

CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

Mr. J. D. Hartman of King Solomon Hill is in town today.

Mr. McKay of No. 34 below Bonanza came to town yesterday. He is going to the Fortymile country.

Mrs. Primus of No. 33 above Bonanza visited her sister Miss Jennie Parry at Magnet last Sunday.

Mr. Thompson of No. 43 above Bonanza is in town today. Mrs. Thompson is on her way in from the outside.

Mrs. Warren of No. 43 above Bonanza is visiting in town for a few days.

Thos. Ward has accepted a position with Mr. Collins of No. 26 above Bonanza for the winter.

Last Saturday afternoon the cook-house on No. 3 Gay Gulch belonging to Mr. H. D. Cole was totally destroyed by fire. Only last week Mr. Cole put in a winter's supply of goods and everything was lost. The loss is very heavy.

Dan Gleason of No. 18 below Bonanza is thinking of starting a laundry. The way he washes clothes is certainly a wonder to himself and his partners.

Marting Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza made a flying trip to town last Thursday to buy an Xmas outfit. Xmas will be celebrated in the right kind of style on No. 26.

Those who will be fortunate enough to spend Xmas with Geo. Pilz of No. 47 Eldorado will no doubt have a swell time, as George has already ordered a half sleighload of cooking utensils and provisions for that day.

Mrs. Davis of No. 30 below Bonanza has begun making preparations for the third annual ball to be given at the Elbyan New Year's eve.

A surprise party was given Mr. Coffee on Fox Gulch last Friday night. Great credit is due Mrs. Gilbert for the way everything was planned and carried out. A very nice lunch was served by Mrs. Gilbert. Lots of merriment was caused by one of the cakes which was nicely

frosted and lettered, "Happy Christmas." Mr. Coffee delighted over this cake, cut himself and passed it very particular that each a piece. It was one of the joyable affairs of the season to be remembered for a lot come by those who were enough to be there.

This being the Merry time, we must also remember many homes right in our he and - desolate in t Among the homes which dented this Christmas is t R. R. Brown of No. 96 Bonanza, whose husband en with paralysis the 2 month. Mr. Brown ca Yukon in 1898 with his w children. He has, like m made plenty of money, an satisfied invested in mine He was a hard working, honest man; strong, healthy and full of amicit fatal stroke came and Brown is lying in the Go tan hospital unable to go to tell his wants and wi his wife and little girl R years, are in their lonely able to do anything for husband and father. Mr. an old resident of Seatt many friends will be sorry the misfortune that has b

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NOTICE.

And Small Packages can be sent to the Creeks by our carrier on the following days: Every Tuesday and Friday to Eldorado, Bonanza, Hunker, Dominion, Gold Run.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1902.

\$50 Reward.

We will pay a reward of \$50 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any one stealing copies of the Daily or Semi-Weekly Nugget from business houses or private residences, where same have been left by our carriers.

KLONDIKE NUGGET.

AMUSEMENTS.

Additorium - "The White Squadron" Standard-Vaudeville.

FOR MEMBER OF YUKON COUNCIL.

Dr. ALFRED THOMPSON

FOR MAYOR OF DAWSON.

R. P. McLENNAN

NOTICE.

The Nugget will not be issued on Christmas day.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

For the fifth time since the establishment of this paper the Nugget extends the felicitations of the Christmas season to its readers. Five years is a long time in the history of a frontier community and it is particularly a long time in the history of a frontier newspaper.

In the interim that has elapsed from the date upon which the Nugget made its initial bow to the public until the present, the city of Dawson and the Yukon territory have undergone remarkable changes.

The disorganized, heterogeneous mass of humanity which swept down the Yukon river during the years 1897-98 has developed by purely natural processes into a permanent, strongly established, self-maintaining community.

Chaos and confusion which in the early days held undisputed sway have given way to system and order. The Yukon territory has come to be known and recognized as one of the important integral elements which go to make up the great Dominion of Canada, and with each succeeding year this far-off section of British North America commands more and more respect from the residents of the great "outside."

The city of Dawson is a community in which the whole of the Dominion may well take pride. Everything in and about our little Klondike capital bespeaks of permanence and solidity.

The public buildings, company establishments, business blocks, schools, churches, newspapers, public utilities such as telegraph, telephone, electric light, water system and, in short, all the elements which bespeak a progressive, enterprising and prosperous community are well represented in Dawson and all contribute to tell the story of the growth experienced during the five years of the town's history.

