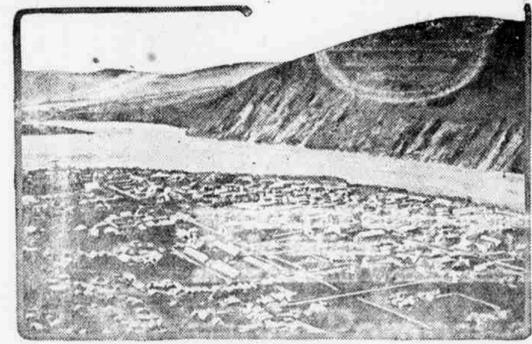


# Klondike and Yukon Today

**T**HE world will go gold-hunting until the last yellow nugget is extracted from the earth. Naturally the Klondike and Yukon goldfields, as the latest to be opened, will attract the would-be pioneers of the present, and romantic stories coming out of the great Alaskan forests and mountains will stir the blood of the adventurous until the whole region has become commercialized. In a recent publication of the Smithsonian, H. C. Cadell reports his studies and investigations in the Klondike and the Yukon and presents a picture of conditions in these famous fields which the man with the gold fever will do well to see.

The name Klondike was once in every mouth, and late in the nineteenth century it nearly became a synonym for all that was rich and prosperous. But of late it has not been so common, its early bloom having faded away. The sensational pockets of fine placer gold, which attracted hordes of hardy adventurers from every quarter, now are nearly depleted, and no new ones have been discovered to maintain its earlier reputation. But while this part of the Yukon district can no longer be called a poor man's goldfield, it still contains a considerable quantity of alluvial gold which can be secured by the application of capital and brains. It remains a region well worth visiting, for besides the gold it has other possibilities of development. There are many points of geographic and scientific interest; in this remote and imperfectly explored northwestern corner of the British empire there are numerous problems awaiting the discussion and investigation of the geologist and the geographer of the years to come.

**Skagway Now a Wretched Spot.**  
On his trip of investigation Mr. Cadell steamed up the coast from Van-



GENERAL VIEW OF DAWSON

couver, 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. Skagway is not, and can never be, of much use to the United States except as an obstruction to Canadian progress, but might be of some advantage to the vast Canadian hinterland less than twenty miles inland."

Skagway is surrounded on three sides by a plateau of steep and rugged mountains through which two trails lead to the north over the White Horse and the Chilkoot passes, up whose wild and difficult ravines thousands of fortune-seekers trekked and struggled with their heavy packs, tools and tents in the mad rush to the expected El Dorado over five hundred miles away. Soon after the gold was found in quantities a mountain railroad was built up the White pass from Skagway to the summit and on to Lake Bennett, a distance of 40 miles, traversing a wild and ice-corned plateau of gigantic proportions, strewn with moraines, sprinkled over with lakes and inclosed by snowy peaks 5,000 to 6,000 feet in height.

At the head of Lake Bennett lies the deserted town of Bennett, where, at the time of the gold rush, there were lodged some five thousand people in houses, huts and tents. The only building now standing beside the railroad station is a wooden Presbyterian church—which shows that at least a few righteous men were among that sordid crowd. It was here that the first prospectors and miners got into boats and canoes and navigated their frail craft through lakes and rapids for the remaining 531 miles of their venturesome journey to Dawson City. The last stretch of the railroad from Skagway runs along Lake Bennett to White Horse, a safe navigation above Lake Laberge, where a few miles above the Lewes river to Dawson begins.

**Dawson City the Center.**  
Although the 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. The Yukon goldfield is confined mainly to the vicinity of Dawson City, although small quantities of gold can be found has dwindled down to less than two thousand people.

**Three Ways of Getting Gold.**  
The various processes of recovering gold in this region fall under three main heads—Individuals, by washing surface gravels with shovel and pan, or by sluicing with flume and sluice box; small parties, by working drift with mechanical scrapers and sluices, or drift-mining in shafts and sluicing, and capitalists, by dredging with powerful mechanical plants, hydraulic sluicing with monitors, or mining and stamping ore in mills. The first class includes "poor men's diggings" and the second requires more financial resources and mechanical ability, but a successful man in the first may be-

## GOOD ROADS

ROADS MUST BE MAINTAINED

No Phase of Public Thoroughfare Problem of More Importance—Keep Surface Well Drained.

