

SKAGWAY AND UP RIVER POINTS

Alex. Schwartz and Party Leave Bennett by Boat but Travel on Ice.

Soapy Smith's Old Headquarters is Now a Lively, Bustling, Well-Governed City—Railroad Nearing Completion.

Alex. Schwartz reached Dawson over the ice on Wednesday last. In company with Mr. and Mrs. Insley he left Bennett on Oct. 4. They started with a large scow which was loaded with merchandise bound for Dawson.

Mr. Schwartz states that when he left Skagway the town was experiencing a substantial boom. Business was good in all lines and the town was assuming the proportions of a substantial and permanent business center.

The four men, Tripp, Bowers, Wildes and Slim Jim, who were implicated in the hold-up of Stewart from Dawson, have all been sent to Sitka for trial under \$25,000 bonds.

The murderers of Robertson, the Dyea fare bank dealer has been sentenced to the penitentiary, one for 10 years and the other two for 20 years. Robertson's wife was on her way to join her husband at Dyea at the time he was murdered. She reached the town a few days after he had been buried.

Gold dust from the Altin district assays unusually high. The Skagway banks are taking it at \$18 per ounce.

The White Pass railway is being rapidly pushed to the summit. The company now has 2200 men in its employ with a monthly pay roll aggregating in the neighborhood of \$60,000. They will continue work through the winter until Bennett is reached which it is expected will be the case about Jan. 15.

Skagway now has its own water service. A lake which lies on the bluff above the town has been tapped and the water is conducted over the city in pipes. The pressure is so great that the top of the highest building can be reached without any artificial assistance.

CREEK ITEMS.

BONANZA AND ELDOORDO.

A peculiar and almost fatal accident occurred on Bray & Cleland's lay on No. 5 below Bonanza. When one of their employes fell down the shaft 27 feet and although the windlass fell on top of him still he escaped unhurt.

No. 3 Victoria, belonging to J. A. Elwell is proving a good as expectations. Mr. Elwell is working quite a number of men on it. The prospects are even better than in his famous shaft sunk this year on No. 6 Eldorado.

Poverty Bar is not going to take a back seat in the spring and a small army of men can be seen each day taking out pay-dirt by the bucketful.

The laymen on the left limit of Monte Cristo are jubilant over their prospects. Their good pay has been struck on several claims, and a regular jobification was held there on Tuesday last.

A stampede was in progress last Sunday to Eldorado benches.

The miners up the creek are anxiously looking for the American mail, and the Nugget man is greeted everywhere with such remarks as "Is the American mail in yet?" "Where is my letter?" "What's the matter with that lake, Richardson?" etc., etc.—It is a great pity that the mail was not sent in the hands of the N. W. M. P., as their service this year is excellent.

The Eldorado City Social & Literary Club held its regular meeting on Saturday evening at the Presbyterian church and spent an enjoyable evening. The club is rapidly increasing in numbers and promises the residents of the creeks some good entertainments for the winter. Xmas eve. It is their intention to give an exceptionally fine program. Rev. Dickey has been elected president; Mrs. J. A. Elwell, treasurer, and Mr. C. W. Watts, secretary, to serve for two months.

The miners of Bonanza assembled at the opening of the Gold Hill hotel on Saturday evening, where dancing and other amusements were indulged in until a late hour.

Mr. J. Jackson who owns a bench off No. 2, Monte Cristo, is rapidly recovering from the operation which he underwent for tumor a short time ago.

H. E. St. George's claim off No. 2, Monte Cristo is proving itself to be very rich, as high as \$6 to the pan.

Accidents are of every day occurrence up the creeks now. Reports are continually coming in of men getting their limbs broken from wood, steds and buckets. Great need is felt for a public hospital at the Forks and plans are being prepared looking to the establishment of one.

Cosider Smith who was severely injured recently by being struck by a bucket falling down a 55 foot shaft, has so far recovered as to be able to be removed to Dawson where he will receive treatment.

DOMINION NOTES.

Dominion creek is improving between discoveries and above upper, and a strike is reported on Nos. 3 and 7 below, but the report could not be definitely confirmed.

Bert Nelson, who is working a part of No. 13 below upper on Dominion reports three holes on the pay dirt which runs as high as \$2 to the pan.

A good pay streak has been located on Lombard creek, No. 3, is owned by Reynolds Bros., who showed the Nugget man some very pretty coarse gold and nuggets. Pans as high as \$1.25 are common, and the pay-streak will easily average 30 cents. No. 2 has also located the

pay-streak and No. 6 has a hole on the rim that shows heavy drifts, but the warm weather interfered and drifting has been delayed.

A \$20 pan from No. 3 above upper discovery on Dominion made the eyes of the newspaper man protrude. The claim is owned by Messrs. Chisholm & McDonald, and is being worked by wage men, under the supervision of Mr. Chisholm.

