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EVERYTHING IS NOME

Seattle Steamship Offices Besieged for Tickets.

MEN ARE GOING FROM EVERY STATE

First Steamers Are Sure to Be Crowded.

How the Great Rush Is Affecting the Metropolis of Puget Sound—The Advance Guard Is Already in Seattle—Hotels Are Crowded.

Seattle, Jan. 1.—Inquiries are pouring into the transportation offices from all over the country. Not a state or territory in the Union but is represented in the list of applicants for transportation to the district. But this is to be said, however, the fortune seekers in this rush will, if the present indications may be taken as a criterion, come from that great land lying west of the Mississippi. New England, owing, perhaps, to generally improved commercial conditions, will not send as many men in quest of gold as she contributed to the Klondike excitement. This seems particularly true of the manufacturing centers, whose populations find readier remunerative employment at home.

But the mining states, such as Colorado, Montana, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Washington, if the letters of inquiry from their citizens may be taken as an indication, are already well inoculated with the Cape Nome fever. California, too, will send many to the new Eldorado by way of Seattle. Aside from Washington, that state will doubtless dispatch a proportionately greater gold seeking brigade than any other commonwealth. And all sections west of the Rockies will be well represented. Far off Florida sends many letters of inquiry, and the northern tier of states, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, including, of course, many Canadian provinces, give signs of material contributions. Both the Dakotas make a splendid showing, and Minnesota is preparing to send as many fortune seekers, perhaps, as she contributed two years ago. Illinois is heard from frequently, as also Ohio and Indiana. The Southern states, with the exception of Florida and Texas, do not appear much concerned. Nor is agricultural Kansas overenthusiastic. Missouri, Michigan and Wisconsin are more or less indifferent.

While local lines have been booming passengers for more than 60 days, two or three of the leading companies have as yet declined to give rates. At this time the prevailing fare is \$100 for first class passage from Seattle to Cape Nome, with freight at the rate of \$40 per ton. These are the rates quoted now, and with the sailing dates running all the way from May 20 to June 10. A majority of the vessels calculate on making their first sailing May 25, though the larger vessels in many cases will not get away before June 1. San

Francisco is asking higher rates. Numerous telegrams received in this city during the week state that the Alaska Commercial Company and the Alaska Exploration Company, the two principal lines operating from the California metropolis, are demanding \$175 and \$200 for first-class passage and \$125 for second class accommodations. These rates contemplate a departure of some of the vessels late in April and during the first days of May, and were no doubt fixed with the idea in view of the fact that the operating companies will have to board their passengers from 10 days to two weeks before the ships can reach their destination.

It may be that the Seattle charges will go no higher than the rates quoted, \$100 and \$200—though the probabilities are that the larger steamers will try for a better figure, possibly one or two as high as \$150 first class.

A local company that is quoting \$100 per ticket from day to day took in an average of \$1000 per day deposit money for the first two weeks of December. This represented more fractional fares paid in the shape of deposits for the purpose of holding tickets; but it gives a good idea of the volume of Cape Nome business that is being done.

A single steamship, one of the larger vessels, has had 600 applications for passage on the first sailing vessel. While over 400 of these have proposed paying a deposit the management has in every instance declined to bind itself to any given price for passage. It is one of the most commodious vessels of the entire fleet and the management will no doubt, to a certain extent be able to dictate its own terms.

FROM CAPETOWN.

Advices from Capetown say there is great dissatisfaction there at the action of British insurance companies, who are retarding volunteering by making policy holders pay war risk premiums, while the agencies of leading American companies allow perfect freedom for naval and military service.

The government has accepted 166 Ceylon volunteers, mostly planters, and has also accepted the offer of Indian princes to supply horses.

The non-arrival of the Majestic, due at Capetown on Thursday, is causing some surprise among the public, who expected she would maintain her usual transatlantic speed. In shipping circles, however, it is explained that this is due to the conditions imposed by coaling en route, the necessity of economizing her supplies and of traversing the tropics, all of which, they add, combine heavily to discount her usual rate of speed.

Police Court.

It was a long drawn out session of court held by Major Perry this morning, owing to the fact that people persist in rushing into court before they map out a plan of prosecution or defence, with the result that the good nature of the court is most severely tested at times.

