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BETTER OFF HERE.

The outside papers tell of the great preparations for the Nome stampede but confine themselves with very noticeable regularity to men who are going to the beach diggings for the purpose of placing in operation schemes of various kinds. There are men with schemes for hotels, restaurants, mercantile houses, saloons, gambling houses and in fact men going with every conceivable intention aside from the purpose of mining. As a matter of fact, and the truth of this statement is becoming more clear every day, there is nothing left at Nome or anywhere in the immediate vicinity of the camp for the man who goes with the expectation of securing desirable ground. It is now pretty generally conceded that the beach diggings, so far as they were proven to carry gold in paying quantities, were practically worked out last year and the Nome stamper must this year depend very largely upon the chances which will result from prospecting and developing new ground.

Of the several thousand men who worked on the beach last summer comparatively few made an average of \$10 per day during the season. There were periods when a great many men were making more than that, but there were also times when these same men would be working with little or no returns. It is extremely doubtful if average wages were made when the whole number of men who were at work on the beach is taken into consideration.

The outlook for the intending Nomad who wants to confine himself to digging for gold is not as bright as might be the case. He will have, at most, four months during which he can prosecute his work. According to the law now under consideration by congress he will be allowed to locate a narrow strip of beach scarcely large enough to be designated a claim, and in getting this he must, as conditions now are, take his chances in new and untried territory.

A man who is working at fair wages in Dawson or on the creeks adjacent to this city is in a much better position than the average Nomad will be at the close of next summer's work on the famous beach. If such is not the case all precedents are wrong and all signs will fail.

The valiant captain and almost was major has had a great deal to say concerning the late lamented "Soapy" Smith. It is told in a whisper that our guileless editorial friend once met the festive Soapy and became so enamored of a certain little game of pea and shell at which the said Soapy was an adept, that he voluntarily parted with several bank notes of various denominations in acquiring a knowledge of the fascinating sport. We think the Captain has acted

with admirable discretion in confining his African campaign to a warfare of words as we understand that there are several games played down there which are far in advance of anything attempted by the late Soapy.

Our esteemed contemporary the Daily News, whose reputation as a purveyor of hard luck stories was long since established, is out with a brand new series. The general plot is along the ordinary lines, hinging upon the failure of the News to receive various and sundry special telegrams supposed to have been sent from Skagway. We would suggest to our contemporary that it collect all its various tales of woe and publish them in a single volume, with some such title as "The Tale of a Telegram, or the Story of a Misspent Life." In doing this, however the News should guarantee the public immunity from further inflictions in its editorial and local columns.

Our correspondent who signs himself "Canuck" has, we think struck a clarion note. We want an election in the Yukon territory and we want it badly. We want to see some of our local oratorical talent turned loose and hear the surrounding hills echo with the pent up eloquence of years. We want to see the dogs of war liberated and the battle begin which is going to bring a repeal of obnoxious laws and the substitution of better ones. "Canuck" presents an array of material from which it would not be difficult to select good men and still there are others. We should be pleased to receive other suggestions along similar lines.

The intense cold weather which is now afflicting this much afflicted community is something almost unprecedented. Last winter February was a month of comparatively pleasant weather but winter seems bound this year to stay with us to the very last. However, we have the hope held out to us that March, which it appears now will come in like a lion, will retire very peacefully and lamb like when its race has been run.

Entertainments of a public nature are coming along in rapid succession. Two celebrations are billed for Washington's birthday, a sacred concert are on the lists for next Sunday night and another one is billed at this early date for the following Sunday night. Verily the world do move, and Dawson is keeping up with the procession.

Editor Woodside volunteers the information through the columns of the Sun that it—the Sun—supports the present Canadian government at so much per support. The child like ingenuousness of this warrior editor, is something marvelous.

What has happened to Buller? He seems to have withdrawn altogether from his former position, leaving Colenso and Springfield apparently in the hands of the Boers. It is a fortunate thing that Roberts is getting onto the scene of action.

Creek Notes.

Two below upper Dominion is again presenting an active appearance. The owners, Messrs. Ellinger & Co., have their machinery which was caught at Stewart river, set up and a dump is putting in an appearance.

Twelve below upper has a double elevator hoisting dirt and Frank Swanson

claims his pay streak to be spreading out in a pleasing manner.

Thirteen below upper is being opened up again this winter by means of a thawer. Some very fair pay is being taken out beneath the creek bed.

Quartz creek benches are improving as the work progresses. Messrs. Woodson & Co. have recently put a thawer on 12 below A. Mack's discovery.

Anderson brothers are heaping up some large dumps on 20 below, with good average pay.

No. 2 Little Blanche has a thawer and quite a gang of men working on the creek claim. Reports say some fine pay has been struck.

Men are engaged on the various claims of the Boyle Gates concession cutting wood and getting in shape for work when the machinery arrives.

No. 125 below discovery on Sulphur, which is really a half mile below the mouth of Sulphur, is working a steam thawer to good advantage. The pay is found to be over 100 feet wide and a depth averaging four feet of ten cent dirt.

An Original Invitation.

Senator Lynch is nothing if not original. To him the stereotyped way of doing business does not appeal. There is that peculiar originality in his make up which brings forth instead of the common worn out "You are cordially invited, etc.," the following little gem of an invitation which has been neatly printed and distributed to the invited guests:

Dawson, Feb. 19, 1900.

A few Americans, banished like Ovid for their sins, yet seeking the golden fleece within these Northern latitudes, ask the pleasure of your presence at eight o'clock, Thursday, the twenty-second day of February, 1900, in memory of George Washington.

THE PARTNERS FIGHT.

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afternoon. Gates said the man had come to him without his time check and he had, therefore, declined to pay him until he learned from the foreman the amount due.

Wholly impervious to the teachings of the 133d psalm, John Jacobson and W. H. Stanberry, owners of 13 below on Bonanza, have had trouble, which trouble resulted in a broken nose and a much bruised face for Stanberry, those parts of him having come in contact with his partner's fists while they were at work on their claim on Monday. As evidence that Jacobson is a fighting man, Mrs. Stanberry, a nice looking little lady, testified that he had in addition to beating her husband, also threatened to administer like treatment to her. Jacobson, in his own behalf, described himself as all that is emblematic of meekness, patience and long suffering. He said that in addition to Stanberry dropping a bucket down a 40-foot shaft on his head five times on Monday he, Stanberry, had also "yumped" him the moment he came out of the shaft in the evening, and that in breaking his partner's nose and otherwise spoiling his face he acted only in self defense. If Jacobson got it on the head Monday "ha got it aen da nake" this morning, as the decision of the court was that he pay a fine of \$20 and costs, and file a bond in the sum of \$500 with two sureties, binding himself to keep the peace towards Stanberry for the next 12 months.

First Boat for Nome.

The steamer W. K. Merwin has been chartered by a Dawson company to make the trip down the river immediately upon the opening of navigation. It is the intention to have this boat not only the first to get away but the first to arrive at Nome, making the trip down the river and across Behring sea. This boat has been specially built for ocean travel and successfully made the trip from Seattle to Dawson under her own steam.

She will carry 400 first and second class passengers and has 280 tons of freight space. All meals are to be first class, the only difference in passage being the location of berths.

Captain R. A. Talbot, a skilled navigator on the lower river has been engaged to take the boat to its destination. Many tickets have been sold

already and freight space secured guaranteeing the success of the enterprise.

Tickets can be secured of F. C. Thompson at the Criterion hotel, or from F. S. McFarlane, manager of W. H. Parsons & Co's store, Hotel Mc. Donald.

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