

THE TWO MAIL CONTRACTS

The Operation of Which Do Not Favorably Compare, One Being Complied With, the Other in a State of Innocuous Desuetude - Manager Downing Is a Hummer.

From Wed's and Thursday's Daily.

The up-river mail contract was the brain of a man such as Downing who has run the route from Dawson to Tanana, we could expect our mail to be delivered with some degree of regularity, and of being weeks without any communication whatever with the outside world.

It is, however, how much longer are the mind and the government going to stand it? Inquiry about town discloses the fact that everyone from the highest government officials and heaviest importers down to the lowliest miner who receives but one letter a year is disgusted with the mail proposition as it now stands, nor does there seem to be any relief in sight unless the commissioner should declare the White Pass contract forfeited, as it has clearly been not once but a dozen times, and utilize the police temporarily until a new contract can be entered into with some person or corporation who will have some little regard for the rights of the people and the agreements they bind themselves to observe.



EASY MONEY AND NO WORK.

GUESSED IT LUCKY

Ma ti - Payne Wms the H rsberg Ice los ng Cont st.

The Hershberg ice closing contest which has attracted the attention of everybody in the territory reached its finality last night. The sealed box which contained over 4,000 hazards was broken open in the presence of representatives of the different local papers and a careful count and tally made of the contents.

THEY FIT AND FOUT

Ba'e Flats Are Us d in A 'just' g Differences.

This morning before daylight Chas. Moran and the Skylight Kid, in order to adjust a difference arising from the late wholesale trouble in theatrical circles, bled themselves to the Club gymnasium where "honah" was satisfied and wrongs righted, the battle being to the best man. No gloves were used and the way right hooks, upper cuts, jabs and solar plexus punches were delivered in said by the select few who were privileged to witness the go to have been an innovation in pugilistic tactics.

CARELESS MERCHANTS

Tript Thieves by Placing Goods on the Street.

"There is not," said Sergeant Frank Smith of the town station this morning, "a town in the world where so much temptation is thrown in the way of the petty thief as right here in Dawson. Why, just look at all these little stores. The first thing the proprietors do in the morning is to pile half their goods out on the sidewalk where they remain until dark, and in some cases until 9 or 10 o'clock at night, and if, when the goods are taken in for the night, a pair of shoes, a can of fruit, a ham or any other article is missing, the proprietor rushes up to the town station with a tale of robbery and expects us to capture the thief and recover his goods at once."

PREPARING FOR HOCKEY

Th. Civil Service Team Prepares Its Reorganization.

The Civil Service Hockey Club, which met in the Bohemia Club rooms last week, perfected their reorganization for play during the present season. The team last year was exceptionally strong, winning the championship in a league of six teams and losing but one match of all played and lost only 11 goals to about 90 won. The Civil Service team as well as the Bank of Commerce and Police clubs will use the rink at the barracks during the winter. The officers elected for the ensuing season are as follows:

THEY WANT THEIR DOGS

Abandoned Last Spring Are Now in Demand.

The complaint most frequently heard these days by the police is for dogs alleged to be lost, strayed or stolen. Dogs that have not been seen in their owners since last spring have suddenly become valuable, the snow now being the cause of the rise in their price. One man complains that he has a dog on Hunker last spring, not particularly in the care of anyone, now wants police assistance in finding him. Others who have abandoned their dogs to shift for themselves for months now think it strange that they do not show up fat and sleek and with a type-written request that they be harnessed and loaded like mules until spring when they will be again permitted to shift for themselves.

AMERICANS WITHDRAW

Racing St.ck From English Turf Owi g to Reil's Expulsion.

London, Oct. 19.—As a result of Lester Reil's expulsion from the English turf, an important withdrawal of American trainers and jockeys here is likely to occur in 1902. Enoch Wisard immediately canceled all his English engagements after Reil's expulsion, and turned Richard Croker's and John A. Drake's horses out of training, declaring they would not enter an English race until Reil was reinstated. While Huggins has had many offers to train in England next season, it is generally expected that he will follow Wisard's example.

MILD WEATHER CONTINUES

At Most Re ch. d Last Night Was 3 Above Zero.

The weather for the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning had a maximum temperature of 8 above zero, a minimum being 13, the minimum 1 above zero.

