

NEWCOMER WANTS TO KNOW

Asks for Information Concerning Local Affairs.

Indorses Suggestions of Board of Trade as to Naming Streets—Numbering of Houses.

Dawson, Jan. 25.
 Editor Daily Nugget: In your issue of this date I note a report of the proceedings of the trustees of your Board of Trade in which it is suggested that the Yukon council be asked to name streets instead of designating them by numbers. I think this a very wise recommendation, especially as your avenues are also designated by numbers. I can speak from experience of the complications which must always arise if both streets and avenues continue to be known by number. When I arrived here six weeks ago, being one of the first to come in over the ice from the outside, I brought with me a letter of introduction to one of your prominent citizens. Not knowing a person in your city, and being anxious to present my letter of introduction, I inquired of a policeman on the street of he knew where I could find Mr. ——"Certainly," said he; "his office is on Second street; you can see, his big sign for half a block." A block further on I inquired for Second street. "One block that way," was the answer I received. I went one block "that way" and began looking for the big sign. I walked and looked but I could not find a sign bearing the same name as the letter I carried in my pocket. I made three round trips from the Criterion hotel to the Yukon Iron Works, each time conducting a more careful search than on the previous trip. Finally I met a man whom I asked "Is this Second street?" "Yes," said he "it is—no, come to think, it is not Second street, it is Second avenue. You will find Second street intersecting this one two blocks up your way." Two minutes later I had no difficulty in locating the big sign and finding the man for whom I was hunting, Mr. Alex McDonald. That was my experience owing to your streets and avenues both being numbered, and, while I acknowledged being something of a numbskull, I have no doubt but similar experiences to mine are had by half the newcomers to your city.

While on the subject of streets, I desire to ask why it is that the house numbering custom has never reached Dawson, whose size and importance would certainly justify such a useful, and, at the same time almost costless improvement? On my way here I stopped several days in Skagway, and all the houses in that place were being numbered while I was there. I learned that the city council had given authority to a man to do the work for which he was paid 25 cents for each figure by the owner of the building numbered. If the work could be done, the figures furnished and put up at Skagway at that price, it can certainly be done here for \$1 per figure, and even at that price no one number would cost to exceed \$3. I am not in the house numbering business, neither are any of my friends. I speak of this for the reason that Dawson is the largest unnumbered city in Canada today, and being a Canadian, I desire to see the city of my adoption keep up with the procession.

Another thing has caused me much conjecture of late and that is: What will Dawson do for water for domestic purposes next spring during the period when the ice now covered with all manner of filth is breaking up and every big and little gully is emptying its full capacity of muddy water, and dirt of all kinds into the river, for there will be such a period and it will be of sufficient length to permit of all the winter's collection of filth melting and running away before the ground will thaw sufficiently to permit of put-

ting in a water system even if a franchise for such an improvement be granted at once.

OBSERVING NEWCOMER.

(We believe we are safe in assuring "Observing Newcomer" that the Yukon council, having had its attention called to the matter of naming instead of numbering streets, will act in the matter to the satisfaction of the people. As to the matter of numbering the houses, the council granted an exclusive franchise to a lady from California to furnish the numbers and have them put up, but as that was six or eight months ago and nothing more has been done in the matter, the lady having gone outside last fall it is quite likely the project on her part has fallen through. We are pleased, however, that "Observing Newcomer" has called attention to the matter, as it is an improvement demanded by the business interests of the city and one which can be successfully consummated at no cost whatever to the public treasury, as each property owner would be required to pay for the figures used on such property. As to the third matter maintained by "Observing Newcomer," that of the water supply of the city when the swollen gullies of spring are carrying a winter's secretion of filth into the river, the only source of water supply for the city now in sight, we beg to have recourse to the expression so often heard in America's national game, and "pass it up," unless Col. Word completes arrangements which are now under way, to run a "fleet" of water wagons from his well on the Klondike river.—ED.)

Concerning Black-Jack.

