

CHRISTMAS OUTSIDE

Seven Passengers Leave on the Stage

Police Patrol to Carry Mail All Winter to All Distant Creeks.

Referring to the telegram from the special correspondent of the Nugget of Skagway, which was published yesterday, to the effect that the postmaster there had received no notification in regard to passing second class mail for Dawson, Postmaster Hartman said this morning that he supposed it was an oversight on the part of the postal authorities at Washington, and that they had failed to notify the Skagway postmaster of the new arrangement. He knew that the Seattle postoffice had been duly notified and that they were sending in the second class mail from there.

The White Pass stage left this morning with 16 sacks of mail weighing 340 pounds. McMillan was the driver and Burwash accompanied him to pilot the incoming stage. The passengers were Frank T. Way, commercial agent of Wilson Bros., of Victoria; R. A. Turcotte, the French vice-consul, who goes to Montreal for a visit; William Coates and Charles Martin, mining men; Thos. A. McCowan and his wife, who are going to Seattle for the winter; J. F. Gibson, of Reid & Co., who goes to Tacoma to spend Christmas, and Fred M. Zilly, at one time partner of Emil Staud, who returns to his home in Illinois and says he will not return.

This evening and every Tuesday for the balance of the winter police patrols will leave here carrying the mail to the distant creeks which at present have no postal facilities. One goes to Miller, Glacier and Boucher, and the other up river to all points between here and Selwyn, which will also carry the mail for Stewart, McQuinn, Henderson and Duncan. So that all these out of the way creeks will have a regular mail service for the balance of the winter, thanks to the thoughtfulness of Major Cuthbert.

Ben Downing left with the down over mail, six sacks, this morning. He says the trail to Fortymile has still a few open spots in it so he took dogs this trip, and hopes to start his stage line next week. It will be run in connection with the Merchants stage line from Whitehorse.

Another Cold Snap The mercury again dropped down in the basement last night, the thermometer marking 38 below at noon, which was the maximum temperature for the preceding twenty-four hours. The minimum was 9 below. Yesterday and the day before the weather was delightful, but this morning a heavy fog hung over the city, a certain sign of lower temperature.

"You may not believe it," said the young man with the bad eye, "but I found a needle in a haystack once, when I was a boy." "How long did it take you?" inquired the other fellows. "About the tenth part of a second. I sat down on it."

OPENED NOV. 27th. I shall advocate an assay of ore operated in conjunction with the quartz mill where ore may be tested free of charge.—James Hamilton Ross.

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RICH ORE ARRIVES

From the Strike Made at Head of Chicken Creek.

W. Horkan, of the Standard library and cafe, is in possession of some specimens of the fabulously rich quartz recently struck at the head of Chicken creek on the other side of the boundary line. Miners who brought the samples to town arrived Sunday evening and they pronounce the strike one of the richest in the history of the west. The ledge has been traced a distance of over a half mile and upward of 200 locations have been made. Assays may be had all the way from \$100 to \$10,000 a ton, depending upon the sample selected. The ore is free milling and parts of it fairly glisten with the pure gold, some of the colors being as large as wheat kernels. The strike was made about two months ago but was kept a secret until within the last two weeks.

"Sowing the Wind"—Auditorium.

PROSECUTE GAMBLERS

Judge Brown Makes a Strong Charge

No Explanation of Mail Delay—Man With Election Supplies Nearly Drowned.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Skagway, Dec. 2.—A special from Juneau to the Alaskan says Judge Brown again charged the grand jury at Juneau that gambling is running in open violation of the law, and it is their duty to indict them and threatens trouble if the jury fails in its duty. The court convened yesterday. The prosecution against the big canneries violating trap and hatcheries law goes over to next term.

Postmaster Sampson offers no explanation of the delay in orders for second class mail. The fault is apparently at Washington city. Whitehorse has orders from Ottawa to send all first and second class mail received from Skagway.

A man with election supplies en route to Dalton Post is reported nearly drowned in the Chilcat and Klukwan.

All to His Bride Cincinnati, Nov. 8.—John McCormick Gibson of this city, who on Saturday last at Asheville, N.C., was married to Miss Henrietta Wolfe, on what was considered his deathbed, died at Asheville today. He made a will leaving his estate, valued at \$1,000,000, to his bride. Mr. Gibson's first wife was one of the victims of the Hotel Windsor fire in New York.

