

## SUMMER WORK ON DOMINION

Is Being Carried On There Very Extensively.

Review of Conditions as They Now Exist on that Creek, and as Seen by a Nugget Correspondent.

Most of the claims that will do summer work have opened up in good shape, although some few are delayed on account of the short supply of water, but the springs are thawing out and a plentiful supply of water will soon be had.

Extreme upper Dominion is represented by 21 above upper, where Johnson Brothers & Co. have had a small plant working, but the ground has been improving and fully justifies a better plant which will soon be on the ground. Some very rich dirt has been sluiced lately. The boys are compelled to use an automatic head gate and run a sluice-head as each alternate bucket is dumped.

Fourteen above is being worked, but with what results could not be learned.

Three above has a very fine plant with an automatic dump bucket, so that the engineer and man in the sluice box are all the men above ground.

Two above is still working and some good dirt is being sluiced.

One above has never lost a day and Walter Noel, who has charge of the claim during Mr. Beck's absence, is doing some very fine work. The ground is showing very good results.

The upper part of discovery claim is being ground sluiced. Mr. Pederman, the owner, is in charge.

Two below changed hands recently and Caspar Ellinger, who purchased his partner's interests, put down a prospect hole across the creek from the winter diggings and the result was satisfactory and some sluicing has been done. Mr. and Mrs. Ellinger will shortly leave for the outside and Mrs. Ellinger's brother will work the claim during their absence.

M. J. McNeil is working both 3 and 27 below, the latter he is superintending, and J. McNeil and wife are on 3. This ground showed up very well last winter and will certainly give big returns for summer work.

Five below is being worked by Messrs. McAlpine and Johnson, who are well satisfied with their cleanups. Six is temporarily closed down, but will be worked on a large scale, work starting in a few days. Miss Holmes, who was cooking on the claim, has been sniping with very pleasing returns; rumor has it that she has rocked out as high as \$70 a day.

Charles Debney is working 8 below and has a very fine plant.

Frank Swanson has a thoroughly equipped plant on 12 and has moved some good dirt.

Mummy is working 15 and the pay is reported good.

Tim Connelly has just finished setting up his boiler and will work a gang of men on 24 during the summer.

The hillsides on the left limit of 27b, 28 and 29 are showing up very well, indeed. On the Oleson claim hot water is thrown into the drifts with a hose pipe and kept circulating with a pulsometer pump.

Thirty-one and 32 and lower 33 are working full blast and report says the best pay on the creek is found on these and 34.

Nelson on 34 and Hout on 35 are working big gangs, and Butler's big plant on 36 is going full time. This part of the creek presents the most active appearance of the entire district.

Ten above lower creek claim and hillsides present an active appearance and employ a number of men.

The hillsides from 7 to lower discovery are all being worked and the pay is extremely good. Some are rocking and others pumping a sluice head.

Seven below has not sluiced the dumps yet. Govan is waiting the arrival of his machinery.

The hillsides on 10, 11 and 16 below are presenting an active appearance.

Jenott Brothers have one of the finest plants in the country on 10 below. They own both the creek and hillside claims on 10 and the creek on 11. A large duplex pump forces the creek water to the hillside pay and a hose pipe is sluicing the whole hill down through a long line of sluice boxes, the water used being kept in circulation, and no dry spell can stop the work. Here the true hydraulic work is going on and the cheapness of the working, as well as the large amount of ground sluiced in a day, makes the working of the claims exemplary of the coming Klondike mine.

Nineteen below is still sluicing two winter dumps; 20 is hoisting and sluicing when a sluicehead can be obtained.

Twenty-one is being made ready for next winter's work; 24 is being worked as is 25 hillside, and all have good pay.

Thirty below is being worked on a large scale. Messrs. Bolans and Le Mere are both on the ground and some fine pay has been sluiced. The flume used cost more than that of any individual claim on the creek. It takes the water from Portland creek, about two miles from the works, and carries a good sluice head at all times.

The hillsides from 30 to 38 are all being worked. The ground is shallow and very rich. Thirty-three has a centrifugal pump lifting a sluicehead; 2 will run the dirt to the creek, while the others are rocking and all with good results.

The portion of the creek from 19 to 38 will be the most active part next winter.

## Cariboo City Notes.

Several business changes have been made at Cariboo City. Bartlett Bros. have retired from business, and Helen Holden is running their hotel.

Mrs. Artaud has sold the Pioneer roadhouse and will devote her time to mining. She recently purchased a half interest in creek claim 9 below lower and is working the ground. Danny McNeil has charge of the plant and the investment is proving a profitable one.

Mr. and Mrs. Stansberry have moved to Cariboo and are located on 30, where Mrs. Stansberry is boarding the hillside men.

