

A GIGANTIC PROPOSITION.

Palace Grand Opera House Will Be Floated to Nome.

Proprietor Meadows Awards Contract for the Big Undertaking to C. H. Albertson.

A deal for the most novel as well as most gigantic undertaking in land, lumber and marine history has just been consummated in this city. Charles Meadows, familiarly known as "Arizona Charley," has awarded to C. H. Albertson, the well-known architect, contractor and builder, a contract for moving the Palace Grand opera house from this city to Nome on the opening of the river early next summer.

When seen by a Nugget representative regarding the project Mr. Meadows said: "The feasibility of the proposition has been so clearly demonstrated to me that I have awarded the contract for the work of moving and it is my intention to get away as soon as navigation is fairly opened. I expect to take with me a good dramatic company, comprising the best talent that can be had in Dawson and entertainments aboard will be given at the various towns down the river. I will also have accommodations for a large number of passengers and their outfits. As yet, Nome is very short on play houses, and I am well satisfied that my venture will prove to be a good one from a financial point of view."

Mr. Albertson, the contractor, is a well known Dawson factor. He came here with the rush in the fall of 1897, and has since followed his trade. He planned and built the Palace Grand, completing it on the fourth of last July in time for a grand entertainment that night. For the past several months Mr. Albertson has been engaged in planning and erecting buildings here for the Canadian government. In speaking of his big contract to a Nugget man Mr. Albertson said: "A great many people think it a foolhardy proposition, but let me tell you I know what I am contracting to do. I have moved houses before—never on the water, of course, but on land. I have moved five-story brick blocks and always succeeded in getting along without any trouble in complying with my contracts. I planned and built the Palace Grand and know just how substantially it is put together, and I know that it will stand the trip and never start a nail. The Palace Grand is 40 feet wide, 100 feet long and 34 feet from the sills to the comb, three full stories, and its weight, without furniture and fixtures, is very close to 59 tons.

"My plan for floating the building is to construct four scows, each 20x40 feet. The scows will be shaped with round bottoms something after the pattern of a Whitehall boat. They will have bulwarks, bulkheads and keelstons and will be very strong and perfectly water tight. The building will not be solidly attached to the scows, but will rest on a large bolster which will be attached pivot fashion to the scows, thus enabling the currents and billows to toy with the scows without in any way disturbing the equilibrium of the building. The motive power will be a steam tug which will be in front, while 14 men with large sweeps will 'steady on the stern,' the sweeps doing service as a rudder for the big craft. It will be necessary to put from 12 to 20 tons of ballast on the first floor in order to hold her steady, but there may be sufficient passengers and freight to serve for ballast.

Mr. Albertson proposed to give to Mr. Meadows a bond in the sum of \$5,000 for the safe delivery of the building on the beach at Nome, the former to have full charge and control, including all passengers and freight privileges, of the expedition, but Meadows declined the offer, preferring rather to hire the moving done for a stipulated price, he to retain all incident privileges. Neither of the gentlemen stated the exact amount stipulated in the contract, but from remarks made by Mr. Albertson the amount involved is much below what persons inexperienced in house moving and marine matters would naturally suppose. A draft of how the big building will appear when ready to sail and the manner in which she will be attached to the four scows is now being prepared by Mr. Albertson, an illustration of which will shortly be given in The Nugget. In the meantime movements in the big project will be watched with no small degree of interest. The

removal from Dawson of the Grand will deprive the city of her best theatrical building. But the owner is confident of the successful issue of the undertaking, and it is most earnestly hoped by his many friends that he is not reckoning without his host. "Arizona" is a plunger and his theory of "nothing ventured, nothing achieved" will either make or break him this time. 'Tis hoped it will be the former.

Her Usual Signature.

A short time since the daughter of a millionaire drove up to the door of a jeweler's shop, went in and selected a turquoise and diamond ring valued at \$250. She made out her check for that sum and passed it to the assistant.

The alert young man glanced at it and then looked inquiringly up at the young woman and said: "There is some mistake here, I think."

The young woman flushed and asked if the check was not for the right amount.

She was told it was, but—"But what?" she exclaimed frigidly. "Do you mean that my check is not acceptable?"

The assistant acknowledged that he knew who the young woman was, but explained that the check was not made out just as it should be, and he handed it back.

The girl ran her eye over it and then turned a deep crimson. "Oh!" she exclaimed, "I see!"

And then she proceeded to make out another check. She had signed the first one "Your own sweetheart Jessie."—Boston Traveler.

Prisoners Are Thankful.

Space is gladly given in The Nugget for the publication of the following:

Rev. H. A. Naylor, Dawson, Y. T., Reverend Sir: The prisoners of the Dawson gaol wish to convey to you and those who kindly contributed at your solicitation, their hearty thanks for the very excellent Christmas dinner which you provided for us. We assure you it was unexpected and came as quite a surprise. Your kindness will long be remembered by the prisoners, and again thanking you for the interest you have taken, and which you always show, and wishing you the compliments of the season, and a very happy New Year, we remain very respectfully

PRISONERS OF DAWSON GAOL.

In at Last.

"So" said Mr. Paekinton, "this is the list of the people you intend to invite to your reception, is it?"

"Yes," his wife replied, "and I wish you'd look over it and see if it's right. If there are the names of any people in it who have lost their money, just check them off, so I can omit them."

"Ah, um-m! What's this? Why, here is the name of Mrs. John Guzzleton. You going to invite her to my house?"

"Of course dear. Haven't you heard? They're in society now. Mr. Guzzleton has sold his saloon and gone into the wholesale liquor business."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Our Memory.

