

THE RIVER ONE YEAR AGO.

Conditions Are About the Same Now as Then.

The Ice Went Out May 17th—Many Opinions as to When Navigation Will Open.

Many opinions are being expressed daily as to when the ice will leave the Yukon river. Persons who have resided in this territory for several years, assert that the past winter was similar to the season of 1897-98; the ice in the spring of 1898 moved from the river on the afternoon of May 8th. The winter of 1898-99 was mild in comparison to the season just ended; but nevertheless, the river did not break last spring until May 17th.

The Nugget herewith publishes some references, which it made about a year ago respecting the condition of the river ice:

Saturday, April 22d—Water is rising quite rapidly in the Klondike and the ice between Hunker and a point some miles down is covered to the depth of several inches, compelling pedestrians to take to the old summer trail on the shore. The ice still remains firm, however, and as yet shows no indications of breaking up.

Wednesday, April 26—The ice on the Klondike river is covered with a foot or more of water, and crossing is not considered safe.

Wednesday, May 10th—Monday the running water from the Klondike succeeded in cutting a channel some distance into the ice of the Yukon and immediately the open space was surrounded by fishermen, whose efforts, however, were not rewarded.

On Saturday, May 13th, a horse broke through the Yukon river ice near the mouth of the Klondike. The animal was rescued after considerable difficulty.

A Young Financier.

He will be a mighty monopolist, a confidence man or something else. At present he is a trifle shorter than a yardstick and has a face like a cherub. This little rascal stood at the front door of a Second Avenue residence, a snow shovel in one hand and a broom in the other.

"Walk cleaned, mum?" he asked briskly. "Clean it fur a dime."

"This is a very narrow lot, bubby. I never pay but a nickel."

"That's what the lady next door said, that you'd beat me down to a nickel. She said you was closer'n the cover on a baseball."

"She did, hey? I'll show her. She's so stingy that she works her potato parings into hash. Close, am I? How much did she pay you?"

"Fifteen cents, mum."

"I'll pay you a quarter. When you're through, come in and have a warm piece of mince pie. Poor little fellow!"

The program was carried out to the letter, and the little boy with big blue eyes, fair face and golden hair went whistling down the street. When the two women faced each other over the line fence, they glared. "Told a mere baby that I was mean and would rob him, did you?" began the woman who had furnished the pie.

"I told him nothing. What did you mean by advising him to make a bargain with me first or I'd only pay him 2 cents and to look out that I didn't give him a plugged coin?"

"Why, I never did. He went to your house first. Did you ever see or hear of such an angelic looking little villain?" and they talked the whole matter over. Two maternal strong right hands are itching for that cherub to show up again.—Detroit Free Press.

Alas the Poor Chinaman.

San Francisco is somewhat stirred up over a new phase of the Chinese question. San Francisco is always discovering new phases of the Chinese question.

This latest is a tax which the See Yup Society has been levying for two years past on every Chinaman who embarks on a ship, and the fact has only just been discovered. It appears that a committee of See Yups turns up at the pier before the sailing of each ship. Every Chinaman who presents himself as a passenger, having been warned in advance, dutifully deposits a dollar and a half with the committee before he is permitted to embark.

This new species of imposition was discovered by the finding of a circular a few days ago. It was printed in Chinese characters, and the finder, on learning its purport, took it to police headquarters.

The circular goes on to say that if any Chinese is found attempting to go

on board without a receipt from the See Yups he will immediately be arrested, and in case relatives or friends offer to interfere in any way they will be severely dealt with. The police took immediate steps to break up the practice.

A Possibility.

The London Standard in its principal editorial indulges in the hope that many Boers may yet become British soldiers. It says: "The Boers are proved to have a remarkable turn for soldiering, and there must be many young Boers who will be reluctant to return to a dull pastoral life after the excitement of the campaign. If they are willing to adopt a military career we will find room for them in a safer and more satisfactory enterprise than armed rebellion. We may yet hope to see some future Cronje or Joubert leading British troops on the battlefield side by side with generals of Irish, Canadian and Australian origin. Army commissions are to be given to Australians. Similar privileges must be granted to the other colonies, including those of South Africa."—Victoria Times.

Britain's Siege Train.

A British view of what can be done with the Pretoria fortifications is found in the following description of the siege train which is now in South Africa. This is the second train of its kind sent out by England during the last 40 years. The last occasion was when 60 heavy guns and mortars were sent from Woolwich for the siege of Sabastopol, where, with 50 ship guns, they took part in the bombardment of that city in connection with the French siege train. The Russian defense, however, developed so rapidly under the inspiration of Todleben that before the final assault, which placed it in the hands of the allies, the number of guns in position in the besieging batteries had been raised to 806. The train now on its way from England comprises 30 howitzers, 14 of 8-inch calibre, eight 5-inch and eight 4-inch. The number is not formidable in itself under the old condition in regard to explosives, but if they are, as may be inferred, intended to throw lyddite shells, and unless the Boers are in possession of projectiles charged with melinite or some similar high explosive with which to respond to the British fire the siege of Pretoria should not be of very long duration. It is calculated that the investment will require fully 42,000 British troops, leaving the remainder of the army to guard the communication, occupy certain strategic points and operate against that part of the Boer army not required for the defense of Pretoria. This part of the Boer army is expected to fall back into the north in the Zoutpansberg mountains, which the Boers are reported to intend to make their stronghold, and where, before the surrender of Cronje, they expected to carry on the war against England indefinitely.

