

SUCCESSFUL BAL MASQUE

Given By Last Chance Bachelor's Club

Mints Are Preparing to Reap the Harvest of Their Wintee Work.

Special to the Daily Nugget. For a busy and at the same time a social creek it would be hard to find one outside of this creek where the people recognize the fact that looking for and obtaining the filthy lucre is not the only enjoyment they can have in this northern country.

One of the most enterprising and popular men of the creek is Mr. D. A. Cunningham, who contemplates as soon as the snow leaves, to renovate his store and building so that in future he will have more space to handle his trade, which has grown to such an extent that could the late owners see the business done by Dave, would topple over with apology.

On No. 5 above Travar, Ross & O'Brien have finished thawing their dump and are only waiting for the water, as are a good many more, when they will in all likelihood look for pastures new.

Jackson & Bentley also of No. 5 above are still hoisting.

Guberson & Osborn of No. 5 above, hillside, have located pay in a hole they sunk at the base of their claim and are hard at it, besides they intend this coming spring to put in some work on No. 7 above where they have sunk some half dozen holes, finding just enough to make the palms of their hands itch, and like good miners they are after it.

Quirk & Edwards are still hard at it and the man on the windlass is like one at a look-out station.

Wm. Lane and Wm. Brownhill on No. 7a above are a little out of luck, having run up against an old dam and consequently are bothered by water, but two old sea dogs like the two Billies know what to do with that.

Pat Perrin & Billy Foteau of 7b above ain't doing a "ting," and as to pay dere's nothing to it.

Frank Jorgens & laymen on No. 8 above have no self dumper, but you'd never guess it if you saw their dumps.

Fred Collins on No. 9 above is still doing good work and the man at the throttle says he can't sleep between buckets like he used to.

Mr. Radcliff of No. 13 above was beginning to think that the claim was a hood-on account of the number, but perseverance struck the streak.

Number 14 is grinding the buckets, out just as regular as the wheel turns 'round.

Above 15 pup very little work is being done this winter.

The boys on 15 pup will surely as soon as the native in the clean-up. They don't say much, but just visit that locality and you will see why. The work speaks for them.

Bert Ray of No. 1 on 15 pup mistook his leg for a rope on the night of the masquerade and now he wonders if Mrs. Phalen, our dancing teacher, could not teach him to dance on one leg.

On Wednesday, April 15th, there was held at Bachelor's hall of this creek one of the most enjoyable times in the shape of a masquerade ball ever given in this vicinity, under the management of Mrs. V. H. Phalen, our dancing "marr."

The floor was in first-class condition and the music was good. You ought to have seen the dancers—a spectacle could not help but know they were enjoying themselves. The costumes were many and varied although a good many were homemade, still it served to fool their most intimate friends and in some instances their next door neighbors.

Those in costume were as follows: Mrs. Shafer of Dawson, as the Irish Queen.

Mrs. W. Foster, also of Dawson, as Japanese Princess.

Mrs. Palske as Norwegian school girl.

Miss Couture, rag picker Mrs. L. Johnson, midget.

Miss Edith Johnson, school girl. Mr. L. Johnson, dunc.

Mrs. Williams, just as she always is, a charming lady.

Pearl Fulton nee George Fulton, old maid.

Mr. Moran, giddy lady. H. Landry, Siwash.

T. Landry, old farmer. Foster Shafer, Jew peddler.

A. J. Roucher and Eugene E. Lennett, flour sack brigade. Sam Clark, stamper.

Fred Fitzpatrick, any old thing. H. B. Cooley, grafting soubrette. Chas. Lovett, Black man.

And last but not least Endman Payson as advance agent for Anheuser Busch.

Dan McDonald was divided. T. Weaver, hard times from Hard Luck Gulch.

Harris Longfellow, Miss Fitzlaff Mrs. Schafer, Mrs. Debnay, Mrs. C. P. Dolan and many others enjoyed the sight of the dancers in their many different costumes. Special mention should be made of the costumes worn by Mrs. Shafer and Mrs. W. Foster. Mrs. Shafer's costume of white satin trimmed with green velvet, with here and there a shamrock made of the same material, was a dress that would have attracted attention in any ball room on the outside.

