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Synopsis

Gold was first discovered in the Klondike, Yukon Territory in 1896 with the storied stampede occurring in the years 1897-98 and production peaking in the year 1903. In 1899 gold was then discovered in the Nome area of Alaska. Ever optimistic prospectors and would-be tycoons from all parts of the world embarked from primarily Seattle, Wasington seeking their fortunes in the northern wilderness during the period 1896 through the early 1900's.

This two frame exhibit tells the story of the amazing Yukon-Alaska gold rush experience through a collection United States and Candian postage and revenue stamps, foreign and domestic postal history covers from prospectors, gold mining company stock certificates, court document filings, Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition (1909) memorabilia and philatelic material from companies (e.g. newspapers and railroads) associated with the gold rushes.