

DAWSON'S WATER SUPPLY

The Only Plant of the Kind in the World

Successfully Operated in Extreme Cold Without First Heating the Water.

"A prophet never acquires honor in his own country." There is much philosophy in that expression. The same lack of recognition is noticeable, for instance in unusual enterprises which if maintained in any other city but our own would attract our keenest interest, while those which are carried on in our midst are taken as a matter of course. In this regard the water system now in operation in the city of Dawson is operated under conditions found in no other place in the world, and is the only city of the world in northern latitudes with the possible exception of St. Petersburg, which enjoys an uninterrupted water service during the winter months. As far as known the feasibility of sending water through mains of a city during intense cold without being first artificially heated, has never before been proven until successfully demonstrated right here in the city of Dawson.

So far, however, the enterprise is not a paying one, as the revenues derived by the water company is in no wise a compensation for the capital invested.

In an interview with the manager of the water company Mr. Dan Matheson, he furnished the following information relative to the plant:

"The water is taken from a well near the Klondike river sunk some 36 feet in depth, the flow of water entering the well in an entirely opposite direction from the course of the Klondike or Yukon rivers which leads me to believe that the supply does not come from those streams, but from a subterranean spring."

"The capital represented is some \$55,000 and the cost of operating is from \$70 to \$75 per day. The water is pumped direct into the mains from the well under such pressure that the pipes are kept open by that means, the outlets or taps being within inclosed houses in which fires are kept constantly burning. There are eight of these houses maintained."

"We have one mile of pipe laid at present and we have several more miles of pipe which will be put down next spring. One of our mains now extends the full length of Second avenue, but the terminus of flowing water is at the corner of Third street. Another pipe line extends down Third avenue from Mission to Harper street and Second avenue."

"Next season we will lay pipes along First avenue its full length to a point beyond St. Mary's hospital, also along the full length of Second and Third avenues. The line along First avenue will be a six-inch main, Second avenue will be eight inches and Third avenue four inches. There will be another four-inch main extending up Mission to Tenth avenue, and along the hillside to the extreme northerly end of the city. This main will be tapped with smaller pipes on all the streets which intersect, thereby inclosing the city in a complete and thorough system. It is our intention to pipe direct to the houses next season and we will run that system all of next winter."

Housekeeping in Dawson.
The woe attendant upon housekeeping in Dawson while, not to be compared for a moment with those of the sour dough miners, are still real enough to the ambitious housekeeper, and if she happens to be inexperienced, and of a social turn, given to a love of social dinners, etc., some of the trials which fall to her lot become positively pathetic.

A young wife not long resident in Dawson, has learned to her sorrow that keeping house in Dawson and entertaining a few friends occasionally, is one thing and that doing the same thing in her former home in another. The whole difficulty lies in the matter of competent help, and by no means in the market, where about everything can be procured that goes to load or grace the table anywhere.

Not long since the lady in mind had arranged for a certain number of friends to take dinner at her home, and thinking to lighten her burden, the thoughtful husband sent her a woman to help in the preparation of the meal. The person sent was supposed to know all about cooking a dinner, and have some idea as to the amount of the various component parts of the meal necessary to prepare for a stated number of peo-

ple, and, therefore, her coming was hailed with delight by the prospective hostess, who, because of her short residence in Dawson and her inexperience with cold winter weather was not getting on as well as she could have wished, although she and those who know her are quite sure that she could have done better without the help.

"How much coffee do I need," was one of the first things she asked of the woman who knew all about it.

"Just leave that to me," was the answer "I'll make the coffee," and she did. She made coffee not only for a few guests, but enough to last the whole neighborhood for a week. The next day after the affair was over, there was enough coffee to fill every available dish in the house.

After the question of coffee was disposed of there came the question of salad. If there was anything in the world that this walking encyclopedia of cookery knew about it was making salad. She therefore assumed the burden of the great responsibility and made salad. About the time she got ready to make this dish, the mistress was called away to another part of the house where she was detained for some time, and upon returning found that enough salad had been made to feed the Yukon Field Force. A case of canned lobsters had been purchased and the person of exhaustive culinary knowledge had got at it with a can opener with the result that every tin in the box was opened and mixed with the previously prepared sauce.

