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GIVING BOTH SIDES.

The Nugget is publishing the news of Cape Nome from time to time just as that news is received. If a man has a favorable story to tell of the prospects and possibilities of the new camp that story is published in these columns exactly as told, and if the story is unfavorable it receives an equal amount of consideration. What we have sought to do has been to ascertain the facts as nearly as possible in order that those of our readers who are considering the matter of joining the rush to Nome may be as fully informed upon the conditions in front of them as possible.

A man who contemplates such a move will be no gainer by shutting his eyes to the difficulties which he must expect to encounter. His chances for success will be just as great and in fact should be greater if he starts for Nome fully convinced of the fact that success, if he attains it, will come only after hard and persevering efforts. Too many men joined the first Klondike stampede with the expectation of being able to pick gold from the surface of the ground with little or no effort. Had such men permitted themselves to become informed as to the real status of affairs they would have remained at home, or at least the disappointment which met them when they finally reached the Mecca of their hopes would have been much less keen. So it will be with men who intend going to Nome. The more information which they receive on the subject both from those who have met success on the beach and those who have not, the better position they will be in when they arrive at the new camp. They should consider that other men are there already and have been for 12 months past and it is fair to presume that these men have not allowed themselves to remain idle all the while. They should also consider the extent to which the power of attorney law has been used and abused. They should, in short, remember all the disadvantages as well as the advantages which will be offered at Nome, to the end that they may act with the most intelligence.

It is for this reason that the Nugget, without regard to any opinions held by itself, is publishing Nome news both pro and con, when it appears that such news is of reliable origin. There are two sides to every story and the Nome story is no exception to the rule.

Recent periodicals from the outside bring details of many important improvements which have recently been made in various classes of automobile machines. It appears that for uses in cities where the grades are practically level and where the machine may always be readily returned to the supply station, the motive power is most frequently furnished from storage batteries. For long distance travel and especially when the traveler expects to

encounter the ordinary variations of country roads machines are used which are propelled by means of gasoline or steam engines. In New York and Chicago regular systems of automobile vehicles are maintained for express and passenger service. Inventors are constantly at work endeavoring to perfect these new factors in the transportation business and 14 factories located in various parts of the eastern states are crowded with orders for their production from every section of the country. When some of our Klondike sour doughs get back to civilization once more, they will be very apt to find that the horse, other than as an adjunct to roast beef manufactories, has disappeared off the face of the earth, and his place taken by a machine to which there is no visible "pushee or puller."

The large audience which attended the benefit given last night for the aid of the injured fireman, Matt Probst, demonstrated very clearly the fact that Dawson's citizens will never be appealed to in vain when it comes to a question of assisting a worthy cause. The unfortunate fireman became incapacitated for performing his duties by an accident which occurred at the time of the late fire, and while he was on duty. The circumstances surrounding the case made it peculiarly fitting that the public should take the matter in hand and contribute to the relief of the suffering man. Dawson never does anything by halves and the reputation of the town was well sustained last evening. We congratulate the energetic gentlemen who had the affair in charge upon the striking success which attended their efforts.

Local athletic enthusiasts might, by way of diversion, consider the idea of a bicycle meet while the trails are in such fine condition. There are enough wheels and riders in town to secure sufficient entries to guarantee a first-class meet. The course might be laid from Dawson to the Forks and return or a run could be made up or down the river. The Nugget is of the opinion that if the matter should be taken up, records could be made which would give some of the crack wheelmen of the outside a hard run. The trails in their present condition are as favorable for wheeling purposes as an ordinary cinder path.

Col. Steele in the Yukon.

In a late issue of the Toronto World appears a three column article on the life and history of Col. Steele, who was detailed to Dawson for nearly two years and who is now in command of Strathcona's force, from which we extract the following:

"What Col. Steele can accomplish in combating the forces of nature, and in organizing order out of the chaos of a mining camp is shown by his record of the past two years' work in the Yukon. Sent there in charge of the mounted police at a time when there was a rush into the territory almost equal to any thing that Bendigo ever witnessed, and when there was practically no organization, Col. Steele took hold of his work as only a strong man could. He has a faculty of creating an esprit de corps among his men that few officers possess, and on taking charge in the Yukon he exercised this power to the utmost. The temptations that lay before the police to either abandon their work or to neglect it were many and potent, and the remuneration they received was out of all proportion to the severity of the physical tasks imposed on them. To their credit be it said, they became almost to a man, imbued with the spirit of devotion to duty that animated

their chief—and as a result they performed a work that is neither sufficiently known nor appreciated by the people of Canada.

