NOTES FROM GRAND FORKS

What the Residents of That Thriving Burg Are Doing.

Improvements in and Around the Town—Late Shower Appreciated—New Theater and Concert Hall.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

The 21 roadhouse above on Bonanza which for two years has been owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. Milligan has recently been purchased by W. F. Schnabel & Co. and wll hereafter be known as the Idaho roadhouse.

The new proprietors contemplate a number of improvements which will make this one of the best houses on the creek. A first-class bar and bunk room will be added. A new warm barn for the accommodation of horses and dogs will also be added. The new as well as the former proprietors are well known in that section and are very popular. Mr. Milligan is going to prospect some property and also contemplates a trip down the river.

A heavy shower fell at the Forks last night which was greatly appreciated as everything has been very dry. While it has been very quiet at the Forks for some time past the outlook is very favorable for a livening up presently.

The dead work on the claims which are working this summer has been to a large extent completed and everthing is now in readiness for ground sluicing on a large scale.

Messrs. Max Endleman and Sylvester of the Dewey contemplate erecting a first-class theater and concert hall and giving the boys on the creeks some good entertainment.

Mrs. G. A. Esterbrook and son Frank recently left for the outside on the steamer Yukoner. They will go to New York where Master Esterbrook will be left in the care of relatives to attend school and Mrs. Esterbrook will return to Dawson about the middle of September.

LATE NEWS FROM NOME

Where Everybody Has It in for Judge Noyes.

A dozen or more comparatively late Nome papers arrived in last night's mail and from them we extract the following interesting news:

Mary's Igloo, May 27.—To the gobbling up of mining claims in this section by jumpers of all kinds and varieties is added the appropriation of the public domain by an alleged government surveyor, for townsite and kindred purposes. This party of professional town locators is composed of F. J. Monroe, surveyor, Ed. Hutchins and J. T. Hamilton. They have located several 80-acre tracts in the Kougarok district, their locations including Mary's Igloo, the Indian village near by and both banks of the Kusatriem river on each side of and opposite the town of Mary's Igloo. The tracts are taken as sites for manufacturing and trading posts.

If the applicants succeed in the scheme it will be practically impossible to find space to pitch a tent within a mile of Marys Igloo. The owners of lots will organize to oppose the patent when the application is advertised. In the meantime there is a strong probability that some of the land grabbers may be punched full of holes should they attempt to dispossess any of the present holders.

A northern whisky trust that started out auspiciously, because it was promised a monopoly of the sale of spirituous liquors, has been broken.

This trust was to control the exclusive sale of hootch on Gold Run, Alder and other creeks in the Bluestone section. The idea was originated, it is claimed, by a number of men, having mining interests in the Bluestone, who did not want to see the demoralization attendant upon the establishment of a number of saloons and the influx of fallen women who would prey upon the hard-working miners, should they fall down and worship at the shrine of Bacchus. With this end in view J. A. Dineen was approached, and was asked if he would establish a first-class house and conduct it accordingly at Alder or Sullivan City, provided he was assured that no competitor should there establish himself. Dineen said that he would, and thereupon set to work and built a commodious hostelry and stocked it with the best brands of wet goods, firm in the belief that the omnipotent district court would grant but one liquor license for that section. But alas for hopes! In a brief time two other licenses were issued, among them one controlled by Blanche Lamont. Thus the evil that it was the aim to avert fell "swift and soon."

One of these balmy spring days Judge Arthur H. Noyes, of the district court, may be presented with a "round robin," signed by a large majority of the practicing attorneys of Nome, asking him to make way for another man.

A "round robin," by the way, it may be explained, is a petition, communication or document setting forth its object, the names attached being signed in a circle, so that none can tell who signed it first. In this way the prominent projectors cannot be determined.

An attorney said the other day: "It has been suggested that the lawyers of Nome ask Judge Noyes to resign, and if this is done a round robin is the only way to do it. Round robins have been of some use heretofore in other countries than this, and a bird of that kind would certainly register a big kick against the present occupant of the bench of the district court."

