

STAKING IS DUPLICATED

Some Have as Many as Fifteen Applicants

Rush at the Gold Commissioner's Office Enlivens Things Quite a Bit.

Yesterday and day before the relocation recorder in the gold commissioner's office was worked as he had not been in many days before, all owing to the stampede to the Matson and Doyle concessions. On Thursday the big rush occurred, there being no less than 81 applications received. Yesterday the number received up to 1 o'clock amounted to only 27 and there have been but very few today. It seems to still be the belief among the miners that he who first records will have a better chance than he who delays until the last day of the time in which the regulations allow such record to be made. Hence, the great majority flock in as early as possible after having staked. To all the stakers the information is given that the grant will not be issued until March 12, and, too, the issuance of the grants on that date will depend entirely upon the decision of Mr. Justice Craig re the mandamus proceedings that were argued before his lordship early in the week. If the writ is sustained the staking will be held to be illegal, but if it is dismissed the grants will issue on the date mentioned.

A glance at the records shows duplicate staking on the most desirable pieces of ground to have been the rule rather than the exception. Fully half of the claims thrown open were not staked at all, they being considered worthless, but many of the others had all the way from six to a dozen or more sets of stakes placed upon them. The third tier bench opposite the lower half, left limit, of 22 Bonanza, was probably the most extensively staked, fifteen having already recorded there. The hillside adjoining 22, which was originally staked years ago by Captain W. H. Scarth, has an even dozen applicants. There are ten on Solly Spring's old claim, the hillside of the lower half of 9 on Bonanza. The hillside of 8 and 8a has eight and the bench above has as many more.

There are a half dozen on the lower half of creek No. 4 Magnet gulch, four on No. 5 American gulch, and nine on a hillside on the left limit adjoining 1 and 2 American gulch. A hillside on the right limit of 1 and 2 Fox gulch has ten stakers and the bench above six. On Monte Cristo hill the hillside adjoining the lower half, right limit, No. 5, has seven. The third tier bench opposite the upper half, left limit, of 32 Bonanza, originally staked by Mrs. W. M. Wilson and J. C. Whalley, has six stakers; that opposite 33 has the same number and so has that opposite 34.

In issuing the grants where two or more have staked simultaneously the gold commissioner will follow the precedent already established in such cases, giving each staker an undivided interest in the claim according to the number who have staked. The stampede who have not yet made application to record will have until March 7 to do so.

Lowes His Record
Albert Forrest, who won the first heat in the three mile championship race for the McLennan cup on Wednesday evening, was out again last night for practice before the general skating commenced at the rink. The ice had been freshly pebbled and was like a sheet of glass. After limbering up a little and getting his skates set the young racer went after his own record of 11 minutes and 53 seconds and succeeded in lowering it by 23 seconds, doing the three miles (45 laps) in 11 minutes and 20 seconds. His skating was beautiful and he turned the corners without slackening up his speed or once making a spill. He is confident he can do still better than that.

A TANANA TIP

Stampede Put Next to a Good Thing.

The wise man who starts on a stampede never leaves on an empty stomach. He takes all the grub with him that he can carry, externally and internally. Horkan knows just what the boys want and tomorrow will give a grand stampede dinner. If you intend leaving today wait over for Horkan's dinner and you'll never regret it.

The best that's going for 50 cents, of a full poultry dinner, chicken, turkey or goose to select from, for 75 cents.

Horkan's Sunday dinners are always wonders but tomorrow's bill of fare will be ahead of them all.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana-Nugget Office.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

EXCELLENT CURLING

Three Matches Played Off Yesterday

Crisp, Noble and Lithgow Astonish the Players With Their Skill.

Yesterday afternoon and evening saw some of the best curling at the rink that has taken place this season. Three matches were played off in the bonspiel for the Hartman trophies and all were particularly fine. The skips of the winning rinks seemed to be on their best mettle. Some really remarkable shots were made at a critical time in the play that had the effect of altering the result of the game entirely. Noble vs Cutbert played in the afternoon, the former winning by a score of 18 to 10. In one of the ends Noble made a shot that caused all kinds of applause. Cutbert lay shot with Noble four seconds stream about the house. It was Noble's last stone and with infinite care he chipped out the shot of his opponent, passing through a narrow port, scoring five for his rink.

In the evening Lithgow walked all over Edwards by a score of 14 to 6. On the adjoining ice Crisp and Jones played one of the hardest contested games seen this winter, the former finally winning by a score of 11 to 10. Fifteen ends were required, the score being tied at the fourteenth. Crisp never played better in all his life, and, in fact, his winning was said to be mainly due to his own efforts. It was a brow, gude day for curling.

LIBRARY CONCERT

Next Tuesday Will be Enjoyable Affair

The free library concert to be given Tuesday evening next promises to be a most enjoyable one. The program as arranged includes many of Dawson's most talented entertainers and a treat is promised to those who attend. Admission to the concert is free, but as there are a few incidental expenses in connection with giving such an entertainment a collection will be taken to defray such expense.

Those whose services have thus far been secured are Mrs. P. R. Ritchie, Mrs. W. E. Thompson, Mrs. Edythe Walker, Mrs. E. E. Eason, Alderman Frank N. Johnson, Chas. MacPherson, Messrs. Betts, Finnie, McMeekin, and others.

The concert will be given at the library building, corner Third avenue and Harper street, and will commence at 8:30 sharp. Everyone is invited to attend.

First Crusty Old Gentleman—Hub? You've taken cold, haven't ye? Second Crusty Old Gentleman—What if I have? 'Twasn't your cold I took, was it?

SAW MILL PLANT

Will Shortly be Taken to the Tanana

The Tanana people will not be long without lumber for building purposes. A fully equipped sawmill plant will be taken to Fairbanks in a very few days or just as soon as the necessary materials can be secured and transportation arrangements effected.

