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Building Operations Hurried by the Approach of Winter—Nugget Reporter Again Makes the Rounds.

Dawson's building boom continues without abatement; indeed, things are busier in that line than they were ten days ago, when The Nugget presented a thorough resume. This is due, in a large measure, to the chilly atmosphere which was inaugurated with the arrival of last week and which seemed to forecast an early arrival of winter. As a consequence, people who had previously decided to build got a hustle on themselves for fear of getting caught by Jack Frost, while others whose buildings were in an incomplete state lost no time in resuming operations. Thus, things have been fairly booming, and the carpenter has been, and is, the most sought after and important individual in the town. It was expected that the new government buildings would be under way by this week and the information, published exclusively in The Nugget last week, that operations had been put off until next summer was a keen disappointment to our citizens, by whom the accommodations and comforts proposed are much needed.

Probably the most important building operations now under way are at the quarters of the police, where the first of a series of expensive structures incorporated on an extensive plan of rehabilitation was commenced a few days ago under the supervision of Sergeant Davis. This building is located at the north side of the court and immediately at the rear of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. It is to be 80x30 feet in dimensions, and two stories in height built of logs squared by one of the sawmills. Already the second story is under way, but much delay is occasioned by the inability of the mill to turn out the material fast enough for the men. This building will contain the barracks, mess room and kitchen and reading room, and will cost about \$5000. As soon as logs can be secured another building will be put up just east of this, the present officers' quarters will be torn down and new ones erected about 50 feet east. The old buildings forming the present confines of the square will then be removed and the court will be merged into that of the soldiery on the south, making a parade ground second to none in the Canadian police and military service.

While this is under way, too, an asylum building will be put up on a site just south of the hospital, which stands at the back of the police reserve and on the so-called slough, and by its side, too, will be erected the canteen building, which will be in the nature of a club house for the police and soldiers. It is also proposed to put up a log stable on the bank of the slough, with stalls for 12 animals.

Another important improvement at the barracks is a new eight foot sidewalk to extend from the slough bridge to a point beyond the court house, extending thence eastward to Fifth avenue, where it will connect with another walk leading down to the Klondike bridge.

A conspicuous building on the police reserve is a reservoir connected with Col. Word's water system. It is 14x28 feet in dimensions and contains a large tank standing 12 feet above the floor, from which the water in the Second avenue main receives its impetus.

The last piece of vacant ground on First avenue left by the late fire disappeared on Saturday, when a restaurant building was put up on Jim Harrison's allotment of the Tivoli theatre site.

The Adcock building on First avenue, which had retained its temporary nature since the second day of the fire, had its

winter clothes put on, so to speak, this week, making it sightlier to the eye and a heap more comfortable.

The Bank of British North America building has been finished on the exterior this week, the walls being filled with sand and the outer boards covered with galvanized iron.

Across the way Alex. McDonald is showing a very correct initiation of the act of putting up a three-story hotel and business building in two weeks. Its mushroom like growth has been the wonder of passers-by for several days.

Mrs. Louise McVay has erected a good looking building on Third avenue, near Second street, which has been named the Gold City hotel.

John Borland has finished a frame grocery building on Third street, nearly opposite The Nugget office.

Lars & Duclos this week had their photographic studio enclosed with boarding and tar paper, preparatory to the advent of winter.

Hoey Jones is just finishing a building on the west side of Third avenue, near Dr. Bourke's hospital, which he purposes using temporarily for the storage of mining machinery.

Sid Stewart, cashier at the N. A. T. & T. office, has transformed his log cabin on lower Sixth avenue into one of the neatest looking and coziest cottages in town. It stands on a commanding site and constitutes a home of which he may be proud.

J. Winters last week erected a small frame cottage on Sixth avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets.

Mrs. Cummings has just completed a neat log cabin on the north side of Second street, a short distance beyond the A. C. warehouses, and a Mr. Morrison has lately built two others just across the way.

Mr. Bernier, who conducts a mercantile establishment at the corner of Fourth avenue and Third street, is engaged this week in finishing the exterior of the building with a covering of lumber, making it look very neat, and the Washington bakery, adjoining was fitted with a large brick oven, the first one ever constructed in the Klondike.

Thos. Mahoney has completely remodeled the well-known O'Brien store at Klondike, fitted it with new counters and shelving and put two 8x8-foot plate-glass windows in the front. The work was under the supervision of Foreman Fredericks, of the N. A. T. & T. Co. and was done in his well-known excellent way.

Dawson Prices.

Prices have shown considerable fluctuation in the town markets this week, particularly in relation to meats and vegetables. Mutton, for instance, which was down to 25 cents per pound, now rules strong at 75 cents to \$1 per pound. Tomatoes had been a luxury at \$2 per pound, but are now down to 75 cents and \$1. Watermelons, too, have ceased to be the exclusive fruit of the Eldorado millionaire, and are purchased now by the bootblacks at \$1.50. Eggs have become very common in the market—that is, imported eggs—and the price has dropped to 75 cents a dozen; Yukon eggs, however—eggs laid in Dawson by resident hens—command \$1 per egg, and are all taken up by the hospitals. The following prices on staples were ruling on Friday:

Flour—\$5 to \$6 per sack.
Beans—10c. to 12½c. per lb.
Sugar—18c. per lb.
Bacon—25c. to 30c. per lb.
Butter—50c. to \$1 per lb.
Rice—20c. to 25c. per lb.
Rolled oats—20c. to 23c. per lb.
Cornmeal—20c. per lb.
Potatoes—Cheechakos, 25c. per lb.; sourdoughs, 35c. to 75c. per lb.
Milk—40c. to 50c. per can.
Cream—35c. to 40c. per can.
Canned goods—Vegetables, 40c. to 50c. per lb.; meats, 60c. to 75c. per can.
Ham—35c. to 40c. per lb.
Dried fruits—25c. to 30c. per lb.
Onions—Cheechakos, 20c. per lb.
Cabbage—Three lbs. for \$1.
Summer squash—50c. per lb.
Cucumbers—Three for \$1.
Tomatoes—Cheechakos, 75c. to \$1 lb.
Sweet potatoes—Three lbs for \$1.
Poultry—Live chickens, \$3.00 each; old hens, \$5 each.
Beefsteaks—60c. to \$1 per lb.
Mutton—55c. to 75c per lb.
Pork—35c. per lb.
Veal—75c. to \$1 per lb.