Mary's Igloo, May 26.—This section is notorious just now for the number of claim jumpers that are tramping over the country locating claims right and left. Among them is Major William Nelson and his party, who have been in the Kougarok for the past two months. This party have jumped several claims on Quartz creek. The ground is composed of six 1000-foot claims in the vicinity of No. 10 below lower discovery. The ground was located and recorded last spring by eight men, who formed a company and staked eight claims. Major Nelson contends that the company was never properly organized. Major Nelson is now moving supplies on the properties.

On May 25th Nome had her first big fire, fully $135,000 worth of property being destroyed.

Tom Miller, Harry Davis, J. Landers, and A. G. Bowers, the prisoners who escaped from the jail are still at large. Deputy Marshal Lowe followed two of the men to the vicinity of Cape Nome. He was forced to return on account of snow blindness, his eyes being in a horrible condition. The chase is still being kept up.

The pipe of a well sunk on the spit to a depth of 50 feet had to be taken up. The water was salty, and could not be used. Excepting a stratum of two feet near the surface, the ground was frozen to a depth of 23 feet. The well is now down 20 feet, and the water is good.

J. B. Briess, who came down from Gold Run, says that the men who crosscut the fraction between Nos. 3 and 4 Gold Run, reported that they found nothing. He avers, however, that other men who prospected the cut found as high as 60 cents to the pan.

During the time of a recent fire Chief Engineer Stetson left the side door of the engine house open for the purpose of ventilation. Some thief made an entrance through this door into the chief's bedroom and got away with a new suit of clothes, a white shirt and some jewelry.

Nome Camp No. 9, Arctic Brotherhood, propose to build a hall of good proportions and thoroughly furnished. With this end in view it is proposed to form the Arctic Brotherhood Building Association and already $3000 has been subscribed.

Another illustration of the manner that Arthur H. Noyes, by some strange mischance judge of a federal court, plays battledore and shuttlecock in his appointments and decapitations of United States commissioners and mining recorders, was given when David B. Tewkesbury was removed from the position of commissioner and recorder for Kougarok district, and Amicus Curiae M. J. Cochran, spiritual adviser, wet nurse, prime minister and Pooh Bah extraordinary to Judge Noyes, was appoined Tewkesbury's successor. The order removing Tewkesbury and appointing Amicus Curiae Cochran, etc., to the place made vacant for that purpose is couched in language not as servile as was that extraordinary order in which Ben F. Nudd was restored to an office from whence he had been flung by Noyes, only to be reinstated after an "investigation" had been made by a trusted henchman of the man whom some degenerate fate has cast up on the barren shore of Bering sea.

(Up to about a year ago David B. Tewkesbury was on the Nugget repertorial staff. He is a thoroughly competent, upright man and it is a reproach to common decency that he should be made a victim of the Noyes regime, probably the most disgraceful that ever blackened one of the many dark pages of Alaskan history.)

This section of Alaska is having a boom on the outside according to the reports received by mail and by returning trekkers who have already arrived "over the ice."

The discoveries last year in the Kougarok and Bluestone districts are mainly the cause. J. A. Jacoby, who returned on Tuesday from a trip which included Chicago, New York, and other cities, says that 15,000 or 20,000 people will come to Nome this season and most of them will have money to invest. The freight warehouses in Seattle are lined with goods Most of the transportation companies advertise their steamers to sail from Seattle about June 1. Bluestone and Kougarok are talked of in connection with the Nome mining region. Many capitalists will be down from Dawson, among them Billy Chappell, the well known mining man. If he and others who will come can be "shown" they will invest, as they are favorably impressed with what they have heard.

Number the Houses.

The people of Dawson are circulating a petition for the numbering of houses. This is without doubt a much needed improvement and it is to be hoped the council will grant the request when presented. The petition is being generally signed by the business men and property owners of the city.