Jams Nansen, a pleasant and inoffensive looking Norwegian, was up this morning on the charge of emptying a pail of slops on the edge of the Yukon river. Nansen admitted that he had not carried the slops out to the prescribed line, but said as the pail contained only thin dishwater he thought it was all right. The arresting officer had not assayed or analyzed the slops but said they looked pretty thick. A fine of \$2 was imposed.

W. H. McDonald had an account of \$165 against W. E. Terrill for labor as a freighter and packer. The case was probably one of the most mysterious in the annals of litigation since the sword play made by Solomon on the occasion

of a dispute over a child. Old account books, yellow with age and shattered by the ravages of time were in evidence. Attorney McDougall appeared for the defendant. The plaintiff's case was a poor one, or if not, it was poorly presented and was lacking in support. Dismissal at cost of plaintiff.

A man named Hoffbaur, "Horsepower," as one of the defendants called him, was before the court with a bill of \$187.50 against Jones & Himple, owners of a claim on Dominion. The bill was for labor performed in representing. Both admitted the claim to be just, but each partner seemed to think the other should pay it. Jones denied being an owner in the claim, but partnership papers indicated otherwise. An order was made against the partners for the amount which is to be paid in five days, otherwise a distress warrant will be issued.

Theodore Cruisland, a lad accused of stealing a shovel and a shotgun, was brought from jail for trial. With large tears chasing each other down his cheeks he replied to questions of the court to the effect that he is not quite 18 years of age, that his parents are dead and that he is rather short on friends. He acknowledged selling the shovel, but said it was given him by a young man named Gibson. He accounted for the gun by saying he picked it up during the fire. The case was continued until this afternoon in order that the boy Gibson might be present.

Superior Court.

In the pre-emptory trial docket for the week in Judge Dugas' court commencing this morning, yesterday being chambers day, are the following cases, and an effort will be made to dispose of them during the week:

Zampatti vs. Hawkes, Atkinson vs. Hawkes, Dyson vs. Hawkes, Irish vs. Hawkes, Lassidar vs. Hawkes, McRae vs. Tinkham, Hopper vs. Hayes, Albers vs. Letournian, Donatillo vs. Ames, Klondike Mill Co. vs. Bourke, Campbell vs. C. D. Co., Courtney vs. C. D. Co., Trombarg vs. Hobb, Lynch vs. Stewart, Pruden vs. A. E. Co., Dougherty vs. Hammel et al, Abramovich vs. Finsilver.

At the Aurora.

There is considerable rivalry on these days at the Aurora between Proprietor Tom Chisholm and Head Day Officer Andie McKenzie. Chisholm claims to be the best looking man in town, while McKenzie lays claim to the best shape.

Harry Edwards can lay them out on both propositions, but he is too modest to enter for sweepstakes. They are all good fellows, however, and to this latter trait is probably due the fact that when parties arrive in the city from either up or down the river they invariably head straight for the Aurora, thus making it one of the best points in the city for the meek and lowly newsgatherer when out chasing after elusive items.

FIRE! J. L. Sale & Co., now at branch store, 2nd Ave., next to Palmer Bros.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

RESERVES ALL OUT!

Boers Have Every Available Man in the Field.

FOOD SUPPLIES ARE NOT LARGE

Operations Are Being Conducted Around Ladysmith.

Relief Is Expected to Arrive at the Besieged City by Jan. 7—General Buller Is Preparing to Advance on the Boer Position.

New York, Dec. 29.—Winston Churchill, cabling to the World, says that although the Boers are confident, they want to return to their farms, and complain bitterly of hardships in the field.

Although the total Boer loss probably does not exceed 2000, batches of deserters from the commands are daily brought back to the front by the police. The last reserves have been called out, and the only burghers remaining on the farms are those who are unfit or have bribed the officials.

The food supplies are not large and latterly the corps have suffered terribly from locusts. The tight British grip on Delagoa bay must be felt also.

Reviewing the general situation he says it is foolish not to recognize that the British are fighting a formidable and terrible adversary of high qualities. The burghers increase their efficiency and their overmen, although vilely corrupt, devotes its whole energy to military operations. Time is, however, on the British side, and must eventually weaken the Republic.

AROUND LADYSMITH.

