was digging on a ridge just above Discovery. The passerby had his jests, "Hello, uncle, what are you doing up there, diggin' your grave?"

And then the last day of August came the news of the discovery of the quartz beds, for which the experienced miners had been searching from the moment of landing. Of these discoveries little can be said as yet.

The Beauties of Atlin. The weather was very beautiful, like middle September in northern Iowa. The vivid blue sky was filled with masses of fleecy clouds, and over the hills and about the mountains long clouds of smoke streamed like graceful drapery.

Errors of the Trail. To return from this on the trail to the Chilkoop pass is like entering upon a landscape in hell delineated by Dore. All day I faced the roaring wind filled with rain, all day I climbed, slipping, balancing, descending, wading streams, climbing logs, hur-

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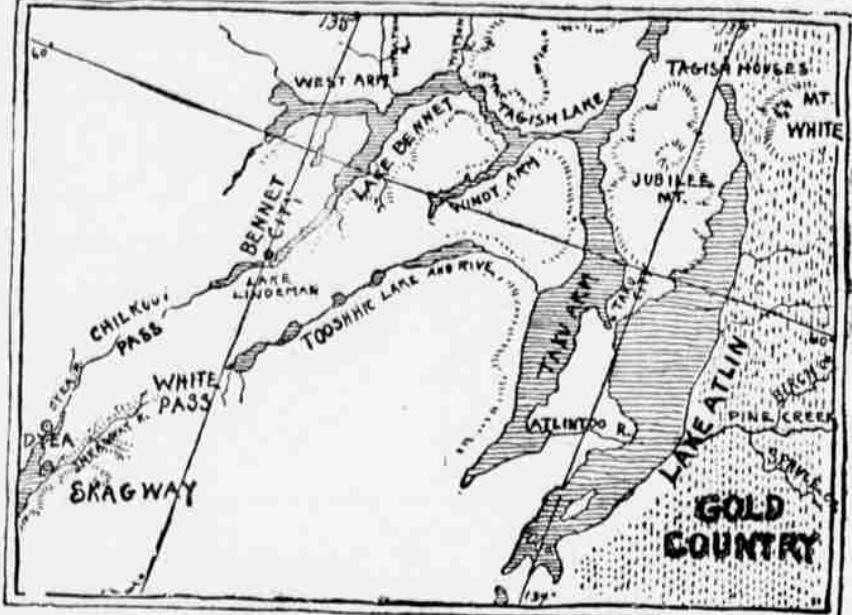
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MAP OF ATLIN GOLD FIELD.

to a quiet and sleepy trade, when, one August morning, the news of a strike near by filled the town again with hordes of gold-seekers from Juneau, Skagway and Taya.

As early as 1892 a man by the name of Miller had discovered good colors on an unknown stream running into Atlin lake from the southeast. He returned to Juneau after making a visit to the lower Yukon, but did nothing further with the Atlin prospect, except to talk about it to his friends.

Early in the present year a party of young men came into possession of one of these maps and set forth in the determination to find the creek and the placer. They crossed Atlin lake and began to prospect the stream, which is now called Pine creek. As they made their way up the valley they came upon Miller at work.

Major Strickland, the commissioner of the upper Yukon, also believed the mines to be in Northwest Territory and made record of the claims. He afterwards visited Pine creek and the claimants staked in accordance with Northwest Territory laws, reserving ten claims for the queen and claiming 250 feet each.

Not Like Klondike Country. This thing is certain, the whole region is utterly different in contour and formation from the coast range. It appears dryer and much more alluvial. Its peaks resemble those of Montana and Colorado.

Boils

Capt. W. H. Dunlap, Chattanooga, Tenn., says: "Several years ago boils appeared upon me to an alarming extent, causing me great trouble and pain. Physicians' treatment did not seem to avail, and finally I decided to give S. S. S. a trial. I improved at once, and after taking six bottles, the boils and carbuncles disappeared entirely."

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rying by the rotting carcasses of murdered horses. Mud was everywhere, greasy, treacherous, slimy. About me was a weird half-light, walled by formless gray clouds, out of which the rain fell in slashes. The mist set the imagination free. The pinnacles were like those which top the enormous walls of the Black canyon of the Gunnison.

William Smith O'Brien, the leader of the National party of Ireland, who was transported in 1849, had none of the gifts which attract the multitude, relates Youth's Companion.

But his character and his well-poised head put him at the head of the Nationalists, whose purpose was to secure the independence of Ireland.

Ex-Governor Prector Knott and a distinguished professional gentleman of Danville were discussing the claims of Sampson and Schley to the credit of smashing Cervara at Santiago, relates the Louisville Times.

The boy had the rabbit. I promptly took it away from him, claiming that it belonged to me because I had told him to catch him if he came out. "That was over fifty years ago, and you are the first man who has ever agreed with me that the rabbit was mine. I feel now that I was right in taking it and my conscience is at rest."

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