RACE WAR ON SECOND AVENUE LAST NIGHT.

There was a lively row on Second avenue between 8 and 9 o'clock last night the participants being a lone son of the Emerald Isle on one side and the Japanese population on the other. The trouble started in the Great Northern, a Jap restaurant, and was continued on the sidewalk and street in front of the place.

It seems that Mr. O'Hooligan, after a few goes at the gurgle store where the slumber brand of hootch is dispensed with a glad hand, entered the Great Northern and ordered a supper, but before it was served the slumber brand had bubbled once and he was asleep. A Jap waiter attempted to awaken the sleeper by shaking him but got his ears boxed for his pains.

Slumber was resumed and the entire force of restaurant Japs was called in consultation to devise ways and means for getting O'Hooligan out of the restaurant. They tried poking him in the ribs with their fingers as they would run past his stool, but to no avail. At las they decided to pick the sleeper up bodily and pack him out. Rolling up their sleeves and spitting on their hands they sailed in and then is when the trouble began.

"Ye hathen divils, would yes murther a mon in could blud?" roared O'Hooligan, as he caught Ketchup Yon Tomato with his right, Ketch As Ketch Kan with his left and kicked Pano Rama in the stomach with one foot. Sugar bowls, plates, cups, saucers and relish bottles flew through the air like barn swallows, the son of Erin all the time cursing "Ye murtherin, hathen divils," while the howls of the Japs could be heard a block and their countrymen were appearing on the scene from trap doors in the floor, upstairs windows and from all corners. As the fight passed from the restaurant out to the sidewalk Bromo Quinine jumped from an upstairs window on O'Hooligan's shoulders, while Pro Bono Publico missed him with a chair and knocked down Pluribus Onions by mistake.

By this time several hundred people had gathered on the street in front of the restaurant and as there were over a dozen Mongolians all reaching for the Irishman at the same time, they interfered in his behalf and he was spirited away before a policeman hove in sight, while the Japs, chattering like magpies, returned to the restaurant to take stock of the destruction worked.

It is safe to say that never in its history have the effects of the slumber brand been so speedily dispelled as on this occasion.

A Headless Ghost

A headless ghost has been the cause of a great deal of trouble for the Pleasant Valley Coal Company in its Winter Quarter mine in Utah. The miners, most of whom are Slavs and Hungarians, are so frightened by its presence and by certain supernatural noises and manifestations that several times they have been on the point of stopping work.

Last May there was a big explosion in the Winter Quarter mine, and 200 men lost their lives, many more being severely injured, some of them maimed for life. Among the killed was a Scotch miner, Sandy McGovern by name, and when his body was found the head was missing, having been blown off in the explosion.

When the mine was opened again after the explosion, there ensued a period when great masses fell from the roof, masses which had been loosened by the shaking up the mine had had in the explosion. For weeks there was scarcely a day when some miner was not injured by the falling debris and rock. This tended to shake the nerves of the miners, but they stood it, and after a time the loosened mass ceased to fall.

But a more nerve racking thing followed. The mine became haunted. Strange and weird noises were heard, the calling and groaning of the spirits of the dead miners who had perished in the geart explosion made the place hideous, and to work in the bowels of the earth with ghostly voices and agonized groans from departed fellow workmen souding around one is, as any one will admit, something to try the stoutest hearts.

But all these things might have been endured had not the ghost of the headless miner appeared. It has frequently been seen by the miners in the various drifts. It walks about the mine at all seasons, and no one knows when he will meet him or glance over his shoulder to see the headless one standing close behind him.

The mine is dug in the side of a hill, and from its depths mules and horses draw the loaded cars to the mine's mouth, opening on the sunlit slopes. Sometimes the driver of a car will see the ghost beside him, and it rides until the light of day begins to show from the mouth of the mine.—Ex.

