

FIRE FIEND

Again at Work in Dawson, Destroying Much Valuable Property.

GREAT DESOLATION WROUGHT TODAY

On First Avenue Just South of Old P. O. Building.

LOSS RUNS FAR INTO FIGURES

Valiant Work of Fire Department in Protecting Big Building Which Would Have Spread Fire.

At about 11:35 this morning a fire was discovered in the two-story building occupied by Abrahams' second-hand store on First avenue a few doors south of the old postoffice building.

The exact cause of the fire has not as yet been ascertained. As it started in the upper story when no one was there it is supposed to have been started by a defective flue. An alarm was immediately turned into the department and a quick response was made. The building was several blocks away from the engine and before the water could be turned on the fire had spread to the buildings on both sides of the old burning.

Under the influence of a strong south west wind which had arisen just a few moments prior to the starting of the fire, the flames spread very rapidly to the north setting fire to all the buildings one after the other until it reached the Fairchild hotel just next to the old postoffice building where the whole energy of the department was put to work to save that building for it was realized that if it should catch fire, under the pressure of the strong wind, it would be impossible to check the fire in the entire block.

The wind kept the flames from spreading south for quite awhile and it looked as if the buildings there would be saved but while the department was at work on the old postoffice building there suddenly came a lull in the wind and for a moment it blew in the opposite direction spreading the flames with lightning rapidity, and then it was seen to be impossible to prevent its spreading. The buildings in that block are very close together and most of them extend through to Second avenue. There were a few small cabins on Second avenue, each of the other buildings and these were all burned, as was also a good part of the sidewalk. When the fire broke out from the back of the corner buildings occupied by Kilgore and J. S. Barron the heat was intense and the crowd had to move a half a block away.

There was great danger for a time of the fire jumping across the street to the Criterion hotel and the Pioneer hall as the flames were being driven straight in that direction by the wind, but wet blankets were placed in front of the buildings and a bucket brigade was organized who passed water from the drain to men in the windows who kept the front of the buildings wet and saved them from the flames.

A general stampede of the crowd was caused by the explosion of a large number of cartridges and a couple of barrels of powder which belonged to the second-hand merchant whose store was next to Abraham's and which was the second store to burn. For a time the air was filled with the sounds of a battlefield with a general rattle of musketry and the booming of cannon which caused the crowd to beat a hasty retreat.

The river front was lined with the goods taken from the different stores and all the express wagons that could be obtained were hired to remove the stocks. A large crowd was present from the start and lent a helping hand to the storekeepers, so that nearly all the provisions and goods were saved. The buildings, however, are a complete loss.

It looked for a time as if it would be impossible to save the old postoffice building and all the records and maps were removed from the various governmental offices which are located in the building. The fire was checked there, however, and the offices will be reopened tomorrow.

The building on the corner occupied by Kilgore's confectionery store was owned by J. R. Gardolfo and the loss will probably amount to about \$3000. The goods from Kilgore's store were all removed so that their loss will only amount to the fixtures and what damage results from hurried moving.

J. S. Barron the clothier next to Kilgore's store is perhaps the heaviest

loser, owning two buildings, one which cost him in the neighborhood of \$5000 and the other about \$1500. The loss to his buildings and stock will amount to probably \$7500.

Jos. Levy, the clothier's loss will amount to about \$1500. Ripstein & Co., \$1500. Friedman & Co., \$2500. Abraham's stock was partly saved; loss about \$4000.

Wikestoy & Co., the grocers, saved part of their stock; loss about \$3000. Fairchild's hotel and bar is a complete loss. Nothing from the hotel was saved. The loss on the fixtures and furniture will amount to nearly \$3000, while the building is estimated at \$4000.

BUTLER EXPANDS

The Pioneer Will be One of Dawson's Attractions.

A large force of men were put to work this morning at the Pioneer saloon demolishing the building preparatory for the erection of a handsome two story structure, which will be when completed the new home of that popular saloon and in which George Butler will extend the glad hand to his friends. A corps of carpenters will commence rebuilding tomorrow and the work will be rushed with the greatest activity until the edifice is opened to the inspection of the public. A handsome plate glass front is to be put in which is promised to be as attractive as any in the city. The new saloon will embrace the site now occupied by the Comet barber shop and will extend the full length of the building, 100 feet. Ten feet of the front has been leased for a cigar store the same to be built conformatory with the general design of the handsome frontage.

All the interior fittings will be daintily decorated the prevailing colors to be white with blue and gold. When completed the Pioneer will be one of the attractions of Dawson and a monument to the progressiveness of its proprietor.

Sarah and the "Indians."
Sarah Bernhardt, the great French actress, once played in Sullivan, Ind., at 35 cents a head.

It was many years ago, and Bernhardt was making a tour of the country. On the way from Louisville to Indianapolis the train was stopped at Sullivan by the news that a serious freight wreck had occurred a few miles up the road completely blocking the tracks and making progress to Indianapolis impossible until the next day.

"Very well," said the manager in excellent French and with forced calmness. "Since we cannot leave town we will give a performance here."

