

NEWS OF THE CREEKS.

That of Dominion, Sulphur, Gold Run and Hunker.

The Present Cold Weather Retards Freighting and Inconveniences Claim Owners.

The present cold weather is resulting disadvantageously to freighters and claim owners on the various creeks. Excepting in cases of actual necessity, travel during the past few days has been practically suspended. A report from Dominion creek is to the effect that operations are suspended temporarily on several claims on account of the intense cold.

A great deal of work on the creek properties of upper Dominion is being done this winter; most of the claims have larger dumps now than they had last spring. The hillsides and benches in this vicinity are not receiving the attention that was promised last fall. From the present indications, it would seem that many such claims will revert to the crown, owing to a lack of representation. On lower Dominion the hillsides and benches are being worked more extensively than the creek claims. The properties on the left limit, in the vicinity of the 70's below lower, are fulfilling the most sanguine expectations of the owners and laymen. There are about 1000 men on Dominion, and the road houses and saloons are experiencing good patronage.

Gold Run is doing better than was ever anticipated.

The entire creek from No. 10 to 45, with but few exceptions, is being developed. The fact that so many laymen are satisfied with the diggings is an assurance of a satisfactory cleanup. The output of the creek next spring will surprise people who have given the property in this locality no particular attention. Many claim owners are conducting operations with machinery, and their confidence in the richness of their claims is being rewarded by big dumps, which average high in the precious metal. Chute and Wills are the largest operators on the creek. They employ over a hundred men, and their output next spring will be immense. The wages on Gold Run are \$5 per day and board, as a general rule. Some of the benches and hillsides are being worked quite extensively, but in most cases the labor on this class of claims is confined to that which is sufficient for representation.

Sulphur, which was considered so badly a year ago, and which disappointed so many laymen, is the scene of active operations this winter. There is probably more machinery in use on this creek than on any other in the district. The largest and perhaps the richest dumps are above discovery. Most of the claims are being worked by owners, though numerous lays have been let on properties below discovery. It is predicted by some who are in a position to know, that the value of the cleanup on Sulphur will exceed that of Dominion. There are very few of the hillsides and benches that have showed good prospects; and the work which is being done on such properties is very inconsiderable.

Hunker creek is being thoroughly developed from the concession to No. 18 above discovery. Four claims on the concession are being operated with the aid of machinery. Jack Smith is taking out lots of dirt from his claim, No. 55 below discovery. Cameron and Moore's property, No. 54 below, is showing well. On No. 35a below, Captain Hansen and his partners are working a large boiler with good results. The largest dumps on the creek are credited to No. 33 below, owned by Henry McCullough. The Ladue Co. are operating with machinery on No. 23 below. No. 2 above discovery is owned by Kirkpatrick and Bonnors, who have

constructed an incline hoist on the property, which gives the utmost satisfaction. Messrs. Baltuff and Buxton have a complete set of machinery to aid them in their operations. They are hoisting an immense amount of dirt. The cleanup of Hunker near spring will double that of 1899.

Chief Stewart Talks.
Fire Chief Stewart is interested in the movement to increase the efficiency of his department.

When asked if he had any suggestions to make, he replied:

"The government should order another engine and more hose. The engines in use have not sufficient power; we require a larger and more powerful machine. At a fire, such as we experienced last week, every inch of hose is needed; and for 12 hours after a big blaze the department is incapacitated by reason of a lack of hose. With the apparatus which we have at present there are enough men. During the recent fire I called on several citizens for assistance, and all responded immediately.

"I would suggest that alarm boxes be placed in different parts of the town. Often we are delayed because of our ignorance respecting the exact location of the fire.

"A flue and chimney inspector should be appointed. My idea is to detail one of my men for this duty and have him accompanied by a policeman; in this way careless occupants could be authoritatively ordered to make their repairs immediately. The work of inspection would require the entire time of the inspector and the policeman.

"I do not think that an ordinance should be passed compelling householders to erect brick chimneys at this season of the year; neither do I concur in the idea of excluding variety women and dance hall girls from rooming in the upper stories of buildings of amusement in the business district. A regulation, however, should be passed, which would compel such houses to be furnished throughout with electric lights, and forbid tenants therein to burn lamps.

"I am satisfied with the work of the firemen during last Wednesday's fire."

The Palace Grand Reopens.

The new management of the Palace Grand might well have been pleased at the crowded house which greeted the rise of the curtain in the opening act of last night's performance. The performance was a creditable one and to the audience appreciative, and from the opening act, "Deaf as a Post," through the olio, to the drop of the curtain in the last act, every one was pleased to note the vim of the new company, and their efforts received well merited applause. In the drama, "The Old Home Stead," J. B. Shaw (Leo) was the prototype of the Simon pure Yankee, and his dancing in the first act and fighting motions in the second are deserving of especial mention. The other characters were well portrayed and "The Old Homestead" will prove a big success.

What We All Worship.

"The people of all classes in Dawson worship the golden calf." So said Rev. Hetherington last Sunday at the Methodist church. "Professional and commercial men conduct themselves and their business to make money at the expense of their religion and the principles of man. I don't mind a man making money, but when he leaves aside all the good teachings of religion and society to do it, he becomes a menace to the rising generation and to his fellow man. I know of several mining firms who would not engage the lawyers they have retained if they followed Christian principles in representing their clients.

"What prompted me above all in selecting this subject for my sermon was the noticeable fact that young men whom I knew in Ontario and who when home attended church regularly, have since coming to Dawson, entered into business which necessitates their

abandoning the teachings of parents and church to be successful in the various occupations and professions they have entered upon. This is so prevalent that its astounding growth is a mockery to society and the welfare of Christian doctrine."

