

THE PRESENT FOGGY WEATHER

Believed to be the Cause of Considerable Sickness.

Is Supposed to Come From Open Places in the River—More Dense This Year Than Last.

How to account for the prevalence of the heavy, damp fog which for several days past has hung like a pall over Dawson is a question which several people who have nothing more important with which to occupy their minds are discussing and endeavoring to explain. Those who were here last winter all agree that the fog now is much more heavy, damp, and disagreeable than was that of last year when it only prevailed when the mercury went under 40 degrees below zero. Now, even at 25 below, the fog is so dense as to be impenetrable for more than a few rods.

One theory advanced, and it is probably the proper one, is that in the immediate vicinity of Dawson there are more open places in the river this year than last and that the damp vapor arises therefrom and will continue to arise all winter or until the open places freeze over. The open space which many supposed would remain open during the winter, has closed up by solidly freezing over. However, there is a large area of open water near Moosehide on the north and another large open area a short distance above Klondike City on the south. From these open places dense volumes of fog persistently roll heavenward, and, no matter whether the wind is from the north or south, this fog is blown directly over the city. Last year the only open water in the vicinity was near Moosehide, and the only times it then enveloped the city was during the most severe weather and when the wind was blowing from the north.

There is a general belief for which there is every apparent ground, that the prevalence of so much sickness in the city at present, hard colds and cases of pneumonia, are due entirely to the presence of the heavy and damp fog, for never before in the history of Dawson has there been so much sickness at this season of the year and such general prevalence of severe colds, many of which border on pneumonia and other lung complications.

There is no doubt but that if, when the river closed it had made a more complete job of it than it did, the winter would be much more pleasant as well as healthful to the residents of Dawson.

Is Cold all Over.

Mr. G. P. Wells, the expert engineer and machinist who has charge of the machinery department of the A. E. Co., is not in love with Dawson winters, having spent much of his life in Southern California.

"Where the orange distills its perfume And the rose speaks of love and of light."

Mr. Wells denies that he has cold feet. He does not stop at that; he is cold all over and that is why he is arranging to start for the outside at an early date. He will first go to California to visit his people, after which he will make a trip through the east in the interests of the machinery department of the A. E. Co., selecting and purchasing a stock for next season.

The Call Was Misunderstood.

A story which has not yet become frayed at the edges was being told by a Dawson man yesterday who said it had come to him in a letter. The yarn runs this way: "A man who had been afflicted with a strange feeling of apathy from early youth, and who had often wondered at his antipathy to work, often spending hours laboring with himself mentally in an effort to convince himself that labor was a good thing, was plowing in a field one day when he became filled with a desire to argue the question some more, as he felt the old repugnance growing strong within him.

"He hung the lines over the plow handles and in order to facilitate matters, lay down flat on his back and with his hands locked beneath his head fixed his eyes upon the drifting clouds above and began the old battle with himself for the thousandth time.

"After a time he saw plainly the letters 'P. C.' formed by the sailing white clouds above his head, and at once their significance became clear to him. Like the old revolutionary leaders of the United States, he left the plow standing in the furrow and departed out of the fields, but before

he had traveled far he met a neighbor whose mind was given to the practical consideration of things, and who asked the man where he was going.

"I have had a call," said he; "I am going to preach the gospel. Do you see those letters there in the heavens. They appeared to me as I lay resting in my field a few minutes ago, and they signify that I have been called to preach Christ."

"Preach nothing!" exclaimed the friend; "I bet you were lying down and letting the plowstand idle. I'll tell you what those letters stand for; they stand for 'plow corn,' and you'd better get a move on you before the season is over," and the man who had been called returned to the plow.

Many Shots Fired.

At a late hour last night as Patrolman McIntosh was making his round on Third avenue he was startled by a number of revolver shots seemingly fired at the rear of Bartlett Bros.' building, or from within. The shots were evidently fired from a revolver as they came in too rapid succession to have been fired from any other description of gun.

So far the police have heard nothing of the matter and the affair is a mystery.

DAWSON ELECTRIC.

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costs to freight it down with teams and that in order to reduce the cost of transportation we must have cheaper and much more extensive facilities for handling our coal."

Just what power the company will employ in the operation of its system has not as yet been determined upon, but it will probably be electricity.

Regarding the coal property which the construction of the transportation line is intended to develop, it has been proven to the eminent satisfaction of the company that it has an unlimited supply of first-class article of fuel for which there is destined to be at once, or as soon as it can be placed on the market, a heavy and a steady demand, and it is to bring about the development of this vast property on which, in the work of opening up, \$125,000 has already been spent, that the railroad will be constructed.