London, Jan. 2.—The reported sortie from Ladysmith, resulting in the capture of a Boer position, is not confirmed.

A Chievley dispatch, dated December 29th, makes no mention of it, and the same message shows renewed activity upon the part of the British apparently preparatory to some action.

The Boer position eastward of the camp was thoroughly reconnoitered on December 28th, without drawing the enemy.

The naval guns engage in daily practice, and it is said on good authority that 30 or 40 Boers have been killed by the firing during two days.

A dispatch from Durban predicts that Ladysmith will be relieved on or about January 7th, while there is nothing to bear out this forecast.

There is some disposition to believe Gen. Buller is preparing another attempt to advance, this time by an attack on the Boer position in Inhlawe mountains.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office

*** Come and See ***

Special Sale

Felt Shoes, bals \$6.00 pair
Felt Shoes, high top . . \$6.00 pair
Felt Shoes, Congress . . \$6.00 pair
Moccasins \$2.50 pair

The Ames Mercantile Co.

ARCTIC SAW MILL
Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.
SLUICE, FLUME AND MINING LUMBER
At Lowest Prices. Order Now.
At Mill, OFFICES:
Boyer Ferry, Klondike river. **J. W. Boyle.**
Boyle's Wharf.

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NOTICE.

When a newspaper offers its advertising space at a nominal figure, it is a practical admission of "no circulation." THE KLONDIKE NUGGET asks a good figure for its space and in justification thereof guarantees to its advertisers a paid circulation five times that of any other paper published between Juneau and the North Pole.

UNCERTAINTY.

Business has no greater foe than uncertainty and lack of confidence. This fact is always made manifest preceding and during the time of a general election, when the determination of national politics is hanging in the balance. Men who have money available for investment prefer during such times to place the same safely away in safe deposit rather than invest in securities which might be affected by the result of the pending political struggle. A similar condition now confronts the city of Dawson, though for very dissimilar reasons and on a comparatively modest scale.

The determination on the part of a very considerable portion of the inhabitants of the Yukon territory to betake themselves to Nome at the opening of navigation has led many men to inquire as to the ultimate effect upon Dawson which this exodus will have.

The result has been that, as suggested above, a feeling of uncertainty has been created with the very natural consequence that business has suffered from a depression.

We are unable, however, to agree with the opinions we have heard expressed that Dawson will suffer permanently from the Nome stampede. The foundation upon which the Yukon's metropolis have been reared are altogether too broad and substantial to be injured in any particular by a temporary outpouring of people. Dawson and the territory in general have survived in the face of legislation passed with an apparent view to killing both. It may be expected, therefore, that when the time arrives for a change in existing laws—and that time is now but shortly deferred, our little city of the north will take giant strides forward.

The most practical demonstration that possibly could be made of the confidence which men of wealth hold in the future of Dawson is the fact that the district recently destroyed by fire is rapidly being rebuilt, at a time when, as noted above, a general feeling of uncertainty is abroad in the town. When men back their faith with their dollars, the said faith has the unmistakable ring of soundness about it. Such is the case with the city of Dawson today.

STILL GROWING.

The service which the Nugget has perfected for furnishing its creek patrons with the news of the week is resulting in a continual increase in circulation on every creek in the district.

On Thursday the Nugget's Semi-Weekly, again increased to eight pages, contains all the important news of Monday's and Tuesday's issues and everything that appeared in Wednesday's

daily. The Sunday issue of the Semi-Weekly contains all news matter for the preceding three days up to and including Saturday afternoon. The advantage which this service has over the weekly paper is at once obvious. A weekly paper issued, for instance, on Friday, must contain, if it fulfills its proper function, all the news for the preceding six days, beginning with Saturday. The news of that day, however, has already appeared in the Semi-Weekly Nugget, distributed on the creeks on Sunday. The news of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday appears in Thursday's Semi-Weekly, which is distributed on every creek on the same day. When, therefore, our staid weekly contemporary issued on Friday, finally gets around on the creeks it discovers that everything it contains aside from "boiler plate" has been a matter of public knowledge on the creeks for some time. Hence it is that the Semi-Weekly Nugget occupies the strongest position on the creeks of any paper published in Dawson. That strength has been a matter of growth and development. It has required time and persistent effort to build up a patronage that would justify the excellent service given, but the work has been accomplished, and on the strength of the accomplishment of that work we are able to assure our advertising patrons that in the Daily and Semi-Weekly Nugget their advertisements reach a larger number of people who are readers and buyers than can be reached through any or all other mediums in Dawson.

