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acknowledges the re- Christmas remembrance Northern Commercial Co. and H. C. Brand. "World lad some day came offener.

At a farewell banquet given by the Catholics of Ontario to Monsignor Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, Mr. Justice McMahon tendered the departing guest a few words of advice in a particularly happy vein. In proposing the toast of "Canada, Our Country," His Lordship said Canada possessed as happy, as prosperous and as contented a people as there were on the face of the earth. It was a land of great promise, and if there was wanting any demonstra- tion of the fact, it was to be found in the request made a few days ago, and acceded to by the province of Ontario, that twenty thousand of the inhabitants of the United States should take possession of a few million acres of our territory. That had been acceded to with some reluctance by the premier of Ontario, Mr. Ross.

One would imagine, and properly imagine, said Mr. Justice McMahon, that there was a deep-laid scheme on our part to annex the remainder of the United States to the Dominion of Canada, as soon as opportunity offered. The significance of the following portion of the speech lies in the fact that Mgr. Falconio has been transferred to Washington and that Archbishop Ireland, a very learned, broadminded, but somewhat ill-informed man in some respects, has expressed the opinion that the ultimate destiny of Canada lies in annexation to the United States.

Mr. McMahon hoped that when the apostolic delegate reached Washing- ton he would not make a disclosure of our intentions to the president of the United States or to any of his cabinet. If that were done, it might cause the pleasant relations between Great Britain and the United States to become somewhat strained. "But if you should happen by any chance to meet Archbishop Ireland in Wash- ington you may say to him that he has been forestalled, that the annexation which he prophesied is to take place in another way. The matter has been arranged between those who wish to become citizens of the Do- minion of Canada, and the premier of this province."

It is rather curious that the prophe- ts who predict our ultimate destiny to be absorption by the United States are all men who know little or nothing about Canada from per- sonal observation or experience. They sit in their studies and ponder upon the glories of their native land and conclude that there is no political force upon earth capable of with- standing her blandishments, or, if necessary, her aggressions. It is differ- ent with men of the world, who trav- el, and form their opinions from ob- servation. We have never read of one of the latter class finding in this country any sentiment in favor of a change of flag. And the more the country develops the more indefin- ite the determination becomes to hold fast the independence so value- ably highly.

A wide-awake American who lately traversed the whole of our northwest in quest of an opportunity for a promising investment concluded he was astonished that not a vestige of the feeling he had been told to look for was to be discovered "with a magnifying glass" in any part of the country. The Americans who are rushing into Canada count for the purpose of est- ablishing themselves and providing a home for their families. What is im- portantly to be the most important consid- eration to the minds of these set- tlers? Is it not protection to life and property, civil freedom, and per- fect religious liberty and equality? The newcomers have had experience in the United States, and possibly in some other countries. The prospect- ives they are capable of discerning, we have not the slightest doubt, are di- rectly favorable to the institutions in their new home. The soil is fruit- ful and yields them, as abundance. Therefore they are happy and con- tented, and are as loyal to the flag which protects them, in some cases perhaps more so, than the nation who have had so much experience. — Victoria Times.

Present your wife or husband with some calling cards for Christmas. Our styles of type and cards are the very latest. Cannot be distinguished from engraved work. The Nugget Printery.

CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

Mr. J. D. Hartman of King Solomon Hill is in town today. Mr. McKay of No. 34 below Bonanza came to town yesterday. He is going to the Fortymile country. Mrs. Primus of No. 33 above Bonanza visited her sister Miss Jennie Parry at Magnet last Sunday. Mr. Thompson of No. 43 above Bonanza is in town today. Mrs. Thompson is on her way in from the outside. Mrs. Warren of No. 43 above Bonanza is visiting in town for a few days. Thos. Ward has accepted a position with Mr. Collins of No. 26 above Bonanza for the winter. Last Saturday afternoon the cookhouse on No. 3 Gay Gulch belonging to Mr. H. B. Cole was totally destroyed by fire. Only last week Mr. Cole put in a winter's supply of goods and everything was lost. The loss is very heavy. Dan Gleason of No. 18 below Bonanza is thinking of starting a laundry. The way he washes clothes is certainly a wonder to himself and his partners. Marting Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza made a flying trip to town last Thursday to buy an Xmas outfit. Xmas will be celebrated in the right kind of style on No. 26. Those who will be fortunate enough to spend Xmas with Geo. Pilz of No. 47 Eldorado will no doubt have a swell time, as George has already ordered a half sleighload of cooking utensils and provisions for that day. Mrs. Davis of No. 30 below Bonanza has begun making preparations for the third annual ball to be given at the Elbyan New Year's eve. A surprise party was given Mr. Coffee on Fox Gulch last Friday night. Great credit is due Mrs. Gilbert for the way everything was planned and carried out. A very nice luncheon was served by Mrs. Gilbert. Lots of merriment was caused by one of the cakes which was nicely

frosted and lettered, "Hi A Minute." Mr. Coffee is delighted over this cake, cut himself and passed around very particular that each a piece. It was one of the joyable affairs of the season and will be remembered for a long time by those who were enough to be there. This being the Merry time, we must also remember many homes right in our sad and desolate in. Among the homes which dined this Christmas is the R. R. Brown of No. 94 Bonanza, whose husband died with paralysis the 2 month. Mr. Brown came to Yukon in 1898 with his wife and children. He has, like many made plenty of money, and satisfied himself in mining. He was a hard working, honest man; strong, healthy and full of ambition. He was struck with a fatal stroke came and Brown is lying in the Go-tan hospital unable to speak to his wife and little girl. He is able to do anything for his husband and father. Mr. an old resident of Seattle many friends will be sorry the misfortune that has be-

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for that of bearskin was likewise the entry in the customer's probable weight it at 185 pounds. George E. Nichols has accused but does not know if ally. He was in the store at the time the accused and made the deal with identified the bear coat po- later had examined it with of purchasing it. He also the prisoner as being the had made the trade with the second hand dealer and seal coat was similar to the prisoner had traded for. H entry and signature made book and the accused given which commuted the tri Charles Stewart is a bar the Nugget saloon. In Nov prisoner came to him and mission to leave a coat which was done. The coat up in a piece of canvass an- ness paid no attention to. Prisoner had told that a man would call for one ever came and the pa- mained where it was first a- til picked up by the police a-

The City of Dawson

Brief Review of Its Growth and Development From a Rough Mining Camp to a Modern Up-to-Date City.

