

FIRE AGAIN ON THE WATER FRONT.

A Canvas Structure Burns Up Three More Buildings.

And the Council Passes an Ordinance Forbidding the Erection of Any More Tent Top Stores—Roast Moose by the Side.

The fire again visited the water front on Thursday morning, this time taking four buildings just west of the Klondike bridge. The fire started in John Lyons second-hand merchandise store, which had a canvas roof, which is supposed to have caught from the stovepipe. No one was present just at the time, and though more or less goods were removed before the flames involved them, the loss was quite heavy for so small a building, being something like \$5,000. The next building south was occupied by the Minneapolis meat market, John Hogan proprietor, and contained nearly a hundred quarters of moose, besides caribou and beef. Before the meat could be moved some of it was badly scorched and rendered unfit for human consumption. The two buildings north of Lyons were occupied as a freight office and a boarding house, the total loss being between \$8,000 and \$12,000, as prices go.

The fire boys turned out with chemicals and hook and ladder truck, but pails were used as the river was quite convenient, and a bath of chemical would have done the meat no good. An accident was brought about by the awkward handling of a pike pole by one of the boys. He brought it down with a resounding "whack" across Chief Fletcher's nose, with the result that his beauty is not one of his remarkable traits just at present.

In this connection it may be stated that a fire ordinance has been passed forbidding the construction of canvas structures west of Third avenue, and directing that all which are now to be found must be removed by May 1.

Imprisonment for Debt.

The right of a magistrate to impose a sentence of imprisonment for wage debts, under the English Master and Servant act, which has been a common practice in the Dawson justice courts—has been, it is believed, endorsed by the supreme court. Judge Dugas, some days ago, observed from the bench that unless some competent authority were shown to the contrary, he would hold that convictions under the Master and Servant act could not be attended by imprisonment, and in respect thereto Justice Harper deferred judgment on pending cases and postponed the trial of others. On Wednesday, however, he again turned out a batch of judgments, attached to which were sentences of imprisonment, in case of default in judgment, and it is said that his action was based on an approving statement from Judge Dugas. It is expected that a dictum on the subject will be forthcoming in a few days as a test case is now pending in the supreme court.

The judgments rendered by Justice Harper on Wednesday were all in cases of actions for wages and are as follows:

- Marquardt vs. Iverson: Judgment for \$200 with costs, to be paid by May 1st. In case of default, levy by distress; in default of distress, 30 days imprisonment with hard labor.
S. Z. Brown vs. A. H. Morrison: Judgment for \$203 with costs, to be paid by April 15th. In default, levy by distress; in default of distress, 30 days imprisonment with hard labor.
W. E. Leindley vs. Boyle & Slavin: Judgment for \$375.50 with costs, to be paid by April 15th. In case of default, levy by distress. In default of distress, 30 days imprisonment with hard labor.
William McCormick vs. E. Leroy Pelletier: Judgment for \$342.30 with costs, to be paid by April 15th. In default of payment, levy by distress; in default of distress, 30 days imprisonment with hard labor.
David Atkins vs. E. Leroy Pelletier: Judgment for \$115 with costs, to be paid by April 15th. In case of default, levy by distress; in default of distress, 14 days imprisonment with hard labor.
William Mainville vs. E. Leroy Pelletier: Judgment for \$368.75 with costs, to be paid by April 15th. In default of judgment, levy by distress, in default of distress, 30 days imprisonment with hard labor.
John A. Cameron vs. Joseph Gattlin and Charles Vary: Judgment for \$77 with costs, to be paid by April 15th. In default of judgment, levy by distress; in default of distress, 14 days imprisonment with hard labor.
Miss Belle Murphy vs. M. S. Monroe: Judgment for \$25 with costs, to be paid by April 15th. In default of judgment, levy by distress; in default of distress, 20 days imprisonment with hard labor.
Margery Decker vs. Dr. Svendsgaard: Judgment reserved.

Back From the States.

This week saw the arrival from the outside of several well known sour doughs, including Charles Anderson, John Lee, J. R. Nixon and Mr. Williams. The first named became one of the best known of early Klondikers by reason of having, as the story goes, been made a victim of two sharpers at Forty-Mile, who sold him No. 29 Eldorado for \$500, while he was in a condition of innocuous desuetude. The next day Charlie tried to recover his money, but he failed, and now he is glad of it, for 29 is one of the richest claims on Eldorado, and he is rated among the millionaires. He is also a half owner with Mr. Dee in No. 32. While on the outside Mr. Anderson purchased a country seat fifteen miles north of San Francisco and three miles from San Rafael, for which he paid \$19,000. Charlie is still a heart free batchelor, but with such attractive incumbencies as attach to

him now, he has become too good a "catch" to escape the pitfalls which Cupid will dig in his pathway. Messrs. Anderson and Lee are guests of the Klondike hotel.

