

HEAVY TRAVEL SOON COMING

Skagway Is Said to Be Filling Up With People.

Trail in Excellent Condition During the Next Three Months The Overland Route for Next Year.

Travelers recently arriving from the outside say that the influx of people over the ice from now on to the opening of navigation will be greater than was ever before known in the history of Dawson. A very large proportion of the number will be mining operators who are returning in time to be present at the spring clean-up, the winter either under worked during the day's labor, and while their dumps have been assuming mammoth proportions, in the far north they have been basking beneath a semi-tropical sun in the south. Further additions to the list will be made by the large number of government officials and barristers who at the beginning of the long court vacation last fall sought a less rigorous climate in which to spend the winter. The territorial court will convene the first Monday in February and that will be the means of causing the return of many during the present month. From Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver and Skagway word is received that the hotels are fast filling up with people bound for Dawson and with one or two stages ar-

iving from Whitehorse each day the city should soon begin to present its old time appearance of life and animation. In the matter of transportation there are almost a half dozen different lines now on the Whitehorse route and should the travel warrant it more could be added at almost a moment's notice, there being at present quite a quantity of stock that is probably barely earning its feed. The recent cold snap has done away with that portion of the river which has persisted in remaining open during the fore part of the winter and the trail during the next three months will be equal to a macadamized road.

In view of the difficulty experienced in transporting the mail this year during the month or six weeks immediately following the close of navigation, the present will doubtless be the last winter that the river route will be used in traveling to and from the outside. The warm weather at the beginning of the winter made travel on the ice extremely arduous and dangerous and the necessity of having an overland route to Whitehorse, or at least as far as Selkirk, has become so apparent that it is almost a certainty that the Dominion government will take steps early in the summer to put in the road via Gold Run and Clear Creek, a reconnaissance of which has already been made by Territorial Engineer Thibedeau. Commissioner Ross is known to be strongly in favor of the new road and upon his urgent recommendation it is not likely the necessary appropriation would be slow in forthcoming.

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THE PHILOSOPHER TAKEN IN

By the Daughter of His Host and Friend.

He Was Not so Strong as His Reputation Made Him—Addie Kept the Five-Pound Note.

A day or two before Easter I was sitting in my office finishing up some scraps of work, and ever and anon casting happy glances at my portmanteau, which stood in the corner. I was just off to spend a fortnight with my old friend Colonel Gunton, in Norfolk, and I was looking forward to seeing him again with great pleasure. We had not met for ten years, and I had never been to his place or seen any of his family. It would be delightful.

The telephone bell rang. "Oh, confound it! I hope that's nothing to keep me to it," I exclaimed. "Mr. Miller) Are you there?" "Yes." "All right. I'll come round." A few minutes passed, and then my clerk announced, "A lady to see you, sir." A remarkably pretty girl of about eighteen was ushered in. She stood still some way from me till the door was closed. Then she suddenly rushed toward me, fell at my feet, and exclaimed: "You will protect me, won't you?" "My dear young lady, what in the world..."

ous and unscrupulous person. She was quite capable of making a most unpleasant, and discreditable commotion on the platform at Beech Hill station. What in the world was I to do?

"Shall we stay long at the Guntons?" she asked. "You, madame, will never go there!" "Oh yes, I shall!" "Indeed you won't. I'll take care of that. The police will see to that."

"I don't care a fig for the police. I shall go and stay as long as you do. They told me to stick to you!" I became angry. Any man would have. But nothing was to be gained by losing my temper. I took out a sovereign.

"If you'll get out at the next station, I'll give you this." She laughed merrily. "I thought you went in for personal supervision, not mere pecuniary doles," she said; "I read that in your speech at the Charity Organization meeting. No, I'm not to be bribed. I'm going to the Guntons."

"It's absurd! It's preposterous! What will—what will Mrs. Gunton say?" "Oh, she won't mind," answered my companion, with a confident nod. "she's used to girls like me."

"You surprise me," I retorted sarcastically. "but she only laughed again." I returned to my paper. An hour passed in silence. The train began to slacken speed as we neared the station near Beech Hill. She looked up and said:

"Would you really rather I didn't come with you?" "I had passed a wretched hour. This girl was evidently bent on blasting my character."

"Madame," I said, "if you'll get out at this station, I'll give you a five-pound note."

"What? I heard you never gave away a farthing! They said no one could get a penny out of you."

"It is true that I disapprove of indiscriminate charity, but, under the circumstances, I—"

"Think I am a deserving object? Well, I'll take it."

With a sigh of relief, I took a note from my pocket book, and gave it to her.

"I'll pay it back soon," she said. "Never let me see your face again." "Apologize for me to the Guntons Goodbye."

She jumped out lightly, and I sank back murmuring, "Thank Heaven!" After I got rid of her, my journey was peaceful and happy, and I forgot my troubles in the warm greeting my old friend Bob Gunton and his wife gave me. The girl must have had about the telegram, at least, Bob made no reference to it. He had a fine family of boys and girls, and presented them to me with natural pride.

"That's my lot—except Addie. She's gone to see some friends, but we expect her back every minute. They keep me alive, I can tell you, Miller."