ALITTLE over six years ago and the world had yet to hear of the Klondike and the riches of the district of which Dawson is now the metropolis. Fortymile and Sixtymile were well known and the strike in the Birch creek region had attracted a thousand or more of the hardier prospectors who dared to brave the rigors of the Chilkoot pass, for Skagway and the White pass were at that time unknown, but the Klondike was un- heard of save among a few of the old timers and a handful of Indians. Among the latter there was a legend that the stream known to them as the Troanduk was so infested with bears of such terrible ferocity that they never ventured up its purling waters except when driven by the direst necessity in the search of food. Their folk lore was imparted to the white men, but it is doubtful if such information had anything to do with the golden wealth of the Klondike re- maining hidden from the world so many years, for it must be remem- bered that the Yukon was invaded years and years before that by the adventuresome spirits who crossed over from the far famed Cariboo country to explore new territory and wrest from it the fortune they were ever seeking. Then, too, the average prospector, those intrepid characters who have spent their lives in the van- guard of civilization, were not of a character to be frightened away from a promising district by the children's tale of a booby man in the shape of a swamp and tundra today there exists a city which has been talked of from one end of the earth to the other and which in time will be one of the richest gems that adorns the diadem worn by our lady of the snows.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. Until within the past year the handling of affairs in Dawson has been entirely in the hands of the administration of the territory, the city being governed by federal officials appointed at Ottawa and the citizens and ratepayers having little or no voice in the disposition of the funds they were yearly called upon to contribute to the government. The Hon. James Hamilton Ross, then commis- sioner of the territory, sought to rid himself and the Yukon council, the governing body of the territory, from the petty annoyances of the city and to that end submitted to the voters of the city the question whether or not they wished to be governed by a mayor and board of aldermen elected by the people or by a commission appointed by the commissioner. The former prevailed and at an election held in January were elected Mr. H. C. Macdonald, mayor, and Mr. James P. Macdonald, Mr. George Murphy, Mr. Thomas Adair, Mr. T. G. Wilson, Mr. H. C. Norquay, and Mr. Peter Vachon as a board of aldermen. These gentlemen have held office nearly a year and on January 3 will be succeeded by those whom the elector- ate will be pleased to select on that date. During their incumbency a vast amount of improvements have been made in the city, a proper system of sewerage has been begun, streets have been graded and macadamized, miles of sidewalks have been built, cross walks have been put in, the city has been more brilliantly lighted, the fire department improved and arrangements made for a complete and perfect system of water reference ever made to the Klondike in any newspaper. The details were most meager, though the paper made about three columns out of Stanton's story, giving, however, more space to the news of Fortymile and Birch creek than to the new strike.

Before navigation closed several other parties arrived in Juneau, each confirming the story of the other regarding the discovery being of un- usual richness. The facts were duly reported in the local papers and prob- ably the Seattle and other news- papers on the sound used their scrib- blers in the same old way, as at that time entire dependence was placed in the Alaskan papers for the news of the north, special correspondents being unknown. No attention in either Canada or the States was paid to the story of the strike and it remain- ed for the arrival of the steamers Ex- celsior and Portland the following summer to startle the world and mark the beginning of a stampede never equalled since the days of Cal- ifornia in '49. Dawson in '96 and Dawson in '02! Could a greater contrast be imagined and has there ever a greater scene of transformation taken place within six years of time since the world began? B. H. Moran, well known in the city, passed the spot where Dawson now stands early in October, about six

weeks after the strike had been made, and he graphically describes the condition existing here then. "There were less than a dozen white men here and they with several families of Indians were camped where Klondike city now stands. On the Dawson flat there was not a human being; nothing but a little scrub timber, niggerheads and tundra. It would have been almost im- possible to have crossed from the river to the foot of the hill on ac- count of the swampy condition of the ground. I was told of the strike but my informers said that everything was staked and it was useless for me to go up the creek unless I wanted to locate something in a moose pas- ture (Eldorado) which none of the old timers would have. It did not look good to us, besides we were headed for Circle and thither we went."

And that is how the inimitable "Casey" lost a fortune. Looking at Dawson today with her public buildings, her macadamized streets, her water system, telephones, electric lights, miles of sidewalks, churches, theatres, newspapers, and the vast number of stores, some of them carrying over a million dollars worth of goods in stock, and one stands appalled at the suddenness with which the change has come about. It is the story of Aladdin and his wonderful lamp. Where yester- day there was but a waste of swamp and tundra today there exists a city which has been talked of from one end of the earth to the other and which in time will be one of the richest gems that adorns the diadem worn by our lady of the snows.

GRADED STREETS. In no branch of the department of public works have the improvements been so great as in that pertaining to the public streets. The formation of the soil on the flat has made the securing of a solid foundation for the highways a matter of great diffi- culty. Slimy mud, muck and nigger- heads are not the best things on earth upon which to lay a macadam- ized street and many will doubtless remember in '97 and '98 when there were a dozen spots on First avenue where a team and wagon with a few boards on it would mire down to the hubs and a long rope with probably a hundred men hold of it would be required to extricate them from their difficulty. First avenue and King street were the first to receive any attention, dozens and dozens of loads of slabs and sawdust being distrib- uted along the roads in order to make them passable. The following year more sawdust and slabs were applied and the extent of the im- provements was broadened. In 1900 it was made possible to cross Sec- ond avenue without the use of hip boots and the next year still more attention was paid to the streets than ever before, but it was not un- til the city was incorporated that any real attempt was made to intro- duce macadamized streets such as are possessed by every modern city with any pretensions toward being metropolitan in their ideas. For the work that has been done during the past year on the streets of Dawson an excellent showing has been made. The plans have been wholly pre- pared by and carried out under the supervision of Mr. W. J. Rendell, city engineer, a most capable gen- tleman who has had a lengthy expe- rience in municipal engineering, hav- ing for a number of years been in such department in the city of Bos- ton.

Nearly four miles of streets have been graded and macadamized and placed in a condition to last for years. After being graded, an eight- inch layer of coarse rubble stone is laid which is covered by four inches of dressing, then rolled over and over again by a roller weighing sev- eral tons. A peculiarity of the dress- ing lies in the fact that it is a nat- ural macadam. With exposure to the air the small pieces of rock soon dis- integrate and by the action of teams is crushed into a powder as fine as can be. The particles in time unite, become closely packed and eventual- ly make a roadway as hard as gran- ite and as smooth as asphalt. The actual number of feet of macadamiz- ing done aggregates 19,970 and is distributed as follows:

First avenue	1,800
Second avenue	3,100
Third avenue	4,600
Fifth avenue	1,800
Albert street	1,100
York street	900
King street	1,700
Queen street	1,700
Princess street	1,300
Harper street	220
Mission street	900
Turner street	250
Total	68,100

SEWERS AND SANITATION. As this is the first year Dawson has been the possessor of macadam- ized streets so is it the first year that a benefit has been derived from properly laid and well constructed sewers, though they are not sewers in the full sense of the word. They are more in the nature of under- ground drains made for the purpose of carrying off the vast quantities of water that accumulate in the spring as the result of the melting snow. No house sewage of any description is allowed to be emptied into them. The restaurants, bath houses and laundries, however, are permitted to avail themselves of their use, the hot water from the latter keeping the drains open in the coldest weather. Their depth in the ground varies from four to twelve feet and the ag- gregate length of the underground drains amounts to 5008 feet, nearly one mile. They are distributed as follows: that on Second avenue re- presenting the boxes installed at the fall at the intersection of Prince- cess street and also those put in from York to Duke streets for the benefit of the laundries

Second avenue	1,588
Harper street	300
Princess street	240
Queen street	400
King street	500
York street	750
Duke street	350
Church street	250
Total	5,908

Through the entire length of all the foregoing is a 1 1/2 inch pipe for thawing purposes. The boxes are all of three-inch plank, solidly constructed and are imbedded in six inches of sawdust to prevent the thawing of the ground upon which they rest and their consequent settling and becom- ing out of level. Manholes two feet by four feet in size are built every fifty feet in order to give access to the boxes in case they should become filled up. They are 61 in number. Eight catch basins three feet by five feet are also arranged for flushing tanks. The grade of the sewers is as follows:

