

## CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

### Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

#### Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

Mr. J. D. Hartman of King Solomon Hill is in town today.

Mr. McKay of No. 34 below Bonanza came to town yesterday. He is going to the Fortymile country.

Mrs. Primus of No. 33 above Bonanza visited her sister Miss Jennie Parry at Magnet last Sunday.

Mr. Thompson of No. 43 above Bonanza is in town today. Mrs. Thompson is on her way in from the outside.

Mrs. Warren of No. 43 above Bonanza is visiting in town for a few days.

Thos. Ward has accepted a position with Mr. Collins of No. 26 above Bonanza for the winter.

Last Saturday afternoon the cookhouse on No. 3 Gay Gulch belonging to Mr. H. D. Cole was totally destroyed by fire. Only last week Mr. Cole put in a winter's supply of goods and everything was lost. The loss is very heavy.

Dan Gleason of No. 18 below Bonanza is thinking of starting a laundry. The way he washes clothes is certainly a wonder to himself and his partners.

Marting Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza made a flying trip to town last Thursday to buy an Xmas outfit. Xmas will be celebrated in the right kind of style on No. 26.

Those who will be fortunate enough to spend Xmas with Geo. Pilz of No. 47 Eldorado will no doubt have a swell time, as George has already ordered a half sleighload of cooking utensils and provisions for that day.

Mrs. Davis of No. 30 below Bonanza has begun making preparations for the third annual ball to be given at the Elbyan New Year's eve.

A surprise party was given Mr. Coffee on Fox Gulch last Friday night. Great credit is due Mrs. Gilbert for the way everything was planned and carried out. A very nice lunch was served by Mrs. Gilbert. Lots of merriment was caused by one of the cakes which was nicely

frosted and lettered a Minute. Mr. delighted over the cut himself and part very particular that a piece. It was of joyable affairs of the remembered it come by those who enough to be there. This being the time, we must all many homes right be sad and desolate. Among the homes denied this Christmas R. R. Brown of Bonanza, whose husband with paralysis month. Mr. Br Yukon in 1898 with children. He has, made plenty of money satisfied invested in. He was a hard, honest man; strong healthy and full of fatal stroke came Brown is lying in hospital unable to tell his wants a his wife and little years, are in their able to do anything husband and father. an old resident of many friends will be the misfortune that

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for that of bearskin likewise the entry in customer's probable it at 185 pounds.

George E. Nichols caused but does not ally. He was in store at the time and made the deal identified the bear. He later had examining of purchasing it. If the prisoner as been had made the trade the second hand deal seal coat was similar prisoner had traded entry and signature book and the account which consummated.

Charles Stewart is the Nugget saloon, prisoner came to him mission to leave a which was done. The up in a piece of canvas paid no attention. Prisoner had that a man would call one ever came and mained where it was till picked up by the p

## Extension of Public Highway System To be Made During the Coming Year

MAJOR WOOD has been preparing an estimate of the roads to be built next year, of which the following is a copy as far as it has gone, but there are likely to be several additions to it. This, as will be seen, foots up to an expenditure of \$193,000, for the roads already decided upon, which are as follows:

Wagon road from the mouth of All Gold creek to its head connecting with Hunker road at about discovery, distance about ten miles, estimate of cost \$2,000 per mile ..... \$20,000

This creek is promising and a road to it will make it possible to work with profit a large area of low grade ground.

Wagon road from creek claim No. 92 below lower discovery Dominion creek to Arkansas, distance about five miles, estimate of cost per mile \$2000..... 10,000

Wagon road from 32 below discovery Sulphur creek to its mouth connecting with Dominion wagon road, distance about 8 1/2 miles, estimate of cost \$2,500 per mile ..... 21,250

There is work going on on that creek from one end to the other.

Wagon road from the mouth of Steel creek to 60 pup Henderson creek, distance about 22 miles, estimate of cost \$1000 per mile ..... 22,000

Wagon road from Bonanza road to Gold Hill, distance two miles, estimate of cost \$1000 per mile ..... 2,000

Wagon road opposite Dawson from the ferry to steamboat slough about 1 1/2 miles, estimate of cost \$5000 per mile ..... 7,500

This road to be part of a road to Boucher creek and other tributaries of Sixtymile gold fields.

Wagon road from the north end of the city to Moosehide creek, this road to be part of road to Lepine creek quartz mines and to Twelvemile quartz mines, distance about 1 1/2 miles, estimate cost per mile \$5000 ..... 7,500

Pack trail and winter road from the mouth of Arkansas to the mouth of McQuestin river, via Clear creek, distance about 55 miles, estimate of cost per mile \$250 ..... 13,750

Pack trail and winter road from Gordon's Landing to Duncan creek, distance about 20 miles, estimate of cost per mile \$250 ..... 5,000

Pack trail and winter road from Steamboat slough, opposite Dawson, to Boucher creek, via Swede creek, distance about 28 miles, estimate of cost \$250 per mile ..... 7,000

This road will reduce the distance to Boucher creek by about 14 miles with easier grade and in winter will be best route to Glacier, Miller, Gold creek, etc., and to all the creek producers on the boundary line.

