

MERCHANT W. M. MATHEW

From Barlow City, Is in Dawson For a Few Days.

He Thinks the Clear Creek District Will Turn Out All Right—Will Be Lively This Season.

W. M. Mathew, manager of the T. & E. Co.'s branch store at Barlow City, is in Dawson for a few days on business. In conversation with a Nugget representative this morning, he said:

"There are about 50 people at work in the vicinity on Barlow and Clear creeks and from the prospects in sight everybody seems satisfied that the district will be a large producer. The samples of gold brought in are of a flat, flaky character, but of good quality and will make a good showing when assayed. It is more fitted for summer diggings and work will be done on quite an extensive scale there this summer.

"Mr. Young, the mining recorder for the district, is located at Barlow City, but will have to move to the mouth of the McQuesten before the opening of navigation, as it will be a difficult matter to get to Barlow when the river opens. Negotiations for a postoffice and a regular mail service are being carried on, and it is hoped to see it established soon.

"Several parties have recently run up to the headwaters of the McQuesten prospecting, Haggard creek 100 miles up being the main objective point and good reports are expected from them upon their return.

"The trail, with the exception of about eight or nine miles on the Arkansas divide where it is sidling and rough, is in fine condition and traveling is very easy. There have been several rumors of quartz ledges being located but nothing definite about them has been learned.

"I think," he said in conclusion, "the country has a great future before it and will demonstrate it in time."

He leaves on his return trip in a few days carrying with him the government mail.

A GOOD INDICATION.

March Came in Like a Lion: Fair Weather.

"The March that comes in like a lamb, goes out like a lion," and vice versa, is a saying that was probably brought to the hospitable shores of America in the Mayflower since which time it has lost none of its potency and force. It may be true or it may not be true, but it is a historical fact that a stormy, blustery first of March and until the ides, which, by Roman calendars, are said to begin on the 8th, invariably results in pleasant weather for the balance of the month, which means an early spring and a year of plenty.

So far as being stormy is concerned, the weather of today filled the bill very aptly, being as stormy as could have been desired even by weather connoisseurs. The groundhog has lived up to the traditional program arranged for him and if the program supposed to follow a blustery first of March is as faithfully carried out, fine weather is now not far away in the future.

LADIES' NIGHT

Brought Out Large House at the Standard.

Last night was ladies' night at the Standard theater and a large and appreciative audience assembled to witness a splendid performance of the "Banker's Daughter." The boxes were well filled and the first floor nearly all the seats were occupied.

The performance went off with snap, no drags being noticeable from beginning to end. Miss Vivian in the title role performed her part very acceptably and the support was uniformly good.

Ladies' night is becoming very popular with Dawson theater goers and each night witnesses an increase in the attendance. The Standard company contains the pick of local dramatic talent and all the members are making a praiseworthy effort to provide Dawson with first class legitimate entertainment.

Fresh cabbage at Denver Market.

Nome Mail Arrives.

Tupper Hunt arrived here at noon today with five sacks of mail from Nome. He only came a short distance with it taking it in charged 20 miles below Eagle and making the balance of the trip in four days.

Dawson is not the only part of the country that affects dogs with rabies, for his leader, a fine black husky, was taken with rabies in a mild form when below Fortymile. He brought the dog to town and is going to have it doctored.

Five sacks of outside mail which came in last night and two sacks of local mail were started early this morning for Nome and way points.

TOM DAVIES ARRIVES.

He Brings the Latest News From Outside.

Tom Davies, formerly with the C. D. Co., and later as acting manager of the Dawson & Whitehorse Navigation Company, arrived in Dawson early this morning. Mr. Davies left for the outside last fall and is back again on a flying trip to attend to some personal business after which he will make another trip to the outside, returning at the opening of navigation. To a Nugget reporter today he talked freely of his journeyings and said he was no longer connected with the steamboat company which he with several other well known local men had organized last summer.

In talking of the Lancaster mystery, Mr. Davies said:

"There is absolutely nothing new learned about the case. Pinkerton's detectives had worked assiduously on it and could find no trace at all of the missing man. His accounts were found to be all straight and whatever moneys he had with him prior to his disappearance had been used to pay off his bills which the firm had contracted. Something like \$20,000 was paid by him for that purpose, proving that his disappearance was not voluntary. He either met foul play or became mentally unbalanced and left without leaving a trace to show where he had gone. There is absolutely nothing in the story that he was confined in an asylum. I acted for Mrs. Lancaster as her financial agent while in Seattle, consequently I am thoroughly conversant with the Lancaster affair. The last seen or heard of him was when Owen Calderhead bid him good bye on James street in Seattle last fall. Last winter there was a half dozen similar cases reported to the police in that city and the affair never caused a passing interest except to those personally interested."

When asked if much freight was on the way down river Mr. Davies answered, "Not more than 50 tons all told, including that now starting from Whitehorse, and on the road. Simon Leiser & Co. are bringing in five tons which will arrive in a day or so. Ripstein is up against it on his oxen scheme. I don't think he can get in with his stuff in 30 days the way he is traveling. Robertson's stage is coming in with J. R. Howard, of the Electric Light Co., Judge Morford is also a passenger. Ross' stage is following. A man named Cohen was arrested on the trail near the cutoff for obstructing the road and interfering with the progress of the Royal mail. He was fined \$35 for the offense."

