

# NEWS FROM JACK WADE.

## Judge S. O. Morford Returns From Inspection Trip.

### Indications That Country Was Prospected Years Ago—Picked Pans Yield \$65.

Judge S. O. Morford and M. A. Mahoney, who went to Jack Wade over two weeks ago returned to the city Friday evening, after what the former terms a rather hard trip. Judge Morford was seen by a Daily Nugget representative to whom he gave a very interesting description of the country visited. He says there is no doubt but that Jack Wade creek was prospected many years, perhaps a century ago, by the Russians, as at one or two places on bedrock, ten feet below the surface, logs have been found bearing marks of the ax and an old gold pan was unearthed on bedrock 12-feet deep.

The judge reports very rich results when prospecting has reached bedrock. On claims 7, 8 and 9 above lower discovery, more work having been done on these than on any other portion of the creek pans of dirt scraped promiscuously from the dump, yield an average of \$13 to the pan, picked pans, going as high as \$65.

At present work is suspended on many of the claims owing to injunctions having been served by other alleged locators, and nothing further can be done until the trouble is adjusted by the officials at Sitka, to which place representatives of both factions are now en route.

Judge Morford says there are already four or five thawers at work with good results on the creek, one being at work on a bench adjoining 7 above upper, the only bench claim being prospected or worked on the creek. There are, says the judge, two grades of gold on the creeks, which are designated as "Hunker gold" and "Jack Wade gold." The former is very like the gold found on Hunker here, while the latter is much more yellow and of higher grade, being taken by the A. C. Co.'s store at Jack Wade at \$17 per ounce, and assaying over \$18. The Jack Wade gold is much more abundant than the Hunker.

Judge Morford estimates the number of people now on Jack Wade at 20, but says many of them are leaving, pending the settlement of ownership of claims. He says there are many men there who have come across from the Copper river country, and who are destitute of provisions and very short on clothing. He says there is no doubt about the great wealth of the country and says that when existing trouble is adjusted and work regularly begins there will be an immense amount of gold taken out.

### Grand Ball at Forks.

A grand New Year ball was given under the management of the Grand Forks Social Club at the B. and M. tent New Year's night. The committee in charge were Mr. Eul, Mr. C. Hutchison, Dr. McLeod, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. C. F. Boggs. Dancing was the order of the evening until twelve o'clock when a delicious lunch was served. Mr. Clark Kinsey took a flash-light picture of all present.

Among those who attended were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Say, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ferguson, Miss Kate McMullen, Miss J. Coult, Miss J. Coult, Miss Jesse Larson, Miss L. Stanchfield, Mrs. J. Carroll, Mrs. Primes, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. O'Donald, Sergeant Marchall, Joe Eul, Dr. Edwards, Dr. McLeod, C. Carroll, H. W. Wellman, H. White, H. Hamil, H. B. Keif, C. Hutchison, J. H. Hutchison, Walter Hunter, C. Boyle,

G. A. Garsford, J. L. Mitchell, Master Claud Shea, Mr. Grey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Constine, Mr. Goodall, Mr. Browning, Mr. Ask, Mr. Eskridge, Dr. Ramsey. There were numerous others whose names were not secured. The music was furnished by Prof. H. Croop's orchestra.

### A Case of Blood Poison.

George Woodworth, better known among his friends as "Hootch," and himself a well known sport, has been lying near death's door for the last four days at St. Mary's hospital, as a result of blood poisoning. About two weeks ago "Hootch" burned the second finger on his left hand with a cigarette, just enough to cause an abrasion of the skin. Several days ago a sore appeared on the joint of the elbow and his arm began to swell to a considerable size, but he paid little heed to either. However, four days ago he called on a physician who immediately pronounced it blood poisoning and sent him to the hospital. Since going there his arm has been literally cut to shreds in the many operations found necessary to extract the gathering of bad blood. It seems strange to relate that the most healthy part of the arm is from the wrist down. The physician in attendance, while admitting the patient to be very low, has every hope for his recovery.

### The Churches Yesterday.

Church of England.—Morning service was conducted by the rector, the Rev. H. A. Naylor, with sermon on the epiphany—Christ's Manifestation to the Gentiles—followed by a celebration of the holy communion. Bible class and Sunday school at 3 o'clock, and evening service at 7. The church is beautifully decorated, and the visitor will do well to view the Christmas decorations before they are removed.