The Bonnifield block at the coroner of First avenue and Third street is to receive very substantial repairs. The side facing Third street is to be made into store fronts with large plate glass windows. A new staircase is to be put into the front entrance. The second floor is to be torn out and replaced with office rooms.

Great preparations are in progress for the coming battle between Slavin and Bates tonight. Charlie Meadows has built a standard sized ring in the Savoy, the posts of which are sunk through the stage to the cellar beneath. Part of the procenium arch has been removed which makes the stage six feet wider than before, allowing an uninterrupted view of the stage from any part of the house. Bates, it has been learned is 15 pounds heavier than Slavin. This news will be received with surprise by the sporting public as efforts have been made to keep the weight of Bates out of the papers; his friends who are betting heavily on him thinking that better odds could be obtained if it was not generally known that he outweighed the Australian. At the poolrooms of the Pioneer Bates is the favorite in Paris mutuals and combinations, although odds are still demanded on straight bets on the decision. Spitzel, Tom McDonald and Chief Stewart have all put up a bunch of money on Bates.

Tickets are being sold today at the Exchange up to 7 o'clock, after which time the remaining reserved seats if any as well as general admission tickets will be sold at the Savoy theater box office.

This has been another very quiet week among the field sports clubs, the hot weather proving as detrimental to any great activity as did the rain of last week.

No match games have been played and but few practice games.

The athletes have commenced to practice for the various events on the Fouth. A number of those who participated in the Victoria day celebration will enter the same events on the Fourth, and there will also be new men who will contest for the various prizes. The program for the celebration has not been made public yet by the sports committee but it is understood that it will be as good and perhaps a better one than the 2 th of May. Six events for horses have been put on the program and as there are now a number of new horses in Dawson these events will be of greater interest.

Everything now points to a grand successful celebration on the Fourth.

BASEBALL.

The baseball teams have been working hard this week to arrange for an excursion to Eagle City to bring up that team for the Fourth. Their efforts thus far to get a steamer have been unsuccessful but it is hoped that they will finally succeed. A game will be played this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the barracks grounds between the Gandolfos and Dawson City teams and as the boys are now in good practice and the teams are equally matched, the game will be a good one.

FOOTBALL.

Several attempts have been made to get the football players together this week to practice for the coming games on the 1st and 4th of July but the weather has been too warm for such violent exercise and the boys have not appeared on the field. The games on Dominion day between the creek and town teams and on the Fourth between all-Canadian and all-England are still on the schedule and will be played at the barracks grounds.

CRICKET.

While the field this year is in much better condition than at any former time for cricket playing it still needs some improvement before the game can be played to advantage. A request was sent to Major Primrose by the members of the club to have some work done on the field to put it in better shape for playing.

A game has been called for this evening if the ground is in proper condition and a match game is also scheduled for the Fourth.

There are a number of cricket players here who have played in the championship games in Canada and there are also some international men.

LACROSSE.

The challenge which the Civil Service lacrosse team published in this column last week has been accepted by a picked team and the game will be played on the Fourth.

Both teams have been practicing during the past week and the forthcoming game will undoubtedly be a good one.

HOCKEY.

The projectors of the scheme for sending the hockey team to the outside this winter to compete for the cup feel greatly encouraged by the hearty support they are receiving. The hockey players are enthusiastic over the proposition and have great faith in their ability to compete with the outside teams and believe they can bring back with them the cup.

Five hundred dollars was given by one party to forward the project and as this is the only one asked thus far the boys feel confident that they will be able to raise the required amount without any difficulty.

LAWN TENNIS.

The courts of both of the lawn tennis clubs have been kept warm this week by the members who have taken advantage of the fine weather to make up for the time lost last week on account of the rain.

The Yukon Lawn Tennis Club held a meeting last night and arranged for its tournament. The following events were agreed upon:

Ladies' handicap singles, ladies' handicap doubles, gentlemen's handicap singles, gentlemen's handicap doubles, combined handicap doubles.