The Nugget greets its readers today with the same confidence in the future of the district that it held in 1898 when the first modest Christ-

mas number of this paper was issued. We are firmly of the belief that the Yukon territory and Dawson as well are both in their infancy and that the time is not distant when each will have a far larger population than ever before in their history. The present holiday season finds the territory generally, enjoying a degree of prosperity equal in every respect, to former years and everyone looking forward to the return of spring with hope and confidence.

The Nugget congratulates the community upon the splendid evidences of permanence and stability which are manifest upon every hand—and to its friends and readers one and all extends the wish for a pleasant and happy Christmas.

The Nugget lays aside rancorous political discussion today and invites its readers to engage in contemplation of the sacred memories and traditions associated with the return of the Christmas season. It is well to bear in mind, even in the midst of heated contests for political supremacy, that a common aim lies before all of us and that human efforts and aspirations though often directed along widely divergent channels, tend usually to the attainment of the same good. Tomorrow will be Christmas, upon which occasion the spirit which makes all men of one kin should dominate the world. The Nugget welcomes the approach of the day which heralds the reign of peace and good will upon earth.

YUKON ROADWAYS.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget will be found a detailed description of the system of public roads which will be constructed during the coming year. It is probably correct to say that no other movement on the part of the government has contributed so largely to the development of the territory's resources. In the early periods of Yukon history the extraordinary cost of transporting supplies and machinery to the mining districts made the working of low grade placers practically prohibitive.

Mining operations were necessarily confined to a comparatively few claims of great richness, located principally upon Eldorado, Bonanza and Hunker creeks.

As long as such claims as Nos. 16 and 17 Eldorado were annually turning out their hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of the precious metal, the question of transportation did not enter so largely into the claim operator's calculations.

When it became evident, however, that such claims were very few in number, considered in comparison with the vast extent of the gold producing area of the district, the matter of road construction was taken up by the government and pushed forward with the utmost energy.

As illustrative of the difference in the present cost of commodities to the creek consumers and the prices which they paid in the early days, the fact may be cited that in the fall of 1898 a fifty-pound sack of flour on Dominion creek was worth \$40—about five times the Dawson price for the same commodity.

At the present time in the same locality prices are only slightly in excess of Dawson quotations. This great change, brought about very largely as the result of road construction, has made the development of large areas of low grade ground a profitable undertaking, whereas under former conditions such ground would not pay expenses.

The most notable piece of road work constructed by the government during the past year is the overland trail now used exclusively by the stage and express companies between Dawson and Whitehorse. This splendid enterprise has practically removed the expression "Klondike isolation" from the vocabulary.

For the first time in the history of the district there has been no interruption in the mail service. Almost before the boats had ceased running on the river, stages were dispatched from both terminals of the overland route and the winter mail has been as regular almost as that of summer.

The good work will not be relaxed, however, and during the coming sum-

mer a vast amount of road building will be in progress, it being the expressed intention of the government to connect Dawson as the distributing center of the district with every point where mining operations are in active progress.

Yukoners have a just right to be proud of their roadways. No new country opened under similar conditions can show a similar record or anything like it.

There is no feature of the federal government's Yukon policy that has commanded such universal commendation as the liberal manner in which the territory has been provided with needed highways.

BRING YOUR ORES

Take Advantage of Free Period at Government Mill.

The government stamp mill is now in first class running order and is running ore through as fast as it comes in. Already it has made four mill runs of two tons each and is now on the fifth. The Yukon council, as is well known, undertook that the mill should run ores through and make assays of their values free for the first two months after Nov. 20, and the prospectors should see to it that no part of this free period is allowed to go to waste for want of ore. The free period, it should be remembered, closes on January 20th.

It may be that the time may be extended owing to the fact that the mill was not quite ready to begin operations on the first named date. But there is no fault to be found with the management of the mill in this regard. Mr. Berard, the assayer and chemist, has had his magnificent outfit in order for a long time, and Mr. Carmichael, who has charge of the mill, and has had a wide experience in such matters, says that after a mill is completed it generally takes from four to five weeks to perfect its operations, but in this case it only took him four days. And both he and Mr. Matheson declare that the mill is now in splendid shape to do first class work, and that there is no probability of its having to shut down an hour for further alterations.

So that miners and prospectors should not fail to take advantage of this present opportunity of having their ores tested free and thus obtaining the full benefits of the government's liberality.

Riverside, Maximus, Vanguard, Swiss Repeaters—a full and complete line of all high grade watches from the smallest little gem to the regular 15 size. We carry the largest and most complete stock in the territory. J. L. Sale & Co.

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