

ROAD BUILDING INAUGURATED

An Army of Men Began Work This Morning.

Work Laid Out by Engineer Thibedeau at Instance of Commissioner Ross - First-class Highways.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The constant prayer of the miners for better roads which has been uttered continuously for the past three years has at last reached the ears of the powers that be and today marked an epoch in the history of the Klondike, for at 7 o'clock this morning over two men began work on a system of roads, which by the time they are completed will relieve from Dawson like the spokes of a wheel and each every part of the city. To Hon. Wm. C. Gillis, ex-commissioner, much of the credit is due for bringing about this changed condition of things, for he it was who first brought the matter so forcibly to the attention of Ottawa, and the work he began so earnestly has been most ably continued by Governor Ross, the present commissioner. Among the first expressions of his views came to the public, Governor Ross stated that good roads were one of the most essential features necessary for the rapid and permanent up-building of a new country, and he gave his word that he should do his utmost toward securing an appropriation of a sufficient amount from the federal government to build a public highway on every creek of consequence in this part of the territory. How well the promises made are being carried out is seen from the fact that this morning work was begun simultaneously on four different sections, to be followed as soon as boarding facilities are provided by two others. Before the fall rains have begun the roads will be completed and it will then be possible to haul machinery and supplies to almost every claim in the Klondike any day in the year.

The work as laid out by Mr. W. Thibedeau, the government engineer in charge, is at present confined to Hunker, including a road from the Klondike bridge to the mouth of the creek, Bonanza from the Forks up the creek to McCarthy's roadhouse on the ridge, from the end of the present road on Eldorado up to Chief gulch, thence up Chief gulch to the summit and down Calder to the junction with Quartz to Indian river, and from the mouth of Quartz to Bureka via Montana creek. The road to Hunker begins at the new steel bridge and follows the foot hills closely along the left limit of the entire distance to the mouth of the creek, avoiding the swamps below and above Bear creek and assuring a good solid road at all seasons of the year. Up the creek the road will follow the right limit in about the same position as the present high trail continuing up the left fork and across the divide, connecting with a road to be built later down Leonard and to Upper Dominion. Thirty men and several teams are now at work on this division.

Section 1 extends from the Forks up Bonanza a distance of seven miles, 40 men being put to work on this section today.

Section 2 connects with section 1 and continues on up Bonanza joining the ridge road near McCarthy's roadhouse, a distance of five miles. On this section 30 men are at work.

Section 3 embraces several small stretches which will be built one after the other by the same gang of workmen as soon as one is completed. The first, upon which 40 men will begin work tomorrow, is but one and three-quarter miles in length and will be built from Adams gulch to Chechako and Adams hill. When that is completed the men will move over to Eldorado and take up the work left off last fall on No. 32, the present end of the Eldorado road. This will be continued to Chief gulch, thence up Chief gulch to the divide and down Calder creek to the latter's junction with Quartz, a distance of seven miles. Section 4 extends from the junction of Calder down Quartz to the mouth of the creek, a distance of five miles. Sections 5 and 6 extends from the mouth of Quartz creek to Bureka via Montana creek, a distance approximately of 14 miles. This portion of the network of roads has not as yet been definitely located, but will be in a few days. Work on it as well as on section 4 will not be commenced at once, it being necessary to first arrange boarding facilities for the men, there being no roadhouse available in that vicinity. Work on the roads to traverse Dominion, Sniphar and Gold Run will also be deferred a few weeks.

When it became known that men desiring employment on the roads could secure it by applying to the office of the chief engineer Monday morning, the street in front of the old postoffice was soon thronged with a crowd anxious for a job, resulting one of small size in the boom times of '98 and '99. The late arrivals were greeted with a notice on the door that no more laborers were required for the present, it re-

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Yesterday we gave the Nugget a half-page ad. and the Nugget devoted a half-column of editorial to us containing all sorts of warnings against our entering the daily newspaper field, and calls our enterprise "A FOOLISH UNDERTAKING." Being in the business ourselves and knowing how little disinterested honesty is concerned in the Nugget's warning, we will state that our

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will materialize as advertised, and if there is any foolishness in the proposition it will be in that our publication will make the Nugget "look foolish."



