

SOOR DOUGH RETURNS AGAIN

Well Known Dominion Operator Arrives Over the Ice

J. E. McAlpine, of 5 Below Upper Was in the Skagway Hospital for Three Months.

Mr. J. E. McAlpine, well known among the old timers as one of the fortunate ones who drew a prize on the Dominion stampede in the days of '97, arrived a few days ago from his San Francisco home to look after his interests in this country. While en route inside Mr. McAlpine was taken with a mild form of fever at Skagway, being compelled to enter the hospital at that point, where he remained nearly three weeks, receiving his discharge on New Year's day. The trip from Whitehorse occupied seven days, leaving there on the 3rd and arriving on the 10th, and had not extremely heavy weather been encountered on the latter end of the journey it would have been made in one day's less time. Mr. McAlpine speaks in glowing terms of the stage line over which he traveled. Three relays of horses, four animals to the team, are used each day and with the trail in good condition an average of better than 60 miles a day is maintained. The six nights out were spent at Lower Labarge, Cormack's, Minto, Captain Whalen's, Coffee creek and Stewart, 71 miles being made on the

last day of the journey, which was not only the longest day's travel but as it so happened the most disagreeable, there being a keen, north wind blowing all day that cut like a knife and drifted the snow so that there was no semblance to a trail. San Francisco has been full of Klondikers this winter, in fact, the Golden Gate city seems to be the Mecca of nearly all the successful Yukoners who have plethoric pockets to draw upon. One walking down Market street on a pleasant day can scarcely get a block without meeting some one from the far north.

Mr. McAlpine has disposed of all his interest in the claim which brought him the largest part of his fortune, No. 5 below upper, on Dominion, the heaviest producer on the creek, it having yielded to date almost \$400,000, though he still owns other large interests on the same creek. Last fall he took a flyer on lower Dominion near the mouth of Gold Run, at a time when property in that vicinity was cheap and of extremely problematical value, purchasing a block of claims where excellent pay has since been struck, so it would seem his lucky star is still in the ascendant. Mr. McAlpine also owns the bench claims on the left limit running from 10 to 14 below upper and these he will probably operate extensively the coming summer. The ground is admirably adapted for summer working, and excellent supply of water being available from Pennington pup which enters at No. 6.

Mr. McAlpine has a world of friends among the sour doughs who are glad to see him back again, though somewhat surprised at his pale and rather drawn out appearance, the result of his illness at Skagway.

AN EXCURSION UP BONANZA

Stage Load of People Investigate Lone Star Mines.

Had a Cold Trip But Were Well Satisfied With the Day's Results - Outlook Encouraging.

A special stage bearing a load of business men, mining experts and newspaper representatives went up to Victoria Gulch yesterday for the purpose of examining the Lone Star group of quartz claims, for the development of which a local company is being formed. The excursion was in charge of Lew Craden, who is promoting the company.

The intense cold which prevailed kept a number away who had proposed going, but notwithstanding the drop in the mercury, twelve hardy men were on hand to make the trip. The party did not get started from Dawson until 10 o'clock and it was nearly dark before the covered with nearly four feet of snow and after leaving the stage the men ploughed their way as best they could to the head of Victoria Gulch.

The darkness and the cold prevented anything in the way of an extensive examination, but from a cursory view of the situation the excursionists were convinced that the Lone Star is a really and truly mine. Considerable work in the way of cross cutting the ledge has been done and the presence of mineral bearing rock was undeniably shown.

Most of the party brought with them specimens, in some of which free gold is plainly discernible.

On returning from the mines the party took dinner at 33 above Bonanza, and then began the return trip which included visits at most of the road houses. Dawson was reached at 10 o'clock, when the party repaired for supper to the Northern Cafe.

Among those who went were the following: H. S. Congdon, R. H. Covell, J. Dermer, J. Brand, J. Browne, Harry Edwards, A. Heiman, J. Stewart, A. F. George and Lew Craden. They are all unanimous in declaring that there is nothing in the world quite so exhilarating as a thirty-mile sleigh ride when the thermometer is 45 below zero—especially when road houses are of frequent occurrence.