The Boers call the ranges about Pretoria Magalies. The town was laid out after 1836 by them and named after Pretorius, one of their first and strongest leaders. He was the first president of the republic and commandant general of their army. The real growth of the town did not commence until after the victory at Majuba Hill in 1881. Johannesburg is the centre and home of the Uitlanders—the nervous, adventurous element of the Transvaal. But Pretoria is essentially the center of the pastoral Boers. Tropical flowers and plants cover the valley in which it lies, and willows grow in every direction. Most of the buildings are white in color. On the dome of the capitol is a golden statue of Liberty. The Witwatersrand mines, which yield \$100,000,000 annually, are but a short distance from the capital. The universal prevalence of the bicycle in Pretoria, of the telephone and the electric car indicate Boer contact with civilized nations outside.

Manager Jansen Sick.

Since last Saturday, Mr. F. Jansen, manager of the Ames Mercantile Company, has been confined to his room with a very severe attack of la grippe. Mr. Jansen's illness is regretted by his many friends and acquaintances, and it is earnestly hoped that the estimable gentleman will soon be able to resume his regular business.

Territorial Court.

The case of James McKenzie and John Miles, as plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. I. Davidson and J. L. Davidson, as defendants, still occupies the attention of Justice Dugas in the territorial court. It appears that the hearing of testimony will be concluded today. Tomorrow, the attorneys will submit their arguments on behalf of the respective parties to the action.

The next case to be tried is that of Rogers vs. Reed.

When in town, stop at the Regina.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

Fresh goods from the outside at the Star Clothing House.

BRIEF MENTION.

W. D. Comer is visiting the city. John Reid is in the city on business. A. Brule is spending a few days in town.

W. McNeil is stopping for a few days in town. Eunice Grant is visiting acquaintances in Dawson.

J. C. McLaren is a guest of friends in the city. Andrew Webster is making a brief visit to Dawson.

R. M. Burnett, of Eldorado, arrived in town yesterday. C. G. Demoss is shaking hands with his Dawson friends.

William Schade came to town from the creeks yesterday. J. C. Cantwell is enjoying a short vacation in the city.

W. M. D. Ames, from Bonanza creek, is in the city on a short visit. W. A. Munroe will be in Dawson until the clean-up season commences.

Mrs. Alex McDonald has been confined to her room with a slight attack of illness. The flow of water on the Yukon from the Klondike has greatly increased during the last 24 hours.

Today the fire department boys are employed in flushing the drain ditches with the assistance of the department horse apparatus.

Preparations are almost completed for the production of the lady minstrel show, to be given at the Palace Grand theater next Thursday evening.

To Nome on Horseback.

George B. Swinehart, who is well known in Dawson as a newspaper man, arrived from the outside several weeks ago. He will remain here until the opening of navigation, immediately after which he will proceed to Cape Nome.

Mr. Swinehart expects to conduct and manage a newspaper. His press and plant were shipped from Seattle several days ago.

He will leave here on one of the first river boats. He has purchased a horse, which he will take with him on the steamboat. At this end of the Kaltag portage, he and his animal will disembark; and Mr. Swinehart contemplates riding his horse over the cutoff. He hopes to reach Nome city during the latter part of May.

While outside, the gentleman visited the principal cities in the United States; he reports that throughout the Union there is much excitement respecting the resources of Nome, and that the stampede of people to the Alaskan camp will be greater than the rush to the Klondike was in the spring and summer of 1898.

Mail Is In.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon two sled loads of mail reached the local postoffice from up the river. This is the same mail which is spoken of elsewhere in this paper as being due some time tonight or tomorrow morning. The postoffice will be open for distribution in the morning.

Paste in Your Hat

For the benefit of those whose business it may be to prognosticate weather in future years and for future residents in this portion of the mundane sphere it should be made a note that this morning, the 24th day of April, 1900, more snow fell in ten minutes than during the same period at any time during the preceding six months.

The above will furnish a foundation on which to base a fabrication that may cause future generations to stand aghast in open-mouthed wonder.

Dr. Lee Returns.

Dr. Hallvard Lee, the well known Dawson dentist, has returned to town from the creeks, where he has been engaged in mining since the disastrous fire of last fall. The doctor will resume his professional practice in this city. He has engaged a suite of rooms in the second story of the Monte Carlo building, where he will be pleased to meet his former patrons and acquaintances.

George Butler's Dispensary.

It may be found a pleasure and even a necessity in this country to look upon the red hootch in the glass. But the rub is where to get the genuine article. By the number of people who patronize the Pioneer it would seem that popular resort has the call on the clear thing.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Hotel, with bar attached; good location; doing a good paying business. Inquire Eldorado Hotel, Grand Forks.—C27

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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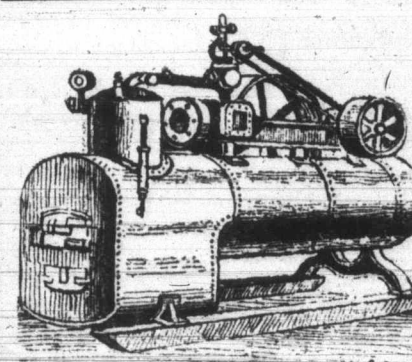
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