TERRITORIAL COURT CASES

A Number Were Before Justice Dugas Yesterday.

Several criminal matters came up before Justice Dugas yesterday morning at the convening of the territorial court. In the case of King vs. Carlson, the defendant entered a plea of not guilty. The same plea was entered in the case of the King vs. R. J. Picard, who is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. Picard elected to be tried before the judge alone. The case against the Huntington brothers charged with resisting an officer, also came up. All three of the foregoing cases were set for trial on the first Monday in August. The case against Terrence McGrath charged with assault with intent to commit great bodily injury upon the person of Harold Blankman was heard. McGrath is foreman on 40 Eldorado and the complaining witness is a co-owner in a hillside adjoining. There had been some dispute and litigation over the boundary line between the two claims and an agreement was entered into by the parties concerned by which each was allowed to inspect the workings of the other. Upon one occasion Blankman had descended the shaft on the creek claim for the purpose of enjoying the privilege granted him. He found McGrath there at work who in a menacing manner, ordered him to get out and advanced toward him with an uplifted pick as though to strike him. After hearing the defense the court adjudged no damage had been done and dismissed the case.

STANDARD THEATRE

Has Entire Field to Itself This Week.

The Orpheum theater has closed its doors for this week leaving the Standard the only place of amusement open to the Dawson public.

Last night the large auditorium of the Standard theater was crowded to its utmost capacity to witness the production of E. S. Willard's four-act English drama, "The Middleman." This is a very strong play and is well produced by the Standard Stock Company. Vivian and A. R. Thorne take the leading roles and are very ably supported by the balance of the company which is made up as follows:

Cyrus Benkarn, the Middleman; A. R. Thorne; Joseph Chandler, All C. Layne; Batty Todd; Robert Lawrence; Jesse Pegg; Wm. Mullen; Capt. Julian Chandler, C. W. Bohman Sir Seaton Umfraville, a Gus C. Saville; Dutton and Postman, Geo. Troxwell; Mr. Vachel, F. C. Lewis; Mrs. Chandler; Julia Walcott; Maud Chandler, Daisy D'Avara; Lady Felicia Umfraville, Lillian Grant; Nancy Benkarn, Mamie Holden, and Mary Benkarn, Vivian.

The scenes of the play are laid at the following places:

Act 1-Tetlow Hall, the home of Joseph Chandler; the lawn party; Capt. Julian Chandler leaves for South Africa.

Act 2-Workshop in Benkarn's home; a letter from London; my daughter! what of her! the curse.

Act 3-The pottery in operation; grief, poverty, despair; the secret of making old Tetlow was discovered by Benkarn; I've got you; you are mine! mine! mine!

Act 4-Tetlow hall; the wheel has come full circle; Capt. Chandler brings home a surprise; Mary!

The Coles are still with this theater and have a new act on the Spanish rings this week. Specialties are also introduced by Billy Mullen and Martin Egan.

The orchestra has an excellent program including: Overture, Raymond, Thomas; grand selection from the Mikado, Sullivan; grand march from Tannhauser, Wagner; descriptive, A Trip to Great Britain, Loesch.

The entire entertainment is a very good one and will undoubtedly have a large patronage throughout the week.

Made a Difference. A Dawson contractor yesterday morning engaged two carpenters to go to work in the afternoon. As they started to go after their tools the contractor called to them:

"By the way," said he, "what is your nationality?" The men, having no occasion to be ashamed of their country, supplied the desired information.

"I am sorry," said the contractor, "but I can not employ you." And the two skilled mechanics are still looking for work.

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Dismissed the Case.

Yesterday afternoon in the police court Magistrate Scarth dismissed the case against Wingfield, charged with assaulting Gleason at the Regina on the night of June 29. Upon being discharged Wingfield withdrew the charge against Gleason and Larry.

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