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Letter no. 3

Telegraph Creek

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Well I didn't get to send the letter but hope to send it in the morning. We arrived here all right but at present the trail is impassible ahead and we will be here a week or two, then we will go to Dees Lake. The trip from below Glenora to here was the toughest proposition we had. One of the Patterson boys got sick & the Dr. staid with him in Glenora. That left 3 to handle the outfit & we had four portages and terrible trail. The ice was very unsafe and we were in danger of dropping in most any time but had very good luck and got through nicely but we worked. The river is opening very fast now and I suppose steamers will be running in three weeks. Glenora is a very small town with nothing in it, probably 12 houses, there are a number being built now, a brewery, 7 saloons and a few houses of gilt fame. Telegraph has twice as many log houses, two stores, with very limited stock and immense prices, but are very accomodating people. McKinzie & Man are working on a trail from here to Teslin and at the rate they are going they will get it done about 1900. I hear the Rail Road scheme has fallen through, its just as well because they couldn't build the road in 5 yrs.

I went to church this evening. They held it the store and the preacher's favorite position was leaning on the bar, very natural position it looked. There are plenty of sky pilots up here and they get in at every chance, one held service in our tent one Sunday eve. I am feeling fine have gained 10 lbs. and can't button my vest. This morning was very pleasant, just like a May morning in the states there are a few flowers in bloom along here, the snow is all off. Where we are camped there are lots of wild strawberry plants and it looks like there would be fruit in a month. I was out hunting yesterday and only got 2 squirrels, I may go out tomorrow with an indian after moose. Indians bring in moose and cariboo quite often.

We saw the two men that were murdered about 15 min. after they were found, they caught the man that did it & he has confessed, his trial will come off as soon as the boats run as a judge will be sent up. The man is waiting for the letter & I must close love to all, as ever.

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