Catholic.—Mass at 8 a. m. Matins was well attended. The subject of the Epiphany was treated. Vespers and evensong at 6 and 7:30.

Presbyterian.—Morning service at 11 a. m. Bible class at 3. Evening services at 7 p. m. In the evening the Rev. J. J. Wright, minister, gave an interesting discourse, Sampson being the subject. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor met at 6:30, and held their usual weekly Bible meeting, which was well attended.

Methodist.—Both morning and evening meetings found the church crowded, and a very interesting subject by the Rev. A. E. Hetherington was treated in the evening. Sunday school was held at 2:30 p. m. The Epworth League met before the evening service for the usual prayer meeting, as also on Saturday evening at 7:30. This young people's society is making negotiations for the purchase of a very fine organ which is for sale in the city.

Salvation Army.—At the Barracks on Mission street. Knee drill at 9 o'clock. Morning service at 11; afternoon praise service at 3; evening meeting at 8.

### AT THE THEATRES.

#### Monte Carlo.

The management have arranged for the production of a new piece, entitled "Buffalo Bill, or Scenes in the Wild West," also for the laughable comedy "The hole in the Wall." Conchita will sing "I've Just Received a Telegram From My Baby," a new comic song, the answer to the well known "I'll Have to Telegraph My Baby." Caprice will be prominent and O'Brien, Jennings and O'Brien will amuse the audience. A boxing match will be part of the programme. The show commences at 8:30.

#### Opera House.

The new society drama, "Fanchon the Cricket," is sure to please, and is a piece that should show up the good points of the company. Blossom and Bordman will appear in a comic sketch; Frank Kelly, Blanche Cammetta, Gussie Lamore, Cecil Marion and Beatrice Lorne will sing, and some new songs are expected. After the general programme, specialties by the vaudeville company will be given.

#### Incoming Mail.

Eight sacks of mail arrived late on Saturday night. The postoffice staff were mustered and this was quickly sorted on Sunday morning. Postmaster Hartman expects more mail in very shortly.

#### Dog Market Inflated.

A. G. Wissel, the gentlemanly cashier for the A. C. Co. has withdrawn his four big malamutes from the market; that is, he now holds at \$1200 the team

which he offered at \$600 four weeks ago. Mr. Wissel does not give any reason for the advance in his price of the dog market, but he casts his eyes Nomewards and says: "This is not for publication, but I may use those dogs myself one of these days." Mr. Wissel's team is the one formerly owned by the A. C. Co. and is by all odds the best in the entire country.

### The Free Library.

The new free library on Front street, two doors north of the crown lands office, is now in full swing of operation. It is lighted by electricity, well heated, has several tables and a file of all the latest newspapers and periodicals. The room is an exceptionally large one, and is admirably adapted for lectures, concerts, etc., indeed this source of revenue should prove profitable to the trustees. This we believe is the consummation of an effort made some few months ago by the united churches of Dawson.

### Sour Dough Dance.

The Sour Dough Club gave its usually pleasant dance at the Palace Grand on Saturday night. The Palace Grand has undoubtedly the best floor in the city for terpsichorean purposes. The attendance Saturday night was somewhat small, but that very fact rendered the occasion all the more enjoyable to those who were there, as it gave ample dancing space for all. The dance continued until a late hour.

### A Ten-Pounder.

Mr. J. Munroe, of 16 above on Bonanza, is the happiest man on the creek. The cause of all his joy is the arrival at the Munroe cabin, on the 3d inst., of a bouncing 10 pound girl. The young lady and her mother as well are both doing splendidly.

### Off for the Koyukuk.

J. C. Koning, representing a German syndicate, left today with a party of half a dozen men for the Koyukuk country. The party will follow the Yukon as far as Fort Yukon, at which place a route over the range is followed to the Koyukuk valley. The party went light, taking only enough provisions to last them until they reach their destination, Mr. Koning having taken a large outfit to that country last summer. The party took 12 dogs and good outfits of clothing. Koning came out from the country last fall and reported to his company in Germany by letter. Lately he was instructed to continue his prospecting, hence his return to the Koyukuk, which country is alleged to be rich in gold deposits.

### Notice.

All persons indebted to the late Andy Young for newspaper subscriptions or on other accounts are requested to call at the office of W. H. P. Clement, public administrator and pay same.

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