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GROWING.

With this issue of the Nugget a substantial increase is made in the size of the paper. An additional column has been placed upon each page, and the length of the columns has been materially increased. Growing demands upon advertising space, making it necessary of late to leave out of the paper much valuable news matter, has led to the present increase. With the enlargement made in the paper today we shall be able to accommodate all demands from advertising patrons and at the same time do ample justice to the reader.

The Nugget as a daily paper has been in the field a little more than 60 days, but in that time the support accorded it has been so cordial as to lead us to the belief that the present increase is justified, though done at no inconsiderable additional expense.

The Nugget believes thoroughly in the future of Dawson. We believe it is a town which for years to come will be the center of a busy and thriving population. We have faith in the country and its permanence as one of the world's great gold producing regions. That faith we are demonstrating today in the most practical manner possible.

REALIZING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

The Yukon country is peculiarly a field for the realization of the seemingly impossible. Two years ago a mere suggestion that men would ever consider bringing their families in to Dawson, with the expectation of remaining a number of years, would have been received with very much incredulity. Pictures conjured up from the vivid imaginations of newspaper correspondents, who felt that their salaries would not be earned if they confined themselves to mere prosaic actualities, portrayed this country as a bleak and barren waste, inhospitable to man or beast. It was, according to the stories heralded far and wide, a country where a man might possibly exist, but could not possibly live and give the term anything approaching its accepted meaning. It was a country in which to remain for today and be gone tomorrow; a country where total darkness and unbearable cold prevailed for a greater portion of the year. In short, the voracious correspondents gave us to understand that, outside of the gold which was to be had for the mere picking up, there was nothing in the country which could be commended for any reason whatsoever.

Events have proven that the correspondents were wrong in their surmises—for they dealt in surmises exclusively—from every standpoint. The terrors with which their vermilion tinted articles pictured the country have faded away into thin air.

Within two short years ample evidence has been forthcoming that the Yukon country differs but little from other cold countries which are inhabited by civilized man. It has been shown that people can live here exactly

as they live elsewhere, enjoying the same comforts and an equal degree of health. By sheer force of energy and determination, seemingly impossible difficulties have been overcome and the problem of living in this northern corner of the earth has been successfully solved. The capacity of our race to adapt itself to any and all conditions and circumstances is one of its most striking characteristics. In the equatorial regions, or bordering on the limits of the Arctic circle, there are no terrors too great to be overcome. The pioneers of the Yukon have displayed this capacity to a marked degree. They have attacked the wilderness of the north, and it has yielded, an easy victim.

The American government has some wonderful things ahead for Alaska. As published elsewhere in this issue, the plans of congress now involve the construction of a telegraph line from Valdes to Eagle City to connect with the line to be built from that point down to St. Michaels. This will give communication with the outside all the year through by an all American line. Steamers run to Valdes from Puget Sound, and have no difficulty in reaching that point during all the winter months.

We will soon be receiving copies of war pictures, which are having a wide circulation throughout the states and Canada. Some noted artists are with the British forces, and they are said to have produced some masterpieces of realistic action. The London illustrated journals are making a specialty of the pictorial side of the war, and scenes from all the great battles and sieges are being faithfully portrayed.

The new week has brought another change in the weather. The mercury is sliding up a little, and, unless all signs fail, will not slide down again very much. The back of winter should have been broken long ago, but it has persisted in hanging on with such a degree of regularity as almost to justify the belief that the end was never to come.

The Sunday night concerts have been a most pleasing innovation in Dawson. They have furnished wholesome and elevating entertainment at a time when such forms of amusement have been strikingly conspicuous by their absence. It is unfortunate that they have not been tendered more generous patronage.

A recent dispatch from the Transvaal announces that "our men lost no time in surrounding the Boer laager." Considering the intensity of the heat which has prevailed in South Africa since the war began, this is not at all surprising.

The arrival of a large shipment of beef from up river yesterday demonstrates the fact that it is not only possible, but comparatively easy of accomplishment to land goods in Dawson over the ice from Skagway.

Don't Miss the Contest.

The ten-round go between Black Prince and Colorado Kid promises to be the best go ever brought off in Dawson. Both men are working hard and will be in the pink of condition March 17th, p. m. General admission, \$1.50; balcony, \$2; box seats, \$2.50.

Private dining rooms at the Holborn.

Shoff's Cough Balsam; sure cure.

For the Lenten Season.

Mackerel, salmon bellies, bricks of codfish, kippered herring, Oulkins, lobsters, shrimps, crabs, anchovies, sardines, young mackerel in oil, clams and Bluepoint oysters. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

THE WATER OF DAWSON.

Which is Now Obtained From the River Is Comparatively Pure.

The Presence of Small Organisms no Evidence of Impurity—Health Officer Good Interviewed.

Since early in January, the people of Dawson have been compelled to use water which has been taken from the Yukon river. The proprietors of hotels, restaurants, laundries, bath houses, and similar commercial enterprises, employ men for the special purpose of hauling water from the river to these respective places of business. The residents generally rely upon the service of public carriers, who retail the water at 20 cents per five gallon bucket. At the present time there are numerous persons engaged in peddling water on the streets of Dawson.

Regulations require the carriers to obtain their water from the current of the river; and in most instances the holes through the ice are a considerable distance from the shore line. Quite lately, however, there have been some complaints respecting the quality of water which has been vended by the public carriers. Little organisms are plainly visible, when the water remains in the same vessel for several hours. Many people are of the opinion that these are evidences of dangerous impurity; but at this season of the year, the presence of such organisms is of no particular consequence. The proof of the general purity of the water is the limited number of patients who are suffering from dysentery, typhoid fever and those afflictions which are recognized by the medical profession as waterborne diseases.

