

WINTER WORK COMMENCED.

On All the Principal Creeks of the District.

Wages Average Five Dollars a Day and Board—Some Claims, However, Pay a Dollar an Hour.

The recent fall of snow, which was followed by a spell of cold weather, has rendered the trails good for freighting. Within the past week, hundreds of tons of machinery and provisions have been transferred to the different creeks. Most all of the claim owners who own developed property, have commenced work. Irrespective of the fact that thousands of men left the country during the past summer, there are still more miners in the district than can secure employment. Wages vary from \$1 per day and board to \$1 per hour without board. On Eldorado, the latter scale has been accepted generally by the claim owners; but such is true of Eldorado only. On the other creeks, no general wage rate governs, and different property holders pay different wages. Very few men will accept work, the pay for which is contingent upon the value of the output. The miners prefer steady labor at a fixed price. The big companies and rich claim owners have no difficulty in securing men to work on certain creeks for \$4 per day and board. This is a low wage, however, and is not the general rate. As a rule, miners can demand \$5 and board.

GOLD HILL.

The operations in this vicinity have the distinction of running deeper than the workings of any other locality. Large quantities of machinery are being placed in position to facilitate winter work. The greatest expense attached to the development of properties on Gold Hill is the cost of rocking the gold out of the gravel in the spring. Heretofore it has been impracticable to sluice. Recently, A. J. Kroenert and Dr. Faulkner brought from the outside a consignment of machinery with which they propose to raise water from the creek to the top of the hill for sluicing purposes in the spring. Their scheme is feasible, and if it is successfully operated, it will materially reduce the cost of working properties in this locality. These gentlemen own seven claims, and have in their employ 30 men.

GOLD RUN.

Gold Run will be extensively developed this winter. The claims between Nos. 9 and 41 have shown pay; on many of them machinery will be operated. There will also be much prospecting on undeveloped property. A noticeable fact respecting this creek is that most of the ground is being worked by the owners. Laymen are scarce. Last September, a dam was constructed on a fraction between Nos. 41 and 42, and a ditch about 300 feet long was constructed, which will enable the claim owners in that vicinity to take water to their dumps and sluice into the creek. The economy of this scheme will be fully appreciated next spring. The hillsides and benches of Gold Run were diligently prospected last summer, but nothing was found to warrant winter work on this class of claims.

SULPHUR.

This winter's work will determine the pay property on Sulphur. From No. 65 above discovery to No. 75 below, most every creek claim will be operated. Numerous lays have been let in this locality. Claims upon which several holes were sunk last winter, and nothing found, will be subjected to another test this year. Comparatively no work will be done this season on the hillsides and benches of Sulphur; operations will be confined to the creek.

DOMINION.

Active winter's development has commenced on Dominion. The ground situated between the two discoveries will be most thoroughly worked. On this portion of the creek, thawing machines have supplanted the old method of mining. Below lower discovery, most of the claims will be worked by laymen. This season, the price of freighting is much lower than it was last; and this fact will enable many claim owners to prospect undeveloped property. Contrary to expectations a number of the hillsides on the left will conduct winter operations. Nothing of any value has been discovered on the right limit; but on the left, pay dirt has been uncovered as far down as No. 140 below lower

It is the opinion of experts that the hillsides of Dominion will surpass those of Bonanza.

A Good Time on Gold Hill.

"Billy" Wilson's cabin on Gold Hill was the scene of much gaiety on a recent occasion. A party was given to the neighboring claim owners, attended by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shea, Master Claude Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Rantstrom, Messrs. Victor, Raymond, Howard, White, Hutchison, Bothers, Murphy, Crosby, Bell, Mitchell Brothers, King, Lang, Brown, Bothers, Anderson, Will, McKnight, Amier, Boyle, Johnson, Masted, Rahlp, Hicks, Wilson and Scotty, violinist, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

Refreshments were served at midnight. During the evening Messrs. Murphy, Bell, Hutchinson and Scotty rendered selections on the Organ, guitar and violin. Dancing, card playing and singing were indulged in until the "wee sma'" hours of the morning, all having a very pleasant time.

THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

The old swindling schemes which have been in operation since the "memory of man runneth not to the contrary," appear to be the best. When practiced without frills or furbelows, they deceive men who are considered wise in their day and generation.

Few would expect that a check, dated October 3d, drawn and endorsed by an unknown person, on a local bank, could be cashed a month later by a comparative stranger at a restaurant, which has been established in Dawson for over a year. Then, again, one would not imagine that the gambling houses could be worked, at this late day, with a poke of shot.

