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And Small Packages can be sent to the Creeks by our carriers on the following days: Every Wednesday and Saturday to Eldorado and Bonanza; every Saturday to Hunker, Dominion, Gold Run, Sulphur, etc.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1900.

OUR PRIZE STORY.

As will be noted in another column of this issue the judges selected to pass upon the merits of the stories contributed to the Nugget's prize contest have rendered their decision. The winning story was written by Chester Whitman Tennant, of Dawson, who is therefore entitled to the cash prize of \$50 offered by this paper. The story will appear in the Nugget's special holiday issue which will be published in another week. Mr. Tennant's story is a vivid portrayal of Yukon life, with a pathetic little touch of romance which sustains the interest of the reader throughout. The Nugget congratulates the author upon the fact of his success, which is the more noteworthy by reason of the fact that it has been achieved under very close competition.

All the stories submitted are possessed of merit and in every way are worthy of publication as typical presentations of prevailing conditions of life in this country. Our only regret is that there was not a prize for all.

We desire at this time to acknowledge our thanks to the judges, Mr. Henry E. Riddle and Dr. J. N. E. Brown, upon whose judgment of the merits of the stories the prize is awarded. Both gentlemen are competent literary critics and their decision will be accepted as having been rendered with absolute fairness and impartiality.

The contest has been a most satisfactory undertaking and has demonstrated very thoroughly, as the Nugget intimated in the beginning would be the case, that the Klondike possesses literary talent of a very high order.

The News is somewhat alarmed for fear that Mr. Eilbeck will sometime come into possession of the Nugget. Well, thank heaven, there will be some satisfaction in knowing that when the genial sheriff takes hold of the Nugget it will still be owned by a man who has a country, and is not a renegade.

The drop in the price of "small bots" relieves our mind of a grave anxiety. We were afraid that supper would be a rather dry affair, but even the News ought to be able to draw a cork or two under the circumstances.

Stern old winter is the best road builder we have. An ordinary team will pull three times the weight over our icy boulevards that can be hauled in summer on the same road.

Mad dogs in Dawson in the middle of winter are a distinct innovation. This may be taken as one proof of the theory that extreme heat and extreme cold amount to about the same thing.

Every time the News finds itself beaten in an argument it begins to call names. No more certain indication of a weak cause could be suggested.

And still there are people who maintain that the twentieth century does not begin on January 1st next.

Marvels of Mechanism.

Some years ago a jeweler of Boulogne, France, constructed a wonderful automatic conjurer. This figure, correctly dressed in black, performed various sleight-of-hand tricks with re-

markable dexterity, and when it was applauded gracefully saluted the spectators to the right and left. One of its tricks was the following: It struck a table several times, and made an egg come out of it. It then blew upon the latter, when out of it came a bird that flapped its wings and sang and afterwards entered the egg again.

This, however, was nothing as compared with the automatic fly manufactured by John Miller and which flew around the table during a dinner and alighted upon the hand of its owner and manufacturer, to the great astonishment of the guests.

Another wonderful piece of mechanism was a minute coach, to which were harnessed several horses, and which rolled over the table. Upon starting the coachman cracked his whip and the horses began to prance, and then became quiet and started off on a trot. The coach stopped, and the lackey jumped from his seat, and, opening the door, handed out a handsomely dressed lady, who saluted and then re-entered the coach. The lackey closed the door and then jumped upon the box, the whip snapped and the horses galloped off.

The famous mechanical flute player was a life-long figure, standing by the side of a broken column, upon which it slightly leaned. It was capable of playing a dozen different airs with remarkable ease. To effect this result there was a system of weights that actuated a bellows placed in the interior of the automaton and through an invisible tube forced air into the flute, where it acted in the usual way upon the stopple of the opening. In order to obtain the modulations, and consequently a complete air, the fingers of the automaton were movable and closed the holes of the flute hermetically when at rest. The fingers were moved by wires and cords that were tautened and released by the play of a toothed cylinder.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Origin of Zero.

Last evening while Commissioner Ogilvie was entertaining a few friends at dinner, the conversation turned on the weather, and naturally the thermometer came in for its share of discussion.

"Did you ever happen to hear how the present term zero came to be applied to the 32d degree of Fahrenheit?"