Mr. Nixon, who is also well known here, had a very unpleasant experience while coming in. He had arrived down as far as Tagish post when he experienced a stroke of paralysis, and was laid up in a helpless condition. He was taken back over the ice to Skagway and sailed thence to Seattle, where he put himself in the care of a physician with such success that he experienced a complete recovery, and was soon able to resume his trip in.

Misses Myrtle Drummond and Anna Merrill and John Eulaad arrived from the outside Tuesday afternoon and are quartered at the Klondike hotel. The girls are no cheechacos, by the way; they were at Circle City before the discovery of the Klondike, and are widely known among the sour doughs.

Claim They Were "Done."

Frank Zikmund has a grievance against the American consul, as he claims that that gentleman is entirely to blame that he, Zikmund, is in a strange land today and penniless. Zikmund came in chief engineer on the Pingree on Sept. 26, under contract at a stipulated wage and transportation back to civilization at the close of the contract. At Dawson the men were paid off and disbanded, Zikmund claiming to be short not only in his transportation but also \$150 in cash. Zikmund and the other sailors went to the consul and reported that they were being offered less than was coming to them, and claim that they were advised to take what was offered as it would in no way interfere with their rights in the collection of the balance. Then they claim he quietly told them their rights were forfeited when they accepted part of their pay.

Our Growing Population.

Reports received by Col. Steele, of the N. W. M. P., from the post at Tagish, show that the population of the Klondike is gradually increasing, about 500 persons having gone out during the months of February and March and fully 700 arrived in. The colonel says the rule requiring a person to have a sufficient outfit of money to last a year is being rigidly enforced and that only one exception was allowed during the winter. In that case a man was allowed to come in on the representation that he was the employe of another and was to be provided with an outfit here. After arrival here the two men had a disagreement, the employe complained that the other had not outfitted him, as agreed, and the police compelled the other to "dig up" for a year's outfit.

Married.

On the 25th St. Paul's church witnessed the interesting marriage ceremony of the Church of England. Bishop Bumpass officiated and securely tied the knot which makes J. G. Enstley and Mary Kanuson one for life. The affair was quietly conducted, only the witnesses, Fred Spencer and Mrs. Vigles, being present.

The pair have known each other on the outside for several years, but it took the hardships of a year on the Klondike to convince them that a divided burden is lightest. Here's to you, Mr. and Mrs. Enstley.

Inquiries.

Information is wanted of Edwin Ralph Bortennis, whose Cincinnati home has not heard of him in a year. Address, F. Pielow, post office.
The town station of the N. W. M. P. is inquiring for Frederick Randolph Hoehner, Richard Thorpe and Martin Kelly.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

"Rody" Connors was afforded opportunity to disprove the charge of George McCord that he had unlawfully disposed of the latter's cabin at Grand Forks, and was referred to the next sitting of the Territorial court.
J. J. Rutledge was before his worship with a tale of cruel treatment—a bruised and battered countenance, which furnished evidence in itself for the conviction of the accused. The accused one is J. K. Morrison, of 29 below, who Hunker and he did not deny that the bruises and dislocations were his handwork. The collision was caused through litigation in court matters, the whole story concerning which will be told in the Territorial court, to which Mr. Morrison was held for trial at its next sitting.
Charles Mace demanded the undoubted right of observing the Sabbath day by refraining from work, and when, for asserting that right he was knocked down, kicked, and his abused frame used to "mop the floor" with, he objected. This is the gist of the case of woe he poured into the ears of Magistrate Harper, and as he was able to back up his statements with proof, the defendant Thomas Waller was sentenced to pay \$10 and costs into the crown coffers. The trouble occurred at a claim on Adams creek, where Waller is the foreman and Mace an employe.
Boyle & Slavin outraged the so-called Sunday observance law, by operating their sawmill on the last Lord's day, and were before his worship to show the why of the wherefore. It was set up in defense that the mill is crowded with orders and the trails becoming poor, so that the plants must be in operation every available minute, else the miners who need the lumber for sluice boxes will be made to suffer irreparable loss. The court appeared inclined to take a broad-gauge view of the matter and deferred judgment to Saturday.
William Marshall received a severe, though apparently merited, rebuke for the abuse of some dogs belonging to T. Charlton. He had taken them up the Yukon with a load, and had been both started and run through a threshing machine. Marshall was given the option of paying a fine of fifty plunks or putting in two months on the barrack's woodpile. It goes without saying that he chose the former, also that he will be more solicitous in the future of the dogs which fall into his care.