Second avenue	34
Princess street	50
King street	71
York street	70
Duke street	46
Harper street	75
Second avenue north	1,200
Third avenue	7,200
Fourth avenue	6,000
Fifth avenue	9,600
Sixth avenue	6,000
Seventh avenue	7,400
Eighth avenue	5,200
Steele avenue	800
Judge street	400
George street	800
Edward street	1,200
Albert street	1,200
Duke street	3,200
York street	2,400
King street	2,400
Queen street	3,200
Princess street	3,200
Harper street	3,600
Church street	2,700
Hansen street	600
Dugas street	400
Turner street	400
Total	68,100

To the foregoing must also be added 1900 feet of ditch cut around the base of the hill to assist in carrying off the water in the spring, and 1500 feet of ditch cut along the inside of the old A. C. trail, likewise for drainage purposes. Another item which should not be overlooked is that 2200 feet of alleys have been graded; 91 three-inch plank street crossings have been put

in and 73 alley crossings of the same material; 84 culverts have been con- structed through each of which pass- ed an iron pipe with proper valves and connections to be used for thaw- ing purposes in case any of the waterways should become frozen solid during the low temperature of the winter. The avenues paralleling the river are practically on a level grade, while those reaching from the water front back to the hill are nearly so until Sixth avenue is reached where the ground begins gradually to rise, terminating at Ninth avenue in the precipitous hill. First avenue is 60 feet wide from Albert street to the government reserve and has twelve-foot sidewalks. The remainder of the avenues are 66 feet wide with eight-foot walks, and the cross streets leading from the river to the hill are 50 feet wide, also with eight foot walks.

The following year Col. Word made the first attempt at furnishing a regu- lar water supply. A pumping station was installed near the present site of the Eldorado Bottling Works, the water being pumped into a sys- tem of wooden boxes running along the base of the hill, traces of which can still be seen. Tap houses were constructed at various points from which customers could procure water if they had a key to open the lock. With the arrival of frost the mains were drained and business was closed down for the winter. That same year Col. Word, disposed of his inter- est to D. A. Matheson, R. P. H. Lennan, B. D. Buchanan and others and the Dawson City Water and Power Company was organized. Im- provements were inaugurated the following spring, the wooden pipe line abandoned in favor of those made of iron, a plant was installed at the McDonald Iron Works and the service has been continuous ever since with the exception of one or two short in- tervals. Each year has witnessed the extension of the service until now, in the summer, residents living in the east as Eighth avenue can have wa- ter piped to their very kitchen. In the business section of the city the service is continuous summer and winter, the latter being made pos- sible by having an overflow pipe keeping the water in the main main- tened "swifty" at all times. Over a dozen tap houses are distributed about the city from which the water can be procured, a first being kept burning constantly in each block house.

The principal main of the present system is laid on Second avenue a six inches in diameter and 600 feet in length. On Mission street there is a four-inch Main 3000 feet in length. The laterals aggregate 12,900 feet of two inch pipe and 15,000 feet of one and a half pipe. The pumping plant consists of two boilers, one of 10 and the other of 20 horsepower capacity, and two pumps with a combined ca- pacity of 300 gallons to the minute. The company has been given a three years' contract with the city to main- tain the municipality 21 fire hydrants and water service for the same fire purposes at an annual cost of \$12,000 and will with the opening of navigation next spring thoroughly re- novate the present system. New six and eight-inch mains to the extent of 18,000 feet will be laid in the prin- cipal streets and all the present prin- cipals of two inches and under in di- ameter will be replaced by galvanized pipe. A new boiler of 10 horsepower capacity will be added to the present battery and two monster pumps will be capable of lifting 1200 gallons a minute will be installed. The machinery was ordered last summer but in ac- count of the lateness of the season it could not reach here before the close of navigation. The well will also be made larger and deeper and with a twelve-month the city will boast of a water system superior to that of many municipalities of four times the population.

TELEPHONE SERVICE. As this is the 1902 so is the complete service of '98 to that of the present day, no enterprise connected with the welfare of the city has made greater strides than that pertaining to the magic talking apparatus. It was in '97 that the first water

company was established and there was not one but several of them. The plants required and the capital invested amounted to little more than two tin cans and a yoke to go across one's neck was all that was necessary. There was no well and no pumps, but the Klondike and the Yukon were never-failing supplies and water they brought 50 cents for a five gallon can. In '98 came the rail and with it a disregard for the purity of the water used and a local epidemic of typhoid fever followed. A well was sunk that year, the first one in Dawson, and from it the water derived a handsome income selling his product at the well for twenty-five cents a bucket, delivery being made by men packing it on their backs, by dog teams with over the carts, and in a few instances by wagons drawn by horses. The Hygie Water Company was established that year, several huge tanks being built at the junction of the Klondike and Yukon rivers. The water was procured from the river into vats where it was boiled and thoroughly sterilized then pumped into the tanks from which it passed through a filter and was ready for use. The company lasted but one season and was merged into a new company that was formed.

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Imported French Sardines, (100 quarters to case), case.

New England Plum Pudding, case.

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50

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30-in. Length Coon Coats

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A man entered the little bakery... He stepped in and...

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Delegates to the nominating convention to be held at Caribou...

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Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

Mr. J. D. Hartman of King Solomon Hill is in town today. Mr. McKay of No. 34 below Bonanza came to town yesterday. He is going to the Forty-mile country.

Mrs. Primus of No. 33 above Bonanza visited her sister Miss Jennie Parry at Magnet last Sunday.

Mr. Thompson of No. 43 above Bonanza is in town today. Mrs. Thompson is on her way in from the outside.

Mrs. Warren of No. 43 above Bonanza is visiting in town for a few days.

Thos. Ward has accepted a position with Mr. Collins of No. 26 above Bonanza for the winter.

Last Saturday afternoon the cook-house on No. 3 Gay Gulch belonging to Mr. H. D. Cole was totally destroyed by fire. Only last week Mr. Cole put in a winter's supply of goods and everything was lost. The loss is very heavy.

Dan Gleason of No. 18 below Bonanza is thinking of starting a laundry. The way he washes clothes is certainly a wonder to himself and his partners.

Marting Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza made a flying trip to town last Thursday to buy an Xmas outfit. Xmas will be celebrated in the right kind of style on No. 26.

Those who will be fortunate enough to spend Xmas with Geo. Pilz of No. 47 Eldorado will no doubt have a swell time, as George has already ordered a half sleighload of cooking utensils and provisions for that day.

Mrs. Davis of No. 36 below Bonanza has begun making preparations for the third annual ball to be given at the Elbyan New Year's eve.

A surprise party was given Mr. Coffee on Fox Gulch last Friday night. Great credit is due Mrs. Gilbert for the way everything was planned and carried out. A very nice lunch was served by Mrs. Gilbert. Lots of merriment was caused by one of the cakes which was nicely

frosted and lettered, "Happy Christmas." Mr. Coffee delighted over this cake, cut himself and passed it very particular that each a piece. It was one of the joyable affairs of the season to be remembered for a lot come by those who were enough to be there.

This being the Merry time, we must also remember many homes right in our sad and desolate in Among the homes which vened this Christmas is t R. R. Brown of No. 96 Bonanza, whose husband en with paralysis the 2 month. Mr. Brown ca Yukon in 1898 with his w children. He has, like m made plenty of money, an satisfied invested in mine He was a hard working, honest man, strong, healthy and full of amibit fatal stroke came and Brown is lying in the Go tan hospital unable to sp to tell his wants and wi his wife and little girl R years, are in their lonely able to do anything for husband and father. Mr. an old resident of Seatt many friends will beorry the misfortune that has b

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The present holiday season finds the territory generally, enjoying a degree of prosperity equal in every respect, to former years and everyone looking forward to the return of spring with hope and confidence.