Yet, William Williams, a medium aged man, successfully operated the bogus check and "shot" swindles last Saturday. At the Rainier restaurant he offered to pay a \$5 debt with an endorsed check for \$45, dated October 3d, and drawn by M. M. Messier on the Bank of British North America. The night clerk cashed the paper, and returned to Williams \$40 currency in change. The latter must have played unluckily with the money. A few hours later, after making a short sitting at the faro bank in the Monte Carlo, he walked out of the house, leaving behind him a poke of shot worth \$50 worth of "tabs" against it. But he did not lose his confidence. He secured another poke, and put into it a handful of Nos 8 and 10 shot. This he played against the Aurora. When he had lost \$180 in faro chips he hurriedly left the room and the deception was not discovered until the poke was emptied of its worthless contents at the scales. Now, the police are endeavoring to locate the whereabouts of the said William Williams.

There was a small ray of sunshine with the bad luck which Humboldt Gates experienced on his recent trip to Dawson. Aboard his scow that was wrecked in Thirtymile was a valise in which there was a pocket-book containing valuable papers and \$800 in currency. The next day, the watchman on the steamboat Pingree, which had tied up some miles below, noticed a wallet, which was lodged in the stern wheel. He secured it, and it proved to be that of Mr. Gates. The water had not seriously injured the contents.

Eddie O'Brien, the well known vaudeville actor at the Monte Carlo, has a keen sense of humor, and at one time in his life took all kinds of chances in the perpetration of practical jokes.

Eddie was making the California circuit and stopping at the Horton house, in San Diego one rainy night and got chilled to the bone. There was no fire in his room, so a happy idea struck him. Pushing a washstand to the door and locking his room he stuck his head through the transom and yelled fire, fire. It is needless to say that the house was stampeded. The alarm was turned in to the central station, which was promptly responded to. The firemen rushed up stairs and found Eddie. "Where is it?" yelled the fireman. "Fire, fire!" shouted O'Brien. "You idiot, where's the fire?" "Ah, are you the fireman," said Eddie anxiously. "Yes," he panted. "Then go down and get me a scuttle of coal, and hurry, I've got a chill."

Men wanted to prospect good ground for lay on the same, and grub furnished free until pay is located. Call on M. I. Stevens, Room 3, A. C. Co. office building.

Pocket memo books, counter blotters, time books, pens, pencils, ink, melleage, paper fasteners, letter paper and writing tablets for sale at Nugget office.

THE BOERS ARE BARBAROUS.

Terrible Cruelties Committed Upon Refugees.

Women and Children Are Packed in Cattle Trains for Thirty Hours Without Food.

Cape Town, Nov. 1.—A representative of the London News telegraphs that the barbarous excesses committed by the Boers on refugees have caused a thrill of horror here. In one instance 70 women and children were packed in a cattle truck so tightly that they were unable to sit, and were thus kept side-tracked for 30 hours without food or water. When they attempted to leave the truck they were driven back with blows. Every train load of refugees brings harrowing accounts of the barbarities of the Boers of the Orange Free State. A train arrived today that had been 96 hours en route. The sufferings of the women were dreadful. Several births occurred on the way. One open cattle truck contained 20 men.

Other Cape Town dispatches describe the indignation caused by the insults heaped upon refugees traversing the Transvaal and Orange Free States, and the suffering caused to passengers traveling in exposed trucks by the Boers, and the insults of armed burghers who have prevented famishing travelers from obtaining food, "blacksnaking" the men and striking women. The appearance of many of the sufferers is said to be deplorable.

The exodus of Cape Dutchmen toward the Transvaal continues. All seem to be smuggling arms across the frontier.

OBERNE'S APPOINTMENT.

Washington, Nov. 1.—The state department has received from secretary of Transvaal the notification that it has appointed General Jas. R. Oberne to represent the Transvaal in this country, and asking if he would be acceptable. Assistant Secretary Hill replied that the rules of the United States government forbid the reception of American citizens as diplomatic representatives of a foreign government.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

The Great Northern railroad has decided to remove its shops from Interbay to Seattle.

Mr. Justin McCarthy, historian and novelist, has just undergone the last of a series of operations for the relief of his eyes, and it is now expected his sight will be completely restored.

The French navy is installing wireless telegraphy between lighthouses along the French coast. Judging from the results of preliminary experiments, the installation will prove of great value to shipping.

A telegram from Manila states that Gen. Fred Grant, with five companies of infantry has advanced from Imus and driven the insurgents from the entire west of Imus. Two companies, with the scouts, crossed the river at Big Bend, and advanced westward in the direction of Binacayan road, the insurgents firing volleys, but retreating.

