

EGGS ARE SCRAMBLED

Refers to the Condition of the Market

Fresh Hen Fruit Selling at Summer-Prices, Less Than Cost of Goods.

The great feature in the market situation this week is the egg question which may be said to be scrambled and all shot to pieces. Forty-eight hours ago over-the-ice stock was selling at \$32 by the single case and \$31 in five-case lots; today you can buy them for \$20 or 75 cents of your grocer by the dozen. Somebody is losing money at the rate of \$5 a case as it is agreed by all the importers, that the stock under the most favorable conditions can not be laid down here over the ice at a less rate than \$25 per case. Importers this year have been singularly favored in regard to weather as there has been scarcely a consignment in which any of the eggs have been frozen.

How long prices will remain at the present quotations is a matter of conjecture, but it is regarded as an absolute cinch that a very material advance will be made before navigation opens for the very good reason that there is not near enough stock in sight at the present rate of consumption to last until the first boats arrive. The monthly consumption of eggs in this market depends wholly upon the price. In the summer when they retail at 50 cents a dozen it requires an average of 1500 cases a month to supply the city and surrounding country, when the price advances to 75 cents a dozen the consumption falls to 1200 cases, when it reaches \$1 it falls to approximately 800 cases and 600 cases when the retail price is \$1.25. There are today in the city not over 500 cases with 700 cases additional in transit. A dealer has 300 cases on the Dolphin which is due at Skagway today and which will be the last that can possibly reach here over the ice. That gives a visible supply of 1500 cases to last say two months and if the present prices are maintained they would last barely six weeks.

The dealers who are selling today at \$20 a case are very chary to whom they sell. As a rule they will sell only to those of their old customers who have been steady buyers all winter and to them but a case at a time and also restricting their sales retail to not more than two dozen to any one party at any one time. Some of the recent arrivals who have endeavored to do a little jobbing among the restaurants on the quiet are under the ban of the city council and if caught doing so again they will be prosecuted or compelled to take out a transient traders' license.

The past week has also witnessed a very marked advance in the price of both onions and potatoes, the

latter being quoted at 14 wholesale and 15 retail and the former at 15 and 20. There is said to be a less stock of potatoes in the city now than there has been for several years. A strong 20 cent market is anticipated before any fresh stock can arrive.

Milk of all brands is entirely out of the market as it is doubtful if a dozen cases could be found in the entire city. Some apples of very fair quality yet remain and there are a few cases of oranges and lemons, though the latter are very scarce. Advice from the upper end of the trail are to the effect that between Whitehorse and the Yukon Crossing the snow is becoming very thin in spots and the breaking up of the winter trail in that vicinity is only a question of a few days. Last year the river broke May 14, but the first boat from lower LeBarge did not arrive until just one week later, the 21st. Residents about the lake say that the ice this year is much thicker than it was last, which if true will delay the opening of navigation not a little.

ELDORADO AND BONANZA

Mr. Michael Heggarty of No. 39 below Bonanza is in bed with jaundice. Miss Aleda Anderson returned from the outside last Wednesday. She will be welcomed by the society folk of the Forks. Mr. J. J. Hickey, the popular mine owner of Oro Fino hill, and his brother were passengers on one of the stages from the outside last Thursday. Mr. Hickey will immediately begin work on Oro Fino. Mr. James Wilson of Gold Hill came from the outside a few days ago. Mr. Wilson says it is all right to live there but no time to work. He was glad to get back as he has valuable property on the hill. Lee & Erickson of Gold Hill have put on more help and are now working two shifts. They have out 5 large dump.

Mrs. B. Byles of No. 65 below Bonanza was visiting Mrs. Harry Peterson of No. 46 below today. Thos. McMullen, proprietor of the Star roadhouse on No. 22 below Bonanza, was made happy last Wednesday by the arrival of his son, son-in-law and daughter from Wisconsin. Tom's daughter Mrs. Birch went outside last fall a happy young girl and just returned a smiling and happy bride. The dance on No. 46 below Bonanza last Wednesday night given by Mr. Thorpp was very largely attended. About twenty-five couples were present and danced to the strains of sweet music, furnished by Murphy and Dines, till the stars ceased to shine and the light outside signified that day was dawning. Mr. Chas. Moore of No. 65 below Bonanza carried off the honors for fine dancing. He was greatly admired by the fair sex for the stately way in which he did the step.