The Nugget congratulates the community upon the splendid evidences of permanence and stability which are manifest upon every hand—and to its friends and readers one and all extends the wish for a pleasant and happy Christmas.

The Nugget lays aside rancorous political discussion today and invites its readers to engage in contemplation of the sacred memories and traditions associated with the return of the Christmas season. It is well to bear in mind, even in the midst of heated contests for political supremacy, that a common aim lies before all of us and that human efforts and aspirations though often directed along widely divergent channels, tend usually to the attainment of the same good. Tomorrow will be Christmas, upon which occasion the spirit which makes all men of one kin should dominate the world. The Nugget welcomes the approach of the day which heralds the reign of peace and good will upon earth.

YUKON ROADWAYS.
Elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget will be found a detailed description of the system of public roads which will be constructed during the coming year. It is probably correct to say that no other movement on the part of the government has contributed so largely to the development of the territory's resources. In the early periods of Yukon history the extraordinary cost of transporting supplies and machinery to the mining districts made the working of low grade placers practically prohibitive.

Mining operations were necessarily confined to a comparatively few claims of great richness, located principally upon Eldorado, Bonanza and Hunker creeks.

As long as such claims as Nos. 16 and 17 Eldorado were annually turning out their hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of the precious metal, the question of transportation did not enter so largely into the claim operator's calculations.

When it became evident, however, that such claims were very few in number, considered in comparison with the vast extent of the gold producing area of the district, the matter of road construction was taken up by the government and pushed forward with the utmost energy.

As illustrative of the difference in the present cost of commodities to the creek consumers and the prices which they paid in the early days, the fact may be cited that in the fall of 1898 a fifty-pound sack of flour on Dominion creek was worth \$40—about five times the Dawson price for the same commodity.

At the present time in the same locality prices are only slightly in excess of Dawson quotations. This great change, brought about very largely as the result of road construction, has made the development of large areas of low grade ground a profitable undertaking, whereas under former conditions such ground would not pay expenses.

The most notable piece of road work constructed by the government during the past year is the overland trail now used exclusively by the stage and express companies between Dawson and Whitehorse. This splendid enterprise has practically removed the expression "Klondike isolation" from the vocabulary.

For the first time in the history of the district there has been no interruption in the mail service. Almost before the boats had ceased running on the river, stages were dispatched from both terminals of the overland route and the winter mail has been as regular almost as that of summer.

The good work will not be relaxed, however, and during the coming sum-

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It may be that the time may be extended owing to the fact that the mill was not quite ready to begin operations on the first named date. But there is no fault to be found with the management of the mill in this regard. Mr. Beraud, the assayer and chemist, has had his magnificent outfit in order for a long time, and Mr. Carmichael, who has charge of the mill, and has had a wide experience in such matters, says that after a mill is completed it generally takes from four to five weeks to perfect its operations, but in this case it only took him four days. And both he and Mr. Matheson declare that the mill is now in splendid shape to do first class work and that there is no probability of its having to shut down an hour for further alterations.

So that miners and prospectors should not fail to take advantage of this present opportunity of having their ores tested free and thus obtaining the full benefits of the government's liberality.

Riverside, Maximus, Vanguard, Swiss Repeaters—a full and complete line of all high grade watches from the smallest little gem to the regular 15 size. We carry the largest and most complete stock in the territory. J. L. Sale & Co.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

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More Corroboration.
Editor Nugget—

Dear Sir,—With reference to the interview with Mr. Geo. Murphy which appeared in tonight's News I beg to state that I have never been at Mr. Murphy's residence for the purpose of an interview with Mr. Murphy, nor have I ever had any interview with Mr. Murphy or entered into any discussion with him about the mayoralty situation.

WM. M. MCKAY
Dec. 23rd, 1902.

El Triunfo; Butler's Big Cigs—\$8.25 per box.
Will care for one or two good ones for their use during the balance of the winter. Apply Nugget office.

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Special Fur Sale.

I am closing out my Men's Furs at following prices:

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As Alderman for 1903
H. E. A. Robertson.

VOTE FOR
R. P. McLENNAN
For Mayor of Dawson, 1903.

VOTE FOR
Dr. Alfred Thompson
Is a candidate for the Yukon council from the Dawson district. The support of the electorate is respectfully requested.

FRANK N. JOHNSON
Candidate for
ALDERMAN, 1903

FOR ALDERMAN.
To the electors of the city of Dawson: At the request of my friends I again offer myself as a candidate for alderman.
I have endeavored during my term of office to pursue a policy of economy in civic affairs and if I have the honor of reelection will continue to advocate the same policy. Respectfully,
T. G. WILSON

For Yukon Council
Candidate for District No. 1, which includes Dawson, Fortymile, Miller, Glacier and Boucher.
WM. THORNBURN
If elected I shall endeavor in every matter to act for the good of this territory, and I trust my many friends will give me their vote and influence.

Candidate for
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A. LA LANDE.

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R.H.S. Cresswell

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J. A. GREENE

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H. C. Norquay

Vote for
PETER VACHON
For Alderman.

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JOHN L. TIMMINS,
Second Avenue. Royal Grocery.

Vote for
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ASK YOUR BUTCHER FOR OUR CORN FED STOCK.

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James F. Macdonald
FOR ALDERMAN

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Fine Old Java Coffee, pound.

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MININEES

Held at Caribou Afternoon.

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The air, too, while fairly good was bad enough to parch our throats and make our heads swim. Our water supply was very low, about one good drink left for the two. Our grub good, though, for three days. Which would get there first—liberty or death?

After a swallow or two of water and a mouthful of bread we began again. It was the middle of Christmas day. We wondered if our friends had any thought of us. Possibly they had spoken of us often that day, or were speaking of us even then. But the wildest imagination on their part would not prompt them to come to the drift, to help us out. They doubtless supposed we were well on our way to the Black Hills, while here we were virtually buried alive.

In our weak state it was terrible work handling our crude shovels and hauling at twisted timbers, but that spur hope pricked us to keep at it so long as we could move.

Rests became very frequent now. Would that dreadful gravel never stop sliding down? One thing we noticed by this time—the gravel was getting coarser, a sign, though not an infallible one, that the upper



PLOUGHING OUR WAY THROUGH DRIFTS.

gravel in the bank was no longer coming down. If such really was the case, it would mean that we had only a few feet more of the stuff to dig through.

The air, however, had been gradually getting worse. Up to this time some timber had so lodged as to allow the admittance of the precious element, but owing to settling, or to our digging, it no longer came in—at least, in the volume it did formerly. Our candle gave but the feeblest light. Our sufferings became great. Our back-and-forth tramp became a stagger, and we were on the very verge of collapse. The fight would be over soon. Who would win?

The timbers gave us killing work to do, we having to tug and haul to get them free after we had dug around them as far as we could with our rude tools.