Mrs. W. Foster in her Japanese costume took the boys a storm, and as a suggestion of what the "Flowers Kingdom" might be able to turn out she more than demonstrated.

At about 11 o'clock the manager declared all masks off and then great was the oh's and ah's indulged in by the different dancers, but there was one who was very cute and quietly slipped out and changed her costume entirely. In the early part of the evening a young man was seen to enter the hall and who enjoyed the dances all evening and prany were the eyes that sought him out and wondered who it could be. When it came to unmasking instead of turning to their next door neighbor, they were looking for the mysterious young man, but he had given them the slip. Yes, Mrs. Ferry, you fooled us all, and you deserve great credit.

At about 12 o'clock the hall was deserted as the dancers adjourned to Mr. Cunningham's where lunch was served.

After lunch Mr. Cooley was called upon to sing, and as he had a silk skirt on that he wished to show he was not backward in coming forward, but in the encore he got stalled. After singing, dancing was resumed until the dawn bespoke of another day, when each one wended their way home, voting it one of the most pleasurable times of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Toughill of 35 below on Hunker are guests of Mrs. V. H. Phalen for a few days. They came right in time for Mrs. Phalen's regular Saturday night hop.

Every one on the creek is looking forward to the coming Wednesday night, when a dance is to be given by a couple of boys from the lower end of the creek. There will be a free stage from Dawson and everything in connection with the hall will be free also. Mr. Cunningham is to furnish the lunch, and we all know what Dave's lunches consist of. The boys' only hope is that they can prevail upon Mrs. Toughill to stay over until after this event, as she is a first-class dancer.

Mrs. Phalen's regular Saturday night dance was well attended. The only drawback is that there is so few ladies on the creek, but that fact don't hinder the boys from having a good time once a week.

Mr. Danny Cameron of 37 Hunker is a guest at the social on Saturday night. He was quite pleased with the hall and thinks the bachelors of Last Chance deserve great credit.

AMBERDRIPS.

"STRICTLY CASH"

A New System Adopted by the Royal Grocery.

Starting May 1st, 1903, we shall adopt a Strictly Cash System. Consumers will get the benefit of ready-cash purchases, as the margin of profit can be considerably reduced when the element of risk which is incurred by a credit system is entirely eliminated.

Besides, our limited capital makes it imperative that we get ready money for our goods, consequently we adopt a system whereby the cash customer gets the fullest value for his money, and in this particular all concerned will be both protected and pleased.

ROYAL GROCERY, 123 Second Avenue, (John L. Timmins.)

Mrs. Nagston—Why, my dear, the last time I heard you tell that story it was only \$12 instead of \$25 that you lost.

Mr. Nagston—Well, this crowd I'm telling it to is twice as big as that one was.

Eastman Kodaks, \$10 each. Just over the ice—at Goetzman's, 128 Second Avenue.

Choice cooking butter—60 lbs. to case, \$18—Albert & Forsha's.

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Brewitt The Tailor... Pressing and Repairing by the Month.

STEAMERS ARE BILLED

N. C. Co. Send Two Boats to Tanana

Koyukuk Will Attend to Traffic in That Section This Year.

The Northern Commercial Company is the first of the transportation lines to bill the departure of a steamer. Adorning a bulletin board in front of their dock is the announcement that the Seattle No. 3 will leave Dawson on or about May 25 direct for Fairbanks. The Rock Island is billed to follow headed toward the same destination six days later and it is evident from the actions of the company that they at least do not consider the Tanana a gigantic lake by any means. Neither of the steamers mentioned have ever been up the Tanana, but other boats have and it is the opinion of Manager Fairbanks that his boats can go anywhere, even climb a tree if others can. Whether subsequent trips will be made will depend largely upon the demand for passage and freight.

A regular schedule has been arranged for the traffic on the Koyukuk this season by the company. No stampede is anticipated and no undue demand for space is expected and it is thought that the steamer Koyukuk that was built last summer at Whitehorse and was placed in charge of Captain Grey will suffice to handle the traffic to and from that section. The Koyukuk will run regularly between the mouth of the river and Bettler, connecting at Nulato, near the mouth, with the river steamers on the 10th and 25th of each month, beginning on the 10th of June. The Koyukuk is the most powerful light draft steamer that ever ascended the Koyukuk and proved highly successful last season.

