

NEW THINGS AROUND TOWN

Improvements That Accompany the Approach of Spring.

Seen at the Barracks—Fresh Paint—New Sidewalks—Wager on the Ice Going Out.

Everybody seemed to be busy in the neighborhood of the barracks this morning in the work of spring cleaning, many improvements being needed. Among other things, a new board walk has been made for the sentinel who beats his monotonous tattoo up and down the alley between the guard house and orderly room, thus doing away with the necessity of that worthy walking through water several inches deep. The drill ground in the square back of the police court room is being leveled up and put in condition for the purposes for which it is used; gravel is being hauled from the river bank and a large number of soldiers were at work this morning leveling and grading. The prisoners are also kept hard at it, and in a short time the many improvements which will greet the eye in the barracks neighborhood will have transformed that portion of the city from a wet and sloppy arena into a delight and a thing of beauty.

A Great Change.

To walk up First avenue today a person could scarcely recognize it as the same thoroughfare he had traveled yesterday and for many months previous. The great change in the appearance of the street was brought about by the removal of all the signs, in some cases as big as bed quilts, which were suspended out over the sidewalk and which in many places rendered it impossible for the pedestrian to see anything but the sidewalk for a few feet in advance of him. The change adds greatly to the appearance of the street. Many of the signs have disappeared entirely from view, while others are being fastened to the fronts of the respective buildings to which they are expected to invite attention.

Fresh Paint.

The A. C. Co.'s office building is being treated to a fresh coat of paint within and without. The many offices are being put in more inviting condition, the doors and window casings painted, and an appearance of newness pervades the entire establishment. The time was in Dawson when any old vault-like room could be rented for an office; but that day is past, and the rooms which are not now well lighted and of cheerful and inviting interior and surroundings are very liable to remain vacant. The days of dingy office rooms departed with their running mate, the period of pork and beans.

New Sidewalks.

First avenue is not alone in the matter of securing new sidewalks. On Third avenue from Fourth to Fifth streets a new eight-foot sidewalk has been constructed within the past two days which is a credit to the city and a monument to the architectural ability of the man who sawed the boards and "driv" the nails. The example set on Third avenue will be emulated until, before another month has been laid away in the garret of eternity new sidewalks will greet the eye and tempt pedat extremities all over the city.

When Will It Go?

Considerable speculation is now going on as to the date on which the ice will start to go out. Last year it started on the 17th of May, and the previous year nine days earlier, on May 8th. Old timers who claim to have seen it leave half a dozen times say it will not go this year before May 8th, while others feel it in their systems that by the 5th the Yukon will be clear of ice and open to navigation. One man who has been here four years is so confident of an early break-up that he has wagered \$200 with another equally confident, he is wrong that the ice will be moving in the Yukon by the 4th day of May, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Six Months En Route

Joseph Drew, former deputy U. S. marshal at Haines, where the Indian outbreak is now feared, and for a long time jailer at Skagway, has just reached Dawson, having left Bennett for this place early last October. Like a score of others, the scows he was with became ice bound, one above Selkirk and another near Selwyn. As one of the scows was laden with all kinds of provisions, the owner and Drew opened a roadhouse and made more money out of the cargo than they could possibly have realized had they succeeded in getting it to Dawson. Drew acted in the capac-

ity of landlord, and stayed with the business until a week ago when, travel falling off, he closed out and came on to Dawson. He has already secured work on one of Humboldt Gates' Sulphur creek claims.

U. S. Consulate Office.

United States Consul J. C. McCook has moved the consulate offices into the second story of the building which is located on the corners of First and Second avenues and Harper street. The new offices are conveniently arranged and much larger than the quarters which have been vacated.

Peculiar Weather.

The man who has all his money wagered that the ice will move in the river at an early date felt discouraged today at the actions of the weather, which was not of the summer variety by long odds, sunshine, snow and hail vying with each other as to which would hold the boards on the sidewalks. However, the going out of the ice does not depend so much upon the temperature here as that of the upper country. If there is a rush of water from the upper lakes and rivers, the ice will move regardless of the temperature at this point. The sympathies of the people are with the man whose money says the river will open early.