The recent rain spell created havoc on No. 7 above lower on Dominion. Five holes filled with water and work had to be suspended.

The long looked-for pay-streak has at last been located on 19 below upper, and all the laymen report fair pay.

SULPHUR SIFTINGS.

The claims in the vicinity of Discovery and above discovery on Sulphur are gradually getting on the pay-streak. No. 1 below, owned by Messrs. Woodring & Compton, have four feet of 25 and 30 cent dirt and are not yet to bed rock.

Fraction 6, below 7 on Sulphur, has gone through five feet of 10 cent gravel and are still after the bed rock.

GENERAL CREEK NEWS.

The benches on Gold Run have been stampeded recently and almost every bench on the creek has been staked.

Fred Mathisen, the man injured a few weeks ago by a falling bucket, is rapidly recovering and although he received a compound fracture of the skull, is in a fair way to recover. He seems afflicted with paralysis of the right side of the face and tongue.

Mr. J. W. Wilson, employed on the discovery claim on Hunter, received a very painful fall on the 6th of this month, while sliding a load of provisions to his cabin. He slipped and fell heavily on the ice, striking his back and in some ways injuring it so that he has been confined to his bed ever since and can move only with great pain.

Joe Brandt, of No. 7 Hunter, received a sudden stroke of blindness while working in the drift during the recent warm weather. He was led to the cabin helpless and has been unable to see at all since. A similar case is reported on No. 6.

Several cases of scurvy are reported on the creeks and it is not unusual to find a jar of spruce beer in many of the cabins—simply as a preventive.

Capt. Wm. Frazier, ex-government scout from Wyoming, has established a road-house at the head of Caribou, on the Gold Run trail. Capt. Frazier has a hunter of national reputation in the United States, and has already placed six moose and three caribou on his credit in this country. A fair trail leads over this district to Brimstone and thence to 32 below on Sulphur.

PERSONALS.

Miss Braud entertained a few friends at the residence of Mrs. Harper on Friday evening last.

Dr. McNeill, of No. 13 above on Sulphur, froze his feet and hands slightly when out moose hunting the other day.

Capt. Jack Crawford, the poet scout, has quite recovered his accustomed health, much to the gratification of his many friends.

Mrs. J. M. Pickett and daughter Josephine will spend the week before Christmas visiting Mrs. W. C. Lowden on No. 10 upper Bonanza.

The governor has been temporarily incapacitated for business by a boil under the jaw so severe that it placed him in the doctor's care. He is back again at the office.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, C. I. Helene and Hyman Harris left Saturday morning for the outside by dog team. Mrs. Brown will be the first white woman to make the round trip in winter.

Hershberg, the Seattle clothier, will sell you clothing at exceedingly low prices.

The Nugget Express will send a dog team to Forty-mile and Eagle City next Thursday, Dec. 21. Arrangements for the carrying of mail, express and passengers can be made at the office in the Phoenix, Front street.

One of the special features of the Wondroscope entertainment Sunday evening will be Prof. Trennaman's great torchlight wintering exhibition. Secure seats at the drug store. General admission \$1, balcony \$1.50, box seats \$2.

All kinds of furs cleaned, altered and repaired, cut to the latest design at the New York Store, Front street. Call for H. Russell, the furier.

Hershberg, the Seattle clothier, has moved to 232 First avenue, next to Rutledge building.

I wish to notify my friends that I have severed my connection with the Eschwege syndicate.

EDWIN G. BIGGS.

A. J. Merrilweather, a prominent American from Kent, Washington, died of typhoid fever Wednesday morning and was buried from Green's undertaking rooms on Friday afternoon.

The Wondroscope Tomorrow Night.

Tomorrow evening the Wondroscope Co., will give another of its high-class entertainments at the Monte Carlo Theater.

Mr. Vogel, knowing full well that the people of Dawson desire and will support a first-class and clean entertainment, has made arrangements for the best talent that can be secured in the city, and is highly pleased with the crowded houses that greet his companies Sunday evening entertainments.

The manner in which the laughable, serious and realistic stereopticon views and moving pictures were shown on the past three Sunday evenings, prove, beyond a doubt, that this company gives just as good an entertainment as can be seen in Chicago or New York.

Grand Masquerade at the Phoenix.

Pete McDonald, the genial proprietor of the Phoenix has announced that he intends outdoing himself in the Grand Masquerade ball which he will give next Friday night, Dec. 23rd. The Masquerade will, without doubt, be the event of the season, as the management is sparing neither pains or expense. The ladies are all on the qui vive and are vying with each other in preparing elaborate costumes. Mr. McDonald has offered six cash prizes to be awarded as follows:

- To the best-dressed lady..... \$50
To the most sustained character (lady)..... 25
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FROM DAWSON TO CIRCLE CITY.

