

## 20 MILES OF NOME BEACH.

Wanted by the N. A. T. & T. Company for Breakwater.

What the Cape Nomers Think of the Proposition -- Advise That the Mineral Don't Go With Ground.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Capt. J. J. Healy, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., doing business in Alaska and on the Yukon river, has applied to have 20 miles of the Nome beach set aside for the construction of a break water. The breakwater is to be constructed on modern plans, which will prevent the dashing of the surf on the shore and make a safe, smooth harbor within its lines. The breakwater plans include the construction of a rock ballasted longitudinal pier at a sufficient distance from the shore to afford anchorage for all the vessels which may call in there. The building of the breakwater by private enterprise necessitates in self protection a grant of the shore line thus protected.

It is probable that no grant will be made until the administration can communicate with its agents at Nome and receive a report from them upon the practicability of the breakwater and advisability of the grant.

Seattle, Oct. 20.—A copy of the above dispatch was shown A. E. Neilbrom, who is one of the latest arrivals from Nome. He has spent two years in Kotzebue sound, Golovin bay and Cape Nome, and has acquired considerable wealth thereby. Mr. Neilbrom said:

"It is quite probable that a number of big concerns would like to get 20 miles of that beach, even if they had to build a million dollar breakwater to get it. Individually, I wasted off that beach over \$2400 in two months with the surf and tide beating me away from the very best ground near the water's edge. If that beach should be given in 20 mile grants to big companies they could well afford to construct breakwaters for the additional ground it would give them. In this matter the Washington government could not do better than take a few pointers from their Canadian cousins across the border. Let no breaker grant carry with it a title to mineral, but let all minerals remain the property of the United States and its people. If this is done, any attempts at gobbling up the vast gold deposits of Nome beach would be defeated. There will undoubtedly be numerous attempts made by wealthy concerns to gain possession of the beach. If these attempts are defeated, that beach is destined to make thousands of American homes comfortable and the hearts of many thousands glad. In the present method of distributing the beach among all comers, there is no great fortune for any one, but a snug little nest egg for many thousands. I know I can speak for all Cape Nomers in saying that the disposition of the beach in 20 mile lots to big concerns would be considered an outrage. An attempt was made the past summer to declare it a reserve with the result that things looked decidedly threatening until the order was practically withdrawn by a cessation of all attempts to enforce it. 'The greatest good to the greatest number' is a safe motto for the guidance of the government in this matter."

### AT THE FORKS.

Ed O'Donnell and C. McGregor are erecting a hotel on the hill.

The Gold Hill store is closed, the owners having decided to go out of business.

John Endland is putting in a steam thawer onto his ground, the upper half of the hillside on the left limit of No. 4 Eldorado.

A dance was given at the Dewey hotel on Saturday night, with Fred Creese furnishing the music. A dense crowd of merry-makers was present and a royal time was had.

A drive whist club was organized a week ago Monday at the home of Mrs. Clark on Gold Hill. The prizes at the conclusion of the tournament are to be a nugget to each of the successful players. Meetings occur once a week.

The literary society of the Y. M. C. A. gave an enjoyable social on Saturday evening, Nov. 11. On Saturday, the 18th, a debate on the subject of anticipation and realization, relieved by refreshments, passed the time away very pleasantly and quickly.

Max Endlemann has secured his townsite at the Forks. In order to secure his surface rights he had to compromise with the owners of No. 6 above on Bonanza, the site being principally on that claim. Since the owners of the claim had no surface rights, people

built cabins wherever they pleased. The owners of the claim were able to compel a settlement by threatening to exercise their undoubted rights of hydraulic mining wherever and whenever they pleased, even taking the dirt underneath the buildings.

Let Boyce, of Gold Hill, had a very painful accident last Thursday. His shaft was 90 feet deep, and while he was working at the bottom a rock became dislodged from the side and fell with great velocity, striking him fairly on the head. A gash was made in his skull over an inch long.

### Dawson Dancing.

Under the management of Mr. Hawley the "Entre Nous" Club gave its customary dance at McDonald hall on last Thursday night. Many of the members are taking instructions from Mr. Hawley and the improvement is already apparent. There were present all the hall would hold.

On Saturday night the Sour Doughs congregated as usual at Pioneer hall. Prof. Hawley has assumed charge of this club also, and things move along smoothly and rhythmically to the satisfaction of all. The attendance was all that could be desired.

### Working a "Cancelled" Claim.

Abel Snellstrom, the discoverer of gold on 80 pup on Hunker, was in town last week. He reports considerable activity upon the little gulch—a gulch which will be remembered by our readers by reason of its being one of very few in the district having a discovery claim. It will be further remembered as a "closed creek," the government allowing the staking of 11 claims before closing the ground. Then the fact leaked out that after refusing the ground to hundreds of free miners, it was being secretly granted to friends of the office. The exposure in these columns brought about the cancellation of the grant to No. 9, above. It is interesting to observe that the prospecting of this "cancelled" claim still continues, a cabin having been erected there and the most industrious sinking of shafts still taking place.

### Correspondence.

Dawson, Nov. 20, 1899.

Editor Nugget—Is it correct, as stated by one of your contemporaries, that ex-Governor J. H. McGraw has been appointed United States commissioner to Cape Nome at a salary of \$15,000 per annum?

PHIL JOHNSON.