Which Will It Be?

Previous to a few short weeks ago when a person was heard to remark: "I am going to follow the ice down the river," it was taken for granted that he was going to Nome and no questions were asked. Now, however, it is different; for when a person speaks of going down the river the question is at once asked:

"Nome or Koyukuk?"

In fact, there is much more talk of Koyukuk in Dawson today than of Nome, while a month ago the former had scarcely been heard of by the majority of people. As it can, it is said, be reached by the all-water route during the open season, it is probable that the majority of the travel will be that way instead of on down the river and across to Nome.

K. P. Social.

The Knights of Pythias hold a social gathering at McDonald hall this evening. A fine program has been arranged and an enjoyable time is anticipated. All members of the order are invited to be present.

Big Salmon Nuggets.

Renni Tippli and James Bateman arrived last evening from Big Salmon en route to Ottawa and England and are at the Golden North. They have, says the Alaskan, but little to tell of the Big Salmon country, but speak as though they knew more than they care to divulge. Mr. Tippli, however, says: "Livingston creek, the principal tributary of the Big Salmon on which prospects have been made, has been staked its full length, but there has been no development to speak of and the merits of the country are not known."

"But some of the finest nuggets I have seen have come from that district. Some of them as big as a man's fist. Whether the country is spotted, or that there is even any pay dirt of uniform value in the region is to be ascertained. Not more than 15 men are on Livingston just now."

St Paul's Episcopal Church.

The regular Easter congregational meeting of the St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city was held Monday night at which officers for the ensuing year were chosen:

Geo. Layfield was appointed rector's warden, while for the people, C. W. Fuller was chosen.

Sidesmen—Messrs. C. Reed, G. William, Jephson, Murray and Caulty.

Auditors—Dr. J. N. E. Brown and O. S. Finnie.

Secretary and treasurer—W. M. Chandler.

Expressions of congratulations were offered on the success of the church during the past year and on the present auspicious prospects for a continuation of the good work.

Unanimous and hearty votes of thanks were tendered the ladies of the parish for their efficient work during the past year, and to the Y. F. F. for the valuable aid extended during the same time.

A Surprise.

The management of the Palace Grand theater announce something entirely new and novel for next week's performance. They are not telling any one what the surprise party is to be, but are just sawing wood and getting ready to take care of the crowd. The performance this week is remarkably good, but the tip has gone out that next week will be a stunner.

"Fighting Mac."

Gen. Hector MacDonald has been appointed to succeed the late lamented Gen. Wachope in command of the Highland Brigade. Gen. Hector is one

of the most gallant officers in the service of Her Majesty. He served for a number of years in India, and it was his masterly handling of the infantry that won the day for Kitchener at Omdurman. He is a Highlander from the North, and combines all the fighting instincts of his race with the shrewdness and good judgment of the Scot.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. E. Church is a visitor to the city. F. Anderson is registered at the Fairview.

Joseph Black is spending a few days in town.

F. J. Rogers is visiting the city for a few days.

P. Hardman is among the guests at the Fairview.

J. T. Knapp is making a brief visit to the city.

E. Johnson is enjoying a short vacation in town.

H. R. Barber is visiting acquaintances in the city.

J. H. King, of Bonanza, is in Dawson on business.

W. C. Leak, of 34 Eldorado, is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

Charles Worden came from the creeks yesterday. He is stopping at the Fairview.

J. Hyland, of Hunker creek, is visiting town in connection with business matters.

Mrs. O'Neil, who will be remembered in social circles as an eloquent of more than ordinary merit, returned a few days ago from an extended visit to the outside.

George Kenney, well known in this country and British Columbia, returned to Dawson recently. During his absence he visited his old home in Canada; and he was, in Quebec to witness the departure of the First Canadian contingent for South Africa.

