

STEAMERS WINTERING HERE

Sixteen of the Yukon Fleet Comprise the List.

Many Are Tied Up Both on Upper and Lower Rivers—Busy Season Will Be Witnessed.

There are 16 steamers wintering in and near Dawson, the slough opposite Klondike City presenting in the distance an appearance similar to that of a small manufacturing town, owing to the number of smoke stacks pointing heavenward from nine steamers which are laid away there until Boreas releases his grasp on the Yukon in the gentle springtime.

Of the steamers at that place, two—the Susie and Louise—are owned by the A. C. Co., and operated between Dawson and St. Michael. This company also has several large barges at the same place.

The Dawson & Whitehorse Navigation Company's steamers Tyrrell and J. P. Light are also there. It is possible that, as the water on the upper river will not be at its best before July, these steamers may make a trip to St. Michael before going on their regular season's run. However, owing to the unusually heavy snow fall this winter there will probably be plenty of water to enable them to engage in the upper river trade as soon as the ice goes out.

Next comes the Rock Island which is operated on the lower river, being one of the fleet owned by the S. Y. T. Co.

The other steamers there are the Bonanza King, Monarch, Gold Star, Aquilla and a number of barges. Of these steamers all will be operated on the upper river except, perhaps, the Monarch, which may return down the river. On the water front of the city is the large refrigeration steamer Robert Kerr which is owned by the Pacific Cold Storage Co., and which will operate between Dawson and St. Michael in the meat carrying trade this season. The little steamers Clara and Emma Knott are on the water front as is also the Michigan. The Clara and Emma Knott will likely be operated on the Stewart river run from Dawson as soon as navigation opens.

Only two of the C. D. Co.'s steamers—Victorian and Mary E. Graft—are wintering at that company's ways across the river and below West Dawson. The remainder of the fleet is up the river, some near the mouth of the Hootalinqua and others at or near Whitehorse.

Only two of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s steamers are here—the John C. Barr and Chas. H. Hamilton—the others being down the river.

The A. E. Co. has none of its fleet here, but at various points on the lower river.

The Ora, Nora and Flora, owned and operated by the Klondike Navigation Company are all on the upper river.

As many new steamers are to be added to the local fleet on the opening of the season, business on the river is destined to be very brisk.

One Man's Wall.

The following from the Nelson, B. C. Miner was probably written by one of the "broke" Dawsonites of which he speaks, or else the writer's liver was deranged:

"The Yukon is a good country to stay away from according to the report of a former Nelson man who has been in Dawson for some time. In a letter to a friend here the Dawson man states that work has been closed down on a large number of properties, experience having proved that the ground could be worked to better advantage if operations were confined to the summer months and machines used. As a consequence a small army of men are out of work. Crowds of idle men can be seen, he says, about Dawson and nine in every ten are 'broke.' Hundreds of others are working for board and lodging only. In business circles the conditions are but little better. Restaurants are closing constantly and saloons are not far behind in this respect, while general report about Dawson has it that even the gambling houses are losing money. A peculiar condition of affairs has arisen in connection with the saloons. It eventuated that saloon men had laid in an over supply of champagne and the result is that wine is selling at \$3 a bottle while whisky is still \$5 and \$6 per bottle. The letter was written on December 21, when the sun had not been visible for several weeks.

A Collision.

A two-horse team standing on the South side of the slough bridge in

front of fire engine house No. 2 was run into by a dog team yesterday afternoon. The dogs drawing a big load came down the little incline at the end of the bridge at a full canter. The driver was unable to guide the sled which swung around striking one of the horses square on its fore feet, bringing it to its knees on top of the sled and scattering the load all over the street. Luckily the force of the blow had been broken by the driver in endeavoring to swing the sled around so that no injury was sustained by the horse.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S

Report Is Adopted by the Yukon Council.

The following report of the finance committee of the Yukon council was adopted at the meeting last night:

It is recommended that no action be taken in the case of Mrs. Christina MacDonald for payment of an account for hospital expenses from an accident by falling in a ditch until further inquiry can be made, and that H. E. A. Robertson be asked to send in a report of the matter and that the commissioner be requested to get a report on the condition of the ditch in question.

The following accounts were also recommended for payment:

N. P. Shaw & Co., meat account, \$17.10, milk \$31.68, supplied to patients at smallpox hospital at Whitehorse; Barbara Ross for groceries, etc., supplied to the hospital at Whitehorse; account from Whitehorse general hospital for \$143.50.

A communication from the Yukon Sun as to the proposed publication of ordinances of the territory recommended to standover until they could be revised, which should be done as soon as possible.

It was recommended that a \$500 bonus be paid to the medical health officer in consideration of extra services, and that in future all his expenses be allowed when away from Dawson.

Account for transportation of Dr. MacDonald from Selkirk to Dawson, \$35.20. Payment was not recommended.

Account of Dr. McLeod, \$20 for treatment of indigent, C. S. Johnstone, at Grand Forks. In view of the exceptional circumstances surrounding this case, this account was recommended for payment and that same be referred to the council to decide on the principle.

Account of News Printing & Publishing Co., payment was not recommended.

It was recommended that the papers be asked to state on what terms they will publish or advertise for the council such printing or publishing as the council may see fit to extend to them.

POTATOES AND SOCKS

Were Mentioned in Police Court This Morning.