"Impossible," said Mme. Bernhardt, also in French. "Quite impossible." "Not a bit," said the manager, and he went about it. The divine Bernhardt, being under contract to play a certain number of nights, was induced to consent. There was no "opera house" in Sullivan, but the Masonic hall was rented, and some of the scenery was crowded into it. The local job office got out a lot of handbills in a hurry, and messengers were dispatched to the adjoining towns to spread the glad news that Bernhardt, the divine Sarah, was to play in Sullivan that night and that admission would be 35 cents.

"No use trying to charge metropolitan prices here," said the manager to the treasurer, and that gentleman sighed and said he supposed not.

In the early evening there began to come into town long lines of green farmer wagons, each holding a family party. When the house was full, the great Bernhardt cautiously took a peep at it from behind the flimsy curtain. "Mon Dieu!" she cried, raising her jeweled hands. "Look at the Indians!" But she played Fedora for them, and she played until 11 o'clock. Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

Up to Date.

The water company is now placing connections in the different buildings contiguous to the mains of the city, work being rushed with the greatest possible speed. Anyone desiring to have water piped to their homes or business blocks should notify D. A. Matheson. The fixtures are put in at cost.

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ON ELDORADO AND BONANZA

Social and Business Happenings of Past Week.

Two Bonanza Miners Involuntarily Immersed in Icy Water—Labor Troubles—Hung in Effigy.

Miss Clegg, of Dawson, has been visiting her friends on Bonanza and Eldorado the past two weeks.

Miss Rathstrom, of Grand Forks, who has been visiting Dawson returned by Orr & Tukey's stage this morning.

Mr. Gus Wagner, of 13 Eldorado, made a quick trip to Dawson on business last week.

Mr. E. A. Leak of 31 Eldorado, was in town on business last Tuesday.

Mr. W. Seeborn, of Oro Fino Hill, was in Dawson on business this week.

Mr. Geo. Moore, of American gulch, made a flying trip to the town Tuesday.

Mr. Tim McElroy, of Magnet, shook hands with his Dawson friends last Tuesday.

Mr. J. D. Barnes, while at work on a building at 20 below Bonanza, fell from the second story scaffolding, but received no further injuries than a severe shaking up. The judge was at work the next day as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler, of 34 above Bonanza, who lately returned from the outside, are spending a week with their many friends in Dawson.

Mr. J. C. Rensley, of Chechako Hill, has sold his claim to Alex McDonald and taken his family to Dawson.

Mr. Mrs. H. Willett, of 43 above Bonanza, are being congratulated by their host of friends on the arrival at their home of a little visitor, who will make her home with them permanently. The young lady weighed 8½ pounds. Henry just smiles, and passes around the Havanas.

A petition is being circulated and numerous signed asking the government to build a road from Grand Forks to 43 above Bonanza. The petition sets forth the significant fact that more royalty is paid on upper than lower Bonanza.

Messrs. Miles and McKenzie have begun sluicing on their immense dump this week. Owing to the cold nights, it has been impossible to sluice but a few hours each day.

The Magnet hotel is being refitted and repapered and everything will be in spick and span shape for the big dance Friday evening.

Messrs. Jack Horne and Martin Gately had an experience last Saturday that both will remember for several days.

Jack, while crossing a pole bridge just above the dam at 9 below Bonanza, slipped and fell into the water. He was unable to stand, owing to the swiftness of the water, and the slippery ice under his feet. Jack called lustily for assistance, and Martin, like a good Samaritan, reached him a friendly hand, but Jack had the grip of death, and dragged his would-be rescuer into the icy water with himself. Both floundered about until finally rescued by friends. When both were safely landed, Jack remarked "What a pair of fools we are." Martin said, "Yes, especially me."

Wage troubles have been brewing on Lower Bonanza this week. An effigy was seen standing on the government road with this sign pinned to the breast, "The fate of a \$4.00 man." It is understood the difficulty has been satisfactorily settled. The men on the creek generally holding out for \$5 per day and board.

Artless Soul.
"Of course," the young wife said, "I am only an amateur. I never expect to paint for a living or to try to sell any of my work."

"Then you study art for art's sake," they suggested.

"You've guessed it exactly. He wanted me to study it, and I'll do anything to please Arthur."—Chicago Tribune.

Another Chinese Atrocity.
First Citizen—What have you done to offend the war department?
Second Citizen—Why, nothing that I know of. What do you mean?

First Citizen—Then how does it happen that I see by the dispatches that the American troops are on the way to Taku?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Enlightened.
Professor—I'm grateful for my sense of humor. Thank heaven, I can always see a joke.

Miss Flavilla—Oh, professor, the sense of humor is not ability to see a joke. The sense of humor is ability to take a joke.—Indianapolis Journal.

Will Interest Ladies.
Mrs. Luenders is now displaying at her Third street store a handsome line of ladies' dresses, waists, skirts and dry goods. These articles were recently sent in over the ice and were selected by Mr. and Mrs. Luenders from the finest garments displayed in the great wholesale houses of the east.

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