

OVER THE ICE FROM BENNETT

John Wachter "Mushes" His Sled by Hand.

Has Prospected Kotzebue and Nome— Comes to Klondike in Quest of Gold—Trail Very Rough.

John Wachter a young German, arrived in Dawson Tuesday evening over the ice from the outside, having "mushed" a sled and 150 pounds of outfit the entire distance from upper Lebarge by hand. Wachter left Bennett, November 20th, and traveled by boat to Lake Lebarge, where he took to the hills until he reached McCormick's post. That part of the trail he reports as fairly good, but from McCormick's post to Hutchiku he found it very steep and rough. The new cut off is still very rough and travel over it is decidedly laborious. From Selkirk to Dawson travel is easy, the trail being exceptionally good from Scow island to Dawson. Wachter came in alone and was 29 days in making the trip.

During the past year the young German has had considerable unenviable experience. He was a passenger on the schooner Jane Gray which sailed from Seattle for Kotzebue sound early in May of last year and which was wrecked, turned turtle and sank when 90 miles out from Cape Flattery. The schooner carried, including crew and passengers, 62 people of which 35 were drowned and 27 escaped. Nothing daunted, Wachter returned to Seattle and reshipped on a steamer for Kotzebue, arriving early in June. After two months' prospecting news of the Nome discoveries reached that country, and in a small boat, and alone, Wachter set out along the coast for the new Eldorado, which place he reached after six weeks' steady travel and hard rowing. But to Wachter the Nome country was not what it had been "cracked up" to be. While there he got no property, but made good wages on No. 8 above discovery on Anvil creek, from which claim he saw \$18,000 taken as the result of the labor of 16 men for a period of 40 hours. At the same time Wachter says a friend of his worked on the beach and got nothing while others working beside him took out as high as \$50 per day. Wachter is now looking for a "job" in Dawson that he was told both at Seattle and Skagway was here awaiting thousands of men at \$15 per day, with two chicken dinners each week.

Better Fire Protection.

The trustees of the Board of Trade met in regular session Wednesday night in Chairman Fulda's office. The committee on fire, light and water, through its chairman, E. C. Allen, reported that the committee had done nothing, but would, at an early date, meet and take such steps as will insure additional protection from fire.

Commissioner Ogilvie, regarding the transmission of second-class mail to and from Dawson during the closed season, advised the board of the nature of the mail contract now in existence and which states that none other than first class matter will be transmitted during the "closed" season. He promised, however, to forward to mail officials in Ottawa the petition of the board.

A request from the Dawson Theosophical Club for free use of the Board of Trade rooms was not granted.

The Free Library and Reading Room Society asked that the Board of Trade supply, free, stationery for the society. This request met the same fate as its theosophical predecessor.

The committee on mines and mining asked for further time in which to report, which was granted.

A letter from Major P. H. Ray, U. S. army, of Fort Egbert, Alaska, informed the board that should a telegraph line be continued down the Yukon to the international boundary line, the system will be carried on and extended on the American side.

Mr. Condon advised that the various members of the board bestir themselves in the matter of securing new members.

Secretary Clayton reported four applications for membership. Special

effort will be made to procure increased membership from the ranks of miners, no matter whether or not the miner owns property in Dawson.

A resolution was passed instructing the secretary to prepare and publish a general invitation to business men and miners to become members of the Board of Trade.

Col. Samuel Word of the Dawson Water Co., was present and spoke at length on the present water system, which he admitted was now inadequate to the needs of the city, and explained to the trustees how the cost of fire protection would be materially reduced by the consummation of a plan he has in view, the plan being for the city to agree to compensate him sufficiently to enable him to put in a system that will insure the protection desired. As the present fire system costs something like \$65,000 per year, and as Col. Word's plan carried to consummation will cost but \$25,000 or \$30,000 per year, the proposition was very favorably received.

In connection with the above, Col. Word said the engine now in use by him at his well is of sufficient power to force, through iron pipes, water to a height of 30 feet above the highest building in Dawson.