Hugh Dougherty has sold his roadhouse and store on 27 below upper. The hotel and store will be managed by Ed Hering, who is well known as the Nugget's representative on Hunker, Dominion, Sulphur and Gold Run creeks. Mrs. A. S. Spencer, formerly of 31 below upper, will manage the culinary department of the hotel. The premises are being renovated and a large stock of goods will be moved into the store. The new proprietors are well known on the creek and will offer to their patrons nothing but first-class goods and the best the market affords.

John Hering will succeed his brother as traveling agent for the Nugget on these creeks, but the branch office will be located as of old at Cariboo.

Dr. Bell has been spending the Fourth in Dawson.

Mrs. George Morrell spent several days with Mrs. E. A. Hering previous to her departure for Seattle.

A number of Dominionites took in the Indian river stampede. Messrs. Alexander, Klog, Baker, DeLong and Davidson of 31 below made several trips, the two first mentioned prospectors remained on the ground two weeks and put several holes down as far as possible. They found in every case that a firm conglomerate cement was found at from two to six feet in depth and so they are firm in their belief of its being a quartz proposition.

Ed Hering received a severe bite from a dog last week. He was putting a harness on the animal, preparatory to hauling water, when the beast turned suddenly and seized his wrist. The side of it was severely bruised and slightly torn, and one tooth entered the center of the wrist, tearing it to the bone and inflicting a very painful wound. The wound was seared and is doing very nicely.

## Cardinal The Winner.

The walking match which has been in progress during the six evenings previous to yesterday, is over and Cardinal has been declared the victor.

From the first of Saturday evening's four hour go it was apparent that the Indian had everything his own way. To begin with he had eight laps the start, and was altogether too vigorous to allow of the belief that Taylor would be able to gain enough to give him a chance to sprint out at the end.

The first 20 miles were done in about two and a half hours, during which no advantage was gained by either. Then after a brisk walk of about fifteen minutes the contestants moved up a little, and from that on to the close it was a series of sprints by Taylor, resulting in constant gains for Cardinal. Taylor was evidently trying to keep the Indian sprinting in the hope of wearing him out before the final brush. In this he was disappointed, as Cardinal not only refused to be worn out or winded, but took lap after lap of lead.

At 12 o'clock time was called and the result of the race announced. The distance made in the 24 hour actual traveling time was 149 miles and 15 laps for Cardinal, and 149 miles and 1 lap for Taylor, which gave Cardinal the victory by 14 laps.

The gate receipts were fully four times as much as on any previous evening, though from a financial standpoint the match was a very heavy frost.

Challenges and accepters for future events were flying around at the close

thicker than the mosquitoes, and as a result it is quite probable that a 25 mile go will be arranged between Taylor and Cardinal, with a possibility of Sam Hour being also in it, for an amount anywhere between five and fifteen hundred dollars.

## Walter Parke's Pictures.

The best house the Palace Grand has had for a long time was the one seen last evening, when Walter Parkes turned on the calcium lights and began his stereopticon account of the trip from Seattle to Nome, via the inside passage and the Yukon. The scenes along the route displayed are too familiar to need any description, the most of the audience recognizing every picture. Some of the cloud effects in these views are beautiful beyond description, and the moving picture showing a scow in passage of the Whitehorse rapids drew such a storm of applause from the audience that Mr. Parkes reversed his machine, sending the scow up the rapids and once more bringing it through the foaming, dashing spray, and thereby completing a feat which has never been attempted, even by a reliable scow dought.

The Spanish-American war scenes and the return of the troops were supplemented by a song "Our Boys are Back," by Mrs. Parks, which was very well rendered and being appropriate was well received.

The capture and execution of a French spy by Prussian soldiery during the Franco-Prussian war was so realistic as to make many shudder as the puff of white smoke from the rifles of the firing squad shot from the rifles and the spy's body rolled to the ground.

## Better Late Than Never.

A person who claims to be in position to know whereof he speaks, submits the following which we gladly reproduce:

"I read in the Nugget an item concerning the marriage of William C. Gates at Circle. The story reported is incorrect. Mr. Gates, I am informed, was married a year ago last May to his present wife, but owing to some irregularity in the divorce proceedings by which he was divorced from his former wife, he entertained some doubt as to the legality of the marriage. On learning that the divorce from his former wife was held to be regularly granted he had his marriage to his present wife solemnized before a justice of the peace at Circle City. Mrs. Gates left Dawson with him on the morning of the 19th ult. and she is the person with whom he was living on Quartz creek."

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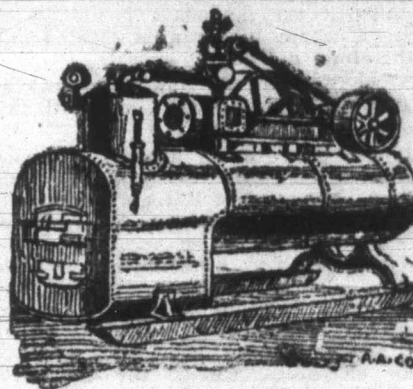
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