Pack trail and winter road from Moosehide to Twelvemile quartz mines, distance about 35 miles, estimate of cost per mile \$250 ..... 12,250

These quartz mines are very promising.

Winter trail from Livingstone creek to Whitehorse, distance about 68 miles, estimate cost of the trail ..... 4,000

Winter trail from Hootalingua post to winter road, distance about 32 miles, estimate of cost ..... 2,000

Glacier trail, repairs to the extent of about \$10,000 would make of it a fair wagon road.

Winter road and pack trail from McQuestin to Gordon's Landing, distance 60 miles, estimate cost \$250 mile ..... 15,000

It is necessary to build this road immediately, on account of the large number of miners on Duncan creek who depend on it for their supplies, the steamer Prospector having failed to reach Gordon's Landing.

Winter road and pack trail from Boucher creek to Miller creek, distance 12 miles, estimate cost \$250 per mile ..... 3,000

Winter road from 8 above discovery on Last Chance up creek, distance 8 miles, estimate cost \$250 per mile ..... 750

Winter road and pack trail from Whitehorse to Dalton post, distance 120 miles, estimate cost \$250 per mile ..... 30,000

\$193,000

## Growth of Postal Facilities

THERE is no better chronometer of general prosperity than the postoffice returns, and Dawson, since its beginning, has done an extremely large business in money orders. While in a new country the first population has generally been of remittance men, or men who have friends to whom they may write for aid to be sent through the mails, here it has been the contrary. This year the amount which came into the country in the shape of money orders was \$102,000, while the amount which was sent out was no less than \$1,263,068.

The postal facilities have been improved and have kept pace with the general growth, and this year every one has reason to be proud of the mail service we are now receiving. The improvement is most marked in the regularity of the mails from the outside, and the bringing in of newspaper mail. Three years ago the Dominion government gave a contract to the White Pass company to carry in the mails from Whitehorse for the sum of \$60,000 per annum. During the summer months the company carries under this contract all the mail there is but during the winter months it is only required to give a weekly service and to bring in or out not more than 700 pounds each week.

The amount of mail from here in the winter time has never exceeded the 700 pounds but once, and that was on the 8th December of this year when everybody seemed to have chosen the same mail for sending out Christmas gifts. In the past, as soon as navigation closed the mail matter began to pile up at Whitehorse, and there were weeks we did not get any mail at all. No newspaper mail was carried, and when navigation opened in the spring we began to receive the newspapers of October and November.

The mails were freighted over the frozen river, and there was sure to be weeks before it was safe for travel. There would be the same delay in the spring, when the ice began to break up. To obviate this and to better the service, Governor Ross obtained the consent of the government to the building of a road from Dawson to Whitehorse, and this year the service has been without the delays occasioned by climatic influences last year but has been regular and better than the once-a-week service the government arranged for, as there are more than weekly stages, and each stage takes mail whenever it leaves.

Another thing, which Postmaster Hartman worked hard to obtain, and only succeeded this winter, was the bringing in of second class mail, which in previous years has been excluded. A contract was entered into with the Merchants stage line to carry in 700 pounds of second class mail for \$236, and 36c per pound for any excess of that weight. This is not confined to second class mail only, but should there be any first class mail left after the White Pass has taken its 700 pounds it will be brought in by the Merchants line. Under this arrangement any amount of mail matter could be brought in, but in the middle of the present month the government limited the amount to be carried by the Merchants line to 1000 pounds per week.

Not only have the mail facilities with the outside been thus so much improved, and made nearly as good as existing conditions will permit, but the postal facilities to the creeks have also been much improved. Only two new postoffices have been established during the year, the one at Last Chance and the other at Stewart, but recommendations for others have been made to the government and they will be established as public necessity calls for them. Mail, however, is now regularly sent every week to No. 80 pup on Hunker, Nos. 7, 33, and 244 below lower on Dominion, No. 27 Gold Run, No. 2 Sulphur and 16 below on Bonanza. This mail is carried by the Orr & Tukey stage line entirely without cost to the government. The postoffices already recommended are for Gold Run, Sulphur, Nos. 7 and 244 below

lower on Dominion, and at Duncan, McQuestin and Glacier.