Will Curl Tonight.

Notwithstanding the fact that for the past three weeks the weather has been severely cold, the water, nice clear aqua pura, gushed up into the curling rink until, in order that the game might be continued with the rising of the temperature, it became necessary to do one of two things: Shovel out the glacier or raise the roof covering of the rink. It was decided to do the former and last night a shoveling bee was held which reduced the surface of the rink to its former level. A game is on the list for tonight.

Sorrowful News.

Mr. N. C. Whyte, of the Ames Mercantile Co., received a letter today informing him of the death of his father-in-law, Franz A. Koegel, in San Francisco, January 28th last. The deceased was well advanced in years, although Mr. Whyte left him in good health last summer. In the same letter was also the news of the death of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Tillie Koegel, in Sacramento, Cal., on Nov. 30th. It is scarcely a year since Mr. Whyte's wife died in Oakland, Cal. He has been in Dawson during the winter, being connected with the Ames Mercantile Co., where his son, Mr. Malcolm C. Whyte, is cashier.

Fresh turkeys at the Denver Market.

TO BEGIN WORK.

Hundreds of Men Left Dawson Recently.

This being the first day of March, work which will be continued throughout the spring and summer was this morning instituted on hundreds of claims throughout the district as all of yesterday men by the score, armed with picks, shovels and other implements of work, were seen leaving the city and heading for the various creeks, where positions awaited them. Many small claim owners who do not operate machinery but who depend on the old process of fire thawing, are now beginning work and in the course of a very short time the aggregation of men who have been hanging around town all winter waiting for the advent of the working season will have dwindled down to the small army of "never-works" who would go hungry rather than deign perform one day's honest labor. All of today small parties of laborers have been starting out over the various trails. The exodus will continue tomorrow and Sunday and by the first of next week general work and activity will be seen throughout the entire district.

IS UP TO SLAVIN.

Devine Offers a \$1,000 Side Bet on Rounds.

Billy Devine is on the war path. He claims that Slavin has made the assertion publicly that he (Slavin) could knock out Devine in three rounds. This caused the blood of Billy to boil in anger and he now comes forward with the retort courteous as follows: Editor Nugget:

Having learned that Frank Slavin is indulging in his usual windy assertions of physical prowess, claiming that he can put me to sleep in three rounds, I hereby offer to bet \$1,000 that he cannot best me in seven rounds. This is an additional bet over the \$250 deposit money and the side bet of \$500 on the result of our meeting. The money will be forthcoming immediately upon Slavin's acceptance.

Feb. 28th.

COMING AND GOING.

C. T. DeLong, W. M. English, J. S. Noble, M. Wilcox and Thos. Davies arrived this morning as passengers on the C. D. Co. stage.

The full membership of one hundred having been reached by the Zero Club no more members are being voted upon at present. Names of applicants are received, however, which may be voted upon in the future, should the club decide to extend its membership.

Many dancing lessons will come to a sudden termination the night of March 16th, when the "dreamy" waltz will cease for good.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Tennant having rested here two nights after making the trip up from Jack Wade creek, left this forenoon for Whitehorse en route to Atlin.

Until another canine broke out afresh last night, people were beginning to hope and believe the mad dog scare was on the wane.

Mr. Rene Lepreux, who has been for some years past connected with the Kelly Drug Co., returned to Dawson recently from an extended visit through the east. His wife returned with him.

Mrs. Frank Crawford is visiting her sister on 16 Eldorado this week.

Billy Butler of 34 above Bonanza, came to town this morning and is stopping at the Hotel McDonald.

Father Gendreau left on a trip to Dominion this morning.

No Court This Morning.

There were no cases up for hearing in the police court this morning although the parties to a domestic turmoil were present. However, the case will be heard privately this afternoon. The man was brought over from the jail which fact would indicate that his better half was the complainant and had laid no trifling charge against her liege lord.

Boy Severely Bitten.

Harry Ober, a boy about 10 years of age, who lives near Sixth street and Fifth avenue, was severely bitten by a small black dog last evening. He was walking along Fifth avenue accompanied by another boy, when he says the dog without any provocation whatever made a rush at him and grabbed his hand in his teeth, making a big gash in his left hand. It was not known whether the dog had rabies or not.

Still Goes.

There was rumor floating around this morning to the effect that an order to postpone the closing of the gambling houses until the first of July had been received but Major Wood says that no such order has been received and that the law will be enforced on the 16th of this month.

... EAT FISH ...

Mackerel
Salmon Bellies
Cod Fish
Red Herring frae the Dee
Tinned Salmon
Tinned Halibut
Tinned Haddock
Tinned Herring (kippered)
Tinned Herring (tomato sauce)
Tinned Clams
Tinned Lobsters
Tinned Shrimps
Tinned Oysters
Tinned Sardines
Tinned Kipperettes
Bottled Anchovies

AT MILNE'S
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ELDORADO CREEK

Is Now Enjoying a Brand New Stampede.

Last night a stampede took place to upper Eldorado. A number of claims toward the head of the creek were open today for relocation and they were the objective point of the stampede. Upper Eldorado has never turned out anything particularly good and that fact accounts for the claims in question being open for relocation.

The stampede, however, had faith that they would strike it rich where others had failed, and in consequence they went up last night and planted their stakes. It will not be long before \$500 pans will be taken out in the 80s and 90s on Eldorado.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

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