

PREPARATIONS FOR SPRING

Now Being Made By Miners on the Principal Creeks.

The Present Warm Weather May Cause an Insufficient Supply of Water for the Cleanup.

The warm weather which has prevailed for the past week or so is disadvantageous to the mining industry. The shafts and underground workings are being abandoned and claim owners are working making arrangements for the clean up. The poor condition of the trails has increased freight rates, and those who failed to obtain some time ago their lumber for sluice boxes, are now required to pay advanced prices for this material. If the weather continues to moderate, many portions of the district will lack sufficient water for spring operations. The snow on the hillsides is rapidly disappearing, and the water, usually derived from this source at the wash up is running over the frozen creek beds without enabling the miners to put it to profitable use. A shortage in water will result in great loss to claim owners. For during the winter large expenses have been incurred in mining vast quantities of gravel, and if the full values of the dumps are not realized by claim owners, some of them may be embarrassed by financial difficulties.

This year's output from Dominion creek will be surprising. From upper discovery to No. 17 above, there are eight claims, which have been working steadily during the past winter. On discovery claim, thorough operations have been conducted, and a number of dumps are in evidence. The properties between the two discoveries have been extensively developed. In this vicinity, 28 creek claims have been mined during the season. Some of the ground is exceedingly rich. On Dougall McArthur's claim, No. 33 below upper, pans of gravel ranging in value from \$75 to \$90, have been found. No. 36 below upper, owned by Dick Butler, is credited with the largest dump on the creek. Besides these creek claims, there are a number of hillsides in this locality which have been systematically worked during the winter. From lower discovery to the thirties below lower, many properties are developed, and have large dumps ready for the wash up. On lower Dominion, from No. 100 down, a number of claims have been prospected, and good results obtained, but the product of this portion will not materially increase the output of the creek. Dominion will be second to Eldorado in the production of gold for 1900.

Hunker creek and its tributary, Last Chance, are among the richest portions of the Dawson district. This section of the country has been thoroughly developed, and the results of the past winter's work can only be determined after the spring clean up. On the left limit of the concession, a number of hillsides have been worked to profitable advantage. At No. 80 below discovery, Last Chance enters Hunker. On this tributary are at least ten creek claims which have proven of immense value. The best benches seem to have been found on the left limit, opposite Nos. 9, 10, and 11 above discovery. On the hillsides on the left limit of Hunker creek, opposite No. 80 and 81, good pay has been obtained by Messrs. Barr and Crosby. Hester creek, which enters at 60 below, has showed well at the mouth. Between No. 55 below and discovery, there are about 25 creek, besides a number of hillsides claims that have been worked continuously during the winter. Probably, the most extensive operations on the creek are witnessed in the vicinity of Johannsen's claim, No. 9 below discovery. Above discovery there are in the neighborhood of 14 developed properties. There are many portions of Hunker which have not been thoroughly prospected, but notwithstanding this fact, the creek will contribute her proportionate share to the season's production.

Arrivals From Fort Cudahy.

Messrs. George W. Pennington and J. H. Watson arrived in Dawson yesterday afternoon from Fort Cudahy. Mr. Pennington is manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s store at that station. He reports that the stampede from here to Nome made business good at Cudahy and Fortymile, but states that these places are almost deserted by reason of the inhabitants leaving for the new gold fields.

Mr. Watson is superintendent of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s coal mines, located on Cliff creek, which flows into the Yukon about ten miles below Fort Cudahy. In speaking of these proper-

ties, Mr. Watson said: "The coal mines are about a mile and three quarters from the mouth of Cliff creek. We have done considerable development work during the past winter; but our operations have been principally confined to preparations for the coming summer. At present, there are about 20 men employed. The coal is transported from the mines to the bank of the Yukon over a narrow gauge railroad. We have plenty of cars, and a locomotive engine, the only one on the Yukon. The quality of coal is semi-bituminous, and a steam fuel of the very first grade. There are 1700 tons on the Yukon river landing at the present time. I consider the coal an excellent commercial commodity, and it will be offered for sale on the Dawson market immediately after the opening of navigation."

The trail is reported to be in fair condition. The roadhouse which is situated 16 miles below Dawson, has discontinued the service of meals; but sleeping quarters may still be secured there.