From Capitol Chat.
"One of the most characteristic incidents in which 'Uncle Joe' Cannon ever figured within my knowledge," Representative Lacey, of Iowa, said yesterday at the house, "occurred in a Democratic congress of years ago, when Carlisle was speaker. Cox, of New York, was in charge of a bill on which he was trying to shut off debate. He was still yielding time for short speeches, although rather grudgingly."
"Well, won't the gentleman yield me some time?" inquired Mr. Cannon.
"How much time does the gentleman want?" asked Cox.
"Oh, a little while."
"Will the gentleman from Illinois put his hands in his pockets."
"Mr. Cannon complied with the request."
"Now, I will yield the gentleman as much time," replied Cox, "as he keeps his hands in his pockets."
"Uncle Joe" began eloquently, but he had not spoken half a dozen sentences before out flew that good right hand, gesturing on high.
"The time of the gentleman has expired," shouted Mr. Carlisle, and the future speaker had to take his seat.—Washington Post.

ANOTHER COMPLAINT

O'Brien Files His Statement Today

Claims He is the Rightful Owner of the Lower Half of No. 3 Below on Lovett.

Another turn was taken today in the Middlecoff-O'Keefe-O'Brien controversy over the upper half of 3 below on Lovett gulch, the same over which O'Keefe brought his mandamus proceedings, the court directing that a grant be issued to him for the ground he claimed, holding that the mining recorder had no discretion in the matter. At the time the mandamus feature was made public through the Nugget it was stated that there was also a third claimant to the ground, one Wm. J. O'Brien, who alleged that he had staked the claim four days before O'Keefe had applied for record but was turned down. When O'Keefe secured his writ of mandamus and later his grant O'Brien concluded that if any one was entitled to the ground he was, having staked prior to O'Keefe. He also applied for a grant which was given him, placing him in the same position that the other claimants were. Today by his counsel he took another step toward securing what he terms his rights in the premises by filing a protest in the gold commissioner's office naming E. Middlecoff, H. C. Hamilton, Wm. O'Keefe and M. B. O'Dell as the defendants.

In his complaint O'Brien alleges that on the 2nd of January he staked and located according to the regulations the upper half of No. 3 below discovery on Lovett gulch. He applied to the mining recorder for record but was refused, though at the time the ground was open for location. On March 23 plaintiff obtained his grant from the mining recorder. Defendants Middlecoff and Hamilton are said to have a grant to the same ground described as the lower half of No. 3. That on the 5th of July, 1902, Middlecoff and Hamilton caused a survey to be made of the lower half of No. 3 and wrongfully and fraudulently caused the ground located as the upper half to be surveyed as the lower half, a plan of which survey afterward being filed in the office of the gold commissioner. Plaintiff also alleges that the lower half of 3 is down stream from the lower half of the claim now surveyed as the lower half of 3. That the said survey was made fraudulently, wrongfully and unlawfully. That the defendant Middlecoff on February 27, 1902, prior to such survey and for the purpose of regaining his right to stake on Lovett gulch caused an abandonment to be filed in the office of the gold commissioner of the upper half of 3 of which defendant was the original locator and grantee.

Further allegations contained in O'Brien's complaint are to the effect that Middlecoff and Hamilton are in possession of the claim and refuse to permit plaintiff to enter thereon. That defendant O'Keefe is the holder of a grant for the upper half of 3, being the same ground staked and located by the plaintiff. That O'Keefe made his location four days subsequent to that of the plaintiff at a time when the claim was not open to relocation. Defendant O'Dell is alleged to be the assignee of an undivided one-fifth of the claim. O'Brien's demands are as follows:

That a decision be rendered that the upper half of No. 3 below discovery on Lovett gulch at the time of his staking was vacant Dominion land.

That such ground is the ground abandoned by Middlecoff.

That the survey of such ground as the lower half of 3 is unlawful.

That an order be made setting aside such survey and annulling the publication and advertisement.

That the lower half of 3 be returned to its original position down stream from the upper half.

That a decision be made that the staking of O'Keefe was not on vacant crown lands.

An annulment of the grant to O'Keefe of the upper half of 3, possession of the claim and an injunction.