When a few had frankly admitted that they had never heard, and others had searched their memories for what had never been there, the host said:

"Well, the present thermometer in that respect, is based upon the discovery of a scientist who lived in the south of Germany a long time ago, and who, in searching for extreme cold, hit upon a mixture of salt and cracked ice, and, so far as he knew, this would produce extreme cold, which, as we see is the 32d degree, and has been marked zero upon all our thermometers. The old German never expected to record anything below that.

"What is extreme cold, anyway," asked some one.

"The extreme of cold reached by chemical experiments and mathematical calculations, is between 476 and 478. There has been much difficulty in arriving at the exact figure, and in fact I believe it has never yet been definitely decided upon.

"There has been considerable talk of late of changing the thermometers in such a way as to do away with the present somewhat confusing system of calculating the degrees of heat and cold as above and below zero, and making the point of extreme cold the standard."

Seagram, '83, at Rochester Bar.

The Criterion Hotel.

The Criterion hotel has been remodelled and is now to be run on the family hotel plan, where, with finely appointed rooms and an excellent dining room service the patrons of the house can be entertained. Manager J. H. Weiter has reduced the price of rooms and will make every effort to have a first-class family hotel in every respect.

Xmas Goods

I have just opened a case of Quadruple Plate Silverware in

- Jewel Powder Boxes
- Smoker Sets
- Biscuit Jars
- Children's Mugs
- Photo Frames
- Ink Stands, Etc., etc.

I have a large line of useful articles for Christmas Gifts

- Ties, Fur Mitts
- Slippers, Handkerchiefs
- Smoking Jackets, Etc., etc.

J. P. McLENNAN.

Should Space Allow

We could furnish you with some interesting reading relative to the store which this illustration portrays. For instance, we might tell you how many thousands of dollars worth of high class clothing has gone through those doors in the possession of satisfied purchasers. Or we might tell you that back of those plate glass windows can be found the only tailor cut clothing in the territory, giving you a description of the goods and the immense wholesale tailoring house that makes them for us. But space not permitting we can at least wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



HERSHBERG

The Reliable Seattle Clothiers

Opp. C. D. Co.'s Dock.

THE CAUSES OF TYPHOID

Physicians Believe It Is Due to a Change in Water.

People Are More Careless of Health Here Than Elsewhere, Is Why They Have Pneumonia.

If the water company's mains had been kept open during the winter, and no water had been drawn from the Klondike or Yukon river, according to local medical opinion, typhoid, which is with us now almost an epidemic, would have been as rare as it was during the summer months. Physicians who have studied the situation say that the prevalence of typhoid now is due in their estimation to a change in the source of the water supply. It is not said that the water in use at the present time is bad, or unfit for use, but merely that it contains different properties from that used during the summer.

It is not denied by any means that there may not be other causes as well, but this is the main one.

Concerning the cases of pneumonia now so numerous, a physician of standing said last evening: "We have always had more or less pneumonia here during the winter months, and the climate is such that it is quite natural there should be more or less, but the

climate is sufficiently burdened already without being forced to bear the blame of any more of this than is really its share.

"Probably the most prolific cause of this disease lies in the people themselves. Remember that this is a very newly organized community and that a very heavy percentage of its make-up came from far more moderate climates, and naturally know nothing of the different effects produced upon the human system by precisely the same habits, practiced alike here and in a higher temperature.

"For instance. We are in a warm room at present, and supposing that the thermometer marked 50 below zero, and that you went out without first wrapping up your nose and mouth, you would notice, if you gave it a thought, that you experienced a shock when the biting cold air poured through your nostrils and bronchial tubes, and if you were susceptible to the disorder, you would have perhaps a time after this a chill, and most likely the mischief would be done.

"People take less care of themselves here than anywhere I have ever been, and the only wonder to me is that there is not more sickness than what there is."

Diamond mounting by Soggs & Vesco. Outfitting at Meeker's.

Lindemann the jeweler has removed to Monte Carlo building.

For special designs in jewelry see Soggs & Vesco, Third st., opp. A. C.

Films of all kinds at Goetzman's. Glasses fitted by Soggs & Vesco.

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SULPHUR, DOMINION, GOLD RUN

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Have a 'phone in your house—The lady of the house can order all her wants by it.

Business Phones, \$25 Per Month

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DONALD B. OLSON, General Manager

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