Jim had dug around one on his side of the drift and with listless, mechanical tone asked me to give him a hand with it. The first pull did not seem to move it. Giving another in unison it suddenly gave way, throwing us both on the ground, Jim at the same time crying, "I saw light, I saw light!" as he staggered to his feet. I thought he had turned crazy as I scrambled up after him, for the blackness in front of me showed no gleam that I longed so much to see. He began digging fever- ishly though feebly at the place from where we had taken the timber. Yes, sure enough, again the light shone for a second, this time seen by us both.

A few more strokes of our shovels and we had cleared away enough gravel so that it no longer obstructed the hole. Then we stopped and breathed in the cold, frosty air. It was just like champagne, away ahead of any brand you could buy in a Dawson saloon.

How long we lay, we know not, but feeling better we looked and found it was still Christmas. Clapping hands we wished one another "A Merry Christmas." Our transition made it the happiest and grandest Christ- mas we ever knew.

We then proceeded to fix up a tepee where we spent the night. We could not trust the drift, as our stove might again bring down an im- prisoning barrier.

Next day we continued our journey to the Black Hills, but the re- mainder is not a Christmas story and need not be told here.

Though quite possible to make a camp on the bank, we did not relish the idea of having to do so. It is nasty work when one cannot see what he is doing.

"Jim, we are up against it tonight."

"Looks like it, old man. Wish we had stayed over Christmas with our friend."

"What good would it have done us? We'd have been in the same fix later," was my retort.

"Maybe, but we would have had a jolly Christmas, anyhow."

"But say, Bill, what is the matter with the drift? We can stay in there."

"Good idea, Jim."

No sooner thought of than acted upon. Going in we found it in tol- erable condition, barring a place here and there where the timbering had fallen down, allowing heaps of gravel to fall on the floor. It would be a good place to camp in, better anyhow than sleeping in the snow.

Unloading our sleds of necessary articles we soon had the stove go- ing, bacon frying, boiling water for tea, and bread thawed, which we had made before starting. We were pretty snug after all, having hung up a blanket at the mouth of the tunnel, which kept out a good deal of the draught, though permitting the smoke from our stove to escape.

After supper we lay back on our blankets, lit our pipes, and swap- ped stories of Christmases of old, keeping our stove meanwhile red hot, unconsciously endangering our lives, as the near future showed.

After being in the drift three or four hours gravel began to drop down from the roof and sides where the timbers were out of place. This did not bother us much as we were used to the same thing in our own ground on Sulphur, so beyond shifting our position to avoid being hit, we paid no further heed to it.

It kept getting worse, however, though no thought of danger entered our minds, and after finishing our talk we concluded to turn in for the night as we felt tired after our exhausting day's work.

We were preparing to do so when suddenly a horrible grinding noise was heard and the front of the tunnel slid downward and outward, a rush of air blew our candle light out, leaving us in darkness, and with the knowledge that we were imprisoned.

A simultaneous shout came from us. "My God! the drift has caved in!" Relighting our candle we made a hasty examination and saw that about ten feet of the tunnel had fallen in, leaving us about twenty feet still clear. If no more of the drift came down we had a chance yet of life. This was a time when men who do not lose their heads act quickly, and without much talk.

The first thing to do was to empty the stove and stamp out the fire. It had done its two-fold work. Now we would be warm enough, and needed the air for breath and light.

The next, to make shovels to dig our way out. Jim being best with the axe started to fashion two from one of the largest timbers. First, however, he said, "Bill, don't you wish you had accepted that invite?"

"Go to h—, Jim," was the half indignant, half laughing reply. Then nothing was heard but the chop of Jim's axe, I being busy taking an inventory of what grub had been brought into the tunnel from our sleds, which were outside.

One shovel being finished, I took hold and tackled the mass of gravel in front of us. I admit my heart was heavy. The tool was rough and poorly adapted for the task ahead of us. Yet what could we do?

Jim's finished, he joined me, and our weary tramp back and forth commenced, we placing the gravel at the end of the drift that we took from the front—Shovelling was hard and progress was slow. We knew we had to rely on our own efforts for deliverance. Outside help was far-thest from our minds, and the tramp back and forth was kept up without a word being spoken. Hope, however, was strung high in our hearts.

Jim had looked at his watch shortly before the cave-in. It was then a few minutes past nine o'clock. Figuring that about three hours had elapsed since then, I asked him what time it was. "Five minutes to twelve." Only a few minutes and the joy bells of this north country would be ringing out the old tidings.

Waiting until I thought the five minutes had passed, I dropped my shovel, extended my hand and said, "A Merry Christmas." I wanted to get even with him for the dig he had given me about the invitation from our Sulphur friend. A look of infinite disgust came over his face as he growled, "Let us get out of here first."

Then we bent again to our work until Jim said, "It looks as if we cannot get out this shift. We are both used up, and the air is good. What do you say to an hour or two's sleep?"

Even in such a predicament I was glad to hear the suggestion, and was soon sound asleep.

It seemed to me I had not been five minutes between my blankets when a nudge from Jim woke me up, shattering a lovely dream of home and friends.

A light breakfast of raw bacon, half-frozen bread and water, then again our struggle against death. It was heart-breaking work, even un- der the most advantageous circumstances, and after a six-hour shift we had to rest, tired and weary—played out.

As time went on the situation became worse. The terrible pile of gravel and timbers between us and glorious liberty seemed to be as great and solid as ever. It is true we had moved quite a mass of dirt to the back of the drift, but as we dug, more gravel kept sliding down from above. How much of the high bank above the tunnel had come down we had no means of knowing. It was the uncertainty of our position that was wearing us out as much as a shortage of grub and fresh air.

Another thing showed up very deliberately. The distance between the mass in front and that which we had thrown to the back of the drift was getting uncomfortably short—not half what it originally was. True we did not have so far to walk, but what if the drift should continue to fall down into the tunnel until we had no place left to put it? Fear of that was the most crushing of all, but we were in the business to stay until the last shovelful.

the receipts from timber \$11,863.08 was received from permits and \$7, 213.97 from royalties.

The grand total of the receipts of fees in the placer mining department foots up to \$220,580.25. This is made up of the following:

Certificates of work	\$ 9,876.00
Renewals	70,908.75
Locations	34,080.00
Water rights	387.50
In lieu of assessments	11,850.00
Relocations	30,825.00
Amended grants	80.00
Free miners' certificates	62,323.00
Grand total	\$220,580.25

The quartz department shows that no less than 1149 grants have been issued during the year for new discoveries of quartz, and that 717 cer- tificates of work have been issued for claims that were probably recorded previously. The total of fees received in this department for the year, including grants, certificates of work, certificates of partnership, assignments, payment in lieu of assessments, and sundries, amounts to \$13,011.21. Of this there was paid in lieu of assessment work \$3200, and the number of grants and certificates of work here follow month by month in order to show the increase and the most active season for quartz locating:

Month	Grants		Certificates of work	
	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.
November	77	\$ 385	28	\$ 70.00

December	66	350	26	60.00
January	64	320	13	32.50
February	56	280	8	22.50
March	25	140	24	60.00
April	46	230	49	122.50
May	38	190	54	135.00
June	30	150	64	160.00
July	111	555	122	305.00
August	153	765	74	185.00
September	312	1060	142	355.00
October	148	740	114	285.00
	1149	\$5745	717	\$1792.50

A recapitulation of the receipts from these three departments is as fol- lows:

Placer department	\$220,580.25
Quartz department	13,011.21
Land and Timber department	106,672.50
Total receipts	\$340,264.06

The achievement of the north pole will by no means close polar expedi- tions. The south pole will still remain retired, to tempt the daring and the curious. An expedition fitted out by Scotchmen and composed wholly of Scotchmen, sailing in a vessel called the Scotia, has just set out for the south polar regions. The expedition has no hope of getting to the pole, but the design is to become better acquainted with the extensive land surface surrounding it. As is well known, the southern tempera- tures are considerably lower than corresponding northern latitudes, so that we may be sure that however cold the northern end of the earth may be, the south is still more hopelessly dry.—Toronto Globe.