MOTIONS ARE HEARD

Chamber Day in the Territorial Court Before Justice Dugas.

There was a short session of court this morning, Mr. Justice Dugas hearing several motions of little importance. In the case of Van Wart vs. Sperling, counsel for plaintiff filed a motion asking for a commission to issue for the examination of a witness now residing at Saull Ste. Marie, Canada, the witness being one of several who made the original contract upon which the suit is brought. The action is for wages and the hire of certain machinery. The commission was ordered issued returnable April 1.

In Cockburn vs. Cockburn a motion was made asking for a speedy trial. No one appearing for defendant, who made the motion, and it being objected to by plaintiff, it was ordered to stand over until Monday next, an order which, however, was subsequently modified by his lordship, and the case will be heard tomorrow.

Fischer vs. Thompson, in which an interpleader summons has been issued, stands for a week.

Cashman vs. Jones came up on a motion for judgment. Resisted and defendant asked that plaintiff be produced for cross-examination. His lordship directed that all the material be put in so that each may be cross-examined. Stands for a week.

Kline vs. Mizner was continued.

Big Increase Promised.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—At a special meeting of the general managers' association held here today a movement was started which may result in a general increase in the wages of trainmen, engineers, firemen and switchmen on all big railroad systems east of Chicago.

The meeting was called at the request of the Pennsylvania company, the cause being the coal shortage in Chicago and other cities, shortage of cars and the congested condition of traffic in general. The coal situation, however, was the moving cause for the meeting, and a discussion regarding it led to a canvass of the entire situation. In the opinion of a majority of the general managers the general congestion is due in a measure to inefficiency of the service rendered by employees, and this view led to a discussion of the labor and wage situation from a railroad standpoint. Although no formal resolution was passed upon the subject, it was generally agreed that a rise in the wages of employees would do much toward stimulating to better work, which, in turn, would help relieve congested conditions as well as to prevent them.

Attention was called to the fact that the wages of operating employees

of railroads are from 10 to 12 per cent. higher, taking the average as a whole, west of Chicago than they are east.

An effort will be made, it is said, to induce the managements of the Eastern lines to grant such increases in wages as will bring them on a parity with the wages paid in the West. Should this be brought about several hundred thousand men will be granted increases, and the pay rolls of the Eastern roads, taken as a whole, will be increased several million dollars.

CRIMINALS FOR TRIAL

Case of Attempted Suicide to Be Heard Next Week.

Several criminals came up this morning before Mr. Justice Dugas for arraignment and election. Among them was Harry M. Fowle, who is charged with having on December 9 unlawfully and wilfully attempted himself and thereby committed suicide. He pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a jury. Case set for Tuesday, January 21. Fowle, it will be remembered, was the bookkeeper for Tom Chisholm who some six weeks ago was found to be \$800 short in his accounts and upon the discovery being made tried to end matters via the chloroform. His downfall was said to be due to a former footlight favorite with whose charms he became enamored.

Wm. R. Brandon, charged with having on November 13 obtained \$370 from Wade Blaker at Carsboro City, Dominion, under false pretenses, pleaded not guilty and also elected to be tried by a jury. His trial will follow immediately after that of Fowle.

Jacob A. Saltman is out on bail and will not be arraigned until he is notified to appear. He is charged with having obtained under false pretenses from T. G. Wilson on November 29, three bales of hay, three sacks of oats, twenty sacks of flour, four cases of kerosene, ten cases of butter and five hundred pounds of sugar.

Two Games Played Saturday and Another for Today.

Some red hot curling was indulged in Saturday afternoon between the Civil Service and Bank of Commerce rinks, the play resulting in a victory for the former by a score of 11 to 10, the second time the bank boys have been defeated by the Civil Service this season. The same teams play again this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The rink of the Civil Service consisted of W. C. Noble, skip; J. A. Donald, W. R. Hamilton and C. W. MacPherson. That of the Bank of Commerce was made up of R. M. de Gex, skip; H. Jennitt, J. Bell and E. E. Tiffin.

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BIG MAIL IS EN ROUTE

Will Reach Dawson by Noon Tomorrow.

