

NEWS OF THE CREEKS.

That of Dominion, Sulphur, Gold Run and Hunker.

The Present Cold Weather Retards Freighting, and Inconveniences Claim Owners.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The present cold weather is resulting disadvantageously to freighters and claim owners on the various creeks. Excepting in cases of actual necessity, travel during the past few days has been practically suspended. A report from Dominion creek is to the effect that operations are suspended temporarily on several claims on account of the intense cold.

A great deal of work on the creek properties of upper Dominion is being done this winter; most of the claims have larger dumps now than they had last spring. The hillsides and benches in this vicinity are not receiving the attention that was promised last fall. From the present indications, it would seem that many such claims will revert to the crown, owing to a lack of representation. On lower Dominion the hillsides and benches are being worked more extensively than the creek claims. The properties on the left limit, in the vicinity of the 70's below lower, are fulfilling the most sanguine expectations of the owners and laymen. There are about 1000 men on Dominion, and the road houses and saloons are experiencing good patronage.

Gold Run is doing better than was ever anticipated.

The entire creek from No. 10 to 45, with but few exceptions, is being developed. The fact that so many laymen are satisfied with the diggings is an assurance of a satisfactory cleanup. The output of the creek next spring will surprise people who have given the property in this locality no particular attention. Many claim owners are conducting operations with machinery, and their confidence in the richness of their claims is being rewarded by big dumps, which average high in the precious metal. Chute and Wills are the largest operators on the creek. They employ over a hundred men, and their output next spring will be immense. The wages on Gold Run are \$5 per day and board, as a general rule. Some of the benches and hillsides are being worked quite extensively, but in most cases the labor on this class of claims is confined to that which is sufficient for representation.

Sulphur, which was considered so badly a year ago, and which disappointed so many laymen, is the scene of active operations this winter. There is probably more machinery in use on this creek than on any other in the district. The largest and perhaps the richest dumps are above discovery. Most of the claims are being worked by owners, though numerous lays have been let on properties below discovery. It is predicted by some who are in a position to know, that the value of the cleanup on Sulphur will exceed that of Dominion. There are very few of the hillsides and benches that have showed good prospects; and the work which is being done on such properties is very inconsiderable.

Hunker creek is being thoroughly developed from the concession to No. 18 above discovery. Four claims on the concession are being operated with the aid of machinery. Jack Smith is taking out lots of dirt from his claim, No. 55 below discovery. Cameron and Moore's property, No. 54 below, is showing well. On No. 35a below, Captain Hansen and his partners are working a large boiler with good results. The largest dumps on the creek are credited to No. 33 below, owned by Henry McCullough. The Ladue Co. are operating with machinery on No. 23 below. No. 2 above discovery is owned

by Kirkpatrick and Bonnor, who have constructed an incline hoist on the property, which gives the utmost satisfaction. Messrs. Baltuff and Buxton have a complete set of machinery to aid them in their operations. They are hoisting an immense amount of dirt. The cleanup of Hunker near spring will double that of 1899.

Chief Stewart Talks.

Fire Chief Stewart is interested in the movement to increase the efficiency of his department.

When asked if he had any suggestions to make, he replied:

"The government should order another engine and more hose. The engines in use have not sufficient power; we require a larger and more powerful machine. At a fire, such as we experienced last week, every inch of hose is needed; and for 12 hours after a big blaze the department is incapacitated by reason of a lack of hose. With the apparatus which we have at present there are enough men. During the recent fire I called on several citizens for assistance, and all responded immediately.

"I would suggest that alarm boxes be placed in different parts of the town. Often we are delayed because of our ignorance respecting the exact location of the fire.

"A flue and chimney inspector should be appointed. My idea is to detail one of my men for this duty and have him accompanied by a policeman; in this way careless occupants could be authoritatively ordered to make their repairs immediately. The work of inspection would require the entire time of the inspector and the policeman.

"I do not think that an ordinance should be passed compelling householders to erect brick chimneys at this season of the year; neither do I concur in the idea of excluding variety women and dance hall girls from rooming in the upper stories of buildings of amusement in the business district. A regulation, however, should be passed, which would compel such houses to be furnished throughout with electric lights, and forbid tenants therein to burn lamps.

"I am satisfied with the work of the firemen during last Wednesday's fire."

The Palace Grand Reopens.

The new management of the Palace Grand might well have been pleased at the crowded house which greeted the rise of the curtain in the opening act of last night's performance. The performance was a creditable one and to the audience appreciative, and from the opening act, "Deaf as a Post," through the olio, to the drop of the curtain in the last act, every one was pleased to note the vim of the new company, and their efforts received well merited applause. In the drama, "The Old Homestead," J. B. Shaw (Leo) was the prototype of the Simon pure Yankee, and his dancing in the first act and fighting motions in the second are deserving of especial mention. The other characters were well portrayed and "The Old Homestead" will prove a big success.

Not Good Bye, But Au Revoir.

C. W. Thebo was tendered a parting jolly by the employees of the T. & E. Co. last night at the company's store prior to his departure for the outside.

Captain Wood acted as toastmaster and with an appropriate speech presented Mr. Thebo with a beautiful charm, typical of the Klondike, and which, without doubt, will attract a great deal of attention in Merrie England, towards which country he is traveling. The charm was made by Sale & Co., in the form of a gold pan, with crossed pick and shovel, a shaft and windlass, and a dump of nuggets showing on the indented side, the other side being engraved with name and date.

Mr. Thebo leaves today and will go direct to London, where the Cattle Syndicate, Ltd., the company he represents, has headquarters.

Place your orders for stume and stave lumber with Messengers or agents of the Nugget Express.