POLICE COURT.

This was a quiet day in Major Perry's court, there being but a few cases up for hearing.

J. S. Chamberlain, a young man whose appearance would suggest that he is a student of theology, was up on the charge of allowing his premises to become filthy and of permitting them to so remain. He pleaded not guilty, and offered in his own defense that the premises were very unclean when he began occupancy last November, and that the condition at that time had been augmented by the accumulations of four months, but that he had deemed it the duty of his landlord to do the "scavenging" for the property. A fine of \$5 and costs was entered on the debit side of the court ledger, but was immediately balanced on the credit side by Chamberlain's landlord, who was present and who seemed to look upon the arrest of his tenant as a huge joke.

The case of Erickson vs. Chisholm was continued until 10 o'clock Saturday.

James Mathews admitted owing Sam'l Summerville \$25 which became due Saturday night, but at that time he said he told Samuel: "I'll pay you tomorrow or the next day." Instead of returning as per request, Samuel invoked the aid and assistance of the strong arm of the law. The magistrate opined that he should have returned for his money before carrying his case to court; he therefore decreed that Mathews pay the \$25 and that each man pay his own costs.

Action was at last gotten on the dog case this morning in which Jorden L. Andrews was charged by Chas Swain of having stolen a husky dog valued at \$150, which case has been postponed from day to day for nearly a week on account of the absence of witnesses for the prosecution. The witnesses were still lacking this morning, but the court decided to hear the statement of the prosecuting witness, which statement proved a gem in its line. Mr. Swain, wearing a confident, but at the same time the look of a man against whom deeply laid conspiracies had been plotted, began his story to the effect that a man named Conway who owed him money had gone to Nome, leaving as payment of the debt a husky dog at the Flannery hotel; but that when he sought the dog it had faded away like morning dew from a pumpkin vine. That the dog had been stolen by Andrews he well knew, because John Smith had told him that he heard Bill Jones say that Bob Young had told him that Jimmy Green had heard his step-aunt whisper over the back fence to Billy the Birk's grandmother that while lying abed one night she had heard two men whom she did not know pass her cabin and say something about a flock of dogs that had been coming down the river on a scow last fall being marooned at a point called Lickempanch, and that—"hold on," said the court; "is this the kind of evidence on which you expect me to convict this prisoner?" Swain admitted that probably his witness could produce some better evidence when they were found, provided they had not been "fixed." But it being conclusive that so far not a tittle of evidence existed to show a symptom of guilt on the part of Andrews, he was discharged; and, like the Georgia statesman, the prosecuting witness wondered "Where am I at?"

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 52.5 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature for the same period of time was 19.5 degrees above.

Territorial Court.

The case of the Williams Mill Company vs. Dr. Isidore M. Bourke and Mary Bourke was concluded yesterday afternoon, and the decision has been reserved by Justice Dugas.

The plaintiff in the action of John Euland vs. Theodore La Fond was nonsuited.

In Joseph Conta vs. James McKenna, the plaintiff recovered judgment against the defendant for the sum of \$150 as wages for representation work on a claim in Lucky Gulch, and costs of suit.

Today the court is occupied in trying the case of Robert J. Nesbitt vs. the Ryan Trading Company. The plaintiff is suing to recover \$142 as wages for labor performed for defendant on the trial in October, 1898. The de-

fendant alleges in defense that the exact sum to which the plaintiff is entitled is \$66, which amount has been deposited in court.

Record of Transfers.

J. La Montagne to D. M. Craig, bench, left limit, second tier, opposite lower half of 33 below on Bonanza.

W. H. Pepper to C. J. Mulkey, hill side, right limit, opposite lower half of No. 8 Little Blanche.

G. R. Buss to C. J. Mulkey et al., half hillside, right limit, opposite upper half of No. 7 Little Blanche.

C. Brankel to H. Wilkins, hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of 31 above on Bonanza.

M. Gift to J. C. Robe, half of bench, right limit, third tier, opposite upper half of 28 below A. Mack's discovery on Quartz.