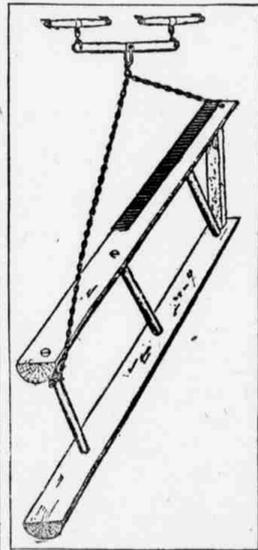
There is no phase of the road problem more important than that of maintenance. The general impression that there are certain types of roads that are permanent is erroneous. No permanent road has ever been constructed or ever will be. The only things about a road that may be considered permanent are the grading, culverts and bridges. Roads constructed by the most skillful highway engineers will soon be destroyed by the traffic, frost, rain and wind, unless they are properly maintained. But the life of these roads may be prolonged by systematic maintenance. A poor road will not only be improved by proper maintenance, but may become better in time than a good road without it.

The first and final commandment in earth road maintenance is to keep the surface well drained. To insure good drainage the ditches should be kept open, all obstructions removed and a smooth crown maintained. Except for very stony soil, the road machine or scraper may be used very effectively for this work. The machine should be used once or twice a year, and the work should be done when the soil is damp, so that it will pack and bake into a hard crust. Wide and shallow side ditches should be maintained, with sufficient fall and capacity to dispose of surface water. These ditches can in most cases be constructed and repaired with a road machine.

All vegetable matter such as sods and weeds should be kept out of the road, as they make a spongy surface which retains moisture. Clods are also objectionable, for they soon turn to dust or mud, and for that reason roads should never be worked when dry or hard. Bowlders or loose stones are equally objectionable if a smooth surface is to be secured.

A split-log drag or some similar device is very useful in maintaining the surface of a gravel road. This drag can also be used to advantage on a gravel road as well as on an earth road. The principle involved in dragging is that clays and most heavy soils will puddle when wet and set very hard when dry. The little attention that the earth road needs must be given promptly and at the proper time if the best results are to be obtained. In dragging roads only a small amount of earth is moved, but enough to fill the ruts and depressions with a thin layer of plastic clay or earth which packs very hard, so that the next rain, instead of finding ruts, depressions and clods in which to collect, runs off, leaving the surface but little affected.

The drag should be light and should be drawn over the road at an angle of about 45 degrees. The driver should ride on the drag and should not drive



King Road Drag.

faster than a walk. One round trip, each trip studding a wheel track, is usually sufficient to fill the ruts and smooth the surface. If necessary the road should be dragged after every bad spell of weather, when the soil is in proper condition to puddle well and still not adhere to the drag. If the road is very bad it may be dragged when very wet and again when it begins to dry out.

**Crown of Earth Road.**

The slope or crown of an earth road should be about one inch to the foot. If the crown becomes too high it may be reduced by dragging toward the ditch instead of from it. If the drag cuts too much, shorten the hitch and change your position on the drag. If it is necessary to protect the face of the drag with a strip of iron, it should be placed flush with the edge of the drag and not projecting. A cutting edge should be avoided, as the main object in dragging is to smear the damp soil into position.

**What Every Woman Should Know.**

A woman is not expected to know much about Russian history or the intricate workings of the Austrian empire, but every husband expects his wife to know right off the bat where he threw his dress tie the last time he took it off.—Detroit Free Press.

**Loafing—Work—for Some.**

Sometimes, in our less optimistic moods, we wonder if a holiday isn't inserted to remind us how easy work is.—Milwaukee Journal.

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**Cheap Frozen Meat.**  
Frozen meat can be shipped from New South Wales to Europe or America for 2½ cents a pound. This charge also includes freezing, packing, insurance and exchange.

**Absolutely Convincing.**  
There is nothing quite so convincing to disinherit heirs, or the insanity of a wealthy relative, as the bequeathing of the whole estate to charity.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

**Bite of Scorpions.**  
The bite of a scorpion less than two inches in length is no more irritating than a bee sting. Large scorpions may carry a dose of poison capable of producing a good deal of local irritation and causing some disturbance of the system. Strong soda water should be applied locally. Aromatic spirits of ammonia may be given internally if the face is pale.

**Daily Thought.**  
To talk in public, to think in solitude, to read, and to hear, to inquire and answer inquiries, is the business of a scholar.—Johnson.