A GRIEVANCE.

The ex-organ edited by the man who "might have been a major" has a grievance. This grievance has its origin in a sort of headachy feeling which the embryo major, experienced after being badly scooped by the Nugget in an important piece of news matter. In its telegraphic dispatches of Jan. 17 the Nugget published the statement that 8000 men had met death in the war up to date. The dispatch contained few particulars and was published just as received. The man who came so near being a major now comes forward and says that the Nugget had "one cypher too many." That instead of being 8000 it should have been 800. "In any event," continues the major (to be perhaps) it would not amount to more than 7000. There is such a large degree of pure and undefiled humor in this journalistic gem that comment upon it would be superfluous.

With plenty of boiler plates, a strong imagination and a good pair of shears a newspaper may be published in the Klondike during the cold weather without requiring editor or reporter to leave the office. The Nugget, having no boiler plate, possessing but slight powers of imagination and having loaned the office shears, is compelled to "hustle" for news even when it is 50 below zero. This condition involves lots of hard work on the part of the staff, but results in the Nugget's readers getting all the news while it is fresh. The manner in which the sales of the Daily Nugget continue to increase leads us to imagine that people are rapidly finding out that all the news is in the Daily Nugget.

The columns of personal abuse with which the ex-organ is filled serve merely as a gauge whereby to measure

the mental and moral depth of the man who is their author. Egotism and ignorance are written over the Sun in letters so large that even he who runs may read without stopping.

Management Changes Hands.

The dining room at the Hotel McDonald is closed for today. Mr. H. W. Leonard retires from the management and tomorrow morning the restaurant will resume business under the direction of Messrs. Thomas Chisholm and Harry T. Edwards, the proprietors of the McDonald hotel.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The funeral of the late J. T. Wilson will be held at the M. E. church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A party of 16 departed for Nome this morning. Some of the persons started without dogs. There were no women in the party.

A week has passed since a fire alarm was sounded. Considering the fact that during a good portion of the week mercury was down to 50 degrees below zero it is not a bad record for a stove pipe town.

A still alarm was turned in last night at No. 1 hall. A small fire had caught under the stove in the Empire ware house. The chemical and crew responded, but the blaze was extinguished with a bucket of water.

In order to find a remnant of Col. Word's late water system it would now be necessary to dig up the mains, the little water houses which dotted the streets having all been removed, and the places that knew them once will know them no more forever.

The fact that the weather is several degrees warmer than for the past 40 days has caused a decided picking up in the business of the stage lines operating between here and the Forks. Freightage is also much heavier now than during the more severe weather.

Another day has passed and yet Dawson has no telegraphic communication with the outside world. It may be that some enterprising man who contemplates starting a hay ranch has stolen a few miles of the line for baling wire and the company is awaiting the receipt of a new shipment from Ottawa.

It was a sick looking quartette of dogs that came back to Tom Chisholm yesterday, after making the round trip to and from Skagway in six weeks. The dogs were taken out by a man named Houston and brought back by J. McKay. Chisholm has the four animals in his canine hospital, where they are being treated for frozen feet and general dilapidation. Mr. Chisholm has five other dogs on the trail some place between here and Skagway which he expects to arrive home in a few days. Owing to the recent very severe weather, travel on the trail has been hard on both man and beast.

PERSONAL MENTION.

G. Davis and wife are guests at the Hotel McDonald.

C. H. Richards of Dominion creek is a visitor in Dawson.

George Bryne has returned to No. 26 above on Bonanza.

M. Leak, a miner on Last Chance, is stopping at the Yukon hotel.

Herbert Sampson, from Hunker, is spending a few days in town.

Charles Armstrong, a miner on Sulphur, is registered at the Yukon hotel.

Bobby Burns' Day.

On Thursday, January 25th, Bobby Burns' day will be celebrated by a number of gentlemen who have arranged to give a supper and dance in the dining room of the Hotel McDonald. Messrs. D. G. McKenzie, Thomas Chisholm, H. T. Edwards, J. F. McDonald and Doctor McDonald are actively engaged in making preparations for the affair. On the same evening, a similar event will be given in the McDonald hall under the auspices of Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Mahoney, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Merriam.

