



Reminisce News

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The Gold Rush

On August 16, 1896, prospector George Carmack and his family were looking for gold along Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Canada's Yukon Territory. Gold was discovered in vast quantities, and Carmack immediately filed claims to mine the land. Word of the find quickly spread, and by the end of August, the length of the entire creek had been claimed by gold miners. Not even winter could stop the miners, and prospectors raced by dog sled to the Klondike and the newly renamed Bonanza Creek.

It wasn't until July of 1897 that the first shipments of Klondike gold arrived in the cities of Seattle and San Francisco. The gold shipments were valued at \$1.13 million. (That's over one billion of today's dollars!) Word of the gold spread like wildfire, and soon prospectors from all over the world were flooding the West Coast and preparing for the journey north. A great economic boom hit cities like Seattle and San Francisco, which birthed outfitting and supply industries for the prospectors.

It is estimated that 100,000 people attempted the trip into the Klondike between the summers of 1897 and 1898. Many gold-seekers had no experience whatsoever in mining or prospecting. Mass resignations occurred across the country as people left their livelihoods behind to search for riches. Even Seattle's mayor left his post to try his luck. Of the 100,000 aspiring gold miners, only 30,000 eventually made it to the Klondike.

Travel to the Yukon proved treacherous thanks to mountainous terrain and unpredictable weather. The Canadian government issued strict food and equipment requirements for prospectors in an attempt to prevent death from exposure and starvation. Of the 30,000 who made it to the Yukon, only 4,000 struck gold. And of these 4,000, only a few hundred became rich. By the summer of 1898, the word *Klondike* was spoken with scorn. As rumors of gold found in other northern locales spread, the Klondike was abandoned, and the gold rush was over.





SUMMER





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Its that time again, school starts back in a few weeks. It seems like summer has flown by quickly. The residents wanted to share their advice on going back to school.

Residents

Be a Kind Human – Jequita

Diane B. 08/18

At recess play with the child that is alone - Kathy

Ivalee T. 08/28

Share your lunch with someone who doesn't have any lunch - Sari

Staff

Don't be a bully- Jean

Do your homework- Donna

Kasey D. 08/23

Don't make fun of people -Liz

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you - James