Down Town Branch Bank.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has purchased the property on which its down town branch stood previous to the fire of January 10th, which property was not at that time owned by the bank; but which has since been acquired by purchase, the deal having been consummated yesterday.

It is proposed to have the apartments fitted in a manner commensurate with the needs of the great financial institution, and all ready for occupancy and business by the first of May.

The opening of a branch down in the business part of the city will be a great accommodation to the many patrons of the bank.

Outgoing Mail.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the carriers left Dawson with 11 sacks of mail. The river trail between here and Selkirk, is in very bad condition; but it is confidently expected that yesterday's consignment will reach Bennett in safety.

Washington State News.

The New Whatcom courthouse has been thoroughly fumigated and cleaned and all offices are again open and the smallpox has practically vanished.

At Fairhaven Tuesday afternoon, G. Getter, a 17 year-old lad was drawn into a pulley at the Puget Sound Saw Mill & Shingle Company's plant and before he was rescued one leg was broken.

Smallpox is rapidly dying out at Republic. No further spread is feared even at the Indian reservation. There are at present only eight cases and all of these are in a very light form. Three of these eight patients will be released from the isolation hospital today.

At Aberdeen the Lindstrum shipyard has been the scene of two accidents this week. Monday John Pickney received a very severe cut in the knee cap from an adz which he was using. Tuesday Fred Huett had his left leg badly mashed, and the bone crushed in several places, while lowering a large timber in the hole, when it swung against him with great force.

Andrew Peers pleaded guilty to burglary at Ilwaco and held for trial. He entered Parker & Rogers' drug store, taking \$8 and a box of cigars.

At Spokane Neil Salmon was shot through the head by his friend, Alfred G. Moors. Salmon was sitting in a window on the fourth floor of the Armory building, and Moors and a small boy were the only other occupants of the room. Salmon would have fallen to the street had he not been caught by Moors. He expired instantly, the wound having been inflicted by the large ball of a Springfield rifle. The police are investigating the mysterious tragedy and Moors is under arrest. He admits that the gun was in his hands, but claims that the shot was accidental.

Territorial Court.

The case of James McKenzie and John Miles, as plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. I. Davidson and J. H. Davidson, defendants, is still on trial in the territorial court. Since a week ago yesterday this action has occupied the attention of Justice Dugas. As stated in a previous issue of the Nugget, the plaintiffs are suing the defendants for an half interest in the hillside claim, left limit, op-

posite the lower half of No. 3 Magnet gulch. The ground is very valuable, and the case is being closely contested. Today will conclude the testimony of all parties; on next Tuesday the attorneys will make their arguments, and then the matter will be submitted to the consideration of Justice Dugas.

Water Competition.

The Dawson Water Co., intend to complete the system as soon as it can be done. A few weeks more will find them in operation and ready to compete with others in the business. Iron pipes will be put inside the wooden pipes, which were put in the ground last summer, and taps made to accommodate all wishing it. The members of this company claim that their system is so arranged with tanks and reservoirs that they can pump water cheaper and sell it for less money than anyone else in the field. The water can be put into buildings anywhere it is desired, as high as 25 to 30 feet, by gravity pressure only, from their large tank on the hillside near their pumping station. It would seem that we are to have competition in the water business. Such is the life of trade.

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Mr. H. Schwarzer has purchased the block at Grand Forks lately occupied by T. H. Brooks & Co., in the general

merchandise business. The new owner will shortly open again in the same line with a new stock.

Boats For Sale.

For boats of all descriptions—scows, river boats, poling boats, Peterboro canoes, call at Bartlett Brothers'.

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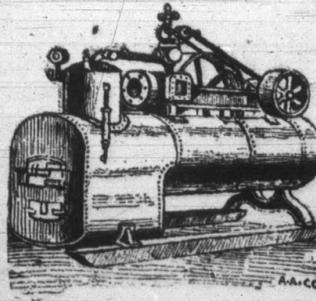
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