Verdict of Not Guilty Madrid, Nov. 8.—At Bilbao today the jury in the trial of Sabani Arara, leader of the autonomist party in the Basque provinces, who was charged with having sent to President Roosevelt last spring a congratulatory dispatch on the granting of Cuban independence, returned a verdict of not guilty of treason. The public received the decision with expressions of satisfaction.

Czar Nicholas Copenhagen, Nov. 8.—According to information received at the Danish court, Emperor Nicholas of Russia is greatly depressed in mind and is melancholy. His condition has created anxiety here. The Czarovitch, who will leave for St. Petersburg in a few days for Copenhagen, does not want to go to Yalta, where the Czar is, and will return to St. Petersburg as his mother wishes.

Go to Jamaica. Port au Prince, Nov. 10.—Gen. Jumeau, the leading supporter of M. Firmin, the exiled revolutionary leader, accompanied by eighty-three persons, who had sought refuge in the consulate at Gonaives, has started for Jamaica on board the Cuban steamer Paloma.

Beat hot drinks in town—The Sideboard.

REDUCTION OF FEES. I shall advocate the reduction of fees, which, I think, may now be safely done without impairing the revenues.—James Hamilton Ross.

The most of office stationery may be secured at the Nugget printery at reasonable prices.

Job printing at Nugget office.



ELECTIONS GALORE.

ROSS LOOKS LIKE A WINNER

Reports Received During the Afternoon Indicate That Mr. Ross Will Have Complete Victory—Dawson Will Roll Up Fine Majority and Creeks Are Holding Up Well—Dominion Will Go Very Strong Ross—Gold Run Will Give Ross Two to One—Sulphur Will Help Swell the Total—Committees Are Working Hard at All Points.

The first election for member of parliament ever held in this territory may be said, writing in advance of the closing of the polls, to have been remarkably orderly. Sergeant Smith, of the town police force, had not a single case arising out of the election to report, and Major Cuthbert at the barracks, who had his ear to the phone all the day receiving news from the polling places on the creeks, said that all was going smoothly at each of the polling stations.

There was a great cry raised by the opposition party that there would be impersonation at this election. It perhaps was a cry to color what they might be inclined to attempt themselves. But nothing of this character has been reported so far. Such matters are generally the incidents of the closing moments of the polls.

There were mistakes in the voters' list, as there always will be in such cases. One man found he had his name entered in two different wards, but when, just as a matter of investigation, he asked for a ballot in the wrong ward he was immediately informed of the error by one of the scrutineers. This might have been the only error of this kind, or there might have been others.

But there was no doubt about one thing—many voters did not know where their polling booths were located. Mr. Norquay, the druggist, had a long string of voters coming into his store all the morning to vote, and he placed a big placard on his door that the polling place was two doors higher up. Voters went from one polling place to another to find the ward in which their names were registered and in some cases were misdirected.

Outside of this slight inconvenience however, the voting went on smoothly all day. A stroll from one polling place to another discovered no rush at any place, and rarely had a voter to wait long for his turn. They came in a regular continuous stream, registered their votes and silently, in most cases, went out. The saloons were shut tight. It was impossible to get a drink anywhere, "for fear, 'twas or infection." It was an intensely cold day, about forty degrees below, and there seem-

ed to be less people on the streets and remarkably few congregated around the different polling places. An idea of the manner in which the voting was done can be formed from the following list of the number of votes recorded in each ward, and at each polling place on the creeks so far as they could be ascertained by telephone, up to two o'clock this afternoon.

Table with 3 columns: Ward, No. Voted, No. of Votes. Includes entries for C, D, E, F, G wards.

In the afternoon there was considerable bustle around the Ross headquarters. There was a large crowd outside and teams were coming and going continually, bringing in reports from the different polling stations. The rooms were so crowded it was difficult to get in but behind the barriers the workers were hurried but not flustered, and everything seemed to be working on an excellent system. There were a very large number of voters enquiring where they voted, and returns were coming in all the time of the number of votes had voted. These, as they came, were immediately checked off the voting list, so that it was easy to see at a glance who had and who had not voted. How they had voted was a different matter, but of course the preferences of a large number was known and it was therefore possible to make an approximate estimate.