However, there was one redeeming feature to all this; everything prepared was good, and the entertainment a consequent success, although the hostess thinks in future she will be able to dispense with the services of help in arranging her dinners.

GREAT PANIC.

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war in South Africa and on the mistakes of Lords Roberts and Kitchener.

Cudahy Warned.

Omaha, Dec. 29, via Skagway, Jan. 3.—Cudahy, the millionaire packer, has received a second communication from the men who kidnapped his son and who are holding the boy for a ransom, which warns him that, unless he withdraws his offer of \$25,000 reward, another of his children will be kidnapped.

Icebergs in Lynn Canal.

Skagway, Jan. 3.—Icebergs are very numerous in Lynn canal these times, much to the detriment of navigation. The Dirigo struck one last week but was not seriously injured. Yesterday the Danube struck one in Gastineaux channel and was forced to put back to Juneau. The extent of her injury is not yet known.

An Anti-Treat Pledge.

Five gentlemen, prominent in official and club circles, signed a pledge New Year's eve to the effect that they would not buy anyone a drink in a saloon during the succeeding 12 months, and stipulated, in order to make the matter more binding, in the agreement that the first to break this pledge was to forfeit \$250.

Some of the number, it is said, failed to hear the midnight gun, but did not forfeit on that account.

Freaks of Explosions.

Gunpowder explosions have one remarkable feature. The bodies of persons killed in such an accident are always found without clothing, but frequently one foot will have the shoe on. This is true of horses also. If one of the feet is in the air and another on the ground, the shoe will be found torn from the foot that was on the ground and not from the other.

When men are killed in powder explosions, the foot that happens to be in the air when the shock came will be found wearing the shoe, while the other foot will be bare.

Making It Clear.

A newly appointed French mayor inaugurated his regime by a notice to the following effect:

"On the feast of our patron saint the fire brigade will be reviewed in the afternoon if it rains in the morning and in the morning if it rains in the afternoon."

Soothing.

He—Look here, Matilde, I'm not quite such an idiot as I look!
She (soothingly)—No, dear; I'm sure you're not!

Goods sold on commission at Meeker's.

Men's fur lined gloves and mitts. Sargent & Pinsky.

Outside fresh cabbage at Meeker's.

Silk hose and silk underwear at Sargent & Pinsky's.

COMING AND GOING.

The Yukon council meets tonight at the courthouse.

Reports are rife concerning a placer strike in the vicinity of Valdez.

A. H. Jones, a former Second avenue grocer, left for the outside this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb, of 3 below Bonanza, are spending a few days in the city.

Travel from up the river is very light this year, but it is expected that about ten people will arrive this evening.

L. I. James was confined to his home yesterday with an acute attack of neuralgia, but is out today wearing a somewhat rebellious look.

Capt. J. B. Woods and wife, mention of whose intended departure for London was made in yesterday's Nugget, got away for Whitehorse this morning.

Tip, the dog which accompanied Barney, the now defunct mascot of the fire department, is the first to cross the threshold when the engine goes to a fire, and he devotes his time very successfully after that, clearing the street of people and dogs.

Salute Corporal Spence.

Mr. C. Spence of the police, has lately been promoted from constable to the rank of corporal and is at present in charge of the town station, Corporal F. F. McPhail being laid up at the barracks hospital with a sprained knee. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery. Corporal Spence has been ever a faithful and efficient peace officer and his promotion is but fit appreciation of his worth.

Mail and Express Coming.

The next mail that will arrive in Dawson left Whitehorse on Sunday, the 30th, and is reported as having passed Selkirk at 5 o'clock this morning. It should arrive not later than Sunday and possibly Saturday night. A load of passengers and express left Whitehorse four days ahead of the mail and is, therefore, due to arrive here at any time.

