

The Nugget Circulates From Skagway to Nome

REVIEW OF THE SITUATION

New Candidates Coming Out Every Day. Already Three Strong Candidates for the Mayoralty in the Field, With Probability of the Fourth.

The political situation is developing very gradually. It is a full week before nomination day for the city election, and two weeks before the candidates for the Yukon council will declare themselves.

run again, and so will Tom Adair and Peter Vachon. Of Mr. Wilson, who voted against salaries to members of the council nothing has been heard.

The strongest candidate for the mayoralty at the present writing seems to be ex-Collector Davis. He has been here from the beginning and his official position met everyone's expectations in town.

There are therefore three candidates, two of whom, at least, are certain to receive a nomination. And there are others to be heard from.

For the position of alderman only one announcement has been made up to the present, the one of Mr. La Lande, the South Dawson merchant.

Abraham La Lande hails from Gananoque, Ont., and is a sourdough. He was in business in that little town for nine or ten years and in '98 came to this country.

He first established himself as a merchant in Klondike city, and then took a trip to the coast to see his wife and four children.

As to the territorial election, nomination day is fixed for the last day of this month, so although the silence of the last members, Messrs. Prudhomme and Wilson, has excited some comment, there is really nothing to it.

Whatever the doctor says everyone takes for granted, and there is no doubt he will be one of the most prominent candidates on election day.

George Vernon is another sourdough who would have a large following, and the same may be said of Attorney C. W. C. Tabor. In fact there is the trouble between these two that if both remain in the field they must necessarily split their support.

Quite a number of names are mentioned as candidates for the Yukon council from the creeks, but public opinion does not seem to have crystallized upon any of them except Arthur Wilson.

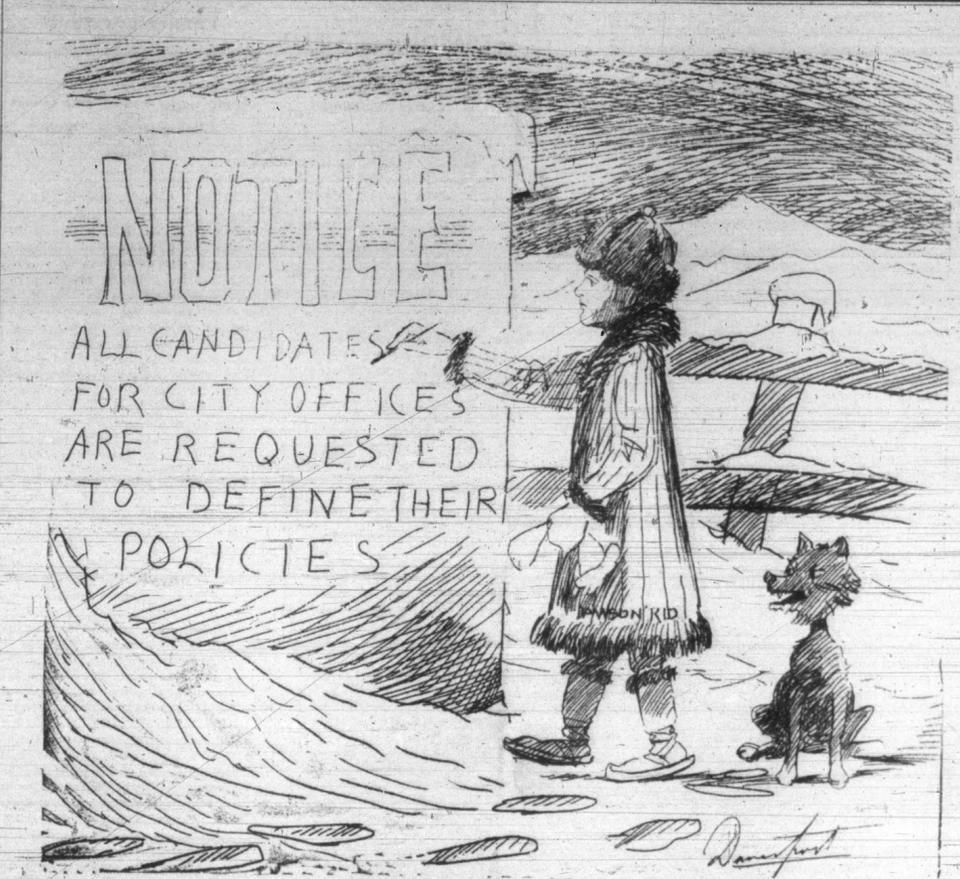
Anyone having a team to sell has only to insert a brief advertisement in the Nugget to meet with a customer at once. A man with a borrowed team went to Fortymile two weeks ago and returned yesterday with money to pay for that team and enough to buy two more.