Sometimes when one of these reports from a polling station would come in the heart of it would express an opinion as to the way the fight was going there. This would be whispered among the crowd and presently there would be hearty cheers for Ross. It was very evident as the afternoon wore on that the business section of the city was polling a very heavy vote for Mr. Ross, and the enthusiasm grew apace as the Ross vote was approximated.

It will be seen that the voting was slow during the early part of the day, and that in the first five hours of the voting there was only a little over one-quarter of the total vote polled. These figures were obtained from the Ross headquarters, which had an excellent system by which they received reports of the

number of votes cast in each ward at frequent intervals. It was reported from the Forks that at two o'clock just one half, or 150 votes, had been polled, with every indication that there would be a handsome majority for Ross. At Upper Bonanza at the same hour the information was more definite. The report was 37 votes cast out of about 100, of which 19 were for Ross, 11 for Clarke and 7 doubtful. Sulphur had polled 50 votes, and from Dominion came the encouraging words: "White creek booming for Ross."

At four o'clock little crowds began to gather around all the polling places. It was believed that at that time not more than one-half the vote had been polled, and therefore there was a more excited feeling as to the result than at any time during the day. The number who had voted at half-past three were:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Votes. Includes Ross (238), Clarke (250), Doubtful (165), etc.

Around the Ross headquarters there was a tremendous hurly and bustle and excitement. Now and again, as in the earlier part of the day, there would be occasional cheers for Ross. This was the case when the returns came in from ward D, which gave it as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Votes. Includes Ross (153), Clarke (48), Doubtful (50).

This is the leading ward of the city, and if it can be taken as an indication the total vote of the city will give Ross more than the conservative estimate of 500 majority. The following telegram was received with cheers from Whitehorse: "At 3:30 p.m. the total vote of Whitehorse with one exception has been polled. Indications are that Ross will have a majority in the neighborhood of 130. Some bets are made now that Clarke will not get 65 out of a total of 223 votes." From the creeks there came by telephone the most cheering kind of news. Even from Hunter the tally was that Ross would be little if any behind. At Sulphur at three o'clock the votes for Clarke and Ross were exactly even, as far as they could be computed. At 26 below on Bonanza

the vote at three o'clock stood—Ross 23, Clarke 17, doubtful 8. At Gold Run 90 votes had been cast and there was known to be 60 out of them for Ross. On Dominion the vote for Ross all day long was three to one. As we go to press the Forks telephones that Ross will have a good majority there.

The conservative guessers at Ross headquarters at 4:15 this afternoon give Ross a majority in this city of 575.

TWO MORE ELECTIONS

December Promises to Be a Warm One in Politics.

Following the election of today Dawson will be called upon to pass through the throes of two more. The election of five members to the Yukon council will occur within the next four or six weeks and it will probably prove of as intense interest as that for the member of parliament. Over a dozen candidates are laying wires for the nomination and the indications are that the campaign will be an exceedingly warm one. Two tickets will doubtless be in the field, though it is not at all likely that party lines will be drawn.

The municipal election of the purpose of seating a mayor and six aldermen will occur January 6, nomination day being one week previous. There are already a half dozen candidates for mayor and three or four times that number for aldermen, though no one has as yet had the temerity to come out openly and declare himself. It is not thought possible that the old kid committee will be resurrected as it has become so thoroughly discredited that but little is left of that once respectable body save the trader who by tomorrow will be buried completely in oblivion. The respectable few who were connected with the old Kids of last year have long ago affiliated with parties more to their liking and it can be safely assumed that that organization of hybrids is so dead that it can never be brought to life. After today both the municipal and territorial political pot will begin simmering and the next four weeks will see the hopes of many an embryo politician nipped in the bud.

MAIL SERVICE

Stages Are Leaving Every Other Day.

The White Pass stage service is being maintained with the regularity of clockwork. Stages are leaving and arriving at the rate of three a week. The mail left this afternoon and one is due to arrive this evening. Passenger traffic has been light thus far but will pick up shortly. A number of parties have remained in Dawson for the purpose of voting but will leave for the outside within a very few days.

After the holidays the travel will begin to set strongly in this direction and the stages will have all they can accommodate.

The company is handling more express matter than ever this year, the last stage bringing a full load. The mail which arrived on Sunday was mostly for lower tier points.