**Plenty Left.**  
According to the scientists there are 19,000 varieties of fish in the world, and it is evident that the supply is not going to fall in spite of the fact that voracious anglers are continually catching all the big ones of the various species.—El Paso Times.

**Peculiar Pleasure Palace.**  
"That is the most unique motion picture theater I know of anywhere," said old P. G. Pester, indicating a weather-beaten, ramshackle rattletrap of a structure, that looked as if it might tumble down in its own dust at any moment. "Although it is in the last stages of dilapidation and decay, its patrons are still there."

All comets so far observed have originated in the solar system, according to investigations carried out by Prof. Elis Stromgren, director of the Copenhagen observatory. The plan of research involved the backward computation of planetary perturbations.

**Safety Pin an Old Idea.**  
Queen Victoria's reputed invention of the safety pin has been exploded by the recent discovery on the island of Crete of one supposed to have been made at least 900 years B. C. This gives it the safety first honors.

**French Army Corps.**  
A French army corps made up of 24 battalions of rather over 1,000 men each. These are sectioned into eight regiments, each of three battalions, and these again are formed into four brigades, two of which compose a division.

**Concentration.**  
It is concentration that counts. The flame of a candle applied direct is more uncomfortable than the diffused heat of a blast furnace.—Selected.

**Original Forms of Life.**  
It is believed that the original forms of life began in the ocean many million years ago, and at no time since has life there ceased. Many of the earliest forms are now extinct; others have gradually increased in number and variety from their beginning to the present time. How long ago life began no one has definitely determined; but it is known to have been many million years ago, for the remains of extinct animals and plants are found in the oldest sedimentary rocks.

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## DAIRY



### PICKED UP IN THE COWYARD

Kindness Is Relished by Stock More Than Most Succulent Feed—Salt Is Absolutely Essential.

It is expensive to let a cow fall in her milk because of the lack of proper feed.

In feeding a milk cow a corn ration, reduce the ration at first indication of fattening.

In keeping cows never be without clover. It is one of the foods essential to good dairying.

Better run a dairy without a dog than have one that is irritable to the cows. Many kicking cows are caused by the dogs nipping at their heels.

Kindness is one of the cheapest and best ration you can feed your stock.



Jersey Cattle on Pasture.

They relish it more than the most succulent thing you can put before them.

Unless you are willing to give time and attention to valuable stock, don't be too anxious to acquire such. Remember, however, that any animal must have rational treatment to give good results.

While fodder, when given out of doors, should be fed in feed racks and not on the ground, it is imperative for the ground surrounding the racks to slope away in all directions and often it would be better still if tile drained. To keep a bull good-natured he should be raised with the other stock, allowed to run in a paddock where he can see the rest of the herd. With this treatment he will seldom become cross.

Do you keep plenty of salt where your live stock can get at it all the time? Remember that this is absolutely essential to good health in a horse, cow, hog or sheep, as in a human being.

What kind of water do your milk cows drink? Remember that a big proportion of the water they drink is converted into milk, and therefore ought to be wholesome.

The best milking pail is the one so constructed as to reduce to a minimum the amount of dirt falling into the milk during the process of milking. The small top pail may have some objections, but its advantages are so in evidence that it is rapidly being adopted by our most prominent dairymen.

### IMPROVING THE DAIRY STOCK

Ten Commandments Laid Down by University of Wisconsin Experts—Discard Unprofitable Animals.

Professor Humphrey of the University of Wisconsin gives the following ten commandments for better dairy stock:

1. Treat cows gently and avoid excitement.
2. Be regular in time of milking.
3. Keep stables clean, well-lighted and ventilated.
4. Weigh the milk of each cow at milking time.
5. Get your neighbor to share with you in owning a Babcock milk tester, and test the product of each cow.
6. Discard the animals which have failed at the end of the year to pay for their keep.
7. Breed your cows to a purebred, registered dairy bull from a family having large and profitable production of butterfat.
8. Raise well the heifer calves from cows, which for one or more generations have made large and profitable production of milk and butterfat.
9. Breed heifers to drop their first calves at twenty-four to thirty months of age. Give cows six to eight weeks' rest between lactation periods.
10. Join a dairy cattle breeders' association. It will help you keep posted and in touch with the best and most modern ways of managing your dairy herd.

