

MATTERS ON JACK WADE

Accurate Information Respecting
Affairs on that Creek.A Surprising Amount of Work is in
Progress—Many Big Steam
Plants—First White Baby Born.

Mr. J. M. Pickel returned yesterday from a 10 days' trip covering Fortymile and tributaries, including a visit to Jack Wade.

On the latter creek Mr. Pickel found a surprising amount of work under way, a continuous line of fires going for a distance up and down the creek of nearly 10 miles. The men on the creek do not know as yet what will be the result of the winter's work, but they are determined that Jack Wade is going to turn out a good output next spring if hard and continuous work will bring about results.

Among the claims now in operation is No. 5 above upper discovery, owned by Peter Schmidt. He is working a steam thawer and to men.

Charley Hall, of the A. C. Co., and W. H. Smallwood have the largest plant on the creek. They are working a 25-horse power boiler and are taking out big dumps. Fifteen men are employed on the claim. Charley is also interested in several other properties now in course of development.

A. Beryman has a thawer on 15 above lower.

On 13 above lower Coleman Bros. & Schooley are working a gang of six men. They are also preparing to open up No. 14, the adjoining claim.

No. 12 above lower is owned by Pennington, Woodard & Simmons, who have a fine thawing plant and are working 10 men steadily.

Several lays have been let on No. 11 above lower, which claim is owned by Austin, Healy & Co. McCourt Bros. are working one lay, Steelesmith, McDonald and Doyle Bros. a second, Myers and Searle a third and La Mott Bros. a fourth.

Horace Bowdler is working discovery and making good use of two thawers. He employs 15 men and rejoices in the possession of a lady cook.

Austin & Co. have two steam thawers on No. 7 above lower. They are working one of the largest gangs of men employed on the creek and are piling up an immense amount of dirt. There are 25 men altogether on the claim.

A. A. Benson is working a "tender-foot" bench off of No. 6, in which claim Mr. Pickel is interested. There are present two thawers and 10 to 15 men employed on the claim.

F. C. Reneaud & Co. own No. 5 below lower. The claim is being worked by E. Grannon, who employs four men.

Messrs. Hall and Pennington own several interests in addition to those mentioned above and both have every prospect of pulling out a good big clean up in the spring.

An event of unusual interest occurred on Jack Wade on Dec. 2. This was no less than the birth of a little daughter to the wife of Ed Dilley on 8 below lower. The baby is the first white child born on the creek. Both mother and child were coming on famously.

W. F. Vanderpool is running a grocery store on the creek. He formerly owned an interest in No. 12, which he had sold to Mr. Pennington. He has a stock of 20 tons of goods.

J. F. Anderson has purchased a roadhouse at the mouth of Steele creek. He formerly owned the St. James hotel of Skagway.

Jas. Dunlap is proprietor of the Fortymile hotel and operates one of the best houses in the territory. His accommodation are O. K. and he looks well to the comfort of his guests.

Natural Born Reacher.

"He's ah natul-bohn reachah, sah; dat's what Mistah Germain says, and dey was his fowls. Yah! yah! yah!"

Just who the natural born reacher was, what it was that he had been reaching for, and why Germain knew all about it, were mysteries to the man whose face was under tonsorial treatment when the above remarks were made by the son of Ham who sat in one corner of the shop and discussed politics and the price paid for sawing wood, while the barber kept on shaving.

By and by a part of the mystery was punctured in several places, however, and some light was thrown on the remainder.

"I bet de eatin shop doan hang out no moah fowl birds dis yeah," continued the soliquist presently, and after another outburst of mirth at the

idea called to mind, he added, "Dat fellah shoah got long arms."

Little by little, between pauses and interruptions and spells of laughing, the true inwardness of the matter came to light, and when divested of its rather voluminous explanation the facts were to the effect that the poultry which has garnished the fronts of city eating houses since the wild fowl began coming into the market this fall, has been disappearing at rather a lively rate recently, and that Mr. Germain, who has suffered in common with others from the visits of the "pusson" with the long arms, had dubbed the aforesaid "pusson" a natural born reacher.

Therefore, the oracle of the barber shop fireside is willing to gamble large sums that 'eatin shops won't hang out no moah fowl birds dis yeah."

The Playhouses.

"Two Men From Fortymile," is the name of the opening piece at the Savoy this week, which because of its local color and by virtue of its laugh raising properties, is a drawing card, the house being well filled on the first and second night of the week.

At the foot of the cast of characters appears a note, added in postscript, which says: "Keep your eyes on the two men in the hotel," and everyone does so.

The hotel is called the Hotel McDonald, and its guests are, quite naturally a mixed lot, running from laborers to the members of a San Francisco opera company, and by reason of this and that a part of them are sour doughs, and the balance chechakos, lustrous eyed soubrettes at that, leads to a great many very funny situations. Jim Post and Dick Maurettus as usual distinguish themselves as Irish and German comedians. Larry Bryant, as Trespian Mush, a Shakespearean actor, also draws upon himself much attention, and George Troxwell as Landlord Brown of the hotel where all the trouble occurs, runs the house in a most original manner. The olio which follows this sketch is as always, up-to-date and the source of much entertainment and amusement, containing as it does all the well-known talent of the Savoy company.

Another short sketch, "The Lottery Prize," closes the evening's entertainment, and though shorter is just as amusing as the opening piece.