All the steamers of the N. C. fleet with the exception of the Seattle No. 3, Rock Island and Koyukuk, those on the upper river, have this season been equipped as oil burners and will use wood no more as fuel. The transformation was made at St. Michael where all the steamers excepting those mentioned have wintered. The oil tanks for the storage of oil have been erected also this winter at the various stations along the river and the first boat out of St. Michael this summer will be the oil steamer which will fill the tanks to be drawn upon as required. The use of oil instead of wood will mean a saving of fully three days between here and the lower river station.

Captain Hibbard, superintendent of the transportation department, will leave San Francisco May 1 with the remainder of the crews for the Seattle No. 3 and Rock Island now wintering in the slough near the mouth of the Stewart. They will travel overland to the foot of LeBarge and come as far as their own boats on the first boat following the ice, or they may come all the way to Stewart by stage as they did last year. The only reason why the latter is improbable is on account of the government road now running fifty miles away from the boats which would necessitate a special stage to take them from Stewart crossing down to the mouth. Every steamer in the N. C. fleet will doubtless be in commission this year.

Work Already Begun on Large Pier—Will do Considerable Bridging.

Mr. John Joslin, one of the interested parties in the Coal Creek coal mines, returned Saturday evening from a three weeks trip to the mines. Mr. Joslin accompanied a civil engineer and party of surveyors to the scene of the proposed railway and started the work of surveying and laying out the route the road will take and also let several contracts for work connected with the construction of the road such as cutting ditches, building bridges, etc.

Work has already been commenced on a large pier which will span the main creek about one and one-fourth miles from the Yukon river. The pier will be built before the ice in the creek breaks up as the work can be done to much better advantage and with less expense.

From this point the road will be built on the left bank as there heavy cuts will be avoided. Coal creek is quite a large stream being about one-third the size of the Klondike river while the right fork where the mines of the company are located is about the size of Bonanza creek. It may be necessary to cross the right fork several times but as the survey has not been made up as far as that yet it is a difficult matter to say it will be necessary to do considerable bridging as there are a number of blind sloughs which will have to be crossed. The snow being still quite deep, is delaying the work considerably. As soon as the snow leaves the ground work will be actively commenced on cutting out the right of way and grading. The grade of the track will be from one to two and a half per cent.

Forty men are at work now on engineering and other preliminary work but this number will be largely increased when the work of laying the track is commenced.

One difficulty which will be met is a lack of timber near the work. The timber what there is of it is poor and scrubby and great difficulty is being experienced in finding sufficient for bridging and trestling. It is understood that about 30 miles up the main creek there is an abundant supply of good timber and if it is found necessary it will be hauled from there.

As the company is very anxious to get the road in operation it will be built at first more as a tramway and then it will be built up and solidified later on. It is the expectation to have the road in running order by August first.

Two large bunkers will be built this year, one with a capacity of 500 tons will be located at the docks on the banks of the Yukon and the other with a capacity of 250 tons will be built at the mines.

With the cars which will be used it is thought that only 20 to 30 minutes will be necessary in loading and unloading any train. Two trips a day will be made at first but later four trips a day will be attempted.

Work at the mines has been temporarily suspended with the exception of timbering, etc., but as soon as the road is nearly completed then the mine will be worked to its fullest capacity.

SIBERIA INVADDED

Engineers to Expert a Large Concession Will Be Assisted by the Hardy Prospectors of the Klondike Picked up at Nome

Several years ago when the strike in the Klondike was new and a short time afterward after the discovery of gold in the Nome country and that to the immediate north had been made it was a usual thing for gossipers to say that the days of gold strikes and stampedes to the frontier were over, the advance guard of prospectors having already arrived at the jumping-off place where they could go no farther. The statement was a little premature, however, as there are still other worlds to be conquered by the ubiquitous prospector and now are being invaded in a small degree. To the west of Alaska lies an empire half the size of North America that is as much of a terra incognita as was the Yukon two decades ago. Siberia is the next place that will witness a stampede and it may be within a very few years, too. The white czar, "little father," as the Russians call him, has already granted a number of concessions to foreigners who have traversed some of the frozen steppes and believe there is gold there to be had for the digging and the concessionaires are beginning to make preparations toward exploiting their holdings.