SHERIFF EILBECK

Arrives S'ely at Hi O'd Home in Onta io.

Friends of Sheriff Eilbeck have received word from that genial gentleman stating that he had arrived safely at his old home in Kingston that his life was one continual round of pleasure. In the evanescent and frivolities concomitant with the entertainment of a returned Klondiker, the sheriff bars but one of the pleasures—amusements provided for his entertainers, and that is the seductive game—draw poker, which he has been one of that charming little crew, the chorus of which goes: "There was enough for him," etc.

PAUSING AT OGILVIE

At Carriers Reach There This Morning and Are Still There.

If the Fates are propitious, Heaven being willing, the ice holds out, and the hills do not turn upside down, Dawson will have a mail Friday or Saturday. The little jag of 265 pounds arrived at Ogilvie this morning in a canoe, the sides and bottom of which were worn down to a whine, and those in charge decided to continue their journey with a dog team on the shore ice. After their exhaustive trip of 23 miles from Stewart, however, they were really quite fatigued and it required all the forenoon and until 3 o'clock this afternoon for them to determine that they really could not proceed without some rest, consequently they would not leave for Dawson until tomorrow morning. The shore ice is not very good; there may be overflows; they might get their feet wet; Dawson has had one mail within the past month and what more can she expect. The people be damned, anyhow.

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RIVER CLOSED FOR WINTER

Ice in the Yukon Remains Where Final Straggle Left It.

Twenty-four hours and better have elapsed since the river closed and if any thought it might open again and once more resume its onward march to the sea, the idea is now probably dispelled. Though the weather is not at all cold, from the Yukon standpoint, yet the ice is becoming more and more solidified each hour and they report the ice as solid, apparently, as it was at any time last winter.

From upper river points word is received that the ice is still running, though the near Dawson it reaches the slower becomes the movement. At Ogilvie and Stewart there is no perceptible change unless it is that the current appears considerably slower. The river at Selkirk is banal, but the ice is slushy, so much so that a steamer would have no difficulty in plowing its way through. At Five Fingers there is but little ice and the same is true at Big Salmon. The Hootalinqua is discharging considerable but the floes are not large nor are they compact. Thirty-mile remains the same. Steamers of the Nora type would have but little trouble in running down as far as Selkirk.

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THE ROAD REPAIRING CREWS

Have Been Detailed by Local Superintendent of Public Works David Macfarlane, to Give Public Highways Required Attention During the Winter - Several Large Crews.

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The action of Local Superintendent of Public Works David Macfarlane in placing men along the various government roads at stated intervals for the purpose of keeping them in repair is one that will be greatly appreciated by freighters, stage drivers and the traveling public in general. Ever since the freeze-up there have been numerous complaints sent in from time to time concerning the roads and their almost impassability at different points, the trouble arising principally from glaciers forming on the grades. In many instances freight teams have found it necessary when one of these glaciers is encountered to chop out a trough in which the inside runner could travel in order to keep the load on the grade, thus causing the loss of much valuable time. Heavy travel will often cause holes to form in the road making the roadway very rough and even bridges and culverts sometimes need their duty to cut out the glaciers, winter time is so extensive it has been considered advisable to keep men constantly employed in looking after the dominion and territorial highways.

For the purpose of systemizing the work Mr. Macfarlane has divided the net work of roads into seven divisions, placing one man in charge of each division who is held responsible for the condition of the road in his section. The Hunker road is in three divisions, with H. H. Smith in charge of that portion from the Ogilvie bridge to the Arlington road house at the mouth of the creek. From the Arlington to Gold Bottom is under the supervision of Noe Ver-

don. Above Gold Bottom, across to Lombard Gulch and Dominion, no provision has been made, though should conditions warrant it in the future some one will doubtless be appointed for that section. Bonanza, which is the scene of the heaviest travel, is divided into three sections. From the Ogilvie bridge to 55 below has been entrusted to the care of Mr. Donahoe, Mr. McDougal looking after that portion from 55 below to the Forks. Upper Bonanza from the Forks to McCarty's road house, is under the direction of Sam Boulanger. Wm. Coe has the section running from the Forks up Eldorado and Chief Gulch to the summit of the divide overlooking Calder, and Harry Sibbie has the division from the latter point down Calder to the mouth of Quartz creek.

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