FOR BETTER MAIL SERVICE.

Trustees of Board of Trade Will Make Supreme Effort.

Fire Protection is the Uppermost Theme—Sanitation Committee Appointed.

A regular meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade was held in President L. R. Fulda's office, those present being Messrs. McMullen, Yemans, Tozier, Fulda and Secretary Clayton. Postmaster Hartman was present by request and gave some interesting information relative to the mail service. He said that the contract with the carriers between Skagway and Dawson calls for the transportation of 700 pounds of mail matter each trip; that previous to the last mail received not to exceed 450 pounds had been brought at any one time, but that the last mail contained within a few pounds of the prescribed weight. The mail due here tomorrow consists of two loads and is probably up to the required weight. When asked why papers, magazines, etc., from the United States and upon which first-class postage is paid does not come, Mr. Hartman was not able to state, but presumed the described mail is held in the offices in which mailed, there being an order to that effect from the U. S. postal service. The postmaster advised that the U. S. officials be corroborated with and asked to act at once in alleviating present conditions. Mr. Hartman is not aware that any mail matter which arrives at Skagway is held at that place. The special committee on mails, Messrs. Fulda, Yemans, Nourse and Secretary Clayton was instructed to forward the letter on the lines proposed by Mr. Hartman.

The committee on fire, light and water, E. C. Allen chairman, reported having conferred with the chief of the fire department and found that no ordinance respecting flues is in existence in the district. It was maintained by the trustees that there is in existence an ordinance regulating the running of stove pipe through partitions and regulating the distance at which stoves shall be placed from walls.

A communication from Governor Ogilvie informed the body that an ordinance providing for the compulsory construction of brick chimneys and flues within a certain district will certainly be passed by the council at an early date. Mr. Hartman offered the suggestion that in the erection of brick chimneys they be plastered on the inside with mortar in which a large amount of salt is mixed, thus giving to the chimney a glazed surface on which neither soot nor creosote will accumulate. The suggestion being a new one, Mr. Hartman was cordially thanked for offering it.

A letter from Geo. W. Van Meter, who is on 33 below upper, Dominion, asked for the co-operation of the board of trade in securing for him a franchise for the construction of a water system in this city, he having been granted a franchise in February of 1898, the franchise having been later changed, Van Meter charges, and rendered useless by the intervention of Governor Ogilvie. The communication was referred to the committee on fire, light and water.

President McMullen of the Board of Trade notified the trustees of his appointment as a standing committee on health and sanitation Messrs. Joseph L. Lancaster, Chas. J. K. Nourse and Richard Guiles. The appointments were confirmed by the trustees.

The matter of having garbage dumped further down the river than has formerly been the custom of the scavengers was discussed at length but no definite action was taken. The matter of arranging for the disposition of garbage after the river opens was also freely discussed.

It was stated that the Yukon council had changed the date of beginning the

work of the public spring cleaning from May 1st to April 1st.

The board instructed the secretary to call the attention of the council to the matter of requiring all places of amusement to construct their doors to open out, and to have all balconies and galleries properly supported, also to the matter of fire escapes for that class of buildings.

Better Railroad Facilities.

Lieut. S. E. Adair, general agent in Dawson and the Yukon territory for the White Pass & Yukon Railway Co., showed to a representative of the Daily Nugget yesterday a letter from Chief Engineer and General Superintendent E. C. Hawkins of that company, in which he states that the people of Dawson and of the interior may be assured of a much better service the coming season than was accorded last year. Rates will be reduced in proportion to the distance carried as compared with those charged formerly. It is proposed to have the extension to Whitehorse completed in time for the coming season's business, thus doing away with the trouble and expense incident to the towing or striving to sail against the wind of scows and barges on the upper lakes.

The letter further states that the present prospects for a good season's business and a heavy traffic to and from Dawson are very flattering. Mr. Hawkins further says that any and all commissions and business entrusted to his company by its patrons in Dawson will be attended to promptly and with care. A large amount of new rolling stock has been purchased by the company, and by early summer its equipment will be second to no road in the Northwest, and all business will be handled without an hour's delay on the part of the management of the road.

What We All Worship.

"The people of all classes in Dawson worship the golden calf." So said Rev. Hetherington last Sunday at the Methodist church. "Professional and commercial men conduct themselves and their business to make money at the expense of their religion and the principles of man. I don't mind a man making money, but when he leaves aside all the good teachings of religion and society to do it, he becomes a menace to the rising generation and to his fellow man. I know of several mining firms who would not engage the lawyers they have retained if they followed Christian principles in representing their clients.

"What prompted me above all in selecting this subject for my sermon was the noticeable fact that young men whom I knew in Ontario and who when home attended church regularly, have since coming to Dawson, entered into business which necessitates their abandoning the teachings of parents and church to be successful in the various occupations and professions they have entered upon. This is so prevalent that its astounding growth is a mockery to society and the welfare of Christian doctrine."

To those who wish to hear the evils of a sporting population it would be advisable for them to attend Sunday evening service, at which time he will discourse on "Gamblers and Gambling."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

At 2 o'clock this morning 22 sacks of mail left for the outside. Postmaster Hartman expects the arrival of a large mail on next Saturday.

A small blaze occurred in the boiler room of the Daily News at 8 o'clock last night. A still alarm was turned in, and the department at No. 1 hall responded with the chemical engine. The fire was extinguished before any material damage was done.

A letter addressed to the proprietor of the Hotel McDonald was received yesterday from a young woman at Vancouver. She requested a position as table waitress. Harry Edwards replied and has written her to turn her attention to Nome.

"Put money in your purse." See the fine line of pocketbooks at Cribbs & Rogers.