Dreyfus, Dreyfus? Let me see. Really—it seems as though—but I'm sure. Why, isn't that funny, to think I should have for—By Jove, that makes me mad! Now wait just a minute—Dreyfus, Dreyfus, Dreyfus? Well, I'll be—Oh, yes, yes, yes! I have it now! He was a fellow who lived on an island somewhere. There was a lot of trouble about it, wasn't there? And something in the papers, too. Yes, I remember now.—Detroit Free Press.

An Aristocrat.

Mrs. Flannigan—Me daughter Julia th' taylor, tells me that yure little Patsy is in wan av the lower grades at her school.

Mrs. Shiannigan (excitedly)—Lower grades, did yez say? Oi'll go down t' that school this blissid minnit an' tear th' hair av th' taylor thet dared pit my Patsy in th' lower grade, even iv he is Oirish!—Brooklyn Life.

Notice.

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Disastrous Fire.

The most disastrous fire of the season occurred early Thursday morning and before it was subdued nearly \$20,000 worth of property was destroyed. It was just 7 o'clock when an alarm was sounded and the department quickly responded, the fire being upstairs in the building on First avenue, between First and Second streets, formerly occupied by the general store of the V. Y. T. Co., and owned by Thomas Adair. Since the V. Y. T. Co. closed out its business two weeks ago, Mr. Adair has had carpenters at work remodeling the interior of the building, and it was from a stove on the second floor in which one of the carpenters had started a fire early Thursday morning the fire originated.

Aside from Adair's building which was practically ruined by the flames, the only other serious damage was from water. North of the burning building was the general outfitting store of Ward, Hough & Co., from which all the stock was carried to a safe place across the street. The heaviest loss by that firm was from perishable goods being frozen. The small building standing between the buildings of Adair and Ward, Hough & Co., was occupied by E. A. Shindler with a \$5000 stock of hardware and building material, and while the fire at no time developed inside of that store, its entire front was torn out by the firemen and the interior flooded until the water having frozen it presented the appearance of something like a cross between a crystal palace and a solid iceberg. Mr. Shindler has since been engaged in hewing his goods out of solid blocks of ice. His loss on stock will be fully \$2500. Further north were the Dawson Market of H. E. Ashelby and the Holborn restaurant from each of which the furniture and goods were carried. Ashelby's loss from fruit and vegetables being frozen amounts to several hundred dollars. Immediately south of the burning building is a log structure occupied by C. F. A. Sturts, jeweler, and Sam Kirk, druggist. Both sustained considerable loss by having their goods hurriedly carried out and their stores flooded with water. In the upstairs of the Adair building was Dr. Barrett's office apartments. The doctor, who was asleep when the fire broke out, narrowly escaped with a few articles of wearing apparel, everything else being destroyed by the flames.

The destroyed building was built some time last year by Adair & Donahue, at a cost of \$8000. Adair was its sole owner at the time of its destruction.

Its Origin.

The Bazaar must have a journal, That was settled in a minute; Also all the many items, News and fancies to go in it.

But the name—The Journal? nonsense; Quite too commonplace by far, Something neater, fitter, cuter, Must be found for our Bazaar.

Something typical of Northland, Icy river, darkling days, Sturdy miners, pokes and gold dust, Women with enticing ways.

"Try 'The Gaffer,'" said a cynic; ("Twas a scathing male suggestion), But he fled before the tumult Of disdain and scornful question.

"Musher," just a trifle hackneyed, "Bedrock" might no profit bring; Many a bedrock proves but barren; "Paystreak" just the very thing.

Deep or shallow, wide or narrow, Rich or poor the paystreaks are; May this "Paystreak" turn out "skookum" For the Hospital Bazaar. —The Paystreak.

An Assurance.

"Do you mean to show the white feather?" was the stern inquiry. "No general," answered the Filipino officer. "We're not going to go contrary to any official policy. We're not going to get close enough to let 'em see feathers or any other features of our costumes."

Remarkably Fine.

"They say that Miss Sterlingworth has a very fine mind," said Keedick. "She has," replied Fosdick. "When we were in Boston, she actually consulted the time table and told us what time the train left, and she was right, too?"—Detroit Free Press.

From Bad to Worse.

"Did that bottle of medicine do your aunt any good?" "No; as soon as she read the wrapper she got three new diseases."—Chicago Record

He Knew.

"Is his name in 'Who's Who?'" "I don't know as to that," replied the demure one blushing, "but he has

demonstrated to me that he knows who's who and what's what, and I'm who and that diamond engagement ring is what."—Chicago Post.

Taking an Inventory.

Manager Te Roller, of the S. V. T. Co., announces that on Monday and Tuesday of next week the company's stores will be closed while an inventory of stock is taken. Mr. Te Roller has done a splendid business for his company and wishes to find out, with the beginning of the new year, the exact amount of stock on hand in order to gauge his orders for next season's business.

A Shattered Idol.

"Glenfair never forgets that he is a gentleman."

"Ah, you are mistaken. I happened to come upon him suddenly while he was eating dinner alone the other day, and he was taking his soup from the point of the spoon."—Brooklyn Citizen.

One Comfort.

Lady—You ought to be ashamed of yourself. The idea of any one using a newspaper for a bed!

Tramp—Dat's all right, lady. 'Twas one of dese "blanket sheet" Sunday newspapers dat I used.—Chicago News.

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"Dreadful thing happened in my stable this morning."

"What was it?"

"My automobile got at the gasoline tank and foundered itself."—Chicago Record.

Which?

"A journal published in Marienbad says the Prince of Wales recently lost 30 pounds in that place."

"Adipose or baccarat?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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