

ECHOS OF THE LATE FIRE.

Hard Luck Stories Are Good for the Drinks.

More Than One Hundred Men Who Were the First to Turn in the Alarm.

There were 100 men who were the first to see the fire, 200 who rang in the alarm, 300 who were first in the building, and every mother's son of them claimed to be last out.

It was a peculiar incident that 40 men volunteered to carry every girl, but not one would touch a trunk.

Jack Kerwin, who runs the wheel at the Northern Annex, was left alone with the hose and froze his fingers. He did creditable work.

There was one man who had a slight scratch on his face who worked a good game. Coming around to the bartender in one of the saloons he showed him the scratch and told him how he hurt it in removing this or that. Of course he got a drink, and then went to the next place. But the game ended quick, for in a half hour there was 50 men lingering and with some hands, scratches, etc., they exposed the game.

Capt. Thacker of the field force, detailed Sergeant Lawton, Corporal Lewis and 12 men to guard the stocks on Front street.

The Comet barber shop has been at the edge of five fires. Hot name, too.

The "French Kid" suffered a severe loss. He used to "hang out" in the Dominion.

There was less theft at this fire than any previous one. The N. W. M. P. again.

The field force did excellent work in wrecking buildings to prevent the spread of the same.

Incoming Mail.

An outside mail left Selwyn yesterday morning for Dawson, and is due this evening. It is probable, however, that notwithstanding the mail drivers' most energetic efforts the high winds will cause the mail to be so badly drifted that it will not arrive until tomorrow.

The mail for down river will leave as soon as this mail is distributed and made up.

Pioneers Meet.

The annual meeting of the Yukon Order of Pioneers was held at their hall, on last Thursday and resulted in the election of the following officers: President, Max Ladreville; vice-president, Joseph Johansson; secretary, James McNeil; treasurer, H. E. Peters. The meeting brought out but a score of members, the pioneers being scattered throughout the country. As a result of this it was decided to do away with the weekly meetings and hold them monthly instead.

Route to Nome.

Captain E. P. Miner, who has spent most of his time between 1880 to 1894 in sealing in the Arctic ocean and Behring sea, was asked by the Nugget this morning: "What, in your opinion, is the best method of reaching Nome, earliest?"

Capt. Miner replied, "Well, it's like this, the Norton sound is the last place to open up, and unless it is possible to go in a southwesterly direction from the mouth of the Yukon river and round St. Michaels island, the coast route from the Sound will be the quicker by two or three weeks, if not more; then there there is another alternative: If there is a trail from Nulatto on the Yukon to the head of Norton sound, or if such a trail is practicable then, of course such a cut off would render the Yukon route by far the earliest."

Asked about the currents, facilities for navigation, winds, etc., he said: "In summer the Behring sea is very placid, and the currents good; the only drawback is an occasional fog when

passing through the islands. As to winds, the north is the coldest, and southwesterly gales are very strong. That is the bad feature of the locality, terribly cold, fierce winds."

Those Red Flags.

Some curiosity was exhibited yesterday as to what the presence of those four red flags on the river might mean. The Nugget, of course, wanted to know. This is what it is all about. No person is to deposit any garbage or muck inside of these danger signals; if they do they will quickly find out wherein the danger lies—doubtless in a fine with costs.

The swellest present in town—one of our Russian leather pocketbooks, Cribbs & Rogers, druggists.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Over 30 Cape Nome stampeders have left for down river within the last few days.

Will Langelle and Stiles Nettleton, watchmen at the A. C. Co.'s warehouse will leave in a few days for Nome.

Every business man on Front street from the Northern Annex to the Aurora is congratulating himself that he is still to be found at the old stand.

Father Gendreau's school reopened yesterday with the usual number of scholars. The roll shows 45 names; but the average attendance ranges from 35 to 40.

At the regular meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood tonight the degree will be conferred on several candidates, and other important business will be transacted.

Many men who have failed to find employment for many weeks found it today and are now engaged in hauling debris from the burned district and dumping it out on the river.

D. J. Flood and John Cung, who have been running the 28 roadhouse on Gold Run, have sold out to Messrs. Chute and Wells, who will manage the place this winter. Messrs. Flood and Cung are in town on a visit now.

The United States consulate is now situated in the Aurora building, and the Stars and Stripes may be seen floating from Tom Chisholm's flagstaff. The old one is still flying, however, for it went up in smoke the other day and up to the present has not returned.

C. J. Dumbolton who has just reopened the City Market, is mounting the head of the finest Rocky mountain goat ever brought to Dawson. The animal was an immense one in size, the head being almost twice as large as that of the ordinary mountain goat.

Owing to matter of business in connection with the late fire the Yukon council did not hold its regular weekly meeting, yesterday afternoon, adjournment being taken until next Tuesday at which time a meeting of more than ordinary importance will be held.

At the meeting the trustees of the Board of Trade recently some one suggested that the manager of the Palace Grand be asked to put braces or stays under the balcony of that building, but no regular action in the form of motions was taken regarding the suggestion.