To those who wish to hear the evils of a sporting population it would be advisable for them to attend Sunday evening service, at which time he will discourse on "Gamblers and Gambling."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

At 2 o'clock this morning 22 sacks of mail left for the outside. Postmaster Hartman expects the arrival of a large mail on next Saturday.

A small blaze occurred in the boiler room of the Daily News at 8 o'clock last night. A still alarm was turned in, and the department at No. 1 hall responded with the chemical engine. The fire was extinguished before any material damage was done.

A letter addressed to the proprietor of the Hotel McDonald was received yesterday from a young woman at Vancouver. She requested a position as table waitress. Harry Edwards replied and has written her to turn her attention to Nome.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Joe Jordan and his wife will leave for Cape Nome on next Saturday.

Busselle Hart arrived yesterday from Bennett City, and is registered at the Yukon hotel.

Mrs. J. McKay and her party arrived safely in Dawson from the outside at 8 o'clock last evening.

John Quigg, a miner on Cheechahko Hill is visiting Dawson. He is stopping at the Hotel McDonald.

Flume McCool and Swede Sam, two sports of Grand Forks, are contemplating a trip to Nome over the ice.

Charles Werner, manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s tinshop, started on a business trip for the outside this morning.

W. M. Davis, who has a lay on No. 7 below on Bonanza, was in town last night after a week's confinement to his cabin with a severe cold.

E. J. Saunders will leave in a few days for Fortymile with a cargo of freight for the N. A. T. & T. Co., which is operating a branch store at that place.

John Hughes, a commission merchant of Dawson, will leave for Skagway tomorrow morning. He expects to return with a stock of merchandise on the first boat down the river next spring.

Miss Mimosa Gates has purchased a large outfit, including provisions and a camping outfit, and will start in a few days over the ice for Nome. She engaged the services of an experienced traveler to conduct her on her long and perilous journey.

Are you planning any improvements in the building line? Place orders for lumber with the Nugget Express. Office, Boyle's wharf.

Not Good Bye, But Au Revoir.

C. W. Thebo was tendered a parting jolly by the employes of the T. & E. Co. last night at the company's store prior to his departure for the outside.

Captain Wood acted as toastmaster and with an appropriate speech presented Mr. Thebo with a beautiful charm, typical of the Klondike, and which, without doubt, will attract a great deal of attention in Merrie England, towards which country he is traveling. The charm was made by Sale & Co., in the form of a gold pan, with crossed pick and shovel, a shaft and windlass, and a dump of nuggets showing on the indented side, the other side being engraved with name and date.

Mr. Thebo leaves today and will go direct to London, where the Cattle Syndicate, Ltd., the company he represents, has headquarters.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office

Ho for Bennett.

H. A. Matheson will leave for the coast on or about Jan 20. Mr. Matheson has two splendid horses and proposes to carry three or four passengers to Bennett in the quickest time possible, and every precaution will be taken to avoid any accidents or delays en route. For further information apply at store on Hunker creek or to Emil Mohr, Mohr & Wilkins' store, Dawson.

Call and see our stock of playing cards, leather pocket case with each pack. Nugget office.

One-half, 3/4, 1, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch steam hose at Shindler's, 109 Front Street.

NOTICE.

Parties having Laundry at the Palace Barber Shop can get same by calling at Ruth Howard's cabin in rear of Hobbs' sawmill.

Nugget Express Daily Stage

BETWEEN
Dawson and the Forks

Leaves Office, Boyle's Wharf, at 3 p. m.
Leaves Dewey Hotel, Forks, at 9 a. m.

C. J. Dumbolton ...TAXIDERMIST

FIRST CLASS WORK.....
Hunters bring in your game. I will buy all the heads and birds you have.
CITY MARKET Opposite S.-Y. T. Co.

CITY MARKET!

...NOW OPEN...

Tons of Choicest Beef Arriving Daily

We respectfully solicit the patronage of old-time customers in and out of town

C. J. Dumbolton & Co.

Second Ave., Opp. S.-Y. T. Co.

Mitchell, Lewis & Slaver Co.

OF SEATTLE, WASH.
Mining Machinery of all Descriptions.
Pumping Plants a Specialty. Orders taken for early spring delivery.
Chas. E. Severance Gen. Agent.
Room 15, A. C. Building

One Dollar

A splendid course dinner served daily at

THE HOLBORN

Ask the boys what they think of it. Short orders a specialty. Connecting with the Green Tree
BRUCE & HALL, Props.

ARCTIC MACHINERY

DEPOT,
Second Ave., South of Third St.

Mining Machinery

Boilers, Engines, Pumps,
Hoists, Sawing Plants, Belting,
Piping, Fittings, Etc

Sole Agents for the McVICKER Pipe Boiler.

AIR-TIGHT HEATERS AND ROADHOUSE RANGES

McLENNAN, McFEELY & CO., Limited
Front Street, Dawson.

For first-class meats try the Bonanza Market, 3rd St. near 3rd avenue.

Storage

Cheapest Rates
in the City

Boyle's Wharf

The Best Cup of Coffee

In the City, with a QUICK LUNCH,
Well Cooked and Properly Served.
...Melbourne Annex
Next to Hotel

BROWN & BERTON, Prop.

SAFE FROM FIRE

....Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobaccos
EL PADRE NEEDLES
Flor de Melvin
La Cadina
Custodia
Clear Havana
LOUIS LEWIS, Wholesale only
F. BAYLISS, Representative. Regina Hotel