The entrance fee for the events have been placed at $1 for singles and $2 for doubles, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of trophies for the winners. The best two out of three advantage sets will decide each match. The entries for the tournament will close on Saturday, July 6th.

The membership of the Yukon Lawn Tennis Club includes the following: Major and Mrs. Wood, Capt. and Mrs. Starnes, T. A. R. Purchas, Mr. and Mrs. Dufferin Pattullo, A. F. Nicol, H. G. Herbert, O. S. Finnie, F. E. G. Berry, J. T. Lithgow, H. M. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. McLennan, Miss McLennan, Mrs. J. L. Bell, Miss Richardson, W. M. McKay, F. G. Crisp, R. J. Davies-Colley, Geo. Black, Mrs. French, Mrs. Alex McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. MacPherson, Mrs. T. D. Green, Mrs. Robe, Mrs. Wroughton, Miss Freeman, Miss Edwards, Mrs. W. D. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Seddan, Mrs. Hines, Arthur Davie, C. W. Elderton, Dr. Grant, F. L. Gwillim, A. P. Hughes, P. Margetts, A. E. Marks, C. C. McCaul, J. K. McCrae, Capt. D. B. Olson, Arthur G. Smith, Auguste Noel, J. C. Noel, R. A. Hurdman, H. S. Torin, F. J. McDougall, E. O. Finlaison, H. E. A. Robertson, Dr. A. G. Macdonald, G. Douglas Edwards, Henry Macauley, J. Stanley Long, Colin A. Chisholm, J. MacKinnon, C. W. S. Barwell, L. C. Hall, David Doig, J. B. Worden, F. T. Congdon, R. B. Young, Weldon C. Young, J. B. Tyrrell, J. Gordon McLaren.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

FLANNERY.

Wm. Perkins, Whitehorse; Thos. Davidson, Gold Run; Geo. A. McGregor, Gold Run; R. Bard, Eldorado; F. E. Johnson, Eldorado; Wm. Abbott, Forks; L. A. Johnke, Quartz; G. Sproul, Sulphur; C. G. Anders, J. Turner, J. W. Murphy, A. Ross, M. L. ePters, W. F. Peters, C. T. Stone.

M'DONALD.

R. R. Reed, 35 above Bonanza; Louis Weir, Chechako Hill; Geo. T. Sisson, 17 Eldorado; Lew Harper, Bonanza; Wm. C Jones, Bonanza; T. B. Zimmerman, Portland, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. H. Garrett, Gold Hill; B. L. Berry, San Francisco; G. Hoyt Simpson, San Francisco; R. C. Smith, Skagway; John W. Wallace, St. Louis, Mo.

FAIRVIEW.

C. R. Elderton, Chechako Hill; H. W. Sellers, Gold Run; Thos. Going.

METROPOLE.

E. L. Webster, H. W. Seward, E. Beeks, P. Burde.

Flannery Hotel Rebuilt.

The Flannery hotel is now reopened and makes a very attractive and up-to-date appearance. Another story has been added to the house and matched rustic lumber nicely painted covers the logs which forms the main structure of the edifice. The rooms on the second and third stories have all been furnished and papered and are as comfortable rooms and with as fine apartments as can be found in any hotel on the outside, with, of course, the exception of some of the more pretentious caravansaries in the big citiens. A balcony on the second floor has been erected connecting with a finely appointed ladies' parlor which occupies commodious rooms at the front of the house. The Flannery has been most successful under the able management of its present proprietor, George Vernon, who has shown a particular aptitude for the hotel business.

Spreading Like a Green Bay.

The Whitehorse Star, Rousseau & McEachen, publishers and proprietors, has not only been greatly increased in size, but is now published tri-weekly. One more step will take it into the daily field. The Star is a staunch advocate and ardent supporter of Whitehorse and is deserving of the support of the business element of that enterprising town.