

GOLD RUN SULPHUR

Accident to Couple of Sleighing Parties

Dawson Business Men Visit the Creeks - Change at Gold Run Hotel.

Many Sulphurites who were inclined to be enthusiastic over the report of Mr. Marshall regarding the Tanana's fabulous richness have had their ardor dampened considerably by the "Nugget's" exposition of the "Nugget" doctrine. Some are determined, however, to form themselves into a court of arbitration, go to the new fields on the opening of navigation and decide the matter for themselves.

Mrs. Tate of discovery claim and her daughter Dorothy have returned from a short visit to friends in Dawson.

On Tuesday, the 31st of March, on the Government road near Discovery Creek, Sulphur, a very exciting accident occurred. Two dog teams

one driven by two ladies and the other by one lady. It appears that unknown to the fair mushers, the canine pugs, having had many petty quarrels previously, had signed articles by which they agreed to settle all difficulties, "Fitz-Jeff" style, the first time they should meet. At the place of meeting the road is very narrow and the ditches some seven or eight feet deep were filled to the top with snow. The dogs had a real old-fashioned fight, such a fight as would have graced a Roman holiday.

Fortunately, however, before the collision a sled upset and one of the ladies who occupied it could not ex-

tricate herself and was dragged some distance under the sled while another was thrown violently into the ditch and disappeared beneath the feathery snow. After a short time of terrible suspense the lady under the sled was liberated and the one in the ditch elevated to "crusta firma" and subsequently resuscitated. The pup-pies were with difficulty disentangled and soundly punished for their bad behaviour. At last accounts all were progressing as favorably as could be expected.

Mrs. Auteau of 32 below Sulphur arrived home from Dawson last Tuesday.

Will Guthrie of 39 below, engineer for Mr. Auteau, has arrived from St. Mary's hospital. His health is apparently restored.

Tim Crowley has returned from the Tanana. His report differs considerably from any yet published. He does not seem to be favorably impressed with the idea that a good camp will immediately follow the present stampede, but is of the opinion that it will take at least two years for that district to get a reputation as a practical gold bearing, even should there be good paying ground there. Fifteen cents was the best pan he saw.

Last Thursday Ex-Mayor Macaulay was on Sulphur and Gold Run creeks and transacted a large amount of mercantile business.

On Friday Mr. Comer, interested in 19 below, returned to Sulphur from Seattle. Mr. Talman accompanied him.

Dr. Wills and Joe Barrett arrived at the Gold Run hotel on Wednesday evening. It is rumored that their visit in relation to the future management of the above mentioned hotel.

Dr. H. J. McCallum, the well-known resident physician of Gold Bottom, was on Sulphur on Saturday last and spent the day meeting friends and renewing old acquaintances. While here he was the guest of Dr. Steele of Sulphur City.

The fresh beef at Bonanza Market is giving great satisfaction, having been grain fed all the way in. No advance in price.

A Soft Snap to Gamblers

New York, Feb. 12. - Through a suit brought by David C. Johnson, a noted city gambler, in the Allegheny county court at Pittsburgh against the estate of Theodore Hostetter, one of the most remarkable stories of gambling that has ever been told has been revealed, showing that Hostetter, a young millionaire of Pittsburgh, owing to a passion for gambling, lost to the gamblers of New York in one year something like \$1,000,000.

He would bet on anything, and accordingly to gamblers with the greatest luck. But all that he made in bets, with several hundred thousand dollars more, is said to have been lost at roulette.

"Roulette was his ruin," said an old gambler. "He could win at everything else, and then lose more than he had won" with the odds heavily against him, when he sat down to listen to the hum of the ball in the revolving wheel. He tried every system and lost in all."

A SUDDEN DEATH.

He was taken last August from his yacht, the Duquesne of Herreshoff design, in which he had left great pride. He was very ill, but told the steward that he would be soon better and that he was to be taken to the best care of a new roulette wheel which he had ordered for or two. He was taken to a summer home in this city, where he died in two days of pneumonia. He left a wife, a young son, and a daughter. His wife was Miss Aline of New York.

When he was buried the gamblers who claimed that the young man owed them large sums called upon the widow to effect a settlement.

WHAT THE GAMBLERS GOT.

It is learned that the Johnson suit against Hostetter's estate has been compromised for \$115,000, paid by the heirs. Johnson denies that the \$115,000 was entirely a gambling debt. In part he said it was borrowed money.

WHERE MONEY WENT.

One of Hostetter's check-books shows that of the lost million, \$620,000 had been paid to Johnson. The rest of the money went to Richard Canfield and John Daly, whose gambling houses here young Hostetter frequently patronized. Richard Canfield had I. O. U. signed by Hostetter amounting to \$36,000 when the young man died. On the day after his death Canfield went to the home of the widow at 5 East Twenty-third street and demanded payment.

Johnson's acquisition of nearly \$1,000,000 from a single patron within the space of a year makes Richard Canfield's winning of \$70,000 from young Reginald Vanderbilt insignificant. Indeed, Hostetter's experience established a record in this country at least for high losses.

Before Hostetter's death Johnson was over \$500,000 to the good, but there still remained uncollected a promissory note of \$100,000 and checks for \$70,000, \$20,000 and \$15,000. Johnson insisted on payment and brought suit. Rather than have the dead millionaire's gambling habits aired in court his family in-

structed the executors to effect a compromise. This was done.

A POPULAR SPORT.

"If Theodore Hostetter lost \$1,000,000," said Johnson, "I don't know anything about it. Young Hostetter was the nerviest plunger I ever saw, and you may say the luckiest as well. I became acquainted with him eight years ago and became his representative in sporting matters. He had all kinds of money and the instincts of a true blue sport. I liked Ted's spirit and became his betting commissioner in many of his sporting ventures. I have matched pennies with Ted at the Waldorf-Astoria for \$1,000 a toss. In the last national election he won \$30,000 on McKinley. He made a number of calculations on state majorities and won every one of them."