Considerable earnestness was manifested in Magistrate Rutledge's court this morning when the case of G. H. Wyatt versus Hamilton Douglass for \$100 alleged to be due for labor performed and services rendered was being heard. Douglass is proprietor of the Great Northern hotel and Wyatt had been engaged for some time as man of all work about the building for which he alleged he was to receive \$50 per month and board and room. He and Douglass are partners in a lot of potatoes for which Douglass furnishes storage, and which he contended was, in addition to Wyatt's board and room, sufficient recompense for that individual's work in view of the fact that the work was not satisfactory as complainant had on one occasion put so much wood in the stove as to cause it to become so hot as to consume a pair of socks hanging nearby. The magistrate insisted that the socks should not figure in the case and, in rendering a decision, intimated that one of the two men had sworn to that which was not true. The case was dismissed at complainant's cost.

The cases against the Sunday card players were all dismissed yesterday afternoon, the games having been of a social nature and played on individual premises.

A man named William Kleinberg, charged with vagrancy and of frequenting a house ill-fame, was remanded until Friday. Friends put up bonds and Kleinberg is out of jail pending the date of the hearing of his case.

John Curry, charged with having stolen Miss Walther's purse containing

\$150 at the Savoy theater Saturday night, will be given a hearing this afternoon.

The Weather.

So far as the nightly decline in the thermometer indicator is concerned, there seems to be but little change notwithstanding the fact that during the day the temperature becomes very much warmer. During the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning the minimum temperature was 34 below the maximum 4 degrees above zero, a variation of 38 degrees.

THEATRES THIS WEEK.

Both Open With Excellent Programmes.

The Standard theater opened the week last night with that always popular drama, "The Banker's Daughter," which, by the way, has never before been presented in Dawson and which is fully up to the high grade class of entertainments the Standard has been presenting for the past several weeks. The heavy parts are most ably performed by Ed. Lang, Alf Layne and Miss Vivian, supported by the Standard cast which is unusually strong this week. The scenes in "The Banker's Daughter" are laid in her home in New York and in Paris, she being lured away by a fine looking but unprincipled French count who is more in love with her money than herself. All through the play are opportunities for excellent work by the cast and those opportunities are all embraced. Between acts there are vaudeville sprinklings by Dolly Mitchell, Beatrice Lorne and Lulu Watts, being the first appearance of the latter since her return from the outside, where she picked up a number of new and catchy songs, the chorus to one of which is "I can't tell why I love you, but I do—oo—oo."

This world is full of maids the same as you—oo

But something I can't tell Seems to hold me in its spell I can't tell why I love you, but I do—oo—oo.

As usual Thursday night at the Standard will be family night, and all who attend will see the best thing yet presented in the line of family entertainment.

The Savoy began the week with its usual varied program and to a full and appreciative house. The program opens with a one-act laughable skit entitled "My Relatives From New York," which depicts the life and adventures of a renegade nephew who lives off remittances sent by a rich New York uncle on account of the nephew's family. Suddenly the old uncle appears on a visit to his nephew who has no family but who, to carry out the bluff, rents an Irishman's wife and otherwise rustles a temporary family to present to his rich uncle.

Following the opening piece comes the entire Savoy cast in vaudeville specialties which are up-to-date and very entertaining. In this portion of the program Prof. Parkes presents his new wondrous moving and stationary pictures.

The program concludes with "A Trip to the Moon," a production of the versatile artists, Maurettus and Post, who are ably assisted in its presentation by the entire company.

The Savoy will on Saturday at 2 o'clock give a grand family matinee for which special arrangements are now well under way. The Savoy orchestra is a treat in itself at all times, and at the matinee the music will be especially fine.

TAKE PARTNERS.

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rooms in upstairs apartments, but the new order, coming as it does, without previous warning, will undoubtedly result in many resorts being entirely suspended.

The number of men who will be thrown out of employment in Dawson alone is variously estimated at from 200 to 300, while at the Forks and Whitehorse from 30 to 40 at each place will be affected. The closing of the dance halls will effect probably 100 women, more than two-thirds of whom are in Dawson.

But little expression regarding the new order, or rather the imperative enforcement of the previous one, could be obtained around town today, the parties effected preferring to look glum and remain silent to talking, further than in several cases to assert that their business will be ruined. None of the dance hall women were seen, but it is a safe bet that they will have something to say on the subject.

In the meantime it is in order to engage partners for the last dance which will end with a grand promenade—to

EX-POLICEMAN VERY SICK

Fred Lowe Taken Down While on Stampede.

This morning two men called at the Ridge Cable roadhouse and stated that in passing a cabin owned by a man named Fitzgerald on 93 above on Bonanza, they had heard groans as though of a dying man. A party at once torped and went to the cabin described and found Fred Lowe, an ex-member of the police force, in what is feared to be a dying condition from the effects of a most aggravated attack of pneumonia.

It was learned that Lowe had left Dawson yesterday morning with hundreds of others intent on securing some mining property. He became sick on the road and on reaching the cabin mentioned entered it. Unfortunately the owner was not at home and, being too sick to make a fire the poor fellow remained in the cold and cheerless place all night and was nearly frozen when found by the relief party today.

The police at the Forks have been notified and have gone after the man with a sled for the purpose of bringing him back to Dawson.

Local dealers report that hay and oats have taken a jump, the latter being particularly firm.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

Hay, oats and chopped feed. Meeker.

Beef, chechako, 33c by the side, at P. O. Market, Third street.

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