(We have no way of verifying or disproving the fact except as follows: A United States commissioner in Alaska is not an important official. He ranks considerably beneath a United States marshal, whose salary is but \$4000 per year. The salary of an ordinary United States commissioner in Alaska is \$1500 a year, not \$15,000. There is also a provision for the commissioner receiving a certain amount in fees, any surplus reverting to the treasury.—ED.)

### Fondness for Candy.

Petty thieves are becoming bolder as is evidenced by the theft of a tub of candies from in front of Gandolfo's store one night last week. The thief sold the candy to the people of Jensen's fruit store, who stated that the seller claimed to have a snow load of the candies for sale, he having but just arrived. The police are working on the case.

### Married in Haste.

Christian Betsch and Miss Mattie Prather were united in marriage on Wednesday evening last at the home of the bride's parents by the Rev Hetherington. The happy couple will start for Nome per dog team in a short time.

A considerable party of friends were gathered to witness the ceremony and the healths of the contracting parties were toasted in liberal draughts of sparkling wine. A liberal menu was served and dancing finished the celebration.

### A Second Relief Party.

The N. W. M. P. are becoming somewhat exercised concerning the fate of Constable Skirving and his three men, the party having been dispatched last summer to search the mountains between the Porcupine and the McKenzie for the Moffat party. Nothing has been heard from Skirving since he entered the Porcupine river, and a second relief party is contemplated in the near future.

### The London Klondike Development Co., Ltd.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. W. Joel is no longer connected with the above company and the undersigned is the sole representative for the Yukon territory.

J. C. LIDDLE, Hotel McDonald.

Dawson, Nov. 9, '99.

### SPARKLETS.

[By Othmar.]

The icicle and bicycle season are the same up here.

Many of the meanest men in Dawson are men of means.

What has a stronger pull in the Klondike than a malamute?

Some men keep their New Year's resolutions—but they die on January 2d.

More men are locked up in the barracks for safe-keeping than for safe-breaking.

Old time miners praise the moccasin; but felt shoes with tongues speak for themselves.

The work of the dog tax collector is always done, but very strangely is never finished.

A Third Avenue resident says that the "upright" piano next door is a "down-right" nuisance.

Things in this country that will make a woman sit down and cry will make a man get up and swear.

If poor coffee is sufficient grounds for a divorce, many a man up here can become single again if he desires.

So it is true that the women who are making the fancy work for the coming fair as a rule do not fancy work?

It is easy for a woman to get rid of a pair of bloomers in this country. Simply pull the string and drop it.

A Klondike mother would always prefer a boy baby to a girl, because in this country they would never come a-miss.

When Major Perry, at the police court, is having a "fine" time, the man who is paying the fine doesn't enjoy it.

Fritz Klehe has a poor opinion of pedestrians, for when he is out with his wheel he is continually running them down.

A hog may be a squealer, but he never gives anything away—not even if he should lose his money in a black-jack game.

It is said there is no fool like an old fool; but we know of a young man in Dawson who is running them a close second.

Notwithstanding the warm weather during the summer months in the north, sealskins are worn the year round—by the seals.

The other morning while Mr. Holmes the bicycle rider, was coming from the Forks, he punctured a tire and it was a holey terror.

The history of the Klondike will repeat itself, but the private story of many of its citizens is being daily repeated by their neighbors.

More than one man in town has found out that before marriage a woman clings to his neck and afterwards simply walks on it.

I have heard of a number of men who are going to Nome in the spring, among whom the greatest majority are the government officials.

Fine clothes on Dawson stage girls, like fine feathers, will not make song birds. No one ever accused the peacock of being a prima-donna.

Up here there are no bicycles built for two, but what of it? They are not in it anyway with a rocking chair built for one and occupied by two.

A girl may not know how to deal a pack of cards, but a waitress in a restaurant the other evening raised the deuce by dropping a tray.

It is yet an unsettled question whether bleaching of the hair causes softening of the brain or softening of the brain leads to bleaching of the hair.

There would have been a row on Second Avenue last evening had it not been that one of the participants had a shady character and was able to keep cool.

It would be a very good idea for some of Dawson's would-be society people to hold their tongues occasionally, and give their brains a chance to catch up.

Cows that can rustle a living in this country and supply milk to their owners have many good qualities; but they are too modest to blow their own horn.

The freckle-faced individual who has been in the habit of stealing dogs over at "Insect village" may escape for the present, but he is sure to be "spotted."

Women barbers will never become popular with the men. Somehow we cannot forget what a close shave Sampson had when he went to one for a hair cut.

The daily Times says that our undertakers have nothing to do; but if the people of Dawson City would bury their faults, the undertakers would not have time for a sleigh ride all winter.

Candies, \$2.25 per box, at Mohr & Wilkens.

### To Exclude American Lawyers.

The Canadian bar has lopped off another of the few privileges retained by American lawyers in Dawson. At a meeting last week it was decided that the practice of allowing American lawyers to appear in the taking of testimony before the clerk of the court should be discontinued. It was still further decided to exclude American attorneys from the gold commissioner's court. Hereafter they will be permitted to act only as office clerks for Canadian attorneys and to do errands, serve writs—in fact do the work of an articulated apprentice.

### Not Frightened.

"Kissing bug bit me right under my nose a week or so ago."  
"Weren't you frightened?"  
"Naw; I hadn't the least trouble in keeping a stiff upper lip."—Indianapolis Journal.

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