See Mr. R. L. Cowan as "Thaddeus" in the opera "Bohemian Girl," at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Games and Christmas Tree Decorations at Landahl's, First avenue.

Chorus of fifty voices in the opera "Bohemian Girl," at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

MRS. SMYTHE'S DANCING ACADEMY. Fancy and Ballroom Dancing taught. Class lessons Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 10.



THE BOY WOULD LIKE SOME INFORMATION.

WORK TO BE RESUMED

In Laying the Cable to Manila

Congratulating Reports Were Sent Out too Early By Correspondents.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The work of laying the Manila cable will be resumed at Frisco on Sunday.

HIGHEST POINT

Reached by Collieries Since Work Resumed.

IMMENSE CROP.

Illinois Breaks the Record for Corn.

To Pay the Men

Progressing Favorably

See Mrs. Boyes as "Arlene" in the opera "Bohemian Girl," at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

WANTS NEW TARIFF.

The Dingley Bill Suggested as Pattern.

ACT DISALLOWED.

Dominion Government Sits on British Columbia.

HEAVY TRAVEL

Unprecedented Number of People Will Come.

A letter received in the last mail by P. Ben Venuti, the well known transportation man, states that travel in this direction will be unusually heavy during the coming months.

MERCHANTS STAGE

Left to Lay With a Good Load of Passengers.

The Merchants' line second class mail stage left at noon today for Whitehorse with the following passengers: William Jones, Mrs. Brockway, Dick Armstrong, E. Friedricks, and two others.

LOST.—Diamond Pin, star shaped. Set with pearls. Lost at Auditorium theatre or between Auditorium and Church street, on 3rd ave. Reward if returned to Nugget office.

All grocers carry Rex Sliced Bacon.

HEAVY LOSS.

California Vineyard Destroyed by Fire.

WIRE DOWN.

Out of Business After Working Several Days.

After several days of excellent service the Dominion telegraph line went down and out of business this afternoon. It is not believed that the break is a serious one, and before Monday it is expected that it will be repaired and in running order.

DATE CHANGED

Independent Steamboat Men Will Dance on 19th Inst.

The independent steamboat men have changed the date of their first annual ball from Wednesday evening, the 17th, to Friday evening the 19th.

ATTACKED WITH BRONCHITIS

Mr. Wigg was brought in from the Forks yesterday and taken to the St. Mary's hospital. He is suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis.

WATER PROTEST

Against Taking it From Gay Gulch to Eldorado.

James Henry Pottinger has entered a protest with the gold commissioner against a water right being granted to John Odegaard. Pottinger is the owner of the upper half of No. 7 Gay gulch, and has also a half interest in No. 3. Odegaard has made application to divert water from between the upper and lower halves of No. 8, Gay gulch, to his bench claim on the lower half of No. 33 Eldorado, and Pottinger claims that this if granted will interfere very seriously with the working of his property.

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FRANCE IN THE LEAD

Inaugurates New System of Travelling

An Automobile Train Will Make Better Than Sixty Miles Per Hour

Paris, Dec. 13.—A new system of railway travelling will be inaugurated in France with the new year. A train composed of three automobile "carriages" will leave Paris Jan. 18 for Dijon, travelling 62 miles an hour. Each carriage is capable of carrying forty passengers.

LEFT FOR AFRICA

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Dec. 13.—Gens. Botha and Delarey have left for Africa.

WILL BREAK RECORD.

Big Bicycle Race in New York City.