One-half, 3/4, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch steam hose at Shindler's, 109 Front street.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the Estate of Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, late of the Parish of Stranden, in the Kingdom of Norway, miner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Cap 129, Sec. 38, and Amending Acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, who died in or about the months of July or August, A. D. 1897, at Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company (Limited), administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900, their names, addresses and descriptions and a full state-

ment of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day the undersigned, administrators, will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated at the City of Ottawa this 12th day of December, A. D. 1899.

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The Pay Streak
In Two Places.

FRONT ST., Opposite
S.-Y. T. Dock
and
Corner Second Street
and Fifth Avenue

Inspect Our Complete
Stock of
**Groceries and
Miners' Supplies**
What We Have We'll Sell.

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Full Line of Choice Brands of
Wines, Liquors and Cigars

CHISHOLM'S SALOON
FOM CHISHOLM Proprietor

Burnt, Flooded, Frozen and Chopped Out
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Hardware, Etc. Front Street

J. H. HOLME & CO.
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Orders from the Creeks Given
Prompt Attention.

FIRST STREET OPP. FAIRVIEW

AN EXCEEDINGLY HARD TRIP.

Railroad Blockaded and Snow at Summit 12 Feet Deep.

Three Men Arrive, Footsore and Weary, 20 Days From Bennett—Dog Feed 60 Cents Per Pound.

Three men—Nugget Express Messenger H. Buckhols, and Messrs. Young and Seaver, the latter two claim owners of 14 and 15, Eldorado—arrived yesterday, 20 days from Bennett, the three previous days having been required to make the trip from Skagway to Bennett. Owing to the heavy snows which is badly drifted in places, the White Pass & Yukon road was temporarily out of business so far as its operating department was concerned when the trio started on their long trip, with the result that the journey to Bennett had to be made on foot and by breaking a trail for the dogs and sled over every mile of the 40. Mr. Buckhols, when seen by a Daily Nugget representative last night, said the snow at the summit when his party crossed was from 10 to 12 feet deep and the wind was blowing as it usually does there, at the rate of 400 miles an hour, and mercury 40 degrees below zero. Two entire days were consumed in traveling from the summit to Bennett, a distance of only 20 miles.

From Bennett down this way the first six miles of the lake is very bad on account of drifted and drifting snow, but from there on to Dawson the only drawbacks experienced were from the unusually cold weather and strong head winds which blew incessantly. Mr. Buckhols says the men endured the winds much better than did the dogs, three of the five dogs with which the party started, giving out, necessitating their being left behind at various stations along the trail. Fresh dogs were provided, however, and the journey continued to a successful termination. At Lebarge, owing to the unusual severity of the wind, the party laid up for 48 hours and when a start was finally made it was in the face of a howling hurricane.

In speaking of the cutoffs, Mr. Buckhols describes them as being a great improvement over the old all-river route, and this being his sixth trip over the ice, he is certainly in a position to speak knowingly on the situation, but regarding the treatment of travelers over the cutoffs with dogs, he can not speak so flatteringly.

"Aside from the cutoff," said he, "there is an established rate for dog feed all along the route, from Bennett to Dawson. The price is 30 cents per pound for dry dog feed, but on cutoff trail they won't sell you dry dog feed. They will not allow a man to cook dog feed for his dogs, but cook it themselves and charge 30 cents for it cooked. Now, eight pounds of dry feed make 19 pounds when it is cooked, and that is what I call the rankest kind of graft. One roadhouse on the first cutoff coming down charged men 60 cents per pound for cooked dog feed, and I advise all travelers to stock up before reaching that part of the route."

Buckhols heard nothing new regarding the disappearance of the Clayson party, further than that six men have been arrested and are being held, four at Tagish and two at Lebarge, on suspicion of being implicated in the mystery.

The Crown Woodpile.