J. McNeff to P. Fasel, upper half of creek claim, No. 38 below the mouth of Last Chance, on Hunker.

H. Allen to P. C. Carrier, half of hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of 45 below on Sulphur.

A. Faeh to P. Frank, hillside, right limit, opposite lower half of 12 above upper on Dominion.

H. Gates to J. P. Miller, half of 20 below upper on Dominion.

Noah Legault to H. Dore, third of 14 above on Last Chance.

G. Butler et al. to T. McMullen, all of No. 2 Bear creek.

F. J. Golden to J. R. Gray et al., eighth of hillside, right limit, opposite upper half of 3 below on Hunker.

G. D. McManus to C. J. O'Donnell, threefourths of bench, right limit, opposite lower half of No. 3 Magnet gulch.

N. Bourrowsk to A. Waugh, half of hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of 29 below the mouth of Last Chance on Hunker.

W. Moore has mortgaged to M. McDougall the hillside, left limit, opposite 17 Eldorado.

PERSONAL MENTION.

David Stull is visiting the city. C. Millen is in town for a few days. G. McAdams is in Dawson on business.

E. N. Johnson, of Hunker creek, is registered at the Regina.

K. Wilson came to the city from the creeks yesterday.

H. A. Schell is enjoying a short vacation in town.

Michael Galvin, of Hunker, is in town on a few days' visit.

R. R. Ramsdell, of Hunker, is stopping in the city for a short while.

Mrs. L. E. Miller, of No. 2 Eldorado, is visiting friends in the city.

W. J. Henderson is very ill with pneumonia at the Good Samaritan hospital.

C. Wegman, the A. E. Company's agent at Grand Forks, is a guest at the Regina.

James G. Morse was entered yesterday at the Good Samaritan hospital. He is suffering with pneumonia.

L. A. Cook and wife left today to spend the remainder of the season at their claim on Cheechako Hill.

The Incoming Mail.

The incoming mail passed Ogilvi at 9 o'clock this morning, but owing to the poor condition of the river trail above Dawson Postmaster Hartman does not expect the arrival of the consignment until this evening. It is reported that this is one of the largest mails which has been brought down the river during the present season. As soon as it arrives the letters will be sorted immediately, and the office will probably be open for distribution tomorrow morning.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

The case of Yarwood vs. Clegg is being tried by Commissioner Senkler today. The action involves a dispute respecting the boundary lines of the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the upper half of No. 1 Boulder creek.

The Clear Thing.

There is a desire in the majority of men at this time of the year to imbibe cooling and refreshing beverages. This is noticeable at the New Dominion, where mixed drinks are now served to the majority of customers, they eschewing the plain and customary "hootch" in favor of the enticing gin fize or whisky punch and fancy draught of that ilk. Last night a patron of the house noticing the lavish manner in which limes were served in these concoctions, made a wager that the limes were dummies soaked in lime juice and served until worn with age and attrition. Sam Bonfield took the doubting Thomas around the bar and showed him a box of the acidulous fruit from which the genial "barkeep" draws his supply, and the wise gee set 'em up.

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LOST—By Henry Bariz, large, black morocco pocketbook or wallet, containing his lodge papers of Masons, Odd Fellows and Eagles, and recording papers. Finder may have the money in pocketbook and \$50 more in cash now on deposit with cashier at Dominion saloon, to which place he shall return it.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

MINING ENGINEERS.
DUFF'S HUCK—Plans and surveys of underground workings—Third avenue, opposite Dr. Bourke's Hospital.

NETLAND, C. E.—Underground surveys, Reports furnished on mining properties and hydraulic concessions. Office, Room 3, Dawson City Hotel.

DOMINION LAND SURVEYORS.
TYRRELL & GREEN, Mining Engineers and Dominion Land Surveyors. Office, Harper st., Dawson.

ASSAYERS.
JOHN B. WARDEN, F. I. C.—Assayer for Bank of British North America. Gold dust melted and assayed. Assays made of quartz and black sand. Analyses of ores and coal.

LAWYERS
WADE & AIKMAN—Advocates, Notaries, etc. Office, A. C. office Building, Dawson.

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ALEX HOWDEN—Barrister, Solicitor, Advocate, etc. Criminal & Mining Law, Room 21 A. C. Co's office Block.

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