The interior of the district court room was thoroughly overhauled, repaired and painted during the late vacation. A new ceiling was put in, the arrangement of the floor was materially changed, a railing was put across the room about two-thirds of the way back from the wall out to the center of the room.

Charley Hense, known to the people generally as "Juneau Joe," whose place of business, which stood between the Horseshoe and Bank buildings, on Front street and which was almost pulled to pieces during the late fire, will be the first stand to resume business on the scene of the late conflagration. When it comes to rising from ashes, "Juneau Joe" can make old Phoenix ashamed of himself.

Late news from Whitehorse is to the effect that the residents of that town are anxiously awaiting and refraining from making substantial improvements until they see where the railroad terminus will be. Contractor Henry is working 400 horses and mules at the work of grading and rapid progress is being made. Development of the copper mines at Whitehorse is in statu quo pending the townsite location, which the coming of the railroad will settle.

Andy McKenzie of the Aurora, is in receipt of a letter from F. M. Smith who, with Ed Clancy, left here over two weeks ago for the outside with a cargo of four women. The letter was written from Selwyn and stated that the entire party were withstanding the rigor of our weather (it was 60 below) very well. The day the letter was written, Jan. 3d, they had covered 32 miles and

expected to reach Selkirk, 35 miles further on, the next day. All of Smith's eight dogs were reported in excellent condition.

The reports from up the river of the mysterious disappearance of travelers have had the tendency to somewhat alarm those who have in contemplation the trip to the outside. One man who is soon to start with money and drafts amounting to \$45,000 will, it is said, ask for police escort from post to post. If such a gang as is reported exists up the river it will not be long in business, as the police are fully aroused to their duty, and as Dawson has the only district court in the Yukon district, there may be some hanging bees here in the course of a few months.

Don Olsen, the hustling manager of the Dawson Electric Light Company, was very much in evidence during the progress of the fire Wednesday night, and rendered valuable assistance to the firemen by placing his entire force of available men at the scene of the fire and removing any wires which might interfere with the firemen in their efforts to fight the flames. Immediately upon learning of the serious nature of the conflagration he cut off the circuit on First avenue and removed all danger from contact with the wires.

The Salvation Army holds services in the new barracks, Second avenue, as follows: Tuesday, 8 p. m. (barracks time); Thursday, 8 p. m.; Saturday, 8 p. m.; Sunday, 3 and 7:30 p. m. Free reading room in same building; open every day. Also in the evenings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

New Strike Near Nome.

Capt. Healy has received word that a new strike has been made on Norton bay. The stampede was on when the letter was written and the richness could not be authenticated.

Word that the population already there would consume the food supply was also received. Supt. Heron of the A. C. Co. received a letter from one of the company men who reports the cutoff from Nulatto to 15 miles north of Unalakleet, to be well broken and with plenty of wood to within a half day's trip of the coast. This is good news to the Nome mushers.

The New Pavilion Grill room is the best place in Dawson to secure a fine lunch at popular prices.

A Curious Coincidence.

Sour Doughs will doubtless remember that the piece "Buffalo Bill" was on the boards of the old Tivoli theater for two evenings before it was destroyed by fire last spring. A piece with the same title of "Buffalo Bill, or Scenes in the Wild West," was on the stage of the Monte Carlo on Monday and Tuesday evenings. That was twice, and, as in the case of the defunct Tivoli, the Monte Carlo will never produce "Buffalo Bill" for the third time.

The Lumber Market.

With the increased demand for building material caused by the fire, the lumber market is the one most affected. A careful inquiry brings out the fact that there is 200,000 feet of domestic and 200,000 of imported, with many orders for stuce and spring building lumber.

Whither Are We Drifting?

Can it be possible that mining's twin industry, gambling, is waning in Dawson? Police court records answer the question affirmatively. Last month 65 knights of the green cloth paid \$56 each into the crown exchequer. This month only 56 men have been found engaged in that calling, and although most diligent search has been made no trace of more than that number is to be found. Nine gamblers have evidently reformed, but as yet no additions to the ranks of the Salvation Army have been noted. Whatever the cause for the falling off may be, the cold, clammy and pallid fact remains that the royal sack is shy \$504 as compared with last month.

Ho for Bennett.

H. A. Matheson will leave for the coast on or about Jan. 20. Mr. Matheson has two splendid horses and proposes to carry three or four passengers to Bennett in the quickest time possible, and every precaution will be taken to avoid any accidents or delays en route. For further information apply at store on Hunker creek or to Emil Mohr, Mohr & Wilkins' store, Dawson.

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Just Around the Corner.

Having been driven off of First avenue by fire, Joseph Gandolfo has secured temporary quarters on Third street, next to the Bank cafe, where he is now doing business and will be glad to serve all his old customers, and the public generally, with the finest brands of cigars and tobaccos, candies and nuts of all kinds, magazines, papers, etc.

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