Ordinance No. 6, of 1899, respecting the appointment of commissioners for taking affidavits was amended as follows, the amendment, as a matter of urgency, passing its third reading last night:

1. Section 2 of ordinance No. 6, 1899, being an ordinance "to provide for the appointment of commissioners or taking affidavits," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: "And may revoke the commission or commissions of any such persons, and such revocation shall operate as a revocation for all purposes."

2. This ordinance shall be retroactive.

There will be a special meeting of the council Saturday at 3 p. m. for the purpose of reorganizing committees and considering the draft of the game law submitted by Justice Dugas.

COMING AND GOING.

Quite an enjoyable hour was spent at the police canteen last evening by members of the force and their guests.

The council has been petitioned for an exclusive franchise for a tramway to be built around Frazier Falls on the Stewart river.

This morning in arguing a motion for the continuance of a case before Justice Dugas, the opposing council asked that an attorney's fee be fixed by the court. Attorney Wade said he thought he should be entitled to \$5.

Sheriff Eilbeck and his son Jack have moved into a cabin at the foot of the hill at the north end of First avenue. Jack's opportunities to make for himself a reputation as a chef are all before him, and his and his father's friends are waiting impatiently for invitations to the Christmas dinner for which it is whispered he is making preparations.

Standard Librarian Horkan's long, narrow, all-utilized-place of business is crowded these days from the front door to the further stool at the west end of the lunch counter which is presided over by specially imported chefs. The alley is the only thing that checked Horkan in his made career as an expansionist.

Yesterday George McMillan smoked his pipe with all the surplus breath he could muster, while he walked from one end of the town to the other. A friend who followed behind carried the bowl of the pipe in his overcoat pocket, but this made no difference to George in the enjoyment of his smoke until he found it out. The stem filled all his requirements.

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POLICE COURT NEWS.

Business in the police court was quiet this morning, the case of Earl W. Schlecht, who tried to end his life yesterday because he was in love with another man's wife, was before Magistrate McDonnell, but was remanded till this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

This afternoon Miss Nellie Lewis will be given an opportunity to explain how it happened that she was very drunk and so disorderly this morning that her conduct became the object of note; so much so in fact, that a guardian of the law took her to the police station from the Bonanza saloon where her riotous mode of conduct was marked in many ways not in keeping with the peace and dignity of the community.

The Billiard Player.

Wednesday night at the Regina Club billiard tournament two matches were played, the first between Mm. McKay and H. G. Wilson, the latter being handicapped by 60 points. He played 200 points against his opponents 140, and lost with the score standing 140 against 139. The average in this match was 1.64 as against 1.63.

The next match was played between E. C. Senkler and E. B. Condon. Mr. Senkler was to play 160 points against Mr. Condon's 145; being handicapped by 15 points, he won the match with a score of 160 to 78. The average was 1.95 to .95.

Last night two match games were played when Wm. McKay and Dr. Wills were pitted against each other at 140 to 125. McKay won, having scored 140, while the doctor had four to go, the respective averages being 1.75 and 1.53.

The second game was between Judge C. A. Dugas 110, and A. Scott 106. The judge scored his 110 while Scott was endeavoring to pass the 88 mark, the averages being 1.20 and .96.

Six Months for Nichols.

Convict George James Nichols was before Justice Dugas this morning to receive sentence for having escaped Wednesday from the escort.

Nichols was only gone about two hours before he was recaptured, and notwithstanding his tearful plea, he was sentenced to six months imprisonment in addition to the two years he already doing for house breaking.

He said, in his plea for mercy this morning that he had suffered from an intense headache since his arrest, and was half crazy. At that time he went away he did not believe he knew what he was doing.

This afternoon the case of the Queen vs. Clinch, a theft case, is being tried before Justice Craig.

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AMUSEMENTS

The Standard Theatre
WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 3

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Concert Walz Gungl	A. P. Fremuth
Selection from Geisha Jones	Oriental Patrol "La Caravane" Ash
Descriptive Paraphase—Rocked in the Cradle of Life a sea, introducing Barcmole gliding over the sea, sailor song, sailor's hornpipe, in the calm, the storm, battle, Rocked in the cradle of the deep Madam Lloyd	This descriptive piece illustrates a caravan crossing the desert: 1—The Caravan is heard, 2—The Caravan marching through town, 3—The Caravan gradually disappears. Selection from Faust Gounod
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