John Rosene, representing the Northwestern Commercial Company, an institution similar to the large companies of Dawson, has a concession from the Russian government covering 200 miles of the sea coast directly opposite Nome and this during the coming season will be explored to the fullest extent possible. Not only will the ground be examined from the standpoint of a mining expert, but it will be prospected in the good old way with pick and pan by prospectors who have been in the north for the past number of years.

On the large boat arrived Saturday evening there came direct from San Francisco a party which will spend the entire summer in Siberia. The head is Mr. Charles F. Hoffman, one of the leading experts in the mining world in America and known from Mexico to Bering straits. Accompanying Mr. Hoffman is his son, John D. Hoffman, also an expert of national reputation, and W. H. James, the entire party being from San Francisco.

On the present trip of Mr. Hoffman two birds will be killed with one stone as on his way to Siberia he will stop at Seventynine, a short distance below Eagle City, and spend several weeks experting and reporting on the gravel deposits in that vicinity that Mr. Pitnugh has succeeded in investing English capital. The party will remain on the Seventynine until the river opens and will then proceed to Nome by steamer. They leave for the lower river tomorrow.

At Nome later in the season they will be met by one of the steamers of the Northwestern Commercial Company laden with supplies to last all summer and by it will be set across the straits at a point where twenty-four hours suffice to make the crossing. Mr. Rosene the leading spirit in the affair is from Chicago and it is largely Chicago and New York capital that is interested in the venture. His concession allows the taking out of any of the precious metals, but attention will chiefly be directed toward placer and quartz mining. He is conversant to settle a considerable extent with the country that is to be prospected and thinks that some strikes equally as rich as have been made in the Klondike will reward their diligence. Mr. Rosene has been in the Yukon, having visited Dawson in the summer of '98. Quite a number of American prospectors will be taken over from Nome, but upon what arrangements can not be said.

Mr. Hoffman is also familiar with certain portions of Siberia, having

spent two or three years in that inhospitable region, though not in the section that is now to be visited. He is one of the oldest mining experts and engineers along the coast and has been more or less directly associated with every camp of importance in the past thirty years that has been struck between British Columbia and Mexico. He is one of the pioneers of Virginia City and assisted in running the famous tunnel that made the Comstock known all over the world.

The steamer Gold Star, which has been the star actor in more than one adventure, has another mystery hanging over its noble prow, at least so one would judge by the secretiveness of two effervescent young men who today are engaged in digging the remains of the once proud craft out of the ice. Remains is a word that is used advisedly, for of the original boat there is scarcely enough left to be worthy of even a burial. From shoulder to hock it has been skinned and stripped first of the house, then the machinery, the wheel and so on until there is but the hull left and what is to become of that only those on the inside of the dark mystery know. It was intimated that it was to be supplied with a hot air engine and take a party of stamperers to Swede creek, also that it was being fitted out as a pirate to prey upon miners returning from the Tanana after the cleanup, but both rumors are not believed to have been well founded. The young gentlemen referred to are engaged in shoveling away the snow and chopping the ice from around the noble lines of the craft. They are very capable conversationalists and will be pleased to answer any questions that may be put to them with reference to the destination of their craft.

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Now Mascot.

The firemen at No. 2 hall have another mascot—a bear that was formerly the property of J. I. Seabrooke. It is being taught to box and will stand up erect and handle its paws with much more skill than a lot of the pugs with which Dawson was afflicted some years ago. During the progress of the Bartlett fire some months ago his winter sleep was rudely disturbed by the firemen. Had it not been there would have been a roast beef on the bill of fare the following day.

To Bring Both Yachts.