### Investigate the Pasture.

When a cow turned out to pasture does not give as much milk as you expected, do not blame the cow without investigating. Sometimes it is the fault of the pasture.

### Keep Herd Record Sheet.

Keep track of the profitable cows by keeping a record sheet for your herd. Record the daily feed and production and occasionally have the milk tested for butterfat.

### Satisfactory Dairy Returns.

Good care of good cows, a properly balanced ration, including liberal use of corn stlage and comfortable quarters, insure satisfactory returns.

### Factory to Utilize Tin Scraps.

Baltimore has a factory to utilize tin scraps.

### Fire Extinguisher.

A bottle containing the following mixture should be kept at hand in case of fire. Three pounds of salt are dissolved in a gallon of water and to this is added a pound and a half of sal ammoniac. This poured on the beginning of the flame will extinguish it.

## TURNING THE TABLES

By GEORGE E. COBB

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James Rose was "a gray-haired old reprobate!" He did not believe it himself, but his wife had called him so that very morning. She was forcible, often convincing, and he rubbed his head dubiously as he wondered if, after all, she might not be right.

"I haven't amounted to much, that's a fact," ruminated Rose, "but 'reprobate!' She don't mean that. She's in one of her tantrums and says anything that comes to her mind when she's cross."

Cranky, diabolical would have best suited the case, for Mrs. Rose was possessed of a veritable demon that especial morning. She almost recognized the fact herself, but felt that she had due provocation for being irritated and snappy. Rose had let a loose package of tobacco fall all over a rug just swept clean. He had stumbled over leaving the kitchen and had tipped a platter to fragments. "Done on purpose!" she had declared, and then she had "let loose at him" in her characteristic way.

Mr. Rose started for town to get the mail, trying to devise some plan whereby he could get Mahala down to a fairly rational average as to temper and outbreaks. When he got to the post office, besides the weekly newspaper, there was a letter. He studied the superscription and postmark.

"From Henry—well!" he soliloquized, and wondered that it was addressed to himself. Mrs. Rose considered it a gross infringement on her privileges for any of her family to direct their missives to anybody but herself. Mr. Rose wondered no longer as he opened the letter.

It informed that Henry, who had been absent from home for nearly two years in the city, had taken a wife to himself. By rare good luck the firm

had decided to have him establish a branch of his business at Dunham. His plan was to come on within a week. He and his wife would like to spend a month or two at the old home, while they looked around for permanent quarters for themselves.

Why Henry wrote to his father was that, in addition to the letter, he inclosed a written slip for his own reading only. It ran:

"You know how queer mother is. She never liked it when Nell got married. My wife is a lovable timid little thing, and if mother should 'begin on her,' I believe it would break her dear little heart. Sort of feel around and see if mother is likely to get offish. If so, we will change our plans."

"H'm!" commented Rose thoughtfully—"H'm!"

He did not go directly home. Instead, he meandered on till he came to a secluded pasture lot, where he sat down on a tree stump to meditate.

Yes, Henry had it right. His mother's habitual prejudices and whims were well worth considering at the outset of a wedded career. All Rose had to think about to substantiate this fact was the marriage of their daughter, Nell, five years before. She and her husband had remained at the old homestead for a month. It was a bitter period for Nell's husband. Mrs. Rose made it a point to instruct the new husband "in the way he should go." When he took her injunctions pleasantly she fancied he was deriding her. When he got serious, she imagined he was pugnacious, and tried to egg him on to an open quarrel.

The result was that, after Nell and he had got settled in their own home, he rarely went to visit the old folks, and the relations of the two families had been quite strained ever since.

Mrs. Rose had made "this outstanding treatment" a bone of contention. She had caught her husband sneaking some bouquets to Nell and her husband. In her autocratic way she had taken the flowers away from him.

"No overtures, James," she had decided, "until that rebellious husband of Nell's shows the right respect for us old folks," and Rose was mum and docile, knowing that he dared not resent the strong will of his resolute helpmeet.

"By heck, I'll do it!"

Up from the tree stump with remarkable activity Rose leaped. His eyes danced, his face flushed, he pounded the air with both fists. He danced about in a state of tremendous excitement.

Then he laughed. Then his face grew serious as he grappled with a mighty problem. He straightened up, practicing dignity, sternness, indifference, silent rage. He stalked home with a new bearing. He burst in upon his wife with a chilling, austere bearing.

"Mahala," he observed, "read that letter."

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