

## NEWS FROM THE CREEKS.

### Of Eldorado, Sulphur, Dominion and Gold Run.

#### Mild Weather Has Retarded Winter Work — Poor Condition of the Trails Delays Moving Machinery.

The mild weather of the past week has retarded work on the various creeks. The trails are in poor condition for freighting and hundreds of tons of machinery and provisions are stored in Dawson warehouses, awaiting transportation. The freighters expect a fall of snow and cold weather within the next ten days. If they are not disappointed, business will be lively, and winter operations on the creeks will have started in earnest.

#### ON ELDORADO.

Claim owners on Eldorado have experienced some difficulty this season in obtaining a sufficient supply of winter's wood. The scarcity of fuel is not so great a disadvantage this year as it would have been last winter, for many of the claims will avoid the old firing process by the use of thawing machines, and it is expected that these will greatly decrease the consumption of wood. The manager of Nos. 16 and 17 Eldorado have freighted already about 25 tons of machinery to their respective claims. The owners of No. 28 will work their claim with thawers. Just as soon as the trail becomes good, a vast quantity of machinery will be taken to Eldorado and vicinity. Few of the mines have actually commenced winter work, and probably none have engaged a full force of men.

#### ON DOMINION.

It rained very hard on Dominion last Tuesday night, and this has delayed the commencement of winter work. Last season, the owners between discoveries experienced much trouble from water, and a number of holes were flooded. Every precaution has been taken to avoid such occurrences this winter. The owners of Nos. 34 and 36 below upper discovery have large consignments of machinery at Dawson, which will be moved as soon as possible. Thawers will be used quite extensively, particularly between discoveries, as the claim owners hope to obviate the water difficulty by this method. The winter wood has been cut, and contractors and employers are awaiting for favorable weather to haul it to the claims.

As on Eldorado, none of the claims are working a full force of men, but winter operations will be fairly commenced before the middle of the month.

#### ON GOLD RUN.

Gold Run will be worked extensively this season. Virgin ground will be prospected thoroughly, and the developed claims will soon resume operations. Numbers 16, 27 and 34, which produced well last season, will use machinery. Hundreds of men will secure employment on this creek during the coming winter; in fact Gold Run will be one of the best wage creeks in the district. Claim owners are now putting on a few miners, but the work is principally confined, at present, to preparations for winter operation.

#### ON SULPHUR.

Sulphur, which disappointed so many laymen last year, will be subjected to another test this season. Only a few claims will operate machinery, many will employ wage-earners, but for the most part, the creek will be worked by laymen. The major portion of the ground was let out weeks ago; but still there are a few claims on which "lays" can be secured. It is rather a singular fact that most of those who will work "lays" on Sulphur this winter are among those who failed to succeed there last season.

#### Grand Forks Items.

The Hallowe'en party given by the Young Women's Christian Association last Tuesday evening, was all that could be wished for. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Comstock, of Gold Hill, gave a Hallowe'en party last Tuesday evening. There was vocal and instrumental music; drive whist was played and a delicious lunch served. All joined in pronouncing the hostess the chief pumpkin pie maker on Gold Hill. Those present were: Mrs. and Mrs. Comstock, Mr. and Mrs. W. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. L. Boyes, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Boggs, Mrs. A. Cavenaugh, Miss Emma Cavenaugh, Messrs. Hutchinson, Boyie and Fred Cavenaugh.

Mrs. White has opened up a road-house at the Forks.

Walter Hunter, of Gold Hill, while carrying a panning box from his cabin to the shaft, had a bad fall and injured his arm, but no bones were broken.

#### Those Quartz Claims.

Col. Hill, the quartz miner, was in town Wednesday for more supplies.

Seen by a Nugget man regarding the quartz claims on the dome and upon which he is sinking, he talked both entertainingly and instructively. In support of his theory that the gold on Hunker comes from the erosion of this quartz vein, he exhibits quartz from the lode and gold laden specimens from lower Hunker, which are precisely alike in character, color and crystallization.

Col. Hill and his partner are now down 33 feet, and in that distance the vein has dipped 12 feet. They are now through all surface rocks to the original rock of the country, and still the vein continues undeviatingly as a true fissure should.

In sinking, for some ten feet the galena on the foot wall disappeared, but is now again in evidence and of a much richer quality. A quantity of sulphur-ets has also put in an appearance. Altogether Mr. Hill considers the developments very satisfactory and is much encouraged to continue the work.

## THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

Florence Brocee is a pretty dark eyed variety actress at the Monte Carlo. Her youth, slender form and coy demeanor, do not evidence great experience in gilded palaces; but, nevertheless, the winsome Flo cannot be classed with the spring chickens.

A young man recently arrived in Dawson, and secured a position as weigher in a mercantile establishment. He soon became devoted in his attentions to the comely Flo. For a few hours every evening, in fact for just such time as he was able to buy wine, she and he were jolly occupants of one of the theater boxes. The pace was too fast for his meager income; and not long since, he realized that every resource to obtain money had been exhausted. Nothing daunted, he called on Flo and told her of his straightened financial conditions; but declared that he still had confidence and good prospects, that he loved her dearly, and concluded by requesting her to marry him.

She evinced surprise at the sudden proposal; and, to the amazement of the love-sick youth, she proceeded to inform him that she could not consent to be his wife forever; that she was the mother of a child, and that, in monkeying with the stern realities of life, she needed the assistance of an individual who possessed something more than confidence and prospects. Now he has returned to the prosaic occupation of weighing gold dust at so much per day. The great hope of his life has been blighted, and he contemplates volunteering for military service in the Philippines next spring, and there he expects to end his miserable existence in front of one of the rebel trenches.

Nigger Jim's Pavilion was the scene of lively times on Tuesday night. For a starter, one of the proprietors of the house booked a \$3100 losing against the black-jack game. Afterwards two of the dance hall girls called each other names that would not be tolerated in polite society. Miss Aberdeen had the misfortune to quarrel with Gracie Robinson. Evidently the fair Miss Aberdeen has the valor required of veterans, but her discretion is as poor as that of the taurus which attempted to derail an express train. Her temerity in precipitating a wordy altercation with Gracie is admirable; but anyone who knows Gracie would pick the latter for a winner and back her as a lead-pipe cinch.

The result did not disappoint the talent. Gracie poured forth vituperations so fast and furiously that her adversary was overcome, and unable to reply. Gracie might have worked herself into a physical demonstration, but fortunately for Miss Aberdeen, the liege lord of Gracie opportunely arrived and fed his irate sweetheart away.

On last Saturday, the police occasioned quite a flutter among the soiled doves of the tenderloin district. Without warning and at an unusual hour, the conservators of propriety awakened the inmates of the various cribs. The girls, in dishabille, with disheveled hair and bleared eyes, opened their respective doors, expecting to greet a belated caller. They were astounded at the sight of the uniformed officers, the purpose of whose raid was to apprehend those individuals known as macques in the lower circles of society. Five arrests were made.

On Monday the prisoners were accus-

ed of living off of the avails of prostitution, and each pleaded not guilty. Major Perry tried two of the cases, in which both of the parties accused asserted that they were employed as cooks by certain denizens of the prescribed district. Indeed, one of the prisoners succeeded in establishing this defense so well that he was discharged. The other defendant evinced lamentable ignorance of the culinary art, when cross-examined by Prosecutor Wade, and the magistrate sentenced the erstwhile macque to 30 days' imprisonment at hard labor without the option of a fine.

The imposition of such a sentence created consternation among the other macques, who had been arrested, and a hasty consultation resulted in a request for the continuance of their cases. They were postponed till later in the week. The action of the police on Saturday and the judgment of Major Perry are worrying the class of residents, who neither toil nor spin. It is needless to say that the haunts which knew them once so well, now know them no more.

George Hillyer has failed to make a success of his recent dramatic venture in the Palace Grand theater. For the past three weeks, he has endeavored to stage legitimate plays and to conduct the house in a strictly moral manner. On Saturday, he will withdraw. There is some little trouble respecting the payment of salaries, but undoubtedly such will be adjusted satisfactorily. Commencing on Monday, a joint stock company will assume charge of the theatrical productions. The company will be managed by Frank Gardner. The proceeds derived from the enterprise will be divided equally between the owners of the building the musicians and the players.

The article on Klondike natural history which was published in the special issue from the pen of Geo. G. Cantwell has created much interest in the subject. It was a matter of great surprise to many people that the Yukon territory contained so large a variety of fowls and animals and the article in consequence has attracted widespread attention. Mr. Cantwell is a taxidermist and naturalist of years of experience, and has corresponded for "Outing" and other papers devoted to outdoor sports. Of all the work which he has done in the Yukon territory, he prides himself in particular upon a handsomely mounted moose head which is one of the principal ornaments of the Monte Carlo.

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