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A SUMMER CAMP.

The reports brought from Nome by the two men, Knobelsdorf and Campbell, serve to confirm the statement as set forth several times in these columns that winter work cannot be conducted on any very extensive basis at Nome. According to the story as told by the two men, no winter work is being attempted on the creeks with the exception of Snow gulch and only a few efforts are being made to work the beach diggings. It must be seen, therefore, that Nome will be a summer camp almost exclusively. The fact that the depth at which the pay is found is so slight precludes any considerable amount of winter work being attempted.

The cost of development in summer is practically nothing when compared with what it would mean to work during the winter season under the disadvantages which must naturally prevail in a country where all fuel has to be imported and where the climate in winter is so extremely unfavorable to outdoor operations of any kind. These are factors which every man would do well to consider before he banks too heavily on making a stake at Nome. He must figure on getting his stake within a period of four months and then confronting a period of eight months of practical idleness, or else leave the country during that length of time for Dawson or the lower country where something to occupy him during the winter months may be found.

A RAW FAKE.

Our esteemed but rather flighty contemporary, the News, is acquiring a reputation for imposing fakes upon the unsuspecting public. Having apparently exhausted the telegram story as a means of filling what would otherwise many times have been an aching void in its news columns, the News now grasps at almost any old thing that happens along which, by the application of a powerful stretch of imagination, can be turned into a sensational story.

Its latest effort along this line of shady journalism occurred on Saturday night last when it published a cock and bull story concerning an alleged secret trip of ex-Congressman Hartman through Dawson en route to Nome.

The story on its face was branded as a fake by nearly everyone who read it and the Nugget is able to present the indisputable evidence which convicts the News of the veriest kind of faking. As will be noted in the interviews published elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget, ex-Congressman Hartman is positively known to have been in Washington City on Dec. 20. It is further a well known fact that he is a man of years and of physical infirmity. His presence therefore in Dawson prior to Jan. 10th is a practical impossibility. As a bolter from the con-

vention which nominated McKinley for the presidency, Hartman has always been hostile to the administration and naturally would be one of the last men selected for an important secret mission 7000 miles away from headquarters.

The bad feature about this latest News fake is the impression it tries to throw out regarding the advantages to be derived from going to Nome over the ice. It suggests in a mysterious sort of way, that upon the arrival of Hartman in Nome a practical revolution in affairs down there will take place and everybody will then have a chance to get in on the ground floor.

For a reputable journal to circulate such absurd stories is little less than criminal, for there is no telling how many men may be induced to attempt to reach Nome over the ice, in view of what the News published. The Nugget assures its readers that the story published in the News is "rot" pure and simple, without foundations in fact and circulated for the sole purpose of selling a few papers without regard to the injurious consequences which might result therefrom.

In point of reliability the reputation of the Daily News is rapidly dwindling.

The concert last night was a splendid success from an artistic standpoint and the Nugget hopes that it was sufficiently so from a financial point of view to justify the management in continuing the entertainments through the season. Amusement of the character of the Sunday night concerts is worthy of the patronage and support of all who enjoy wholesome pleasure. Dawson has not been noted for the high standard of its places of amusement and it is gratifying to know that the Sunday concerts are finding such strong support.

A VERY RAW FAKE.

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of an opium pipe. The secretary of the interior cannot change the laws of congress any more than any other citizen. He can prescribe regulations for the acquisition of mining titles under existing laws but can go no farther. These regulations already exist. Congress can change the laws, but cannot and will not attempt to pass any retroactive law affecting vested rights acquired under existing laws. The courts hold that a citizen can acquire a mining claim located under power of attorney properly executed. No officer of the government can prevent it, until congress shall say it shall not be done. And such legislation by congress cannot affect any case arising before the passage of the act. I am at a loss to know how any one can for a moment think that the laws can be changed by any officer of the government.

"I have other substantial reasons for believing that Mr. Hartman could not have passed here. His friends in this country know that he is an attorney in the investigation at Washington now being had to prevent W. A. Clark of Montana from taking his seat in the U. S. senate, and that up to the 20th of December last he was at Washington in the discharge of his duties as such attorney before a senatorial committee. I know that Mr. Hartman is a feeble man of weak constitution, in bad health for years past. I know that Mr. Hartman would not desert his client for a trip into this country at this season, and further that he was a delegate to the convention at St. Louis, Mo., that nominated McKinley for the presidency and that he, ex-Secretary Teller and others, bolted the convention, left their party and supported Bryan. I feel that the emergency must have been great indeed to induce the administration to go among its enemies to find a person to send so far on an important

mission. I do not believe that Hartman would abandon a fat fee to become the carrier of dispatches that could be so safely entrusted to any common "musher."

"We will say that he left Washington on the 20th of December, in five days he would be in Seattle, if he did not stop to see his family as he passed through Montana. He would strike a steamer at once to get to Skagway by Jan 1st or thereabouts. Say he gets his dogs and equipment at once and leaves Jan. 1st for Dawson. If Mr. Fox's story be correct he arrived here, spent one day, bought two more dogs and left here before the fire, which occurred January 10th, thus making unprecedented time from Skagway to this place. You will excuse me, sir, if I am incredulous on this subject."

"Are you acquainted with Mr. Charles Fox?"

"I am not certain that I know him personally, though I know of him. He lived in the same county in Montana in which Mr. Allan R. Joy lived and the latter knows him well. I have always heard of him as a nice man, rather clever, possessing versatile talents and a wonderful imagination, bordering upon the romantic."

When seen in his office this morning and asked if he knew ex-Congressman Hartman of Montana, Allan R. Joy said:

"I have known Charlie Hartman most intimately for the past 18 years. I have been with him and against him in the trial of many cases; I have sat with him in a constitutional convention and in many territorial and state conventions. I was in the convention that nominated him for congress; in fact, I know Hartman much better than I know any man in Dawson, and I know that the story in the News of Saturday evening was a rank fake. Why, even if it was true that Hartman was en route to Nome he would not pass through here without calling on Col. Word, the Brays, myself and many more of his intimate friends of former days, and if he was on a secret mission he could have kept his mouth shut, couldn't he? Pshaw! Such rot makes me tired. If Hartman had been here he would have stopped at the Hotel McDonald and hired two niggers to rub him instead of hunting up this man Fox, who stops up the river some place in a slough, and who, by the way, never owned two "best" dogs in his life. Hartman is an invalid and could no more stand the trip over the ice from Bennett to Nome than a child. Besides, I know that on the 9th of January, a day after the News had him here, Hartman was in Washington City, where he is attorney in a case in which W. A. Clark of Montana, is interested. And this man Fox! Why, I have no idea he ever spoke to Hartman in his life. But to bear Fox talk you would think he is in touch with President McKinley and the Prince of Wales and other nabobs. What Col. Word says of Hartman walking out of the St. Louis convention with Teller and others is true. He stumped Montana for Bryan, who carried that state by 28,000, and it is not likely he will ever be entrusted by the present administration with any business whatever."

Mark and Henry Bray talked in the same vein of the News' fake as did Col. Word and Mr. Joy. The Daily Nugget explains this story of its contemporary lest by its vaporings, many might be prompted to rush off to Nome on the impulse of the moment.

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