Middlecoff, the third party interested in the claim, returned from the outside but a few days ago and first learned of the squabble over the ground he had always considered his upon his arrival. He states he has been in possession of the claim and has worked it almost continuously for over three years, is living there at the present time, proposes to work it in season as usual and would be delighted to see the color of the man's hair who will succeed in taking the ground away from him.

COASTING PARTIES.

Have Now Become the Real Thing.

Coasting parties are now the order of the day, or rather of the night, as the pastime is mostly enjoyed after

REDUCTION IN CHARGES

At Gold Commissioner's Office Received

Will Probably Not Go Into Effect Until Expiration of Five Weeks.

The news of the reduction of the miners' fees that Mr. Ross, M. P., has succeeded in bringing about was received yesterday with a great deal of satisfaction by everyone about town and provoked not a little comment in every quarter. How soon the new order of things is to go into effect is a question that every second man asks of the third and it is learned today from an authoritative source that such will not be definitely known until Ottawa is heard from concerning the affair. In a short chat had this morning with Assistant Gold Commissioner Gosse he is stated that the usual procedure in orders in council was that they should go into effect immediately upon their approval and signature of the governor general, such rule, however, not applying to the Yukon territory, on account of its remoteness from the center of legislation. By a special order in council it was provided that orders pertaining to the Yukon should not go into effect until five weeks after their approval, which would give ample time for copies of the same and definite written instructions to reach Dawson no matter what the season of the year. Such will apply to the order relative to the reduction of the fees unless it is specially provided that it goes into effect immediately upon its approval by the governor general, which it is privileged to be done, in which event the new scale will become operative as soon as the order arrives by mail from Ottawa. At present, mail is arriving from the capital in about fifteen days, so at the earliest the change could not be made much before April 15 and possibly not before May 1.

BABY DUCLOS

Dies From an Attack of the Gripe

Baby Mary Emily, daughter of photographer Duclos, died yesterday morning at the family residence. The little one was only ten days old.

The funeral took place this afternoon. Death resulted from an attack of the prevailing gripe. Dr. Lachapelle, the attending physician, worked assiduously to preserve the baby's life but his efforts were in vain. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community.

BENEFIT TONIGHT

Tendered Mrs. Bittner Who is Recovering From Illness

The benefit to be tendered Mrs. Bittner this evening will be the biggest and best affair of its kind ever given in Dawson. Mrs. Bittner is greatly improved in health and will be able to appear in the part assigned her. The program arranged is a lengthy one and includes all of the professional talent and a large number of amateurs and will include a number of features which have not been seen before. The boxes had all been disposed of by four o'clock this afternoon and a large part of the seats in the balcony and down stairs, and there is no doubt that standing room will be at a premium.

SLEIGHING PARTY

Amaranth Club Will Make Grand Forks a Visit

The Amaranth skating club will have an outing tomorrow night. Three stages have been chartered and the young folks will start at 7:30 from the Regina hotel for Grand Forks where upon arrival dancing will be indulged in until midnight and then the party will return arriving at Dawson about 3 a.m. This club gave a delightful party a couple of weeks ago which was called a basket picnic dance but the affair tomorrow night will greatly eclipse any affair yet given.

Ahler & Forsha have the best eggs in town. 75c per dozen. Ask your grocer for Swift's bacon.

IS CHARGED WITH PERJURY

Chris S. Christensen of 78 Below Bonanza

Arrested Last Night—Criminal Charge is the Outcome of Civil Action.

Chris F. Christensen, a miner from 78 below on Bonanza, was arrested last night and brought to Dawson where he is to face the serious charge of perjury. The criminal charge which is preferred against Christensen arises from the civil action of Brad F. Cole vs. Abraham H. Anderson and Chris F. Christensen, and the interpleader case of Robert Moncrieff vs. Chris Anderson and Brad F. Cole vs. Abraham H. Anderson and Chris Christensen.

In the first of the above cases it is stated that Christensen presented an affidavit containing sworn statements and that in the interpleader case he swore to diametrically opposite statements.

Attorney W. H. White appeared for the defense and asked an enlargement of the case until Monday as he had just been retained and had not had time to arrange his case. The crown prosecutor concurring an enlargement was granted and bail was fixed in the sum of \$1000 personal and two sureties of \$500 each. Bondsman were present and promptly signed the necessary papers and Christensen was released.