Capt. J. E. Hansen Leaves on a Tour of Inspection.

He Will Investigate all the Camps on the Lower River—Another Peculiar Ruling of the Gold Commissioner.

Capt. J. E. Hansen, manager of the A. C. Co. leaves this morning with a dog team, accompanied by an Indian and half-breed, to be gone a month on a visit to every mining camp between Dawson and Circle City in the interests of his company. The Alaska Commercial company is identified with each important enterprise that will develop the resources of Alaskan territory and is closely identified with what will eventually bring to this country an immense amount of capital to be used in the development of what will establish a substantial basis in commercial circles. The Nugget has pleasure in stating that from the pen of Capt. Hansen, it will be able to present a true statement of existing affairs in each and every mining camp between the above noted places, and emanating from that source will be absolutely reliable in every sense of the word. The Nugget wishes the captain bon voyage and a safe return to his limitless business engagements in Dawson, and in which his company occupies so prominent a part.

Gold Commissioner's Ruling.

The gold commissioner is determined to make himself still more thorough before stepping down and out. In cases of relocation he has decided that the witness who testifies to the abandonment of the claim must be a resident of that particular creek. The ridiculousness of the ruling is made brilliantly apparent in cases like that which occurred the other day: A short "pup," or dry gulch, leads off lower Dominion and a miner wished to relocate. The pup had been taken up nearly a year ago, yet the claims had not been worked. In fact, had been abandoned without prospecting at all. The miner staked and applied: "You must have a witness to prove abandonment," was told him. The miner took a friend and made that long trip over the divide again. The witness saw the claim staked and went over it to see that no work had been done. Returning to Dawson the evidence of the witness was refused on the grounds that he did not live on that "pup." How absurd is the situation can be seen at a glance when one learns that no one at all lives on that particular gulch and therefore, unless this ruling is reversed by Mr. Fawcett's successor, that gulch must remain vacant for ever. There are no residents, no claims, and never can be until Fawcett is superseded by a man of broader views.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

D. McPherson, S. Kane and E. Border were let off with \$1 and costs.

S. Bowers took one too many and wanted more. He got \$25 and costs.

W. E. Stanton has white hands yet storks a regular shift. \$50 and costs.

J. Monaghan limbed unwisely, talked volubly and paid \$25 and costs.

P. Moran played the string from "soda" to "hook" when he dug up \$50 and costs.

J. Linehan was inclined to be disputative, so for committing a nuisance was fined \$5 and costs.

G. F. McDougal wanted his wages from Ben Laws and was allowed \$68.50—defendant to pay the costs.

J. Moris got full, was unaware of that fact, and was indulging in self-eyes argument. \$25 and costs.

S. Gilpin overestimated his capacity, denied it to friends and others, and is out \$25 and costs as a consequence.

S. Murphy was obstreperous from the fumes of something he had swallowed—wonder what it was—\$25 and costs.

Dr. Schuman, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was dismissed. He is currently awaiting trial on a similar charge.

C. Carothers exhibited poor judgment in issuing his own allowance of liquid misery. \$20 and costs is supposed to act as a spur in future.

Nellie Green, was committed for trial in the superior court for tendering to the Northern a forged check on the Bank of British North America.

G. E. Gustav Arcontia, an Italian harp player, was fined \$25 and costs for not knowing the character of the people in the Nidga when they engaged him.

T. Dawson believed himself perfectly sober and was ready at any moment to dispute upon that point. Next day he needed paid \$25 and costs without dispute.

A. A. Abbey, a gentleman of long fingers and leisure, who dexterously manipulates the masterboards for the delectation of the boys was let off with \$20 and costs.

J. McEwen looked upon the wine when it was red, until he could see it no more. Though somewhat disputative, a fine of \$20 and costs cleared his vision and all is well.

Alice Janesville, Lillie Gilmore and Eva Durant were fined \$50 and costs each, for indecent and nameless acts at the "Nidga." Complaint had been made at headquarters from time to time but no one was willing to appear as witnesses of the prosecution. A detachment of police in civilian dress was ordered to the scene and a long term of imprisonment awaits the three if the thing is repeated.

Match Game of Whist.

Duplicate whist is becoming quite popular among club members and a match game between the Dawson and Regina clubs was played on the evening of the 9th with the following result:

Table with 2 columns: Dawson (McCook 122, Dewey 122, Grotschlar 125, Ver... 125, Hudson 118, Worden 118, Lisle 116, Ritchie 116, 474) and Regina (Judge Dugas 127, Edgewood 127, Richardson 123, Delex 123, Redley 127, Willis 127, Nourse 124, Snell 124, 531). Total Dawson 474, Regina 531. Regina Club majority 27.

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