It will be amusing as well as of interest to the many devotees, of Dawson, to that game in which "hit me," "come again" and "nough here," are current expressions, to know that the question of its being a "gambling game" has ever been raised, but such is the case, as will be seen by the following late telegram from Vancouver, B. C.:
 "A decision was rendered today by Justice Irving in the gambling test case brought to have a judicial determination as to whether or not black-jack is a gambling game. It was contended that it was a game of skill, not of chance, and that, as in the test case, no "kitty" was operated, and the bank was not kept by the house, but moved with the deal, and could not be considered a banking game. The court, however, ruled that black jack is gambling, and, as a banking game, is illegal."

Possibly the Vancouver judge would hold that even faro and stud poker are gambling.

Pause to Consider.

The description of the trail Nome wards, as given by J. B. Wingate and published in the Daily Nugget of yesterday, is causing many people serious study as to whether they will attempt the trip over the ice or await the opening of navigation. It has also had the effect of causing those who are determined to undertake the journey at all hazards to more carefully consider the matter of outfitting properly in the way of the warmest clothing that can be had. Several orders for blankets and robes previously given were duplicated today.

Sulphur the Banner Creek.

George Noble came down yesterday from a several days' visit to the creeks, the greater of the time being spent at his own claim, 12 on Hunker, where he says most satisfactory progress is being made. Mr. Noble operates a thawer on his claim, and now he can not see how any progress was made in former years by the old process of thawing by means of fires in the shaft.

Mr. Noble says that Sulphur will turn out more gold at the cleanup than any of the other creeks and a large amount more than was Eldorado's output last year. There are over 100 steam thawers now being operated on Sulphur

and very rich dirt is being added to the rapidly growing dumps.

Mr. Noble is well satisfied with the quality of dirt being hoisted from the shaft of his claim, and when the cleanup is over in the gentle spring time he will be several thousand dollars better off than at present.

A Fable.

One-time two Highland clans did have a falling out about some trivial matter and when one clan would build a church the other clan would build a church and hold services on the same day and hour as did their unfriendly neighbors, and thus did discension and strife continue for many years among the Highland clans.

Moral—This fable teaches that had there been a drinking fountain of peace located in that Highland country the two clans would have met there, emptied a few bottles of the fruit of the vine and the angel of peace would have spread her white wings over the clans of the "canny."—Selah.

Record of Transfers.

I. Anderson et al to G. Bergland, bench, left limit, opposite No. 1 below on Bonanza.

G. Bergland et al to C. S. Cameron, bench, left limit, opposite No. 1 below on Bonanza.

A. Eadie to M. Murray, quarter hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of 196 below lower on Dominion.

R. A. Ramsey to J. Vincent, hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of 77 below on Bonanza.

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W. H. P. Clement to A. Coutre, half of No. 15 Lindow.

E. Smith to P. B. Tyler, half hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of 32 above on Sulphur.

W. J. Magee to P. B. Tyler, hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of 10 above upper discovery on Dominion.

W. J. Magee to P. B. Tyler, hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of 46 below on Hunker.

I. Waxstock to T. C. Greggs, quarter of lower half of No. 4 Magnet gulch.

F. G. Noyes, to F. R. Noyes, bench, left limit, opposite 2 above on Bonanza.

J. J. McNeil to C. McDermott, hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of No. 33 below A. Mack's discovery on Quartz.

C. McDermott to W. H. Hawkes, one-sixth of No. 3 Little Blanche.

E. Remington to S. Harkin, half of 136 below lower on Dominion.

M. Manger to J. L. Graff, one third of No. 3 on a pup coming in at No. 58 Gold Run.

S. J. Nelson to J. L. Graff, one-third of No. 3 on a pup coming in at No. 58 Gold Run.

R. D. McDonald to S. Archibald, half of No. 62 above on Sulphur.

J. E. Fitzpatrick to W. Johnson, one-third of hillside, right limit, opposite lower half of 87 below on Bonanza.

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