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Arthur Goddard Thought to Be Slowly Nearing Death.

No Doubt That He Is Insane Now—Goddard's Father Hurrying to the Rescue of His Son.

If anyone doubts that Arthur Goddard was insane at the time when he murdered poor Jimmy Prater, he may disabuse himself of the idea by inquiring into the present condition of the young man. Slowly but surely the malady which possessed him then has progressed until there remains no room for doubt that his mind is hopelessly wrecked. Most of the time he spends in brooding silence, saying nothing, but occasionally he becomes violent and requires constant watching. On Saturday, for instance, when his keeper entered the cell to get his supper dishes, Goddard suddenly and with great viciousness, jumped upon him and tried to bear him to the earth, exhibiting an unnatural strength due to his temporary passion. His keeper, however, easily overcame him and held him gently on the floor while the paroxysm lasted.

The worst feature of the affair is that Goddard is wasting away rapidly, both physically and mentally, and he is not expected to long survive. Indeed, it is safe to assume that he will never be tried for his crime, for if he is not dead before the day of trial arrives, he will likely have his sanity inquired into by order of Judge Dugas, which will legally establish his insanity.

From outside reports it is learned that Goddard's father is on the way in to save his son from trial. The gentleman is a prominent business man of Chippewa Falls, Wis., a Thirty-Second degree Mason and a prominent man in his community. He has strong letters from Gov. Schofield, of Wisconsin; Congressman Jenkins, of his district; residents of Chippewa Falls, and from Canadian Emigration Agent Currie, of Milwaukee. His contention is, as heretofore described by The Nugget, that his son was and is insane from the results of an injury to his head received when he was 6 years old, together with the effects of the hardships incident to a prospector's life in Alaska.

To a Seattle reporter Mr. Goddard said: "I want it understood that I have the utmost confidence in the government of Canada and the Northwest Territory, and believe that they will treat my son right in this matter." Mr. Goddard said last night. "This is the least of my troubles. I believe I can furnish incontrovertible proof to the court at Dawson that Arthur's reason was dethroned when he committed the crime. His conduct since that terrible day, according to advices I have received, is that of an insane man, I know of no civilized government on the globe where a crazy man is hanged for murder.

"When he was 6 years old Arthur suffered an accident while coasting down a steep hill, in which his head was crushed. He was not expected to live. For

a week he was unconscious, and then slowly recovered his faculties. No operation was performed, the physicians, one of whom is still living, believing that it would be useless. He has never been right since. One side is partly paralyzed, and whenever he has overworked himself or has become overheated, he has suffered from the injury to his head. There is still a slight depression there.

"The physician who examined him then said that he would never be entirely sound, and that he would probably become crazy at some time. The boy was most carefully reared, well educated and tenderly cared for. He has always been slight in build and not strong, due to his injury. Before he went away he was examined by Dr. Day, who treated the boy when he was hurt. It is his opinion that the boy is not right in his head.

"I have evidence to prove this beyond a doubt. I have not the slightest fear but that the boy will be acquitted at the trial, which will be held September 10. I only fear that he will be wasted away beyond his power to recuperate, as letters from his attorneys indicate that he is in a bad way."

STILL SETS THE PACE.

Henry Cox Opens Private Dining Rooms at the Fairview.

Proprietor Henry Cox of the popular Fairview hotel is never happy unless he is improving the already first-class service of his excellent establishment. His latest accomplishment is the dedication to the public of three private dining rooms, which will enable him to cater with especial satisfaction to his guests for private dinner parties and banquets. He insists on giving as good service as can be had anywhere in the world and better than anywhere else in Dawson.

OUTSIDE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The bubonic plague has broken out in Spain and Portugal.

Russell A. Alger declares that he has retired from politics.

The United States reports the strongest meat market in its history.

Jim Franey was so badly injured in a prize-fight with Frank McConnell at San Francisco, Aug. 16 that he died next day.

The Seattle P.-I. gave a business men's excursion to Skagway and Bennett, leaving Seattle Aug 17. There were 165 aboard.

Two hundred people drank picnic lemonade at Rockford, Ill., and were made sick, many suffering greatly. Citric acid did it.

While a carriage containing six people was being driven on a ferry boat at Washington, Ind., it fell into the White river and the occupants were all drowned.

Mayor Nikens, of Tacoma, has been indicted on a charge of attempting to receive a bribe of \$12,500 from the old light and water company there. He says it's a political dodge.

Walter Wellman and the survivors of the polar expedition led by him, arrived in Norway on the steamer Capella, having successfully completed their explorations in Franz Josef land. Mr. Wellman has discovered important new lands and many islands, but failed to find any trace of Andre.

Anti-Goebel Democrats in Ohio have nominated a full ticket, with John Young Brown for governor. The resolutions adopted declare the Louisville nominees not the nominees of the Democratic party, endorse the principles and platform of the Chicago convention of 1896 and Bryan for president in 1900, and condemn McKinley for alleged advancement of the interest of the trusts.