ALL THE CREEKS HAVE STAMPEDED FOR ROSS.

WATER PROTESTS

Continue to Be Filed With the Gold Commissioner.

There was evidently a belief that the administration building was closed today, as although the whole force was at work as usual there was very little doing. Two water protests were filed, one on Adams gulch and one on Dominion.

The first of these was that of Henry C. Hamilton, John B. Knox and W. F. Collins, versus W. S. Hawley and Everett B. Newman. The plaintiffs Hamilton and Knox are the owners of gulch claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 and of five hillside claims. They are also the owners of a water right for the diversion of water from the said gulch to their claims.

The defendants have made an application for an amendment of this water right, and for a further water right on 19 pup, left limit, and Hawley has also applied for a water right for 14 and 21 pup. The granting of these plaintiffs claim, would diminish the amount of water to which they are entitled.

The gold commissioner has fixed January 31 for the hearing of the protest. The second protest is that of D. G. Grimth versus Stewart Brothers and Napoleon Huet. The defendants have made application to divert 200 miners' inches of water from No. 1, Caribou to No. 29 and 30 below on Dominion, and the plaintiff, who has No. 1 on Caribou claims that such a grant would interfere with his mining operations. The gold commissioner has fixed this for hearing on February 3rd.

DELAYED EQUIPMENT.

Apparatus for the Fire Department at Whitehorse.

Not all of the equipment ordered for the fire department last summer from the outside arrived before the close of navigation, though that which was most needed was successful in getting through on the last boats. A portion still remains at Whitehorse and this the council has had an offer to have delivered over the ice if it is so desired. A freighter left for Whitehorse some days ago, promising to advise the council the rate per pound for which he would bring the balance of the equipment through as soon as he had arrived at the upper end of the line and he says that the trails were in. Word was received from him yesterday, but in view of the fact that the freight there now is not urgently needed it was decided to allow it to remain there until the opening of navigation rather than pay 25 or 25 cents a pound for its transportation at this season of the year.

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TALE TOLD IN TWO ACTS

Sequel Appears in Small Debts Court

The "Afterward" to Follow Later on—Story of a Bill and How it Was Offset.

An action begun in the small debts court a few days ago brings back a flood of recollections of happenings in the council chamber but a few short moons back. The complaint in the case is not voluminous; in fact, if brevity is the soul of wit then it must be the very perfection of humor as it covers but two lines. To 50 Flor de Milano \$11.75 To 100 Franklin 13.00 \$24.75

That is all it says, but unwritten and not embodied in the complaint is a tale that covers the gamut of human emotions, solicitation, consultation, concentration, application, presentation, turndown and damnation.

The case is styled Macaulay Bros. vs. Dr. William Catto; and it is alleged that the plaintiffs are merchants doing business in the city of Dawson and the defendant is a medical practitioner also a resident of Dawson. Some months ago the defendant was called upon in a professional capacity by one of his conferees, who is or was the medical health officer, to attend an indigent who was sadly in need of treatment. The doctor did as requested, performed an operation and in due time presented his bill for \$200 to the city council for payment duly certified to by the medical health officer as having been supplied, prices reasonable and just. Where the health officer derived his authority to employ a physician at the expense of the city the council could not perceive and so the doctor's bill was turned down with a sneering nod. The finance committee refused to recognize it and so it died a horrible death. That was the end of the first act with slow curtain and plenty of red fire.

In the second act the doctor has recovered his usual imperturbable equanimity and is seen furnishing a handsome suite of offices. Adair Bros. supply the furniture for the junior member of the firm is a member of the council, and, besides, Mr. Adair is the chairman of the finance committee which so reluctantly passed the doctor the marble heart on his little bill. The doctor is a connoisseur, a lover of good cigars and so he procured not one but three boxes of his favorite brands from Macaulay Bros., one of which firm occupies the mayor's chair with distinction. Settling day came and it is said that in payment of the two bills the doctor tendered an assignment of a portion of one certain bill against one city of Dawson for the sum of \$200, all of which leads one to believe that the doctor had won two horses in the game.

The doctor has enjoyed the cigars and is in daily use of his luxurious office furniture, while on his books one city of Dawson is still delinquent \$200. The case just brought in the sequel while the judgment and the collection is what the office poet would term "Terror."

LAYMEN AND MINERS

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