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A BET.

Theodore Hostetter, "Tod," as the gamblers knew him best, and who made it a business to keep him in sight, and whom they still insist was one of the luckiest gamblers who ever lived, was one of two brothers, heirs to the estate of Dr. Jacob Hostetter, who made a fortune through the manufacture of one of the usual ingredients of the American "cocktail." At the time of his death he was not quite 35 years of age. He was known as a "high roller" along Broadway, not so much in the way of a man who tried to drink as fast as drinks could be served, but because he would bet on anything, take either end of the wage, and then, as a rule, spend his winnings on the crowd, confining himself to seitzer, when the others ordered wine. He would take a drink now and then, but not in sequence, and seemed always looking for something that would give the chance for a bet.

A fly would light on the table, and he would wager all he had, offering odds, on which way it would turn in its meanderings. He would bet that a waiter would drop his tray, although he was apparently perfectly sober. One of his favorite wagers was where he would say to a companion that he would bet two to one that some one neither had seen before, when asked to draw a bill from his pocket would produce one with an uneven number, the same bet standing if he should draw a coin, the bet then being on the date. The remarkable thing was that he usually won, and he found it difficult in time to get any one to bet with him.

Perhaps his most famous bet was with James Wakely. The two were walking up Broadway and were followed by a persistent beggar. Hostetter, who was always putting his hand in his pocket at the slightest appeal for aid, grabbed his companion by the arm and rushed him into a nearby resort.

"Look here, Jimmy," he said, "I'll bet you any part of \$10,000 that if I give that beggar \$100 in ten-dollar bills that he will thank me and not run away with the money under the impression that I am drunk or crazy, but thank me with great gratitude."

"Done," said Wakely.

"For how much?"

"\$10."

RAILROAD TO DAWSON

The Greatest Need of the Yukon District

Views of Chief Wills Relative to the Future of the Territory.

"I notice by the Dawson newspapers," said Chief Wills, local director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, to a Nugget representative, "a great deal of discussion relative to the most important needs of the territory."

"There seems to be general agreement upon the point that something is wanted to encourage development of the districts resources and to insure confidence in its permanence."

"By some it is contended that a public water system will remove all obstacles in the path of prosperity."

"By others it is held that the export tax is the great hindrance, and still others have different theories of their own."

"To my way of thinking, the greatest drawback that stands in the way of the growth and development

of this territory lies in our expensive and inadequate transportation facilities. What this country stands mostly in need of at the present time is direct railroad communication with the outside world, maintained throughout twelve months of the year.

"A railroad line which would connect Dawson with Edmonton, for instance, would almost immediately establish this whole northern country upon a lasting and permanent basis. Not only would such a line penetrate and open up a tremendously large agricultural district but it would pierce the heart of the greatest mining region in the world. Beginning at the headwaters of the Pelly river and extending to Dawson and far beyond, as a matter of fact, is a stretch of hundreds of miles of country known to be gold bearing. With railroad communication thus established mining operations now confined to the comparatively small district immediately adjacent Dawson, would be extended all through the gold bearing region. Instead of one base of supplies there could be established as many as circumstances and conditions would demand.

"Constant communication with the outside world be maintained and transportation would, undoubtedly, be greatly reduced."

"Under existing conditions the shipping season lasts barely four months. All shipments are subject to upwards of a half dozen different handlings all of which must be paid for in the end by the consumer. The transportation bill annually paid by the district is enormous and far out

of proportion to the wealth produced. Then again, under present circumstances, little or no assistance is provided in opening up new districts.

"There are thousands of miles of auriferous gravel which would pay handsomely if anything in the nature of adequate transportation facilities were provided."

"A great many people imagine that insurmountable difficulties lie in the way of the construction of a through line, but the facts in the case do not warrant this view. As is well known, there are several propositions now on foot looking toward the construction of a Pacific Coast line which will parallel the C. P. R. and designed to open up the great northern wheat belt of the Dominion."

"The Grand Trunk is ready to go ahead with a road and will certainly do so if they receive proper encouragement. They will of course demand a large land subsidy, and it is my opinion that they would agree to extend a branch into this district if the government accedes to their wishes. They want a slice of the idle wheat lands through which the projected road would run and to get that, would comply with almost any demands which might be made."

"It is my belief that if proper representations were made to the government, no franchise would be granted without the guarantee of a Dawson branch, and I further believe that the railroad promoters would willingly accept such a condition, provided they were given grants of

the prairie lands through which their road would pass."

"While railroad matters are being discussed at Ottawa, the necessity of a line to Dawson should be pressed upon parliament as forcibly as possible."

"If the citizens of the Yukon persist themselves, I see every reason to believe that we can secure construction of the desired road. There is certain to be a new transcontinental line projected and when that is done Dawson should be included as a branch terminal."

Runs Into Steamer

Vancouver, B. C., March 18. - While both vessels were enveloped in a veritable pea soup fog the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer City of Seattle ran down the British bark Bankleigh this morning and caused damage which is variously estimated at between \$25,000 and \$40,000, with the possibility that a thorough survey of the Bankleigh may reveal more serious injuries than at present looked for. Subsequently the City of Seattle was libelled for \$85,000. Bonds were given and the steamer left for Skagway.

The Bankleigh was moored beside a wharf at the time the steamer ran into her and damaged her port side, twisting her steel plates and jamming her starboard side against the pier. The damage to the wharf is estimated at \$5,000.

The wharf was knocked fifteen feet out of place. The Seattle was strained forward.

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