CASTRO DECLARES

Refuses to Yield to German Proposals.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Berlin, Dec. 13.—Castro's reply to the German ultimatum is a refusal to yield on any point.

REINSURED

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Sun Life Insurance Co. of America has reinsured its entire business in the Metropolitan Life of New York.

LOST TWO FINGERS

Andy Robertson, of Robertson Bros., who for the past three years have been running a sawmill at Gold Bottom, yesterday had the misfortune to lose two fingers in connection with the saw. He is now eligible as a member of the shingle weavers' union.

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GUSHER IS UNDER CONTROL

Work Will Probably be Concluded Monday—Thompson Collects His Appropriation From the Yukon Council for Sinking the Shaft.

Mr. Thompson, of the second bedrock shaft on Eldorado, where is now the gusher, called upon Major Wood yesterday and the gold commissioner this morning, but what was the result has not been made known.

There will be no difficulty in his collection of whatever is coming to his firm in this regard, but Mr. Thompson is meditatively stroking his long beard and thinking that he now ought to get something for the loss of his shaft, though just how he is at present unable to formulate.

If nothing serious happens to prevent it is expected by Contractor D. A. Matheson that he will have the deep shaft gusher under control by Monday.

The startling feature of the phenomena occurring this week is that the lower part of the shaft has caved down and filled up the bottom till the depth is now but 128 feet.

This has undoubtedly acted to delay the completion of the work and it is quite certain that the task of capping the shaft would have been much easier had it been undertaken right at the start.

For a few days after the flow began there seemed to be nothing but anxiety for the safety of the town of Bonanza and the mines below. How long the flow would last and if it would diminish or increase seemed to be the great question of the hour.

After several days Government Engineer Beaudette measured the flow and computed that it amounted to eighty miners' inches, or two large sluice-heads. He took the temperature and found it to be a very little above the freezing point.

After that came a delay of several days to examine into the different plans for stopping the flow and to award the contract. Meanwhile the water was rapidly eating its way into the frozen walls of the 221 foot shaft and extracting the frost by nature's quickest method.

When Mr. Matheson set about his task last Monday, one week having been lost in making the award and so forth, and more time having been lost by before that, he was prepared to pipe the water from the bottom of the shaft.

Mr. Matheson expects to have the water under control by Monday. He does not anticipate any delay. He says it would have been a great deal easier, quicker and less expensive to have begun when the flow started.

Divers opinions are heard as to the security of the capping and the probability of its being a success. Some reason that with the care-in at 128 feet from the thawing effect of the water the same will continue to the top, and may thaw the water surface for yards around.

FOR TWELVEMILE

George Butler is expecting that early next week he will be receiving definite reports of the work being done on the thirty-seven square claim his company has staked on Twelvemile. George Ames was shot out there yesterday with some more supplies, and when he returns he will bring in new specimens of the ore and probably a definite statement of the work being done.

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The bottom length has been replaced and since then two sets of pipe have been put down and both are on solid bottom at 128 feet. These pipes rest on a large base valve. These are to protect and preserve the openings at the bottom and permit the water to rise through the pipes. For the present the pipes are held in position by ropes on either side and will not be released till the filling around them makes them secure. The sacks of cement will be thrown in around the pipes and with them will alternate the material from the dump at the mouth of the shaft. The dump is now being thawed by steam and wood fires, preparatory to shoveling it back in the hole.

It is hoped by the contractor to develop enough pressure from this earthen substance and the cement to force all the water up through the pipes and hold it in those channels. Without the use of pumping apparatus of any kind it is believed the flow will be stopped by this simple application of hydraulic laws and other principles of physics.

After having successfully applied the pressure of the cement and earth the top of each pipe will receive an eight inch gate valve and elbow. From then pipes of any size may be used to shut away the water or it may be shut off entirely.

Mr. Matheson is in favor of using two-inch pipe to carry the water during the winter to the top of Gold Hill and there be placed in reservoirs to freeze and continue to pile up in a mammoth glacier. By so doing he believes there would be plenty of water for the mines for summer work. He suggests that the miners there secure the water in that manner at once.

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