Gourock, April 1.—Shamrock III left here today for Weymouth, in tow of the Erin. Shamrock III will return to the Clyde in the middle of May, when she will be jury rigged. Then the challenger will sail for America at the end of May. Sir Thomas Lipton has decided to take both the Shamrocks to New York. His satisfaction with the early performance of the challenger has decided him to curtail the trials in British waters. He hopes that six weeks of tugging up in America will insure the challenger being in the best trim for the cup races.

There will be skating at the rink this evening. The ice was freshly pebbled Saturday night late and as it has had two evenings to freeze it is now in excellent condition.

Eastman Kodaks, \$10 each. Just over the ice—at Goetzman's, 128 Second Avenue.

Choice cooking butter—60 lbs. to case, \$18—Albert & Forsha's.

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DOMINION CLEAN UP

Miners Getting Ready for the 'Big Thing'

Expect to Begin Within Less Than Two Weeks—Outlook is Good.

Dominion is putting on a bustling attitude these days, and the claim owners are preparing for the wash-up which is only about two weeks from now in the ordinary course of events. The trails have kept good so far but old Sol is getting in his work and water is beginning to trickle towards the creek.

Speller Kelly has returned from his visit outside and is busy looking over new ground, and preparing to work the old.

The upper part of Dominion embracing about three miles is always overlooked by people coming over the stage line as it is hidden by hills. The hidden part is there, though, and is being worked this winter successfully up to above upper discovery. The stage line strikes the creek at 6 below upper discovery.

A G. Day has purchased the Dougherty roadhouse on 27 and is having it renovated and remodelled within preparatory to occupying it as a residence and place of business. The ladies' Social Whist Club gave the last of its entertainments for the season a few evenings since. The meeting was held at Mrs. Dunsen's. A very enjoyable evening was spent by the company.

Mr. Scott of the Oak Hall Clothing Co. paid Caribou a visit last week. He was making a tour of the creeks.

Among the soundboughs who have recently returned to Dominion are the mentioned Ed. Will the bar, Mike Sullivan of Sullivan & McLaughlin, No. 1 above lower.

Mrs. Spencer has been quite ill, as have been several others in the vicinity the past week.

Last Sunday George Herring was at Caribou having his eye teeth and "plugged," or rather extracted. He was given chloroform very much against his will and now will speak to the doctor. His new suit may make some change in his hair perhaps, when "it" is hoped he will restore the doctor to favor.

She still holds forth at the Caribou and is now having the telephone changed from the "cubby hole" especially prepared for it, when der the stairs into a large book there will be a padded wall and good ventilation and light—N. B.—Fire Lance please copy.

Beryl—Such table manners! Why I hear that Jim eats the pie that is wife makes with a knife.

Sibly—If you saw the pie you'd imagine he'd have to eat them with a saw, a chisel and a stone crane.—Baltimore Herald.

The man who's always trimming his sails—backing and spinnaker because he has not been able to do so of that who is not content to be himself, who is always trying to be somebody else, will never develop a strong character.—Success.

Kodak's developing and finishing at Goetzman's—128 Second Avenue.

Home Rule London, March 20.—Ireland an important part of self-government will be put in the hands of the National Unionists already have at in the subject, and some of the proposals have been sketched.

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OLD MAID CONVENT

Listens to Talk ing Bab

President Roosevelt C by One of the Maids

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, April 21. Western New York Old Maid Convent, President Miss Garrison said: "President Roosevelt is a right to his opinion as to place childlessness a category with criminal too far. The president is what we Americans call a large family. We are about rare suicide from America and we need the president grapple with the coming. We are more in his line. We have the question of a husband of the women of the world."

Flags at Half. The flags on the public square are today at half-staff in honor of Sir Oliver Jernyngham, who died of the plague and his death is being throughout the nation.

Accident at Mead. St. Catharines, Ont. A terrible and probably happened at the Works, Merritt, about 7 o'clock this morning. A man named Sleep was employed electric furnaces with the furnace, when there occurred an explosion of gas and Sleep was terribly injured and he had to be taken to the hospital.

To Prevent St. Waterbury, N. Y. An injunction has been issued by Justice W. C. Brewster, restraining Geo. W. H. of the National Unionists already have at in the subject, and some of the proposals have been sketched.

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