Col. Word's proposition was referred to the committee on fire and water with the request that the committee confer with the Yukon council, and that Col. Word meet with the committee and supply what information may be desired.

Captain Healy gave it as his opinion that the city should own and control its own water system. Col. Word indicated a willingness to turn his present plant over to the city for a consideration to be mutually agreed upon.

At the suggestion of Chairman Fulda it was decided to ask the council to divide the city into fire wards, three or four, and that when an alarm is rung the ward number be rung immediately thereafter.

After considerable informal discussion of the city's needs in general, the meeting adjourned.

Those New Regulations.

For the benefit of our many readers we print the following questions asked the gold commissioner, with answers:

Q. Under the new law, how many days' work will be required to represent a claim.

A. It will require the sinking of a shaft for which will be allowed the following rate: \$5 per foot for the first ten feet, \$7.50 per foot for the next ten feet, and \$10 per foot after the first 20 feet; so to represent a claim it will require a shaft 27 1/2 feet deep.

For the building of a cabin an allowance of \$75 will be made on the amount of representation; so that if a claim owner desires to construct a cabin as part of representation he will then be required to do \$125 worth on the shaft, or 20 feet in addition to the cabin.

Q. If a claim was due to be represented before the new law went into effect, and if said claim was being represented, will they have to represent the full three months.

A. No; not if they have done enough work to comply with the new law, according to answer to first question.

Q. What will be the cost for renewal where a claim was being represented under the old law but said representation was not completed when the new law went into effect.

A. Under the new law a certificate of labor SIGNED BY TWO WITNESSES must be filed for which a charge of \$2 will be made, and when renewal is issued the usual charge of \$15 will be made, so, under the new law it costs \$17 to renew a claim. If a claim has been represented, but application for renewal not made before the new law became operative it will cost \$17.

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Landlord Acquitted.

Nearly every Dawsonite who has traveled via Skagway during the past year knows "Earnie" Miller, the genial proprietor of the popular Occidental hotel in Skagway, and all will be pleased to learn that "Earnie" has been honorably acquitted of a serious charge. Early last October an outgoing Klondiker stopped at the Occidental and left a sack said to contain \$1600 with the hotel clerk. The sack disappeared and its owner, suspecting the landlord, had Miller arrested. Knowing that his house was responsible for the loss of the gold, Miller had, previous to the arrest, offered to recompense the stranger for his loss, but his offer was scorned. Miller, who gave bond for his appearance, was indicted by the federal grand jury at Juneau, but was honorably acquitted when the case was tried.

The First Indictment.

Under the new criminal code for Alaska which went into effect July 1st a federal grand jury of that district has returned the first gambling indictment. Everybody between Seattle and Dawson knows Lee Guthrie of the Skagway Board of Trade, and while it was expected that the law prohibiting gambling was to remain a dead letter, Guthrie was indicted the "first rattle."

A young man known as the "Hungry Kid," was detected in the act of stealing a handful of double eagles from the Board of Trade roulette table. He was held over until the grand jury met when he was indicted, but the evidence which indicted him could not be ignored by the grand jury, and the result was that Guthrie was indicted for conducting a gambling house and it will probably cost him \$1,000 to square him self with Uncle Samuel.

For Self Protection.

L. R. Fulda, manager of the A. E. company, has written to the heads of that concern asking them to purchase and forward to this city a fire engine, cart and 2000 feet of hose as a precaution against destruction of the company's large interests by fire. The engine, on its arrival, will be located in a building on the water front opposite the company's store.

Captain Healy, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., ordered a complete fire apparatus last season, including a large engine, chemical engine truck, hose, etc., but the outfit is stranded for the winter on the lower Yukon. It will arrive early in the season.

Jake Kline Will Mush.

Mr. Jake Kline will leave for Seattle and coast cities on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, carrying mail and small express packages. Also, will attend to any and all important business entrusted to him and will return on or about March 15th. Letters \$1 each; express rates reasonable. Will also take one or two passengers. Mail can be left at Mr. Kline's store, Gold Hill hotel, Grand Forks, also Manning's, No. 60 Bonanza.

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