

THE LATEST FROM NOME.

Messrs. McRae and Nagle
Bring a Budget of News.

The Camp Is Quiet—Fully 800 People Met on the Trail—Big Rush Anticipated in the Spring.

R. R. McRae and F. H. Nagle the two messengers from Nome in the employ of the J. S. Kimball Co., of San Francisco, were interviewed by a representative of the Nugget last night. They do not carry any regular mail and report passing the U. S. mail at Fort Yukon.

They report plenty of food at Nome when they left, January 6th, and do not anticipate any shortage this winter only on cream, which was selling for \$1 a can when they left.

Real estate is held at exorbitant prices, far in excess of its value, and a full lot on the business part of the city cannot be obtained for any reasonable amount, as lots are subdivided into small fractions on which ten porary buildings of all shapes and sizes are erected. Corrugated iron buildings are built in many instances, but the majority of structures are of sawed lumber, there being no logs in the vicinity of the city. The houses are lined with building paper and are quite comfortable, there being no particular discomfort experienced during the winter.

The winds are not severe, but are of sufficient strength to blow the ice away from the beach if a strong off shore wind should arise, the ice returning when the wind sets in the opposite direction.

During the past few months there has been a great many stampedes up and down the coast, but no important discoveries have been made. Other than this, everything is very quiet and all are looking forward eagerly to the spring.

Gold dust is used as a medium of exchange almost exclusively, principally beach dust, although some creek gold is in circulation. Some little work is being done on the beach this winter, but not to any great extent, a few claims putting out winter dumps and some of the "beach combers" rocking in their cabins.

When asked if Nome would reach the expectations of those going, Mr. McRae answered very cautiously, stating that the country was good, but it was hard to say how things would shape themselves, as so many people contemplated going that the camp would doubtless be overdone. He reports the trail quite rough between Circle and Dawson, but a fair trail below that point all the way down the river. The best trail is below Fort Yukon, but they encountered head winds as far up the river as Rampart.

They estimate that they have passed fully 800 people on the river bound for Nome, seeing many deserted and empty cabins all along the trail. They have met a number of people going down the trail with absolutely no outfit of any description. Some with dogs and no food, others with food and no dogs, dragging along a loaded sled. There is plenty of provisions all along the line, except bacon and rice which is scarce. There is one point, however, a distance of 225 miles, between Rampart and Weare, where no provisions are obtainable as there is no post in that section, consequently provisions must be obtained in sufficient quantities at Rampart going down to last that distance.

Betsch was seen at Rampart on the 4th of February and was traveling slowly, his dogs being in bad shape from overwork. There were three men in his party, Mr. and Mrs. Betsch being in excellent health. Miss Gates was passed at Fort Yukon in splendid health and spirits.

Mr. McRae believes that steamers can get in to Nome next spring much earlier from the outside than down the

river, as the first steamers can get into Nome about June 1st. It might be possible, however, he added that the cut off could be made the latter part of May by skirting the mountains along the shore, but it would be very arduous.

Mr. McRae intends returning to Nome this spring and is now on his way to San Francisco to report to his company. He leaves for the outside in a few days.

Fight in the Dominion.

At noon today a lively fracas occurred in the Dominion saloon. While playing faro bank, Mike Foley, a local sport, who was intoxicated, used very abusive language towards George Gillen, the dealer of the game. Foley's abuse and repeated threats finally incited Gillen, who left his position from behind the table and struck the drunken man over the head with a stool. Foley fell to the floor. He was almost immediately taken to the office of Dr. Sutherland for medical treatment. An examination of the injured man's head showed several serious cuts, two of which required several stitches each.

POLICE COURT.

In the absence of Major A. B. Perry, who left yesterday on a business trip to Dominion, Inspector Primrose is presiding in the capacity of police magistrate.

The first case this morning was that of A. Lee, proprietor of the Wayside roadhouse, charged with violating the ordinance which prohibits the sale of liquor on Sunday. Lee plead guilty and was fined \$20 and costs which was paid.

G. A. Heitch, another roadhouse operator, his location being at the Dome, was fined \$20 and costs for being in the same boat with Lee. He likewise remitted.

The cases of O. P. Johnson vs. H. H. Hart for \$108, and Chas. Smith vs. H. H. Hart for \$40 were both continued until this afternoon in order that Hart's attorney might have ample time in which to reach the court room. Both suits are for labor performed on Hart's claim.

The case of Jas. Wilson vs. Crabb for money, was continued, Crabb not being present.

C. Shepherd, over whom hovers the charge of "d. and d." was not in court and will be tried this afternoon.

New Rolling Stock.

In view of the greater stretch of road to operate in the near future, and the good patronage from those bound for Dawson and Cape Nome over the ice, and the outward travel from the Yukon basin and the prospective local traffic from promising properties being developed near by, the White Pass & Yukon railroad is making big strides in the increase of rolling stock.

Superintendent J. P. Rogers gave out that the company has under construction in the Skagway shops 40 flat cars of 40,000 pounds each, and material has been ordered for 80 more freight cars and two large baggage cars. Four new locomotives, two compounds and two simples, have been ordered and will be here in February.

The cars being built here are being furnished with all modern equipment, and in point of convenience and general stability will be second to none.

An average of a car a day is being turned out. The entire work of construction is done in the local shops, but later on the company will bring the material here from the sound prepared to put together just as received. Thirty-two men are employed in the shops.

A considerable work looking to the maintenance of the rolling stock and its housing is being done all along the line so far as it extends at present, and more work is to be added to the Skagway round house and an oilhouse will be erected at the shops, work to be begun on both improvements immediately.—Skagway Alaskan.

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