Messrs. Carroll & Parker are the enterprising men who have the work in hand and they have already placed an order with the Yukon Hardware Co. for a 25-horsepower pipe boiler which will be taken to Tanana "knocked down." It will be so arranged as to admit of assembling very readily, and a short time after Messrs. Carroll & Parker arrive at the scene of the strike they expect to have their mill in full operation. The capacity of the plant will be 18,000 feet per day which the owners expect will yield them a handsome revenue.

STEVENSON DISCHARGED

Man Who Sold the Sick Horse

Gets Benefit of Technicality of Law—Receives Stern Rebuke.

The complaint against C. E. Stevenson, who was "tried" in the police court yesterday for selling a horse knowing it to be sick with a contagious disease, was discharged this morning by Mr. Justice Macaulay on a technicality in the method employed by the veterinary surgeon in issuing the warrant.

His lordship stated that it would be well for the newly appointed veterinary to study the law relative to his powers a little more closely. "The proceedings," said his lordship, "were not according to the law and therefore I technically cannot find you guilty, although the evidence certainly proved that you sold the horse knowing it to have an infectious disease; after the surgeon had told you it was a suspicious case of glanders."

"I don't know as I can add anything to what I said yesterday regarding your conduct, and while I shall discharge you I trust it will prove a lesson to you in the future."

MEANT NO INSULT

To N. W. M. P. Was Joking About Washington Hop Pickers

There is considerable difference between members of the N. W. M. P. of Dawson and a Washington hop picker.

Edwin T. Clondy this morning protested and reiterated the statement several times that he was speaking of the latter and not the former.

Clondy, in company with a friend, was coming out of a First avenue saloon this morning in a semi-intoxicated condition, and seeing a couple of policemen ahead of him, he doubled up his fists and put himself in the attitude of a prizefighter and remarked: "There goes the ———." He had not reckoned upon Corporal Egan, who was behind him taking it all in.

Clondy was arrested, charged with being drunk and disorderly, and the evidence against him given by Corporal Egan.

Clondy admitted having imbibed to a certain extent of the fiery brand but said that his remarks were not addressed at the policemen, but that he was joking about hop pickers with his friend as he had come from a hop picking country.

The magistrate fined him \$2 and costs for being drunk and stated that had the insult been offered the police he would have received a heavier penalty.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

TEMPORARY SUCCESSOR

Jack McLagan to Go to Clear Creek

In Company With Assistant Gold Commissioner—Start Monday or Tuesday.

Assistant Gold Commissioner Gosselin expects to leave for Clear Creek either on Monday or Tuesday for the purpose of investigating the charges that have been brought against Weldy Young and Tom Hinton. It has been decided that only one man will be taken at present to relieve the two who have been suspended. The segregation of that portion of the records that will form a part of the newly formed Duncan district, of which Hinton was to have been the recorder, has not been done and all are still together at the office at Clear Creek, so that one man it is thought will be able to attend to the business of the office until after the result of the investigation is made known and a decision is reached by the minister of the interior. Then if the suspension should be made permanent, regular successors will be named and the transcribing of the records for the Duncan creek office will go on as originally contemplated.

J. C. McLagan, for several years at the certificate of work window, has been chosen to accompany Mr. Gosselin and will for the time being have charge of the Clear Creek office.

The four others who were appointed to positions in the gold commissioner's office from Ottawa some days ago have been assigned to their various positions. Desire Morin, located on Dominion, will act as assistant to Mining Inspector Holliday at Caribou. Wilfred Adam, at present on Henderson creek, will go to Stewart as assistant to L. Burwash, the mining recorder at that point. Gideon Pepin, for some time organized at St. Mary's, will be stationed at the local office here in the city. A position has also been made in the office for Amee Dugas who on the first of the month will leave the office of the registrar. It has been rumored that a general shaking up in the clerical force of the gold commissioner's office may take place in the near future and more than one of the holders of a sinecure are quaking in their boots lest the axe of the executioner should descend in their direction.

LOOKING FORWARD.

What to Expect Next Month in Way of Weather.

During the month of February Dawson has been so singularly favored in the matter of beautiful weather that many have doubtless come to the conclusion that the winter is over and are seriously considering the early commencement of the annual cleanup. While this portion of the globe has been blessed with temperature ranging in the neighborhood of zero, the eastern provinces and states have had all the way from ten to thirty below and the weather prophet of the Yukon insists that it will be singular if the cold wave that has been chilling the blood of the easterners does not strike the Yukon some time next month. A glance at the weather chart of March of last year kept by Sergeant Major Tucker is enough to inspire terror in the heart of him who has so foot the wood hills. During the first fifteen days of last March the mercury constantly hovered between 10 and 14 below, the average temperature being lower than 25 below. Only once during that time, on the 15th, did the mercury rise above zero and as late as the 20th it fell to 27 below. On the 27th the minimum was 15 below while two days later the maximum was 11 above. Today at noon the barometer instrument marked 7 above with indications of a cold snap due before the next change of the moon. The record for last March is given herewith so that those

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Methodist Church. Methodist Church.—The pastor will preach tomorrow morning on the subject, "Enoch." Baritone solo, "The Plains of Peace," Mr. H. Povak. The usual monthly musical service in the evening. Subject for the sermon "The Resurrection and the Life." Anthem, "Now the Day is Over," by Marks; solo, "Gethsemane," Barri, Mrs. P. R. Ritchie; duet, "The Wanderer," Rubenstein, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Torrey; solo, "I Heard the Voice," Danks, Mrs. Torrey; violin solo, "Intermezzo," by Mascagni, Miss Elsie Larsen.

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