To reach the latter points a very great improvement has been made this winter. A police post has been established at Miller, and the weekly police patrol carries the mail. Police patrols also carry the mails as far as Selwyn, touching at way points, and up the Stewart as far as McQuestin. So that there can be little fault to be found with the mail service as it is at present, taken in connection with the assurance Postmaster Hartman has received that it would be extended and increased as fast as public needs warranted.

The number of mails dispatched and received this year has been fifty per cent. over that of last year, and the work of the city postoffice has increased in every way. The amount received from stamps last year was \$12,395; this year it is \$13,100. Last year there were no postal notes sold, this year \$147. There have been about 25,000 money orders issued during the year, amounting to the immense sum of \$1,263,068. This is an increase over last year of \$150,000. The amount of money orders cashed here last year was \$7560; this year it was \$102,000. The registered letters received in 1901 amounted to \$13,000; the amount this year \$15,000. The amount of registered letters sent out last year was \$14,500; this year \$16,200.

The postoffice building is well equipped with every facility for the rapid handling of mail, and was planned to give ample space for the transaction of its business for some years even with the rapid increase of the past five years.

#### Russia and Persia.

Odessa, Nov. 18.—An experimental steamship service between the Black sea and Persian gulf ports has shown the feasibility of developing extensive trade relations between Russia and Persia by that route.

An agreement has all but been completed between the minister of finance and the Russian Steam Navigation Company providing for specially equipped vessels to ply between Odessa and Bushire.

An official of the steam navigation company has announced that Russia was determined to install herself in Persian markets hitherto ignored or underrated.

All beers are in the 'also ran' class when compared with Budweiser Beer. N. A. T. & T. Co.

**Modern Epigrams.**

London, Nov. 15.—Some of the brightest remarks made by public men during the week were as follows: "The greatness of a nation is made by its greatest men."—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain.

"Unless a nation is morally healthy, as well as physically, there is but little hope for its future."—Sir William Blake Richmond, the painter.

"Uneducated nations, like uneducated individuals, must be content to do the rougher work and take the lower places in the world."—Lord Avebury, president Central Association of Bankers.

"Education has been from the beginning to the people of the United States their greatest interest and most productive and happy investment."—Joseph Choate, American ambassador to England.

"Landlordism in Ireland must go."—Thomas Wallace Russell, Unionist, M. P. for Tyrone.

"Drunkness should be treated primarily and throughout as a sin."—Sir Thomas Barlow, King Edward's physician.

"I think precedent has been the curse of this country."—Lord Harebery.

#### Obstructive Methods

Vienna, Nov. 15.—The chamber of commerce at Olmuetz, in Moravia, was the scene of a novel experiment in obstructive methods recently, when the Czech councilors made a desperate effort to prevent the election of Burgomaster Brandhauser as president. The minority came armed with sticks and cudgels, but their trump card consisted in a large supply of so-called "stink bombs" of chloride of lime, sulphuric and nitric acid. These they flung into the hall, and the stench was horrible. Windows and doors were flung open and permitted the gasping councilors to breathe again.

Free fights took place, and the struggle was fiercest around the president's tribune, the secretary being carried senseless away, bleeding freely. Finally the German majority won the day.

#### Causes Uneasiness

Hongkong, Nov. 18.—Frequent acts of piracy between Hongkong and Canton are causing much uneasiness. A constable of the British consulate, who was wounded while traveling in a junk to Hongkong, has died from his injuries. Agitation for a British patrol of the delta is beginning.

# AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

## Comes a Quiet Time With Every Business House.

We have enjoyed a phenomenal business this past season. Lack of transportation makes it impossible for us to fill in broken lines, this is particularly noticable in the Furniture, Dry Goods, Gent's Furnishings and Carpets.

# WE DON'T PROPOSE TO HAVE ANY QUIET TIME THIS YEAR!

Just after the holidays we are going to sell every line that is broken (as to size) at cost, that is the actual cost to us plus the expense of doing business. This may "tip" our hand; you may be able to figure out our regular profit by comparing the cut prices with regular price, but we are willing.

# N. A. T. & T. COMPANY

Watch Our Future Ads in The Departments Mentioned.

## Grocery Department

### Epecurian Brand Fruit

Pears, Peaches, Pineapple, Appricots, Cherries, etc.

Imported French Sardines, (100 quarters to cases),

New England Plum Pudding, case.

Emerald Tip Asparagus, case.

Lemon, Citron and Orange Peel, pound.

Cranberry Sauce, 24 one-half, case.

Fine Old Java Coffee, pound.

## Specials in Ladies Fur Coats

Polongus Fur Coats

Wombat Fur Coats

Siberian Lynx Fur Coats

3-4 Length Coon Coats

38-in. Length Coon Coats

30-in. Length Coon Coats

Silk Brocatel Fur-lined Capes

Krimmer Jackets

Astrachan, Persian Lamb, Mink, Martin, Seal, and other.