"When Col. Steele started to enter the Yukon he found that the contract for the carriage of the mails was not being properly performed, and during the whole of the last winter his men performed the work under circumstances of the most trying character. Relay stations were established along the Upper Yukon, and between these the mail was carried on dog sleds, the constable running behind. The physical work involved in this work was enormous. Many of the men regularly ran 35 miles a day, over a trail sometimes deep in snow, sometimes slippery with ice, oftentimes precipitous, and always rough. One splendid fellow on one occasion covered 70 miles in one day in order to make proper connection of two mails. Such work as this could not have been secured from these men for mere money. The credit of the corps of which they were so proud was at stake, and they did the hard work as uncomplainingly and as much as a matter of course as one of them would walk into the midst of a crowd of armed savages and arrest his man.

"In Dawson and vicinity Col. Steele performed duties of the most varied character, superintending all manner of public works until the machinery of civil government was firmly established. He acted as a magistrate and disposed of hundreds of cases. He was in himself the Dawson board of health. His force looked after the collection of the federal royalty—a work of much responsibility, and pecuniary rich in temptation. He was a member of the executive council, on which his wide knowledge and sound judgment gave him a preponderating influence. So thoroughly did Col. Steele fill all the numerous demands upon him that there was an almost unanimous expression of regret from the citizens of Dawson upon his departure."

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. Patrick is in town for a few days
H. J. May is a recent arrival in the city.
Swan Larson departed for Cape Nome this morning.
J. M. Pinkerton came to town from the creeks yesterday.
C. P. Dolan, from Last Chance, is visiting the city.
Patrick Padden of Hunker creek, is in town on business.
John Riorden returned last night from a trip to Sixtymile post.
H. S. Wallace, a miner on Dominion, is registered at the Regina.
Fred Holder, of Gold Run, is visiting in town for a few days
Tim Donovan, from Sulphur is spending a few days in town.
Mike M. Spellacy started on a trip to Cape Nome this morning.
W. F. Collins of Cheechako hill is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.
William J. O'Connell, a miner on Dominion, is enjoying a few days' vacation in Dawson.
Joseph Finch, who is interested in some hillside properties on Dominion, has arrived from the outside.
Mr. and Mrs. Pond, Mr. and Mrs. Klog, all of 31 below lower on Dominion, are visitors to the city.
Messrs. C. Johnson and C. McKenzie arrived in Seattle recently. They made the trip from Dawson in 18 days.
H. H. Norwood, government collector of royalty stationed at Grand Forks, is stopping at the Fairview.
William T. Ewing and George A. Gooden, two colored men, started for Nome today with a team of five good dogs.
Harry Edwards, who has been confined to his room for some time with a cold, is attending to his business, as usual today.
Capt. R. B. Steadman, William W. Duncan, T. A. Pledger and Mrs. Effie Pledger, comprised a party which started for Nome this morning.

Glacier Remover.

A new process for removing glaciers from window glass was observed by a Nugget representative today. While simple, the plan is thoroughly effective, abasing the ice to be easily removed from the glass without going through

the long process of slow melting away and 'soaking everything' near the window with water.' What the Nugget man saw was a woman with a hot smoothing iron with which she was ironing the outside of the window, while the lord and master of the house was on the inside removing the ice as it became loosened. He was kept busy for a short time when the window was entirely free from ice.

Musical and Social Event.

Such will be the concert to be given next Sunday evening at the Orpheum. It is the talk in social circles. Mr. William Gorbracht, who has become famous as a musical conductor, and the well known artist Mr. Zimmerman have arranged a program for this occasion which would do credit to any opera house on the outside, and their promise to make this the musical event of the season will be made good. Reserved seats on sale at Reid & Co.'s drug store after 1 p. m., Tuesday.

The choicest goods and the cheapest prices. Royal Grocery, 2d ave.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Weather Report.

Sunday the minimum temperature was 2 degrees below zero.

Last night the thermometer registered 3 degrees above, and at 9 o'clock this morning the instrument recorded 8.5 degrees above.

The weather continued to moderate and at noon the temperature was 19 degrees above.

Lubec potatoes, fresh eggs and new Rex bacon. Royal Grocery, 2d ave.

A Boon to Miners.

The greatest saving for steam thawing plants is effected by the applying to all steam pipe a covering of corrugated asbestos. The air chamber made by the corrugations acts as a perfect non-conductor and full 50 per cent less fuel is needed to keep up the required head of steam. It is in use on all the large plants on Bonanza. The A. E. Co. is introducing the corrugated asbestos—a great improvement over all other styles of pipe covering.

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