OFF FOR A CHRISTMAS HUNT.

the kind of pie mother used to put before us, and which we used to come crying the old lady to wonder where they went to. Christmas, indeed! No whisky, no plum duff, no nothing!"

The implied objection being over-ruled, preparations were at once made for the hunt, the fresh meat returned to being moose, and perhaps venison, best being beyond the power of money.

So the next morning saw Jim and me starting for the Black Hills, where we heard game was plentiful. We were pulling a sled apiece. Dogs these days were also amongst the "higher necessities of life." Night found us in the cabin of a friend, who was glad to see us, and who begged that we might stay with him over the festive day, he being well supplied (for the Klondike) with the good things required to make that year pleasant. But we could not. Two days lost would be too much. We wanted to get back with the health-preserving grub as soon as possible.

When our host found out we would not stay he suggested that we should try and make a certain cabin that stood on the bank of Indian river. We could not miss it, as there was a drift the late owner had made close by in a high gravel bank in his search for gold. Finding none he had thrown up the claim and vacated the cabin. It would be a good place to spend that night. As we had no tent we thought so too, and off we munched with "Good-bye" from our friend, who added, "Better stay, though, boys. You'll be sorry if you don't." And he was right.

Travel then became bad as the snow was deep, and as we got further down Sulphur the trail got poorer. At last we struck Indian river. We had still three miles to go before we could expect to find the cabin by the drift.

On we ploughed through the snow, and darkness showed before our shuffling place. We had implicit faith in our friend's information, other- wise we would have halted and put up a shelter of spruce trees for the night before darkness came on.

At last we saw the high gravel bank. But where was the cabin? Could this be the place? It must be, for there was the drift showing its black mouth in the darkness. A closer search disclosed to us a mass of snow-covered moss and timbers. Lighting a candle carried in the pocket of my parky, we found that the cabin had been burned down by some careless hand. It was very cold. Struggling through the snow with our loads had kept us warm, and now that the violent exercise was at an end we lay in our freezing.

Facts and Figures Relative to the Mining Industry of the Yukon.

8 OME estimate of the satisfactory condition of the mining industry may be secured from the accompanying figures taken from the records of the Gold Commissioner's and Crown Timber and Land Agents offices:

Beginning with the placer department it is found that November a year ago there was received for renewals \$4630; that in September of this year there was received for renewals \$9052.50.

For certificates of work there was received November last year \$720, and last September \$1292.

The relocation fees for the year amounted to \$30,825, and the free miners' certificates issued to \$62,323.

No much for the placer miners. As to the prospectors for quartz these figures show that in November last year 77 grants were issued; last September 212. Of certificates of work there were 78 issued November last year, and 142 last September.

A summary of these accounts show the following:

The statement of fees of the land and timber agent for the fiscal year totals up to \$106,672.50. Of this no less than \$63,600.16 is the amount received for Dominion lands, which will be a great surprise to many people. At the low price now charged for these lands this means a very large area taken up for agriculture and permanent improvements. Of

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CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

Mr. J. D. Hartman of King Solomon Hill is in town today. Mr. McKay of No. 34 below Bonanza came to town yesterday. He is going to the Fortymile country. Mrs. Primus of No. 33 above Bonanza visited her sister Miss Jennie Parry at Magnet last Sunday. Mr. Thompson of No. 43 above Bonanza is in town today. Mrs. Thompson is on her way in from the outside. Mrs. Warren of No. 43 above Bonanza is visiting in town for a few days. Thos. Ward has accepted a position with Mr. Collins of No. 26 above Bonanza for the winter. Last Saturday afternoon the cookhouse on No. 3 Gay Gulch belonging to Mr. H. D. Cole was totally destroyed by fire. Only last week Mr. Cole put in a winter's supply of goods and everything was lost. The loss is very heavy. Dan Gleason of No. 18 below Bonanza is thinking of starting a laundry. The way he washes clothes is certainly a wonder to himself and his partners. Marting Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza made a flying trip to town last Thursday to buy an Xmas outfit. Xmas will be celebrated in the right kind of style on No. 26. Those who will be fortunate enough to spend Xmas with Geo. Pilz of No. 47 Eldorado will no doubt have a swell time, as George has already ordered a half sleighload of cooking utensils and provisions for that day. Mrs. Davis of No. 30 below Bonanza has begun making preparations for the third annual ball to be given at the Elbyan New Year's eve. A surprise party was given Mr. Coffee on Fox Gulch last Friday night. Great credit is due Mrs. Gilbert for the way everything was planned and carried out. A very nice lunch was served by Mrs. Gilbert. Lots of merriment was caused by one of the cakes which was nicely

frosted and lettered, "Ha a Minute." Mr. Coffee delighted over this cake, cut himself and passed around very particular that each piece. It was one of the joyable affairs of the season to be remembered for a lot come by those who were enough to be there. This being the Merry time, we must also remember many homes right in our be sad and desolate in t Among the homes which dined this Christmas is t R. R. Brown of No. 94 Bonanza, whose husband en with paralysis the 2 month. Mr. Brown ca Yukon in 1898 with his w children. He has, like m made plenty of money, an satisfied invested in mine He was a hard-working, honest man; strong, healthy and full of ambitio fatal stroke came and Brown is lying in the Go tan hospital unable to sp to tell his wants and w his wife and little girl R years, are in their lonei able to do anything for t husband and father. Mr. an old resident of Seatt many friends will be sorr the misfortune that has b

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YUKON'S

Dawson Amateur Athletic Association

BIGGEST

Hockey, Curling, Social Club and Gymnasium

BUILDING.

ONE of the most magnificent additions to the institutions of Dawson during the past year is the Dawson Amateur Athletic building. It is one of the largest buildings used for club purposes on the continent, and is in every respect an institution in which the whole of the territory may well feel proud, and the city of Dawson does so beyond the shadow of a doubt. What we should have done without such a building now that we have it and appreciate it, it is hard to say. It provides a place of amusement for all every evening in the week. There is the skating rink every evening, with the excellent brass band and a hockey game every other evening, and there is the curling rink every evening. Then there are the cosy parlors for those who like to while away an evening in a well upholstered chair with the magazines, and excellent buffet and cosy cardrooms. Also, the large gymnasium is available for dances. In this manner the wants of all are fairly well met in this one building.

The first meeting for the formation of an amateur athletic association, out of which this splendid institution grew, was held in the gold commissioner's court on July 29th. Invitations to attend this meeting had been sent to fifty people. There were just eighteen who attended. R. L. Cowan was appointed chairman and was an energetic worker for the cause from then on. It needed a good deal of energy, for from that time until an organization was effected there were over fifty meetings.