Hockey Match.

The final match of the season between the Dawson Hockey Club vs. Canada Permanent Force Hockey Club took place on Saturday at the skating rink and was particularly interesting, as each team had won two matches, and

this was to decide the winner. After one of the best games played at Dawson it ended in a victory for the Canada Permanent Forces by one goal, the score being 3 goals to 2.

The game was a very fast one, and there was blood in every eye. C. J. K. Nourse, Stevenson and R. Fortune, for the Dawson club, and Captain Bennett and Pt. Beals, for the C. P. F. H. C. showed up prominently. There was a select attendance. Among these was Captain Harper, Mr. Senkler, Mr. Williams, Captain Ogilvie, Captain Bursall and Colonel Evans acted as referee and Mr. Senkler as official time-keeper.

CREEK NOTES.

E. H. Elwell, of the Phoenix, appears to have a pat on the back coming from a successful investment he has made in a hillside claim on Hunker opposite the concession. There are eight feet of pay gravel already known to be 200 feet wide. The owners have a good sized dump out already.

Much activity in mining circles is evidenced on Last Chance. For three miles or so from the mouth huge dumps are piled up thick, dams and sluice gates are being put in the creek, and logs are being whipsawed into lumber for sluice boxes. Last Chance is quite an erratic stream and keeps the miners busy holding on to the benches. The steam works are throwing down from the full width of the gulch to a few feet in width. The pay is also very variable in value, ranging from 75 cents to \$4 or \$5 to the pan. A rich discovery on a bench back of 20 above has led to the staking of the benches for several miles along the gulch, while some of the more enterprising claim holders are threatening to stake the whole divide. From these Bear creek on the supposition that an old river bed connects the two.

Brewer Creek—Not much prospecting has been done so far on this creek. Two or three holes have been put to bedrock in the tens and two in the twenties. Good coarse colors were found in them. Most of the work has been done in the last few days. One of 49 has taken out pieces worth 35 to 50 cents. Forty-five has two holes with coarse gold the size of pinheads. They are drifting between the two holes and underneath the creek. No. 33 has done some drifting and has taken out several pieces averaging 20 cents each. Claims 49, 45 and 43 expect to realize good wages out of the dumps. Most of the claim owners are waiting for the boom. It is rumored a company is being formed outside to buy the claims out and ground sluice the creek. A representative of the company has been inquiring of the claim holders their lowest selling price and the average was \$300, some asking as high as \$1000.

The New Gold Fields.

The following is from the Seattle Times: S. W. Mix, of Walla Walla, who has been in Alaska since the fall of 1897, is recorder and discoverer of a new district. He it was who, with Ed. Fenley and Perry Wiler, took \$1,200 in 10 days of five hours work each day from discovery claim. Mix, who is at the hotel Seattle, having recently come down from the north, believes that it will be an immensely rich district. He and his three partners have four claims, from which they expect to dig their fortunes. Should their claims produce as well in the future as at the beginning of the work they will realize their ambitions. Driven out by the increasing cold and the coming snow, they were unable to work later than October 20th. Had they found the claims earlier in the season they might have removed a vast amount of gold.

When I left, there were already more than 200 claims located above and below discovery. said Mr. Mix. That number of persons had come in by October 20th, when we left. How many more have gone in since, I don't know, but I have been told that there has been a very large number. They have built many cabins on their claims, and they will be ready for staking and putting in sluices. Sluices of them have spent the winter digging the earth to be handled when the ice breaks, just as is done in the Klondike.

I went to Alaska in 1897, intending to go on through to Dawson with the Thorpe party, which was an inglorious end on the Callaghan with Perry Wiler, ex-commissioner of California, and Ed. Fenley, of California. We went up the Dalton trail forty miles from Pyramid harbor, along the west side of Chikot inlet, up the Klondike river to its junction with Porcupine creek, where we turned up. Two miles from its mouth, and in a canyon I made the discovery on October 10th. In a sluice creek on the banks of the river, some twenty feet above water level, we found pockets containing dust and nuggets, which had been left there thousands of years before. It was an old bar of the river formed and when the waters subsided in the long-gone past. Some two inches of snow had fallen, but it had melted from the slate so that we could see the crevices and pockets. We took four and commented to the men that we were throwing over the bank down into the shore of the creek. Although the water had frozen, we could get enough of it by breaking the ice in order to do some sluicing and panning. We found \$7, \$8 and \$9 to the pan. On the last day of the work we took out \$85.

