

NEWS FROM DOWN RIVER.

N. A. T. & T. Co.'s Store at Fort Yukon Destroyed by Fire.

Miss Gates at Fortymile—Mrs. Burnham Broke Through the Ice Below Half Way House—The Stampede.

Numbers of people are now on their way to Nome. Many more are thinking of attempting the trip. Before the first of March, hundreds will have started from Dawson.

During the past month the trail between Circle City and Fortymile has been in very poor condition. Frequent storms have drifted the snow over the road, and travelers are compelled to break trail for their dog teams every day. Between Fortymile and Dawson the river affords fairly good traveling.

There are numerous roadhouses between Dawson and Circle City, which are situated about 20 miles apart and which provide accommodations for men and dog teams. Between Circle City and Fort Yukon there are only two roadhouses.

Until Fort Yukon is passed no one need entertain the fear of becoming short of provisions.

Fortymile and Eagle are almost deserted on account of the stampede to Nome. At Circle, there are more men than there were a month ago. This is because a number of those who went to the new strike on the Koyukuk have returned. They report the new diggings to be fairly rich; but not extensive. All the properties which show any prospects were staked and recorded a year ago. Most of those at Circle are preparing to go to Nome over the ice. At Fort Yukon, there are only 14 white men.

On January 9th, the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s store at Fort Yukon was destroyed by fire. The company's warehouse was saved, but the entire stock in the store was lost. In order to replenish the supply of provisions at this point, the company is hauling from Circle City with 17 dog teams.

Mr. John Kiolet arrived in Dawson from Fort Yukon last evening. He made the trip in 23 days, and started with seven husky dogs.

Speaking of affairs on the lower Yukon, Mr. Kiolet said:

"I left Fort Yukon on January 10th. The day before a fire occurred which destroyed the store, stock and fixtures of the N. A. T. & T. Co. The warehouse and its contents were not injured. On the morning following the fire, the company sent 17 dog teams to Circle City for merchandise and provisions.

"From Fort Yukon to Circle the trail is good, and between these two points there are two roadhouses. At Circle there are more people than I expected to see there. Most of them had just returned from the Koyukuk country. They report the new strike to be genuine, but limited in extent, and found all the ground in the vicinity located and recorded. Most everyone at Circle is making preparations to go to Nome over the ice. About 20 miles this side of Circle I encountered a snow storm, and every day I was obliged to break my own trail. Things are very quiet at Eagle; the few who are there will soon leave for Nome. Fortymile is also very dull.

"There are plenty of roadhouses between Dawson and Circle City, and travelers have no difficulty in securing good accommodations every night, if they so desire.

"As I came up I met from 200 to 300 people on their way to Nome. Most of them are between Charlie river and Circle City. I started with seven dogs, but was induced to sell six of them to Nome stampede before I reached Fortymile. I received, on an average, \$150 per each dog."

"Do you know anything of the Betsch party?" was asked of Mr. Kiolet.

"No," he replied, "but I passed

several parties among whom were some women. I did not hear particularly of the Betsch party until I reached Dawson."

"Did you see Miss Gates?" inquired the reporter.

"Yes, I saw Miss Gates and her two companions at Fortymile on Wednesday," answered Mr. Kiolet. "She was in good health and spirits, and seemed to be enjoying her trip."

"Where did you pass Mr. and Mrs. Burnham?" was then asked.

"I probably would not have known to whom you refer," replied Mr. Kiolet, as his tanned and weather-beaten face relaxed into a smile, "if it were not for an accident which befel the young woman about two miles below the half way house between here and Fortymile. She was riding on the sled and it broke through an air hole in the ice, but with the exception of a slight wetting of herself and outfit no damage resulted. This was on Thursday. That afternoon the party returned to the half way house where they remained for the night. Friday morning they continued their trip down the river."

"I would advise those who contemplate the trip to Nome," continued Mr. Kiolet, "to be well provided with dogs. I am not acquainted with the trail north of Fort Yukon, but I have heard that it averages about the same below there as it does above. I intend to remain in Dawson about a week, and then I shall leave for the great Alaskan camp myself."

L. B. Roadhouse Dance.

An enjoyable dance was held at the L. B. roadhouse at No. 30 below on Bonanza last night. Mrs. Robert Birch acted in the capacity of hostess. Many persons from Dawson attended, and the dancers had a most delightful time.

The affair was managed by Prof. James Duffy and an orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Majuy, furnished excellent music.

Weather Report.

There have been no material variations in the temperature of the weather during the past 24 hours.

Last night the minimum temperature registered at the barracks was 3.5 degrees below zero.

At noon the instrument recorded 1 degree above.

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written in endearing terms and addressed by his wife to a prominent local business man. Walthers says that this difficulty was settled; that his wife promised never to compromise herself again, and that, in order to avoid remarks and criticism she soon afterwards left for the outside.

Mr. A. G. Wissel, who is named as a possible co-respondent in the case, when questioned respecting the troubles of Walthers' family, made this statement:

"I have known Mr. and Mrs. Walthers for several years, in fact, I was acquainted with them on the outside. I have been interested with Mr. Walthers in business during the past year; but some months before his departure for the outside we dissolved our partnership affairs. I know Mrs. Walthers well, and always considered her to be a woman of exceptional conduct and deportment. A few days ago I learned that she had instituted proceedings for divorce against her husband. I am surprised that my name has been mentioned in connection with this domestic trouble. I am not aware that Mr. Walthers ever chastised his wife, and have no recollection of writing her a note. When Mr. Walthers left here he took with him some of my dogs, and we parted the best of friends. I know nothing of Mrs. Walthers' inconstancy, and do not believe such report to be true."

The management of the Yukon Iron Works is under the control of Bob Roberts, who is a brother-in-law of Walthers. Mr. Roberts disclaimed any

knowledge of the trouble between Mr. and Mrs. Walthers.

Walthers is well known in Dawson. He came to Dawson in the fall of 1897, and during the following summer his wife joined him here. Both went out over the ice in January of last year, and returned in June. Matters of business obliged Walthers to make another trip to the states during the past summer, and he arrived in Dawson on his return just before the river closed.

A New Restaurant.

Mr. R. J. Hilts, proprietor of the Popular lodging house, and Miss McCrea will open a first-class short order restaurant Monday on the ground floor of the lodging house building. Miss McCrea will have charge of the cuisine. The interior of the restaurant room is neatly and artistically arranged.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming to be next of kin of the said Karl Olaus Karlson Odegaard, who died in or about the months of July or August, A. D. 1897, at Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, or having, or pretending to have, any interest in the estate of the said Karl Olaus Karlson Odegaard, deceased, are required to give notice thereof to The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company [Limited], administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900.

Dated, at the City of Ottawa, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1899.

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Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Administrators of the Estate.

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