

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER

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Which Thinks Surprising Progress Has
Been Made in Klondike Metropolis
—Society and Literature.

The days of sour dough have passed in Dawson, and no longer does the chechako attract attention in the city's streets. Bicycles, telephones and electric lights have come to be a matter of course, and the improved methods of transportation promise the introduction there of all the luxuries of the East.

Dawson now has three newspapers, and the Daily Klondike Nugget is one of Yukon territory's historical landmarks, according to its own statement. The Nugget has been established less than three years, from which it will be seen that such terms take on a new significance in a country where history makes so rapidly. The Nugget issued a Christmas holiday number, which was printed from its own typesetting machine, illustrated in black and white by its own engraving plant and bound in covers lurid in old-pink tints. This paper tells a lot about the Yukon river city's development and aspirations that is interesting thousands of miles away.

It will be news to many who have looked upon the residents of Dawson as a pack of rough miners and criminals to learn that, on the contrary, the city has become a great social center. It is said that owing to the great incoming of respected femininity the present social season in Dawson far exceeds any of its predecessors. It may not be so fast and lurid, but it's better. There are three dancing clubs, each giving a party once a week, and three theaters, and although one of them is closed the others make up for it by presenting such first-class attractions as the O'Brien-Jackson vaudeville company. There are two athletic clubs and there are church and free public library concerts. The social possibilities of the city, the Nugget thinks, assume rather imposing proportions, especially in view of "the evenings sure to be spent in private social intercourse (for Dawson has its entertainers—none better)."

Dawson society evidently intends to keep clean, too. There was a time, the Nugget remarks, when if a man wanted a bath he took it in a gold pan, and a clean shirt was to be had by washing a dirty one. Bathhouses there are now as thick as at Coney Island, and the wash-house places are numerous and excellent.

Dawson has not escaped the founding there of a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and a public museum will be built in the coming summer. One of the great problems of the young city is how to maintain the water supply during the winter. Zero weather bothers the people very little, but when the thermometer gets to thumping around 30 or 40 below the pipes will get cold and freeze. To obviate this trouble and to keep all those baths and laundries running the local inventors have been cudgeling their brains, and think they have hit upon a great scheme. They know that the iron water mains will carry a current of electricity as well as copper wire, or well enough at any rate, and the plan is to hitch on their electric light plant and keep the water pipes warm. The plan can't be carried into execution till next fall for some unfortunate reason.

The population of Dawson is put at 7000, and wages have come down to about \$8 a day. To offset this falling off in the income of all foodstuffs and other necessities are to be had much cheaper. In 1897 flour was retailed at \$60 a sack. Today it is to be had for \$6 a sack. Other commodities have decreased in price at about the same ratio, the result of the improved transportation.

It is in the development of means of travel that Dawson looks for a greater population and the introduction of the comforts of civilization. Easier and cheaper transportation has made it possible to take in boilers engines, which, in turn, have made it possible to mine with machinery and steam, thus doing away with the crude and expensive fire mining. This example shows what the steamboat era has done for Dawson. Within a year the railroad era will have begun, and it is expected that it will work miracles for the mining industry.

It is possible that some anxiety is being felt lest the placer mining may not last forever. It is doubtless true that there are enough creeks and

claims in the gold-bearing region to last for several years to come, but it is significant that miners are indulging in speculation as to the presence and value of gold quartz. Dufferin Pattullo wrote an article for the Nugget in which he shows a conservative enthusiasm on the subject. He says that there seems to be no doubt that wonderfully rich surface indications have been found, and although he does not prognosticate, he says it would not surprise him if Yukon produced some of the greatest gold ledges in the world. Mr. Pattullo places the gold output for 1901 at \$25,000,000.

He says that no way has yet been found to work the great beds of copper there. Large fields of a good quality of coal are of the greatest importance in the development of the country.

The first iron casting ever made in the Yukon territory was made just before Christmas at the McDonald Iron Works. The first product of the smelting department was a pulley hanger, which was as good a piece of workmanship as could be made in a much older shop. This is very important to every one in Dawson, insignificant as it may appear on the face of it. In every home and business house some bit of machinery is always breaking. Formerly a broken part might tie up a whole plant until the required attachment could be secured from outside, which would require weeks. Now the broken parts can be replaced without delay.

