

working order two weeks after the arrival of the building material.

Among the many big projects for Nome are an electric light plant, telephone connection, and a street railway. Chas. E. Rosner, a Nome City attorney, interested with Dr. H. C. Wilkinson in various enterprises pertaining to the celebrated district, intends, with Chicago and San Francisco capitalists who have been granted a franchise by the Nome City council, to construct a street railway and an electric light and telephone system for the metropolis of the new district. It is their purpose to ship north the necessary material for all three concerns just as soon as navigation will permit. They have undertaken to build about nine miles of electric road. Beginning in the heart of Nome City, which is at the mouth of Snake River, it will extend along the auriferous beach five miles to the mouth of Nome River. Another branch is to be extended four miles to the mines on Anvil Creek. The lighting system will be only for the town proper, but the telephone will be extended over the municipal section and also to the principal creeks of the district.

I have been asked hundreds of times these questions:

"How do you prepare for the gold-fields of the Northwest, and which is the best way to get there?"

To the first query I cannot give you a better answer than that given by the MacDougall & Southwick Company, of Seattle, Wash., which is:

"Many who fail in their search for gold can directly attribute their failure to their carelessness at the time of outfitting. They do not seem to realize that their success, their health, and perhaps their lives, depend upon securing a sufficient outfit of the very best quality especially designed for the Arctic climate, and having their outfit packed so that no matter what hardship it passes through the contents will be uninjured.

"Many starting for the Alaska gold-fields make the mistake of shopping around, asking numerous merchants for quotations on flour, bacon, coffee, baking powder, tea, etc. The reliable merchant who is familiar with the demands of the country will quote you prices on the very best grades of everything; while the unprincipled merchant handles the very cheapest flour