At the last meeting of the territorial council articles of incorporation were applied for and obtained, and the object in view was believed to be one of such public utility that the council the day after unanimously remitted the fee of \$150 for incorporation. But this was only one step gained. Under these articles of incorporation it was determined that there should be 200 shareholders at \$100 each, and over one-half of the required number had subscribed their names for a share of stock, some for more than one share. In fact there were over 130 shares of stock thus signed for. There seemed to be a healthy enthusiasm in signing the articles of incorporation, but when it came to planking down the cash quite a large number of those who had signed did not see how the enterprise could possibly pay its running expenses. Old timers who had had experience of the winters here were particularly skeptical as to the success of the propos-

ed undertaking. Many made the excuse that they were going out of town for the winter, and therefore asked to be excused. Many others said: "Show us that you can raise the money and we will come in." In the face of such general incredulity as to the possible success of the undertaking the collector had a hard time to raise the first \$1000 even, and even up to \$4000 the work was hard. It had been decided that a call of \$50 per share should be made as soon as the contract for the erection of a suitable building was signed, with 25 per cent. thirty days after and the balance in the next thirty days thereafter. But no contract could be entered into until there was some money in the bank, and all the well-wishers of the enterprise seemed to be hanging back to see the other man give in his cheque before they gave theirs.

At length it was decided that as soon as \$6000 was collected and deposited in the bank a site should be purchased and the building proceeded with. As a matter of fact the site was purchased and the ground broken before this sum had been raised. There was only \$5100 to the account of the institution, and this amount had been raised with so much difficulty that many people thought it would not warrant the going ahead with building operations. A contract could not possibly be let under the circumstances. But the building committee boldly went ahead. They purchased the most central site to be obtained and paid \$3000 cash for it. Upon this showing of good faith and honest intentions Joe Segbers, of the N. A. T. & T. company, came to the rescue. He became one of the hardest workers for the institution. He rustled in a number of subscribers and offered on behalf of his company to supply the lumber, building materials and hardware absolutely without any security beyond a mortgage upon the building for the net indebtedness when it was completed. Then the building was rushed up.

No large and substantial building has probably been built in so short a time. There was no fuss about a corner-stone laying. Under the superintendence of George Miró nearly forty men were put to work on September 17th, digging deep trenches for the foundations, and building material was beginning to arrive. In less than three weeks the shareholders held their first annual meeting in the club reception rooms. The suddenness with which the work was undertaken, the rapidity with which the

huge building was erected, took people's breath away. Those who had scoffed at the magnitude of the enterprise began to ask themselves whether it would not be well to join it at once. The collection of subscriptions to stock immediately became easier. The general enthusiasm was shown in the unanimity which marked the proceedings at the first meeting of the shareholders and directors. The best men were selected by a committee and placed in nomination, and were elected unanimously. There was not even a lengthy discussion on the constitution and bylaws. These had been drawn up by C. B. Burns and Joe Boyle, two of the most active workers from the very beginning, and only two or three minor amendments were made to them. The officers and directors then elected were: President, D. A. Cameron; 1st Vice-Pres., Mayor H. C. Macaulay; 2nd Vice-Pres., W. M. McKay;

Treasurer, E. W. Ward; Secretary, C. B. Burns; Boyle, J. W.; Edwards, Dr. A. F.; McKee, Chas.; Rainbow, M. D.; Senkler, E. C.; Seghers, J. A.; Auditor, Hinton, T. H. The weather was too mild to permit of the opening of the rink before November 11th. The public was admitted on that date, but the formal opening did not take place until November 24th, when there was not only skating to the inspiring music of the Mounted Police brass band, but there was dancing in the gymnasium to the music of the Mounted Police orchestra. There was a very large crowd to admire the large building and the completeness of its fittings, but changes and additions went rapidly on and it is only now that the club portion is beginning to take on the airs of a well-established

institution. H. E. Ewart had drawn excellent plans, but experience suggested many minor changes in the interior arrangements, and these, of course, added to the cost of the building. Before it was ready for occupancy steps were taken to form a hockey league. Four strong teams were organized, the Mounted Police, City Eagles, Civil Service and the D.A.A.A., the latter from members of the organization. They arranged a schedule of twenty-four matches for the championship of the territory, and the first of these matches was played on November 32nd, two days before the formal opening took place. The curling members of the association formed a strong and active club. They elected sixteen skips and organized the series of matches which are now being played for a silver trophy. The club has two excellent rinks, but it has players enough for four rinks.

These two athletic organizations, the curlers and the hockey players, were the main attractions of the club during the first month following its opening. And particularly the hockey players—the general public in large numbers paying admission to watch the games every time one was announced. After the games the rink is always open to the public for skating, and, as far as has been in the finest kind of condition. There is in the music of the police band, which adds to the enjoyment very materially, and the excellent arrangements which have been made for the accommodation of the ladies. There are dressing rooms for the men also, but those for the ladies are fitted up in what may be termed a luxurious manner, with hot and cold water laid on and other conveniences. These dressing rooms are found remarkably convenient on the occasion of a dancing or skating party given by the members, as they are ample in every particular. You enter the building through a wide vestibule on Queen street. At the left is the ticket office and on the right the large reception room of the club. This is in extent forty feet by thirty, and is thoroughly well lighted. It has fourteen large windows and twenty-one incandescent lights. The pillars which support it are upholstered around their bases, and there are also upholstered seats all around the large room. It is handsomely papered and carpeted and there are tables strewn with magazines and newspapers, and arm chairs of various degrees of coziness. The squareness of the room has

Futurity.
O-land thro' which the Yukon flows
Upon its mighty way,
Whose mountains robed by Arctic
snows,
Enchant with magic sway,
With breasts whose zeal devotion
glows,
We sing thy future day.
For here amid this wonderland
Where rarest beauties are,
Where gold awaits the miners' hand
In river, stream and bar,
We've come to fill a mission grand
Beneath the polar star.
We came in peace, we build in peace,
With spirits proud and free,
We've dared, to gain the Golden
Fleece,
The wilds, the stormy sea,
And vow, as all thy charms increase,
Our hearts and lives to thee.
Our towns will spring, with Klondike
mines,
On plain and mountain height,
As bright thy domain far outshines
The flaming Northern Light,
We'll conquer all opposing lines
With bold, relentless might.
Until thy glory pales the whole,
E'en Eldorado's stream:
For when our strength attains the
goal
Where manhood reigns supreme,
We will achieve, as ages roll,
The world's sublimest dream.
TAKENNA.

'Mid Northern Lights.
There rolls the Mighty Yukon,
Where roams the moose and elk;
As silent steals the hunter
For pleasure, gold, or peli.
As swiftly runs the Klondike
To join thy flowing stream;
Then quickly in thy bosom
Is rocked to sleep serene.
And all the northern rivers
Would fling their worship these—
To greet thy hills majestic,
Thy crags and mountains bare.
Their golden wealth they bring thee,
In suppliant tones they come,
They ask but to adorn thee—
Thy name, the mighty one.
Like a great and powerful nation
You rule the golden north,
Like a fond and doting father
You share your golden worth.
MAR.
"Say, Uncle Sundry, why in the
world are you making such frantic
efforts to get rid of that delightful
darky dialect of yours? Are you af-
ter the higher education?"
"No, indeed, sub," he said, "yo
see them joke writers allus mek me
say 'Septemboh'—en 'deed I loves
eyesters too well 't do 'dat."
"What in the world has oysters
got to do with it?"
"When I says 'Septemboh' dat
erway dey ain't no r in it."—Balti-
more Herald.