An incoming consignment of 1,200 pounds of mail left Ogilvie today at 11 o'clock but will not attempt to come further than Indian River tonight. It will probably reach Dawson shortly before noon tomorrow.

Another Dawson-bound mail left Selkirk this morning.

French Deputies Fight.

Paris, Dec. 24.—During the debate in the chamber today Deputies Allemaigne and Bernard exchanged acrimonious words, which were followed, after the adjournment of the chamber, by a personal encounter in the lobby. An usher who attempted to intervene between the deputies was knocked down by M. Bernard. The combatants clinched and rolled over each other on the ground until friends succeeded in separating them.

M. Allemaigne was taken to a doctor to have his bruises dressed, while M. Bernard departed threatening dire vengeance.

British Losses Heavy.

London, Dec. 24.—The list of casualties in the engagement fought by Col. Damant's force at Tarekopol, Orange river colony, on December 20, when the Boers, who were dressed as British yeomen, defended a kopje against Col. Damant's advance guard is heavier than was first reported by Lord Kitchener. It now appears that the British lost three officers and twenty-nine men killed, and had five officers and thirty-five men wounded.

Reign of Terror in Macedonia.

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—Assassination and pillaging of villages and outraging of inhabitants have so increased recently in Macedonia that the consuls have appealed to the em-bassies to put a stop to such crimes. The foreign ministers have made urgent representations to the Porte of the danger of permitting the continuance of such acts.

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BASEBALL CIRCLES

Brush Out From Cincinnati and Indianapolis Management.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—The Commercial Tribune tomorrow will say: John L. Brush, of Indianapolis will soon be superseded by Col. J. D. Ellison, of Columbus, and Cincinnati associated owners, backed by the Spalding faction.

Next spring Mr. Brush will find himself opposed by another club, and that one a member of the National League. In other words, the National League, with A. G. Spalding at its head, has found means of taking it in the hands of a local company. Brush will have the lease on the Western avenue grounds, but he will have no team, for the players will go with the franchise, and that will be in other hands.

The new club will have grounds, and they will be more easily reached from the center of the city than the old park—two sites are under consideration.

Rumor had it that an American League Club would be placed in this city, and this would have been likely but for the present plans. Ban B. Johnson, president of the American League, is now in Cincinnati. He is on friendly terms with Ellison, and also with the Spalding faction, and will do nothing to prevent its progress.

Some weeks ago a company was

formed in which W. R. Zulich, three other Cincinnatians and Col. Ellison are interested. The object at that time was to buy out Brush. An effort was made in this direction, but it failed. Since the National League meeting Zulich and his associates have come to the conclusion that Brush has nothing to sell, or will not have by spring, and consequently are proceeding in another direction. Zulich spent several hours in conference with Ban Johnson at the St. Nicholas hotel yesterday afternoon.

Strike to Be Settled.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—It is stated that the machinists' strike in Chicago, which has involved 400 union workmen since it started seven months ago is about to be settled. Conferences are now being held by leaders on both sides, and it is expected that an agreement will be reached and ratified within the next few days. It is said the Aller-Chalmers Company has agreed to return to the nine-hour day which leaves the question of wages, the strikers to be taken back and the disposition of the men who took the strikers' places, to be decided. The union men have dismissed the conspiracy charge recently entered against W. J. Chalmers.

The strike, while a local affair, has been regarded as a test of strength between the International Association of Machinists and the Metal Trades Association.

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DECISIONS RENDERED.

(Continued from page 1.)

er. King, Sutherland, James, Laperriere and Tweit, opposite the right limit of No. 235 below lower discovery on Dominion creek, under section 46 of the placer mining regulations, the 11th publication having been made on the 30th day of September last, and that the defendants have in every way complied with said section 46 of the regulations.

"The plaintiffs brought this protest upon the 5th day of October, 1901. The survey having remained unprotested during the 12 successive issues in the official gazette, I must hold

under section 46a that said survey defines absolutely the boundaries of said claim, and the plaintiffs were not entitled to bring a protest after the 30th day of September. The plaintiffs' protest must therefore be dismissed with costs."

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