We had to quit, for it was becoming so cold and the snow was falling so thick that further work was almost impossible. We had reached the diggings too late in the season. But in that 10 days \$1,200 was taken out; and there was no day in which we worked more than five hours. On the last day we were busy only four hours. A meeting of miners to organize the district was held at discovery claim. By laws and regulations were framed and passed; the most important of these was the fixing of the length of claims at 1,450 feet. The Porcupine district is well within American territory, even within the territory which would remain, were large concessions to be made to British Columbia by the international commission now in session at Washington.

Practical Christianity.

Adjutant McGill, of the Salvation army, has six men engaged in cutting firewood on the hill opposite Dawson and hauling it to the city for sale. This is one way in which he provides for unemployed men, and philanthropic people can assist him in the work by giving him orders for wood. It is all cut into stove length and split ready for burning. The adjutant has had excellent success with his employment bureau scheme, instituted a few weeks ago, 80 applications for employment having been received by him and he has found places for 34, the last one getting a good position on Sulphur.

To Clean Up.

The following from the Health officer shows a disposition to have Dawson cleaned up before

the torrid sun of summer gets in its strong work. Dr. Good is to be commended for the vigor with which he conducts the health office. Following is the order:

- All refuse, garbage, slops and other material offensive or injurious to health must forthwith be dumped at a point nearer the left than the right bank.
All proprietors of sawmills must not allow sawdust to accumulate so as to obstruct any ditch or natural waterway.
And all obstructions must be removed of public streets forthwith.
All putrid and decaying animal and vegetable matter must be removed from all cellars and yards forthwith.
J. W. GOOD, Dawson Medical Health Officer.

\$2.00—Easter Sunday Dinner—\$2.00.

- SOUP—Green Turtle with Sherry.
Fish—Anchovies on Toast.
Boiled—Leg of Mutton, Capers Sauce.
Small Moose Steak au Petit Pois.
Entrees—Fresh Oyster Patties.
Cream Puffs.
Roasts—Sirloin of Beef au Jus.
Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
Vegetables—Mashed Potatoes.
Hubbard Squash.
English Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.
Dessert—Assorted Pies.
Cheese and Coffee.
CAFE ROYAL, Second Avenue.

Men's rubbers at Sargent & Pinsky, 206 Front street.
The Northern Cafe is making a great specialty of Sunday dinners, served from noon until 8 p. m. Among the luxuries served are turkey, chicken and fresh oysters. Meals 75c.

Ready for Business.

The undersigned wish to announce that the Dawson City Barber Shop will be reopened on Thursday morning, March 30, and an invitation is extended to the public to give us a call. No. 332, opposite the Dominion.

DENNEY & SCHOCK.

Notice to the Public.

Having been informed that some person or persons are soliciting trade on the creeks and elsewhere in the name of the Alaska Commercial Co., we would respectfully caution our patrons against dealing with such parties unless they are able to show credentials from us establishing their authority.

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A Good Map for 50 Cents.

The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50c.

A New Departure.

The Nugget Express has recently added city messengers to its already extensive service. Business men and others can save themselves time and expense by using a reliable messenger service.

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C. M. WOODWORTH, M. A., LL.B., Advocate, Solicitor, Commissioner, Notary, etc. Five years' practice in Northwest Territory Room 3, A. C. Office Building.
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DR. J. WILFRED GOOD, M. B., S. R. C. P., Edinburgh. Late Surgeon to Winnipeg General Hospital. Office, Arlington Block, 133 Avenue, Dawson. Telephone No. 16.
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J. B. TYRELL, M. A., B. Sc., F. G. S., Consulting Mining Engineer. 15 years geologist on the Geological Survey of Canada. 2nd cabin back of Klondike Hotel, Dawson.

LOST AND FOUND.

- FOUND—A red dog, nearly blind in right eye. Owner can have same by paying charges. Will Bristol, Little Skookum hill, 5th tier.
FOUND—One dog, part St. Bernard, with white stripe on face, dark brown nose, white limbs. Same can be had by proving ownership and paying expenses. Nugget Express office, Forks.
LOST—A pair of gold rimmed glasses on Klondike, near mouth of Bonanza. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to office of Crawford, Edwards & Whitren, 2d door south of Fairview.

FOR SALE.

- FOR SALE—One-half interest in 23 above; on Hunker creek, right fork. New dam and was ditch put in last fall; 100 feet of ground stripped of moss and brush, ready for ground sluicing. Box bedrock drain 110 feet. Rock bedrock drain 70 feet in claim. Price \$5,000 cash. For further particulars apply to P. L. Sargent. 9 A above on Hunker creek.
FOR SALE—Vienna Bakery and Coffee House. Everything complete, old established business, good trade; also mining property. Owner must leave on account of health. A snap for right party. Second Ave., bet. 7th and 8th Sts.

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