The British Columbia Grocers' association has asked the federal government to appoint appraisers competent to examine goods going into the Yukon, and the matter is now under consideration. This action was taken owing to the charge that spurious invoices were being furnished by the wholesale from Seattle merchants.

On November 1, Mrs. James Lashbrook, wife of a well-to-do farmer, was ravished and murdered at her home at Clark's station, Kentucky. After the outrage her assailants secured a club and beat out the woman's brains. The officers brought in Richard Coleman, a young negro, last night, who confessed the murder of Mrs. Lashbrook. It is doubtful if they will be able to save the negro from being lynched.

Canadians Ready.

Ottawa, via Skagway, Nov. 7.—At a cabinet meeting the reports in the press with regard to a Canadian contingent for the Transvaal were talked over. The cabinet endorsed the view taken by the premier, and stated in a telegram from here on Wednesday.

Whenever it is considered necessary that Britain wants a contingent, provisions will be made for the same.

Fatal Accident.

About 10 o'clock Wednesday morning Bert Markham, a teamster in the employ of Orr & Tukey, the freighters, met with a fatal accident while driving a four-mule sled load of freight along

the government trail near No. 38 below on Bonanza. At the particular place where the accident occurred, the roadway is very slippery and slopes toward the creek. The sled slid off the road down a 10 foot embankment and turned completely upside down. Markham had no time to jump, and was pinioned under the heavy load. His death was instantaneous. People in the vicinity saw the accident, and quickly recovered the dead body. The remains were removed to Greene's undertaking rooms, where an inquest was held by the coroner.

Honorably Discharged.

On Monday, Mr. J. S. Piper retired from the police department, and received an honorable discharge. For the last ten and a half years Mr. Piper has been connected with the N. W. M. P., and since the spring of 1897 he has been stationed at Dawson. Prior to entering the ranks of the police, he was for seven years in the British army, being located in England, the island of Malta, and later in Egypt. In the latter country, he saw actual service, and received two severe wounds, while participating in an engagement. Mr. Piper has proven himself a worthy and efficient police officer. His retirement from the department is a matter of regret.

Where is James A. Powell?

Editor The Nugget, Dawson City—Dear Sir: Learning from a returned Klondiker of your paper and of your many kind acts in making inquiry for people whom outside friends have reason to suppose are ill or dead, I am encouraged to ask if you will kindly make inquiry through your paper about my brother, James A. Powell, who left Victor, Colorado, in March, 1898, and was last heard from at Wrangle, from which place he was going to Skagway, thence into Dawson City.

You will confer a great favor if you could get any information concerning him and send it to the above address. I am very respectfully,

J. H. POWELL.

North Vernon, Ind., Oct. 3.

Captain Ogilvie Promoted.

Captain Ogilvie, who served at the Dawson post of the Yukon field force during the last winter, has been appointed lieutenant of the New Brunswick infantry, and has been detailed to service in South Africa. His company was scheduled to sail on November 1st. Mr. C. G. K. Nourse, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, recently received a telegram from the captain, in which was contained the foregoing information. Captain Ogilvie is well and favorably known here, and his countless friends and acquaintances wish him honor and fame in his new field of service.

The Reason.

She—Mrs. Waggle says she often wakes up and finds her husband talking in his sleep.

He—Poor man, that's likely the only chance he gets.—Cleveland Leader.

No Wonder.

"What gushing letters Hortense always writes!"

"Yes; they say she uses a fountain pen."—Detroit Free Press.

Grounds for Suspicion.

"Look at Aunt Josephine—laughing while she's playing solitaire."

"Ah, I bet she's cheating."—Chicago Record.

Two of a Kind.

Dobber—I am an artist, sir.

Bunko Bill—Shake! I sell gold bricks too.—New York Journal.

Dreadful Situation.

Party in Waders (on the shallower side, with nice trout on)—Now, then, you idiot, bring me that net, can't you, or he'll be off in a second!"—Punch.

Sufficient Substitute.

She—I do wish you would get me a canary.

He—if you will leave your sewing machine unrolled for a week or two, it will do just as well.—Indianapolis Journal.

Now He Wants His Presents Back.

He (about to propose)—I intend to devote my life to making a woman happy.

She—Then you have resolved to remain a bachelor?

M. I. Stevens has assumed the agency for the A. C. Co.'s office building. Anyone desiring warm offices will do well to call on him at Room 3.

EXPRESS SERVICE—To any claim on the creeks. Messengers leave Wednesday and Saturday mornings for Eldorado and Bonanza. Every Wednesday morning for Hunker, Sulphur and Dominion, Nugget Express. Office Boyle's wharf.