

Elmer talks about the river traffic and how it is growing (canoists mostly). At high water you can travel 12 miles per hour. Used to be the major trading route. Two boats sank at the Rink Rapids.

Elmer came to Dawson and got job working on the boats and the dredges. Cooked, too. One place he worked the owner was a booze fighter and he left a note during one bout with the bottle that his body would be found in the bottom of the Klondike River but he returned for a worse fate. Elmer said he ended up being tried for murder of a Dawson man. "He was a hop head, too, I'm sure of that," Elmer said, "but he was a good cook." He got the death penalty and was hung...the last one hung in Dawson. Invitations were sent out to the hangings. Elmer thinks the date was 1935 that this cook was hung.