Just an Ordinary Steak.

"When in Hamburg, we supposed we must do as the Hamburgers did, so at our first meal there we asked for Hamburg steak," said the woman. "Besides, we wanted to see how that viand would taste upon its native heath, anyway. But to all our requests, couched in our best scholastic German, the waiter shook his head. 'Like many another prophet, the Hamburg steak was apparently without honor in its own country. At all events, our waiter hadn't heard of it. 'Oh, well,' we said, 'just bring us an ordinary beef steak. But lo and behold, when the meat was served there it was all chopped up and made into small cakes—what Americans call, in fact, 'Hamburg steak!' To Hamburgers a Hamburg steak was an 'ordinary steak.'"—New York Sun.

A Good Scheme.

Mrs. Younghusband—Do you notice any difference in the milk, dear?
Mr. Younghusband—I should say so. This is a much better quality than we have been getting lately.
Mrs. Younghusband—Indeed it is. I got it off a new man, who said he would guarantee it to be perfectly pure. So I bought enough to last for a couple of weeks.

A Boom.

"The undertaker is very jolly this morning."
"Yes. Three hundred new doctors were graduated last night"—Harlem Life.

The man that talks about the newspapers misquoting him is the man that hasn't any good excuse for getting quoted originally.—Chicago Journal.

When appetite prevails over reason, the first step to make the glutton and drunkard is taken.

About the Bettinger Mystery.

Dr. Joseph Bettinger, it can now be asserted on the very best of authority, has never been seen since he left Ogilvie on his way out. The recent publication of an alleged interview with a man named Fretwell, in which he is made to say that he had a long conversation with the missing man on Lake Lebarge, has been shown to be about as groundless as the merest street rumor could well be, by Fretwell, who, when shown the photograph of Dr. Bettinger today said he could not identify the man he had seen and talked to as the original of the photograph, and he had never heard of Dr. Bettinger before he arrived in Dawson.

Other members of the same party had never heard that Bettinger had been seen on the way till they read in a Dawson newspaper that one of their party had talked with him.

Up and Around.

Major Z. T. Wood, commander of the N. W. M. D. in the Yukon, has so far recovered from his recent severe sickness as to be up and out for a short period each day. As he is still quite weak it will be some days yet before he is able to resume his regular official duties and occupy his office steadily during the day.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

PERSONALITIES.

Ex-Governor Pillsbury of Minnesota and his wife, are planning a home in St. Paul for poor girls out-of-work or disabled by ill health.

Miss Helen Chaddick of England, has been astonishing both the whites and blacks in central Africa by her five months' journey into the far interior.

Charles T. Hills, the millionaire who has given so many public buildings to his town of Muskegon, Mich., recently gave a Masonic temple to the Masonic lodge of that city.

One of the reckless extravagances of the maharajah of Bhurtapore, who has recently been deposed by the government of India, was the purchaser of a silver coach costing £10,000.

President Loubet, of France, is interested in autographs and has one of the best private collections in that country. On this he spends a great deal of money and the other day gave a large sum for a letter written by Balzac.

John C. Wingate, of Wingate, Ind., owns the famous white heaver hat that helped to elect two Harrisons president. It was made for Mr. Wingate's grand father, Christian Coon, who wore it to the old Harrison rally on the Tippecanoe battlefield.

Francis T. White, of New York city, has just given \$25,000 to Earlham col-

lege, a Friends' educational institution in Indiana, to be added to the amount given by him a year ago, the whole to be known as the Francis T. White endowment fund.

It is said that Lord Salisbury was in the country recently arose at least four in the morning to read "Monte Cristo." He was surprised Sandrigham by the Prince of Wales also an early riser, who afterward slipped at 4 to read the same book, beating the prime minister by half an hour.

New Century apples \$70, at Meeker's.
Mum's, Pomerey or Perinet champagne \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

Celery at Meeker's.

Notice.
Miss B. V. Robson can learn something to her advantage by calling the Nugget office.

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