

THREE ALARMS IN ONE DAY.

The Boys Turn Out for Various and Sundry Fires.

Memories Brought to Mind by the Holiday Season—A "Nugget" Contributor Tells of a Pleasant Christmas and New Year.

There were three alarms of fire on Wednesday, all three of which might have turned out seriously. The first was at the postoffice building in the forenoon. Sparks from a fire had in some way made their way to the moss of the roof and very quickly there was a hot blaze between the roof and the ceiling. Fortunately it has always been the custom in the government building to maintain a couple of barrels of water in the hallway and the flames were subdued before they had penetrated through to the northeast corner room. Some damage was done by water to the beds and the clothing of the occupants of the room. The department turned out but their apparatus was unused.

The second alarm was from Tom Chisholm's Aurora saloon. The main flue had communicated flames to the roof and it blazed hotly inside for a time. A convenient barrel of water maintained the flames in statu quo until the arrival of the department. The chemical engine was very quickly connected by its hose with the seat of the fire but the Miller one-man machines were found inadequate enough. A little chipping and some "sousing" and the boys again returned to the engine-house.

A little later in the afternoon a small cabin standing alone at the rear of the A. C. Co.'s new warehouse was found to be in flames. It was already so far advanced that what was left of the cabin was not worth the chemical it would take to save it.

Christmas and New Year's.

The holidays have passed and another year has been heralded in. Christmas in the Klondike will be remembered long and with much pleasure by a host of people sojourning here. The celebration in and about Dawson City was of no mean consideration, and among the many festivities, both public and private, the Christmas tea party at the Episcopal church may justly be mentioned. At this fest all were most hospitably served with dainty cake and tea. Later the Christmas tree was unloaded to the great delight of the little ones, and surely no more fitting tribute could be given to Him, who was cradled in a manger upon that first Christmas morn' so many years ago, than to please the little children who are so peculiarly loved and blessed.

As the great tidal wave of Christmas ebbed and bore the pleasures of the week away, and we bade the old year adieu, and stood ready to receive the on-coming one, there were two thoughts struggling for a mastery within us—a regret to see the old year die and an expectancy to greet the new year. Then came a thought mutually disposed to both years—and seriously we wondered if we would advance into a broader better life during the next year or would we retrograde in our steps toward even less noble living. To have the desire for the former is commendable and the endeavor is likely to follow, which probably would result successfully. But serious thoughts lingered only for a moment, as in company with a merry group of friends we hailed the new year with joy and joined in with other Dawsonites in giving it a warm reception by shouting, and sending forth the clear bugle-calls from the corner.

As we look forward into this present year the brightest picture in anticipation with many of us is the return home. May not even the shadow of a cloud rest upon the realization of this happy dream.

Christmas of 1898 and New Year of 1899 will ever be cherished in our memory, and kindly thoughts of those with whom we passed these days shall always cling to us.

A Sad Death.

Mrs. May L. Edgren, wife of Jessie L. Edgren died Tuesday night of typhoid fever and was buried Friday afternoon from the Methodist church. She leaves a two-weeks old little girl behind.

Mrs. Edgren was 23 years old, of a small stature, which, with her bright, girlish ways, would have enabled her to pass for 15 years of age. The husband and his young wife crossed the summit last spring, the lady becoming well known and very popular on the trail from her connection with entertainments given by Captain Jack Crawford at Bennett and elsewhere. Friends and relatives are inconsolable at the loss and have our sympathy.

Whist Contest.

The "P. L.'s" and the Regina Club met in a whist tournament on Wednesday night. The result of the play is appended:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like Heath, Woolrich, Lewis, Richardson, Davis, Lowenstein, McFarlane, McLuskey.

Majority for Regina Club 12

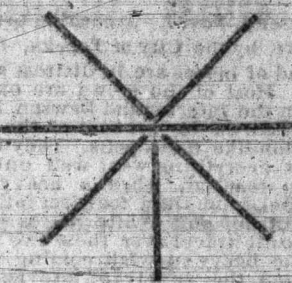
Arrivals Up River.

Lee and John Tate arrived at Dawson from Fortyeupine river on Tuesday last with an interesting story of a relief expedition from Circle City up the Porcupine to the rescue of frozen prospectors. The party was reduced to eating their moose-tins and feeding the leeches of their

snow-shoes to the dogs before all again reached the settlements.

Joe King and Marlan Westall arrived Monday night from Eagle City. Money is very tight and no new developments beyond prospects. The town is built very scattering and gives no immediate promise of building up solidly. The tramroad from the Nation creek coal mines to the river is about completed. The two purpose starting shortly for the outside.