After tea, my host and hostess insisted on taking me for a stroll on the terrace. It was a beautiful evening, and I did not mind the cold. As we were talking together, I heard the rumble of wheels. An omnibus stopped at the gate.

"Ah, the bus," said Gunton, "it runs between here and our market town."

I hardly heard him, for, to my horror, I saw descending from the bus and opening the gate, that girl—"Send her away!" I cried; "send her away! On my honor, Bob, as a gentleman, I know nothing about her."

"Why, what's the matter?" "Absolutely assure Mrs. Gunton and yourself that—"

"What's the matter with the man? What's he talking about?" "Why, Bob, that girl—that bare-faced girl!"

"That girl! Why, that's my daughter Addie!" "Your daughter?"

The little mixx walked up to me with a smile, dropped a little curtsey, and said, "I knew, Mr. Miller, that it wasn't true that you would refuse help to a really deserving case. The others said you would, but I thought better of you."

And she had the effrontery, then and there, to tell her parents all about it! I think parents are the most infatuated class of persons in the community. They laughed, and Mrs. Gunton said: "How clever of you, Addie! You must forgive her, Mr. Miller, my dear girls are so playful!" Playful! And she never returned the five-pound note!

Victims of Explosion. Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—The police were notified today that Alex Clydesdale, who was in charge of the Sobo furnace of Jones & Laughlin at the time of the explosion yesterday morning, is missing. The police believe he has been cremated. This would make the list of killed reach eleven.

At the Mercy hospital it was stated that the death of John Sabo was only a question of a few hours. While John Yentz is in a serious condition the physicians stated that he had a slight chance of pulling through.

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SOCIETY.

The past week has been an exceptionally quiet one in society circles. The cold, blustering weather has been a good excuse for the ladies to remain within doors, while the political agitation has to a large extent abstracted the attention of the gentlemen, so that with two such obstacles as a political campaign and extremely cold weather it could hardly be expected that society would be as active as when the political sky is clear and the atmospheric conditions a little more temperate.

The Whist Club was entertained Monday evening by Justice Dugas at his residence on Mission street. The regular game of the club was played, after which a social time was enjoyed, during which an excellent lunch was served by Madame Dugas. Those present were: F. G. Crisp, W. O. Noble, H. W. McKinnon, T. B. May, C. MacDonald, V. G. Grant, F. T. Congdon, I. J. Hartman, Justice Dugas, A. E. Maynard, A. F. Nicol, J. B. Warden, H. E. Ridley, A. E. Marks, H. G. Herbert, D. C. McKen-

Ladies' night at the Auditorium Theatre is becoming more and more popular and all other engagements for Thursday evenings have been cancelled indefinitely in order that the excellent plays being produced by W. W. Bittner and his excellent company may be enjoyed. Among the large number of box parties given Thursday evening were those of Capt. and Mrs. Starnes with Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. White-Fraser and Mrs. French as guests; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis entertained Mrs. McDenel, Miss Chisholm, Messrs. Cow-

an, Stevenson, and Senkler; Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Congdon entertained Mr. and Mrs. Davis-Coley, Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, Miss Richardson and Mr. Herbert.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Dr. Browne entertained at tea a number of her young lady friends. Those present were: Miss Edwards, Miss Richardson, Miss Hanwell, Miss MacFarlane, Miss Roediger, Miss E. Freeman, Miss F. Freeman.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Chas. MacDonald entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Dufferin Pattullo, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ridley, and Mr. Heaudette.

A great deal of interest is being taken in curling this winter. The comfortable quarters of the club in the N. C. Co.'s warehouse makes the game much more attractive both to players and spectators than a cold building would. This afternoon commencing at 4 o'clock two match games will be played. The Doctors will pit their strength against the Lawyers and the boys of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will meet the Civil Service team. The teams will be composed of the following players: Doctors—Richardson, skip; Norquay, Barrett, Edwards; Lawyers—Crisp, skip; Macrae, McGowan, Senkler; Civil Service—Noble, skip; Macpherson, Hamilton, Donald, Bank—DeGex, skip; Tiffin, Jemmett, Bell.

Last evening Mont Maltby gave a party to a few of his friends at the residence of his parents on Third street and Albert street. The evening was pleasantly passed with games

and music and the excellent luncheon served was enjoyed by all. Those present were: Miss Clara Lawrence, Miss Laura Mitchell, Miss Helen Beede, Miss Constance James, Miss Myrrell Jones, Bennett James, Joe Hunt, Chas. Maltby and Mont Maltby.

There was no meet of the Driving Club last Saturday owing to the inclement weather, and the drive today was also postponed for the same reason. With the excellent fall of snow last night and the weather more settled the enjoyable outings of the past will again be resumed.

A hockey match is scheduled for next Saturday between the Civil Service and Polar teams.

Welder Young, mining recorder for the Stewart River district, is in Dawson enjoying a week's vacation.

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Another Seizure Made. Acting Sheriff Ellbeck made another seizure recently in the de Lion-Berry man case. The action was taken up on the judgment being given in the police court in the criminal proceedings brought against Harry Langley and May Lester, they being charged with the theft of a certain quantity of wood. The wood, amounting to 68 cords, has been seized under a writ of attachment and with the liquor and cigars previously attached will be held by the court pending the final settlement of the case.

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