This week the Standard offers a very fetching program, of the comedy and vaudeville order, opening the entertainment, like the Savoy, with a short skit, then after the introduction of a number of vaudeville numbers, closing with another comedy sketch. The opening act, entitled: "Deaf as a Post," a comedy in one act, is short and not burdened with too many characters, but it more than makes up for its lack of quantity in its quality which is unsurpassed.

In the vaudeville olio which follows the opening sketch, among other good things, Mr. Lang renders a number of songs in the character of the Prince of Wales, which proves his mastery in the art of makeups, besides being the possessor of a splendidly trained voice.

The closing feature of the evening entertainment is rather more pretentious, including a longer cast of characters and being divided into three acts. It is entitled "Mixed Pickles," and the people in it are truly as mixed a lot (to the great amusement of the audience), when the curtain drops on the closing scene, as were ever the pickles put up in bottles.

That Stolen Church.

Yesterday afternoon in the territorial court the case against Louis Wise, charged with stealing the Episcopal church, or a portion of it from Chechako Hill, was dismissed, there being insufficient evidence.

The church, or that part of it which was in court yesterday is once more in the keeping of Lay Reader Reed, who, after he has finished reading the bills incidental to the church's sojourn in the city, may give some one a lay to finish joining the sundered parts and finally get the church permanently established.

Edward Little who was arraigned yesterday on a charge of extortion, plead not guilty and elected to be tried before a judge.

His trial was set for Tuesday the 18th. He said at the time of his election that he did not want a jury trial because he did not want to wait any longer than was necessary, and wanted to know if he would have to remain in jail from then till next Tuesday, or if he could be admitted to bail. He was told that it would take a very heavy bail to release him, and that his business would be attended to by a policeman, as he stated that his affairs were being ruined by his absence. He went back to jail.

Cyrus Noble whisky. Rochester.

Fresh carrots and turnips at Meekers.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Magistrate McDonell's court this morning only one case was up for hearing. Last night Edward Blouet, having taken on, or in, rather, a large amount of exuberant hootch, went to St. Mary's hospital where he soon became a disturbing factor. This morning he was assessed \$20 and costs or 20 days' hard labor in the fuel reduction works. Not having the wherewithal to liquidate in the coin of the realm, he will mutilate timber.

COMING AND GOING.

John Flynn is very sick in his room at the Regina.

Hx-Manager Townsend, of the Savoy, is very low with pneumonia.

Capt. Starnes is very much better today and will doubtless be found at his post again in the near future.

Major Wood is another of the many who have been ill of late, who today is said to be on the road to recovery.

Mr. Reaney of the Savoy orchestra, is unable to attend to his duties at the theater on account of a severe illness which confines him to his room. His performance with the double bass is missed.

The Sheriff Has Troubles.

Yesterday the sheriff wore large beads of perspiration upon his brow, and iron rust upon his hands, and the evidence went to show that he had been laboring. Jack, his son, also wore a pained expression and said he was tired. When an explanation was asked for the sheriff said: "A church has been stolen from the Forks and an eight-horse power boiler from First avenue, and it looks as if the epidemic is coming our way, and I don't intend taking any chances. Since we moved into our cabin Jack has been cooking things for a Christmas dinner, and he and I have just been chaining up the fruit cake and mince pies."

The clock stopped, the electric lights turned an envious green color, and Frank McQuellan fainted.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

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AMUSEMENTS

SAVOY - THEATRE

WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 10.

The show opens with the laughable Comedy by Post and Maurettus, entitled

"TWO MEN FOR FORTY MILE"

Wit, Humor and Hilarity

Grand Closing Act: the Funny Farce, entitled

"THE LOTTERY PRIZE"

Full Strength of Company in the Cast.

The Standard Theatre

WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 10

Standard Theatre Stock Company producing J. B. Folk's 3-Act Farce Comedy,

"MIXED PICKLES"

Grand Olio of Spectral Artists. Edwin R. Lang in his original creation, THE PRINCE OF WALES, James Dunbar, Aerial Artist. Vivian, Beatrice Lorne, Dolly Mitchell, Cad Wilson, Celia DeLacy. Billy Mullen in his own original Curtain Raiser, "DEAF AS A POST."

ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.

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Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike river and at Boyle's Wharf. J. W. BOYLE

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X-MAS PRESENTS

The Custom of making Christmas Presents dates back to feudal days and unlike any other custom it not only survived through centuries but today is the great annual event in the lives of old and young alike.

Time You were thinking of discharging your duties. Now is the time to make your selection. A visit to

Dawson's Mammoth Department
Store

Will suggest many handsome and useful presents, such as

Ladies'...

Fur Collarettes and Muffs.
Hand Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs.
Cut Steel and Jet Collars.
Fancy Silk Neckwear.
Fancy Felt Slippers, Black and Red, with Braid and Fur Tops.
Fine French Kid Gloves, Black, White, and all colors.
Heavy Mocha Lined Mittens & Gloves.
Hand Painted and Spangled Fans.

Men's...

Fine Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.
Fine Silk Underwear.
Broad-cloth Overcoats, Fur Lined with Handsome Collars and Cuffs.
Fine Neckwear.
Silk and Wool Mufflers.
Silk Lined Mittens.

Beautiful Beveled Edge French Glass Hand Mirrors.

Handsome Embroidered Silk Drapes for Tables, Chairs, Mantels, Sideboards and Pianos.

Sets Table Linen and Napkins, Rogers' Triple Plate Knives & Forks, Fancy China Parlor Lamps, Atomizers, Perfumes, Soaps, Brushes, Pipes, Tobaccos, Cigars, Ink Stands, and an Immense Stock of Choicest Candles

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