One of the busiest places in the city is the crown woodpile, where a score or more of men and four horses are kept busy "all the livelong day" at the work of converting long wood into suitable stove sizes. Aside from the horse power supplied for the saw, the labor is all performed by prisoners who are all doing time for offenses of one sort and another, each man having a date to which he anxiously looks forward. Some of the dates may be only a few

days, others several months in the future. The men are not oppressed in any way. If physically able, they must work steadily and regularly, they are well fed and warmly clothed, and in many cases, so far as they are physically concerned, they are in better condition while "doing time" than when bumping around outside and striving to exist by their wits and petty theft. For Dawson, the crown woodpile is a good institution and cases are indeed rare in which innocent men are employed on it.

Buckets of Gold.

Dr. L. O. Wilcoxon returned yesterday from a short trip with his partner, Humboldt Gates, to their claims, 8 and 18 on Sulphur. At the latter mine work has been resumed after a short delay caused by the breaking of the thawing machinery. Work on both their Sulphur claims is now progressing rapidly with the most satisfactory results, the paystreak growing very much richer as they get further in, the dirt hoisted on Friday running 20 cents to the pan, while by Saturday afternoon the general average of several pans washed out was 30 cents. Gates and Wilcoxon are increasing their forces and from now on the work will be pushed to the full capacity.

Dr. Wilcoxon visited Gold Hill on Sunday where he asserts that Dr. D. S. Carper has on his claim the most perfectly systematized mode of mining in the entire district. His machinery appliances are so arranged that one man at the mouth of the shaft can easily handle the 600 buckets of dirt which are taken out daily, being hoisted 80 feet. Dr. Carper's claim is a very rich one, as much as \$100 having been washed from one pan.

Dr. Wilcoxon says the aggregate amount of gold washed out on the various creeks at the cleanup will be very much in excess of the general estimate.

A Bear Story.

Only four years ago this winter, according to the annals of an old timer who was here at that time, it was not uncommon to see bears in what is now a portion of the city of Dawson, and the few prospectors who were here at that time had to keep close watch on their caches to prevent their being raided by Bruin. The old timer related an incident that happened that winter to a man who had a cache on the top of the hill above Klondike City. He had built it on posts to prevent dogs from getting at his stock, but had not thought to take the precaution to make it bear proof. Among other things the cache contained several sides of bacon and upwards of a bushel of dried apples. On returning from a trip up the creek one day about the middle of the afternoon he was surprised to find two large bears lying on the ground under his cache, and it took but a glance to convince him that a heavy raid had been made on his winter's supply of provisions. A later invoice of the stock showed that the bears had eaten two sides of bacon and the entire stock of dried apples. The after effects of such a repast were such as to produce drowsiness on the part of the animals with the result that they did not care to return to their lairs in the hills, but stayed on the scene of their late glutinous meal. Not being armed and deciding that discretion was the better part of valor, the victim of the daylight robbery hid himself up into the branches of a tree and called lustily for help. His cries were heard by a brother miner, who repaired towards the prisoner in the tree, who yelled to the rescuer to go back and bring a gun. It took several hours for a Winchester to dispatch the shaggy brutes, but even when wounded they did not appear to recover from their stupidity and resume their normal bear habits. The bacon and dried apples had been too much for them and they died victims of their own greed.

Record of Transfers.

J. C. Peterson to P. Anderson, four forty-fifths interest in No. 1 Monte Cristo.
O. Merton to S. T. Prather, hillside

claim opposite upper half, left limit, No. 8 Boulder.

A. J. Williams to J. R. Reed et al, half interest in bench, left limit, opposite 52 below on Bonanza.

French Exploration Company to C. A. Chapman six-eighths interest in the 75 foot fraction at the upper end of No. 17 Eldorado.

Tabor and Hume to R. Fraser and J. P. Pike, eighth interest in hillside opposite upper half, left limit, of No. 2 on a pup at No. 1 below on Bear.

Miss M. Gates to R. Fraser and J. P. Pike, three eighths interest in hillside opposite upper half, left limit, of No. 2 on a pup at No. 1 below on Bear.

D. Kennedy to W. A. Rystrom, a bench on the 10th tier, left limit, off of No. 30 hydraulic reserve, Hunker.

P. B. Tyler to E. Smith, hillside opposite lower half, left limit of No. 46 below on Hunker.

D. Kennedy to C. S. Rogers, half interest in a bench on the eighth tier, left limit, off of No. 30, hydraulic reserve, Hunker.

F. Banta to C. J. Cunningham et al, third interest of the bench opposite the upper half, left limit, of No. 5 above the mouth of Last Chance.