The information laid against Christensen is quite lengthy and charges him as follows: That one Chris F. Christensen committed perjury in a judicial proceeding to wit, in a certain civil action in the territorial court wherein one Brad F. Cole is plaintiff and Abraham H. Anderson and Chris F. Christensen are defendants, as part of his evidence on oath by an affidavit sworn to by said Chris F. Christensen on the 11th day of September, 1902, before Wm. McKay, commissioner for taking affidavits in Yukon territory, by swearing firstly in paragraph 4 of said affidavit as follows: "At no time did Robert Moncrieff or anyone on his behalf notify me of the assignment to him and I did not know of same until after I had paid the same into court in obedience thereto" and secondly, in paragraph 6 of said affidavit as follows: "I verily believe from the conduct of the said defendant Anderson and of the features in connection therewith that the alleged

assignment to said Moncrieff is colorable and not bona fide and is done to defraud the plaintiffs in this action." And that the said Chris F. Christensen committed perjury in a judicial proceeding to wit, in a certain interpleader proceeding being a civil proceeding in the territorial court wherein Robert Moncrieff is plaintiff and the said Chris F. Christensen is defendant and in which one Brad F. Cole is plaintiff and one Abraham H. Anderson and the said Chris F. Christensen are defendants, as part of his evidence upon oath by an affidavit sworn to by the said Chris F. Christensen in the said interpleader proceeding on the 4th day of October, 1902, before R. W. Shannon, a commissioner for taking affidavits in the Yukon territory, by swearing in paragraph No. 7 thereof as follows: "I never was notified by the said Robert Moncrieff of any assignment to him or of any claim made by him in respect of said sum of money until after the same had been paid into court by me up to this date save only the proceedings that have been taken in these respective actions respecting the said sum of money."

The case is being prosecuted by the crown under the provisions of the criminal code which makes perjury an indictable offense and provides a maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment.

REMARKABLE HUMAN PROFILE.

Dr. William F. Parks of St. Louis was a member of a St. Louis party of explorers which found in the northwest corner of Mexico last summer what is perhaps the most remarkable human profile in stone ever fashioned by the elements.

The profile was found in a deep fissure in the desert. There were many petrified trees and bones and finally the profile was found. It resembled perfectly a human head, and the men who found it called it "The Captain" because of its resemblance to a sailor wearing a cap.

"The Captain" is a sandstone bust about 15 feet high. The profile is not the only likeness which it bears to a human head. The ear is there. It is in fact the most perfect feature of the formation.

There are many places in the west where the sandstones have been worked into fantastic shapes by the winds and waters. It is often possible to select a truck, a horse, a man or almost anything under the sun by surrounding the stones with a bit of imagination. But "The Captain" found in New Mexico requires no imagination to make him resemble an old sea dog.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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THE COURT OF APPEALS

April Sittings to Convene the 15th

Number of Cases Already Docketed and Others to Follow Shortly

Acting Commissioner Wood issued a proclamation calling for the court of appeals to convene on the 15th of April at 10 o'clock, the business session in session until the business is disposed of. It is the first sittings of the court since last September, the court providing for the court sitting three sessions a year, in July and September. With the court Mr. Justice Dugas will sit full court will be in the afternoon. Since the court will be ready to be convened at the place in the afternoon Mr. Justice Macaulay will take the place in the afternoon occupied by Gold Commissioner or Senkler.

How long the court will sit is a matter of conjecture, if all the cases are tried the sittings will last probably a few ten days. There are some of the clerk of the court and there are a number who are known will be presented for sittings begin nearly ten days later. Of the cases in which appeals from the territorial gold commissioner and the court are from the territorial court at present on the docket are the following:

John W. Gillespie et al vs. Cunnell, appellant.

Murray S. Eads, appellant vs. Benjamin Levy and William E. Eason.

O. H. Clark and H. G. Wang vs. business as Clark & Wang, appellants vs. James S. Williams, Reuben Brown vs. Gilbert, appellant.

A. Brunning and J. B. Pelland vs. Hugh Day et al, J. G. McLaren and C. E. I. appellants vs. Thomas Baker, L. James.

R. A. Auld, appellee vs. G. M. Faulkner.

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Case Postponed

Mrs. Mattie McKinnon Dies Morning

Examined by Dr. McKinnon who was brought from Fortymile on a bed being balanced by two men. He was indefinitely postponed. Mrs. McKinnon rested yesterday and last night. It is recommended that her case be postponed in the hope she might get better.

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