The Yukon Telephone Syndicate has a respectable advertisement of a quarter of a column in the Nugget, in which it classifies its telephone service as follows:

143 phones in.....	Dawson.
21 phones in.....	Grand Forks.
14 phones in.....	Bonanza Creek.
6 phones in.....	Eldorado Creek.
1 phone in.....	Sulphur Creek.
2 phones in.....	Don Ingon.
3 phones in.....	Gold Run.
1 phone at.....	Dome Road House.

talking places. It is safe to say that the "hello girl" has her hands full in answering calls for the Dome roadhouse, which, by the way, is run by a woman, who formerly made her home in New York. She is Mrs. M. P. Rothweiler and she is the sole owner of the roadhouse. Mrs. Rothweiler was born in Canada and raised in New York, where she had a millinery store and dabbled in real estate. She made money, sold her New York property and went to Seattle. There she ran the Oak Lake farm and when the Klondike fever struck in 1897 she caught it and journeyed to Dawson on mule back and by snow shoes.

There she bought what was called Mary's Two-Bit Coffee House, on Bonanza creek, which was a one-story log building, 10x12. She added a large tent, and last fall built two large two-story log buildings. The Nugget says that these buildings contain a bar, barber shop, sitting room, etc. Only the best domestic and foreign cigars are kept. The bunks are supplied with springs and bedding, and music is furnished shortly after the arrival of any party. Miss Jennie Parry, "one of the liveliest and most popular young ladies on the creeks," presides over the dining room, and Thomas McMullen, who presides over the culinary department, is "one of the finest chefs who ever landed in the territory."

The Nugget prints a prize story entitled "A Change of Partners," by Chester Whitman Tennant, to whom was awarded \$50 for the best story in the competition. Mr. Tennant was a clerk in a Hartford, Conn., shoe store in 1897—a thin, consumptive looking fellow, who it was thought would never survive the journey to Dawson. His eastern friends now are made acquainted with the fact that he is not only become rugged in health, but has become a literary light in the great Northwest. The story that came in second best was on "Can Opening in the Klondike," by Clara Colton.

The Nugget prints an original poem written for its holiday number, one stanza of which runs:

How sweet the thought latitude
No matter of what degree
Cannot debar us the beatitude
Of Christ's love and ransom free.
—N. Y. Sun, Feb. 10.

Money in Bridge Jumping.
New York, Feb. 12.—Irene Brodie, eldest daughter of the late Steve Brodie, bridge jumper, is his chief legatee. Mrs. Brodie and Irene's sister Helen and brother Steve will get a share. The estate is valued at \$85,000.

Brodie's body lies at his home today. Many of his cronies from the Bowery and the Fourth and Seventh wards viewed the remains.

The burial will take place tomorrow.

The Mails.
Four sacks of second class mail arrived at 11 o'clock this morning. Another inbound mail left Selkirk at 6:45 this morning and is expected to arrive in Dawson Thursday night.

Fresh turkeys at the Denver Market.

THE ELECTRICAL KITCHEN.

No More Overdone Roast or Underdone Puddings.

Cooking would be more of an art and less of a gamble if the heat could be put where it was wanted and nowhere else and its intensity were under the perfect control of the cook. The oven that will not come up to the right temperature or that will not bake on the bottom, the chimney that draws the wrong way when the wind is from the northwest, the dampers that refuse to do as they are bid, the kindling that burns out without lighting the coal, all tend to make cooks the most ill tempered of mortals.

The gas range is admirable in that it supplies a heat that can be tempered at will, but it fouls the air. It burns up the oxygen and leaves carbonic acid gas, and if there is a gas stove connection that does not leak a little I have yet to see it. Perhaps the escaping gas may not flavor the food, but some profess themselves able to detect it in the viands. But be that as it may dwellers in city houses need more pure air rather than less of it. If we do not live as long as we might, it is because we shut out the sunlight and the air too carefully.