M. Golobich to M. Malesich, fourth interest in hillside opposite upper half, right limit of No. 79 below on Bonanza.

F. Nichols to D. Doig, third interest in No. 11 above on Gold Bottom.

P. B. Tyler to E. Smith, half interest in hillside opposite lower half of No. 1 above upper discovery on Dominion.

J. Goebel to E. Smith, half of hillside, left limit, opposite 26 above on Sulphur.

G. W. Powell to E. Smith, half interest of hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of 32 above on Sulphur.

W. Ripley to E. Smith, half of hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of 25 above on Sulphur.

W. C. Gates to W. Thorburn, half interest of No. 2 on a pup at No. 13 Eldorado.

A. Murray to W. Austin, half of hillside opposite upper half of No. 7 above on Quartz.

J. H. Goebel to E. Smith, half of hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of No. 68 below on Hunker.

J. J. Wilson to E. M. Sullivan, half of hillside, left limit, opposite No. 35a below on Hunker.

B. F. Laughlin et al to P. D. Carper, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 American gulch.

H. Te Roller to A. Williams, No. 58b below on Sulphur.

T. Renard to W. M. Heron, lower half of No. 4 Gay Gulch.

Asa Wyman to F. D. Stevens, quarter interest in the upper half of No. 241 below lower discovery on Dominion.

G. Gates to W. G. Baird third of bench, No. 12, on 49 group, opposite No. 49 below on Bonanza.

T. E. Williams to F. C. Williams, three-quarter of No. 86 below on Sulphur.

T. E. Williams to J. Le Mar, quarter of No. 86 below on Sulphur.

A. W. Robinson to S. Harkness, hillside, right limit, opposite upper half of No. 33 below upper on Dominion.

C. J. Mulkey to C. W. Green et al, quarter of the lower half of No. 13 Gay Gulch.

H. Marshall to W. Privets, half of bench, right limit, opposite No. 30 Bonanza.

M. Kennedy et al to F. H. Hicks et al, No. 6 O'Neil Gulch.

W. H. P. Clement to M. Williams, half of bench, left limit off of lower half of No. 42 below on Bonanza.

W. H. P. Clement to M. Williams, hillside, right limit, opposite upper half of No. 29 Eldorado.

C. Scheck to P. L. Lewis, third of hillside, right limit, opposite upper half of No. 17 above on Hunker.

M. B. Stark to H. R. Walker, three-eighths of hillside, right limit, opposite No. 1, Throldike.

T. Dwyer to D. E. Griffith, hillside, right limit, opposite lower half of No. 15 below on Canon.

E. Norman to E. Boltes, bench on second tier, right limit, opposite lower half of No. 5 below on Hunker.

E. Coulombe to A. Bonchard et al, hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of No. 3 above the mouth of Last Chance.

J. E. Smith to D. J. Bell, half of hillside, right limit, opposite upper half of No. 172b below upper on Dominion.

J. Peirano to F. Vendett et al, half of bench on fifth tier, left limit, opposite 33 on the hydraulic reserve, Hunker.

J. Patterson to R. Henry, third of bench, right limit, opposite No. 15 below on Bonanza.

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A patent was issued on the 20th of December last by the department at Ottawa to Mr. J. H. Holme, of Dawson, for the steam drill which is in common use by mine owners using steam hoisting machinery. Mr. Holme will in future have entire control of the manufacture and sale of the drills. He has already instructed that legal proceedings be taken against all persons infringing upon his patent.

NEWS FROM JACK WADE.

Affairs Have Assumed a Very Quiet Aspect There.

Excepting a Few Claims, the Creek Has Resolved Into a Grubstake Proposition.

Affairs on Jack Wade creek have a very quiet aspect. Contrary to the expectations of last fall, the district is almost abandoned. Claims which six months ago would have sold for fabulous prices, are now almost worthless. Last September it was predicted that the present winter would witness the development of numerous properties, but this prophecy has failed of fulfillment, and probably not a hundred men have remained to test the worth of the famous creek. It is now generally conceded that Wade was overestimated. Instead of comparing with Eldorado in richness, it has resolved into little more than a grub stake proposition.