Can You Work this Puzzle?



The Nugget proposes to give its readers an opportunity to while away a few evening hours by working out a number of puzzles. The above seven-pointed diagram is a simple enough contrivance, but has some peculiar properties. Follow directions as given below and see if you can reach the correct solution:

Directions. Start at any given point on the diagram and count in either direction three points—the starting point counting No. 1. Mark the 3rd point and then assuming another starting point continue the process until all points but one have been marked. Remember that you may count either to the right or to the left, but having chosen either direction the succeeding counts must follow in the same direction. The starting point for each count must be unmarked. When all points but one have been marked, according to directions the puzzle is worked.

For the first correct solution received at this office a cash prize of \$10.00 will be paid, and for the second correct solution a cash prize of \$5 will be paid. A full explanation of the solution must accompany each answer.

CREEK ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elwell spent New Years day with Mrs. C. A. Wanger on his Eldorado.

The Nugget has established an office at Eldorado City where anyone desiring to transact business up the creeks can do so.

No. 30 below lower Dominion report that they have struck 60 cent gravel and a rumor comes from 125 below that nine feet of 10 cent dirt has been struck.

Messrs. Jose and Edgar who own 18 below upper on Dominion, report nine feet of fine pay-gravel and from the notes now down the streak is about 200 feet wide.

Messrs. Ellis and Bailey of the Northern Light Inn have just completed a bridge across Hunker creek on the cut-off trail, placing that trail in first-class condition.

A large number of the residents of Bonanza and Eldorado gathered at the Gold Hill hotel at the Forks on New Years eve where dancing was indulged in until well on in the morning.

Trail-builder Green, who has the roadhouse on the Sulphur-Dominion trail at the head of Gold Bottom, has just completed the side-trail up Gold Bottom, which now makes a good and nearly straight trail from Hunker to the summit.

Messrs. E. J. Lough, J. J. Doyle and H. Shaw have opened up a roadhouse below the dome on the Dominion trail. They have built a splendid trail along the mountain side around the dome, so no one need fear the danger of freezing when crossing that ever windy summit.

The Nugget representative on Bonanza was agreeably surprised on visiting the cabin of Mrs. J. N. Home of 12 below, to find on Christmas eve a regular old fashioned Christmas tree decorated with candles and covered with presents. Mrs. Home was the first white woman to camp on Dawson flats and every year she has had a Christmas celebration and tree.

McDonald & Kenyon's claim, 35 below on Sulphur have struck a second pay-streak close to the hill on the left side. Present of gravel averages upward of a dollar to the pan and bed rock has not yet been reached. Curiously the gold is different in appearance from any other Sulphur gold, being heavily stained with iron. Mr. Kenyon certainly can never be accused of having "cold feet," for he sunk five holes, from 38 to 42 feet deep before he located the pay.

Natural gas burst forth from a crevasse on Brimstone's claim, 35 below on Sulphur, last week, with the men were sinking. One workman was left in the hole, 20 feet deep, picking loose the muck, when his pick suddenly went through and the gas shot up with great force, blowing off his hat and filling the hole with the fumes. The man had presence of mind enough to light it, and the fumes shot up toward head and burned for hours. The fumes being so large the supply gradually exhausted itself. Mr. Brimstone says he now has the key to the fuel problem and can apply it.

New Year was celebrated in regular civilized style by Messrs. Atlin and Davidson in the Nugget cabin at Eldorado City where a number of guests sat down to an old-fashioned New Years feast. After dinner the guests were entertained by the genial single Jack Crawford whose never failing powers of entertainment were displayed during the evening. The captain among others gave his "Toast to Woman" and also an impromptu poem in honor of Mrs. Davidson. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mills, Messrs. Boway, Moulton, Will Allen, J. Harding, Byrne, Dickey, Burke and Captain Jack Crawford.

One would think that a person in this country would be charitable enough to allow a man with wet feet to come in and dry himself when the thermometer was down to 20 below, yet a man a couple of miles above the mouth of Gold Bottom refused one of the Sulphur creek boys admittance to his cabin under just such circumstances, and the frozen man was compelled to push on to the next cabin. In contrast to this stands the action of Miss Binhaefer, who keeps the Travellers' Home road house on the Klondike. Monday night a sportsman had been up on Hunker, came in so drunk that he fell down crossing the cabin. He insisted on coming on to Dawson as he had exhausted his cash. She refused to let him continue the journey which would have been almost sure death, to the intoxicated man and rallied assistance to force him into a bunk where a night's sleep put him on his feet again.

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