A month from now and the sun will be warm enough to thaw the surface of the soil, and immense quantities of impure matter will drain into the river. Then it will probably be dangerous to use water taken from the Yukon. It is not likely that the wells which provided people last year can be reopened till early in May, and for a period of about six weeks all drinking water and that used for culinary purposes should be boiled. It has been urged by some that the carriers should be required to obtain their water from the current of the Klondike river; but this stream is not any better at the present time than is the Yukon.

Dr. J. W. Good, the health officer, when questioned respecting the matter, said:

"The water now used by the people of Dawson is not impure. It is secured from the river and this is the only source of supply at present. Some people may be alarmed by the presence in the water of innumerable small organisms, or 'wrigglers,' but these little things are absolutely harmless. All danger arising from impure water can be avoided by boiling it. It is to be hoped that the wells, which supplied water last summer, will be opened early next month; for, unquestionably, during April the river water will not be fit for use. Just now the sanitary condition of Dawson is excellent. We are comparatively free from typhoid fever, dysentery and similar diseases. Residents are being notified to keep their premises clear of refuse matter, and as the season advances these orders will be more frequent and more strictly enforced. I am confident that the health of the people of Dawson will not be materially affected during the spring and summer months."

Good Horse Market.

During last week a large number of horses reached Dawson from the outside, and from Saturday morning until noon today the number that had previously arrived was augmented by 45 head; and many others are coming. In many cases those who are bringing in horses expect to remain here and engage in the freighting and transportation business, while others brought the animals merely to move freight down from Bennett, and having accomplished that work have no further use for their stock, which is now for sale to the highest bidder.

A good team, harness and sled will readily bring from \$800 to \$1000 here at present, a few teams having been recently purchased at the latter figure. An ordinary cayuse of 700 pounds weight commands from \$200 to \$250, but the demand for this class of horseflesh is small, heavy draft horses being what are needed here, as the greater part of the work is freighting to the creeks or on the Yukon, and the greater the load hauled at a trip the greater the profit to the freighter.

From now on until the snow is gone there will be a large amount of freight hauled out to claims where it is proposed to carry on summer work, and even after the snow is gone there will be freighting done, but at probably advanced prices over present rates. As it costs from \$6 to \$8 per day to keep a team in this country, it behooves their owners to keep them employed at all times regardless of the severity of the weather.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Charles Grill is visiting the city. H. H. Foriste is in town on business. R. Levac is spending a few days in Dawson.

B. L. Henniker is a guest at the Fairview.

Thomas Cahill arrived from the creeks yesterday afternoon.

Thomas Williams is enjoying a short vacation in the city.

C. S. Cameron from Eldorado, is stopping at the Fairview.

Arden Smith, of Dominion, is among the guests at the Regina.

Miss Lien May arrived from the outside yesterday.

R. B. Shaw, of Dominion creek, is registered at the Regina.

J. C. Cummings, of Sulphur, is visiting for a few days in Dawson.

H. P. Graham is in the city on business. He is stopping at the Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson, of No. 16 Eldorado, are visiting friends in the city.

A. J. W. Smith, a miner from Hunker, was entered at the Good Samaritan hospital on Sunday.

A. D. McInness, who is interested on Sulphur, is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

J. O. Johnston, a former resident of Victoria, arrived in Dawson yesterday. He is registered at the Fairview.

J. D. McKae, of Gold Hill, is in town attending to business connected with his mining properties.

Mrs. J. J. Healy reached Dawson yesterday in good health. Capt. Healy met her a few miles up the river.

Frank Malloy left Dawson this noon for the outside. He will go to New York city in the interest of the Ladue Company.

Messrs. Hart and Goble left here on a trip to Cape Nome this morning. They are provided with a good dog team and traveling outfit.

Tom Chisholm went up the Klondike yesterday afternoon, and returned with Pat McHugh, who is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

George Vernon, who has been confined in the Good Samaritan hospital for the past nine days, was discharged today as convalescent.

A. J. Maiden, a sour dough who has not been outside since he came to the Yukon, 14 years ago, is quite ill at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Gustaf Gustafson, a native of Finland, died of consumption in the Good Samaritan hospital at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased was interested in mining property located on Bonanza creek.

N. L. Hepburn, formerly a shoe merchant in the upper part of the city, will leave tomorrow for the outside. To use his own expression he will "go by hand," taking neither horse nor dog.

Thos. McMullen, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is still confined to his room, being a victim of the severe cold epidemic now prevalent in this city.

The Art Advertising Company are busily engaged in moving to their new quarters over Jenkins & Johnson's, on Second ave. They have had a prosperous season and anticipate an increase in business at their new location. This

concern turned out all the scenery used in the Orpheum, which, without doubt, is the finest work ever put on any stage in this city.

For Sale at a Bargain.
Complete steam thawing plant—Four horse power boiler in splendid condition. Apply Nugget office.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

Chase & Sanborn's blend of Moca and Java coffee. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

The Orpheum

This Week

Circus Girl

Circus Girl

A Screaming

Farce Comedy...

Special Scenery Full Orchestra

Juneau Hardware Co.

M. H. JONES, Manager

Hardware

Second Avenue.

The Sun Shines Again and Gentle

Spring is With Us.

Sargent & Pinska

Spring Goods

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

"THE CORNER STORE"

OPPOSITE CHISHOLM'S

FIVE DAYS, ONE HOUR

Bennett to Dawson...

Mr. G. M. McTavish, of the Parsons Produce Company, Arrived in Dawson Wednesday Morning by the Royal Mail Express, Five Days One Hour from Bennett, Breaking all Records for Passengers or Mail

Canadian Development Co., Ltd.

Avery SELLS Sulphur