It is unquestionably true that there are a few rich claims located on the creek; but when considered as a whole it cannot be deemed paying property. Probably the banner ground is what is known as the Ophelia bench, which is situated near the mouth of Ophelia gulch, a pup on the left limit coming in at lower discovery. This claim is owned by a Mr. Anderson and two partners. The depth to bedrock is about 40 feet. The first four feet of the shaft went through muck and then for 30 feet the owners sank in solid ice, at the bottom of which they struck about six feet of wash gravel. Development work on this property has been retarded by water, which is occasioned by the thawing of the glacier whenever fires are built. It is expected that the introduction of steam thawers will overcome the difficulty now encountered in operating this particular claim.

Lower discovery is owned by W. T. Peacock. The ground has been let on lays, but nothing promising has been uncovered.

Dudley McKinnon's fraction, between Nos. 3 and 4 above lower discovery is considered to be one of the few rich claims on the creek. Buckets averaging \$25 have been hoisted.

No. 7 above lower, owned by Mr. Austin and others, is operated by steam thawers; near the side line on the left limit pay gravel has been located.

Billy Chappelle's properties, Nos. 8 and 9 above lower discovery, have prospected well and the development work has been satisfactory.

There is some ground in the vicinity of upper discovery, which, though undeveloped to any great extent, gives promise of pay dirt.

The first six claims above lower discovery are in litigation, but nevertheless No. 4 is being worked to a profit, and on the other five sufficient is being done to fulfill the representation requirement.

The Wade creek gold is coarse and lays close to the bedrock; the paystreak is uneven and irregular. Almost all of the laymen have abandoned the district. With the exception of the Ophelia bench, the hillsides and benches have proven worthless.

On No. 5 above discovery, Joe Twan has a saloon and a small stock of provisions. There are two other roadhouses on the creek.

A few people who took an optimistic view of the situation, freighted steam thawers to some of the properties, but the gravel did not warrant their operation.

At the Palace Grand.

Every available seat and a portion of the standing room space, were occupied at the Palace Grand Opera house last night. From the ranks of the local theatrical talent, good specialties have been secured, and their work is creditable and entertaining.

The evening's performance begins with Billy Mullen's version of the

comedy "Three Married Men." The cast of this piece is comprised of six characters which are well assumed by the Misses Jennings, Walker and Fairbanks and by Messrs. Mullen, Shaw and Gardner.

The olio is varied and introduces some exceedingly good specialties.

Annie Merrill received the applause she merited for the rendition of several ballads.

Alice Fairbanks is a song and dance artist of ability and exerted her talents before an appreciative audience.

John and Annie Estep do a song and dance sketch in which their trained bull-dog, "Jim" plays no unimportant part.

Billie Mullen is inimitable in his comedy work.

Conchita displays her wonderful versatility. She renders the descriptive song "Love and Duty," a comic piece "Never Take 'No' for an Answer," a parody on "Take Your Clothes and Go," and concludes her turn with a clever character recitation, entitled, "The Coster Girl."

Beatrice Lorne, the popular balladist, renders some exceedingly good selections.

The great trio, O'Brien, Jennings and O'Brien, appear in team work, in which they introduce artistic singing and dancing.

Jacqueline and May Walker perform a couple of funny sketches entitled "The Hod Carriers," and "He Whistled Up the Same Old Tune."

Cecil Mariona reappears in operatic selections, suitable to her fine soprano voice.

The performance ends with the production of the three-act Grecian comedy, entitled "Pygmalion and Galatea." The title roles are successfully portrayed by Mr. G. L. Hillyer and Miss Lucy Lovell. The character of Agasinas is played by Mr. J. B. Shaw.

Theosophic.

The Yukon Theosophical Club will hold its regular weekly meeting on Wednesday evening next at 7:30, in its new quarters, third building south east from the Portland restaurant, on Second avenue. The subject of discussion will be Karmie Acteon and will be illustrated by diagram explanations, etc.

Fire Apparatus.

The old chemical engine, hook and ladder truck, six Miller fire extinguishers and 200 feet of hose, have been sent to Grand Forks. The apparatus will be in charge of Mr. J. M. Stewart, a brother of the Dawson chief.

On Saturday the local department received the new hook and ladder truck, which was brought down from Scow island over the ice. The new machine was tested this morning, and proved satisfactory.

Lost People.

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