The electrical kitchen is not only admirable, it is ideal in its application of heat. It does not steal oxygen. It does not foul the air. It is steady. It can be directed to the top, bottom or the sides of the thing to be cooked, for it does not depend upon the combustion of fuel or the convection of hot air, but upon the resistance of iron to the electrical current.

Instead of having to plan so that the cooking be done when the fire is in the range the electrical kitchen is ready at any hour of the day or night to bake or broil, set the steppan to sizzling or the hot water urn to bubbling, to brew the 5 o'clock tea or to disconnect the midnight Welsh rabbit from the fear that the alcohol bottle is empty and all the drug stores shut up, to temper the chill of the spare bed or to warm the toes under the desk, to heat the curling iron or the smoothing iron, all these appliances being connected by a flexible wire cord to a socket in the wall whence comes the energy.

It is an exemplification of the wholesale principle. Instead of 1,000 chimneys smoking at a tremendous sacrifice of coal there need be but one big fire whose heat is turned into motion, that into electricity and that in turn back to heat again.—Ainslee's Magazine.

Rapid Name Signing.
The record in the United States and probably in the world of the rapid signing of the name consecutively many times is probably held in this city, and the distinction belongs to Colonel J. G. Berret, formerly mayor of this city and an old and respected resident of the capital.

During President Polk's administration Colonel Berret was connected with the treasury department. Bonds to the amount of \$13,000,000 were issued, and it was necessary for either the secretary of the treasury, R. J. Walker, to sign them or for some one in his stead. He delegated Colonel Berret to affix his signature to each one of the 40 coupons on each bond, 129,000 coupons in all. Colonel Berret signed his name 4,000 times the first day of the work and kept this average up every day, completing his task in 30 days.—Washington Exchange.

Belgium's Population.
Belgium's census was taken on the last day of last year, and the general results as regards population have just been made public. The population of the kingdom is 6,744,532, consisting of 3,363,436 males and 3,381,096 females.

For the provinces it is as follows: Antwerp, 825,156; Brabant, 1,280,969; West Flanders, 810,448; East Flanders, 1,035,031; Hainaut, 1,133,672; Liege, 843,391; Limburg, 242,434; Luxembourg, 221,220; Namur, 352,271. Officially Antwerp is the most populous town, with 282,018 inhabitants. Brussels follows, with 210,065, but if the eight contiguous suburbs are counted, which practically are a part of Brussels, the population rises to 570,884. The population of the other principal towns is: Liege, 171,031; Ghent, 163,090; Bruges, 53,050; Namur, 32,110, and Mons, 25,599.

Golf Balls on Ice.
From Singapore comes the story that the game of golf has infected every European living in the city. There are two golf clubs, and the members are very enthusiastic. It is near the equator, and the climate is so hot that it is almost impossible to keep the golf balls in condition. So they keep them on ice, like champagne and beer. Your Chinese caddy, when he goes out with you, carries a small bag of ice, in which the balls are kept. Otherwise you would knock them egg shape every time you hit them.

Elk Teeth.
Four hundred elk teeth were sold to Spokane, Wash., the other day for \$1,000. The demands of the members of the order of Elks and the growing scarcity have increased the value of the teeth. Fourteen years ago a Montana man paid only \$80 for an Indian headdress that contained 800 elk teeth. Last year a similar headdress containing only 280 teeth sold for \$200. Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

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"Hello, Cush!" "Hello, Bill!"

The late Senator Davis left his house on Massachusetts avenue one morning and started to walk to the cars. Suddenly, as if sprung from the ground, a man approached him. He was an old member of Davis' company in the war, and he looked seedy.

"Hello, Cush!" he exclaimed.
"Hello, Bill!" said the senator.
"Where did you come from?"

For a few moments the senator and the old soldier chatted together. Finally came the expected "touch."
"Can you change \$20, Cush?" asked the dilapidated veteran.

"Yes," answered Davis.

"Then lend me ten."
Davis laughed. "That is a little too steep," he said. "Won't you take \$2 and call it square?"

It is hardly necessary to add that Senator Davis parted with his money.—Washington Post.

At the present rate of consumption, the white fish the Pacific Cold Storage Co. brought in for the lenten season will all be gone long before Easter.

Mrs. Thompson has received new ladies' furnishings over the ice, 2d st.

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