

about 800 feet per hour each. Rough lumber now costs \$150 per thousand, as against \$140 last year, a like increase having been made in the price of other grades of product. The increase in price was caused by the scarcity of logs. Wages remain the same as last year. A sawmill has been erected on Bonanza and another at the mouth of Bear Creek.

Three or four typewriter operators keep fairly busy, charging 50 cents per folio and 25 cents for duplicates.

During the winter newspapers brought in over the trail found a ready sale at \$2 apiece. On June 13 a news stand displayed for sale newspapers and periodicals as follows: New York Journal and World, April 13; San Francisco Call, May 6; Seattle Post-Intelligencer, May 8; Puck, April 6; Judge, April 9; Harper's Weekly and Leslie's Weekly, April 7; Scribner's and Cosmopolitan for April. The price of the magazines, Puck and Judge, and the Journal and World was \$1 each, while the weeklies and other papers sold for 75 cents each.

Large sums of money were made by packers at Dawson during the winter. Twelve head of horses wintered there and were used successfully in sledding supplies to the mines. One packer who worked five horses states that he cleared \$25,000 as the result of his winter's work, although he had to pay as high as \$1 per pound for feed and \$1,200 per ton for hay. This is in marked contrast with the experience of the unfortunate packer whose disastrous journey to Circle City last fall was described in the former report, and it may be interesting to state here that the three horses constituting the remnant of his pack-train returned to Dawson in March, making the trip over the ice in nineteen days and drawing 950 pounds each on sleds. On June 25 they were in excellent condition, and had been for some weeks earning \$200 a day for their owner.

Just before the breaking up of the ice on the Klondike the rates for freighting reached the highest point ever paid on the Yukon, as high as \$600 per thousand feet being charged for hauling lumber to 36 Eldorado, 17 miles from Dawson. On June 20 the rates for packing to The Forks (13 miles) was 40 cents per pound, 10 cents greater than last year, while packers receive the same wages, \$250 to \$300 per month and board. Feed is scarcer than last year, oats costing from 30 to 50 cents per pound. Hay is shipped from Seattle, and has sold this summer as low as \$250 per ton, the prevailing price being \$350 per ton.

During the spring a great many horses and mules were brought down the river in scows, and on June 25 there were between 200 and 300 head in the district, nearly all being used in packing to the mines and in prospecting. Prices ranged from \$250 to \$750 per head. At the above date there were ten 2-horse teams at work in Dawson, hauling lumber, etc., the charge for services being \$10 per hour, and all the teams were working ten or twelve hours a day. Drivers received \$300 per month and board.

Considerable attention is being paid to vegetable gardening in the