The financial condition of the institution of which this room is a part is now said to be in the best possible shape, with a regular receipt of money for the building debt by regular payments, and in a short time the institution deserves to have the support of everyone in the city, and it seems to be getting a fair share of it.

There are dressing rooms connected with the gym, and Turkish, hot and shower baths, and cold. There comes the secretary's room, which is handsomely furnished, and looks like a typical board of directors' room, for which it is also used, only more so, and beyond this is the large room fitted up with small tables and a sideboard as a cafe. Beyond this again are the card rooms and the room for the club servants. The skating rink proper is 100 feet long by 55 feet in width, and is probably the finest hockey rink in the country. There is a landing over two stories of it on the ground floor, and a gallery above carries it around it. From upon ordinary ice-crowded from this gallery, when an ice carnival is on foot, it is nothing to compare with it. The two curling rinks are of the same size, with a large well-smoking room from which to smoke the games, which is well heated on to the rinks. The rink has got in its own heating and light plant, and the building is therefore evened at an even temperature and well lighted. The financial condition of the institution of which this room is a part is now said to be in the best possible shape, with a regular receipt of money for the building debt by regular payments, and in a short time the institution deserves to have the support of everyone in the city, and it seems to be getting a fair share of it.

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Grocery Department
Epecurian Brand Fruits
Pears, Peaches, Pineapple, Appricts, Cherries, etc., case.
Imported French Sardines, (100 quarters to case), case.
New England Plum Pudding, case.
Emerald Tip Asparagus, case.
Lemon, Citron and Orange-Peel, pound.
50
Cranberry Sauce, 24 one-half, case.
50
Fine Old Java Coffee, pound.
50
Specials in Ladies Fur Coat
Polongus Fur Coats
Wombat Fur Coats
Siberian Lynx Fur Coats
3-4 Length Coon Coats
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"Qui Tollis Peccata Mundi."

BY AUSTIN LEWIS.

SWEET face that never falters, slight form that never bends, Pleading above Thy altars. The Golden halo lends A radiance all too tender, a beauty all too frail. Thy triumph and surrender--art stammers in the tale.

Scourged for a jest of rabble, slain for a morning's sport; Silent amid the babble of Pilate's recreant court; The purple pride and power, the liar's venom'd breath, They had their spiteful hour, they sent Thee to Thy death.

Sent Thee! They came not nigh Thee; they looked and passed Thee by Sleek Caiaphas to try Thee and send Thee forth to die! No torture they could borrow, no threat could stir thy fears-- Thee; with Thy single sorrow, Thy Mother Mary's tears.

This is Thy heaviest burden, Thy proudest claim of all, Thy everlasting guerdon: nor rood, nor scourge, nor gall Blazon Thy strength and glory: Thy power is here unfurled, Told in the simple story, "The sins of all the world!"

John Smith's Dream.

JOHN SMITH was not any more out of the ordinary than his name is, until he made his money in the far-famed Klondike. While he was not considered anyway a King, a Prince, or even a Duke, still he did very well, even for that country. But it is not his getting rich that is so extraordinary, but a dream he had, and the result of it. Smith came to the country early in the spring of the great year of the rush--'98. Equipped as were the majority of the men who made up the rank and file of the rush, with an outfit of bacon, beans, rice, flour, sugar, and such like eatables, a pick, pan, and shovel. He talked learnedly of paystreaks, rims, bedrock, and kindred subjects, when he had about as much idea of practical mining as a rabbit. And certainly no more experience.

On his arrival at Dawson, he tied up his boat, established his tent home, and cached his grub up high, out of the way of inquisitive dogs. Then taking a pack of provisions, he started up the creeks, looking for a

and an idea that there might be gold on top of the hill struck him. He knew that Gold Hill, French Hill, and Chechaco Hill, all projected out very much the same way. He also knew they were rich. He was willing to try anyway, for he did not see any other place to stake, close to a paying creek. Up the hill he climbed and made preparations to sink a shaft. He went to the very top before he found a place to suit him. Already he was getting discouraged and did not propose to do any more work than was necessary to reach bedrock. So he started the shaft in a bunch of good timber, to save dragging firewood. He would rather have been nearer the face of the hill, but there was no wood there, so he went to the wood. After a few days he found he had undertaken a bigger contract than he expected, and would need a partner.

Going down from his camp on the hill to the creek one day he found there a young fellow, like himself, very much discouraged, very foot-sore and tired from traveling with a pack on his back for ten days. The young fellow was pretty tired of traveling at night and sleeping on the ground by day. They soon made an agreement of partnership, verbally, and went up to Smith's camp. Borrowing the necessary tools they constructed a sort of a windlass and resumed sinking. For a few days they worked in a hopeless mixture of muck and slide rock, and one or two old "sourdoughs" who had seen the smoke of their fires climbed the hill to see what was going on, cheerfully informed them that they were a pair of the greenest chechacos it had ever been their luck to see, and volunteered the information that in all probability there was as much as 50 feet of the same rich, black muck and slide rock. They, the sourdoughs, did not think there was any gold where our friends were sinking, and were not any- ways shy in telling them so. Although their talk cast a doubt in the minds of our friends they were not entirely discouraged, and worked on doggedly. They were fully decided that if they did not strike pay where they were there was not much use in their looking anywhere else.

One evening as Jones, which was the name of our friend's partner, was hoisting the last few buckets from a fire, he noticed a little white gravel mixed in with the other stuff. He told Smith when he came up, and they panned out what there was of it, but found nothing. Still it was the same white quartz gravel that carried gold on the other hills, and they were pretty certain of finding some gold, anyhow.

That night Smith had his dream. He might have been excited when he went to sleep, and so have dreamed any kind of queer dreams. Anyway he dreamed of being back in the States, riding on a train. Coming to a small country town he got off and met on the platform of the station a young lady he had somehow in someplace been acquainted with. She also knew him and was pleased to see him. Smith at once knew that here was the woman for him and decided to ask her to marry him. He was just in the middle of his proposal when he was awakened by his partner rolling him out on the bare ground and telling him that breakfast was ready. All day while at his work Smith thought of his dream. It seemed almost real to him, so clearly did he remember it. Day by day they sunk their shaft deeper and deeper. They now had all quartz gravel and in panning were finding now and again a few fine colors. Smith's dream still remained with him and he thought of it at all times. He did not tell his partner for fear of being laughed at, which he did not like any better than any of his fellow-men. He often tried to forget the dream but could not, and finally made up his mind to write to this little town and find out if there was any such person.

One day as Jones was dumping a bucket he saw something bright roll out that did not look like the rest. He picked it up and examined it. He let the bucket down as fast as he could, shouting to Smith to come up. Then as soon as he heard the bucket strike the bottom he hoisted away again as hard as he could. Smith, in the bottom of the shaft, was wondering if his partner had suddenly gone insane or had a stroke when the tub came down again and he got in. Upon reaching the surface his partner showed him what he had picked up--a nice nugget. They panned the last dirt hoisted and found they had struck it at last.

They at once went to Dawson and recorded their claims; getting dis- covery and another. While in town Smith wrote the letter to the little place outside. They got a rocker and went back to their claims and start- ed on their road to wealth. From then on their road was easy. They hired men, built cabins and got firewood for their winter's work. All the while Smith was waiting for the answer to his letter, or the letter itself-- he had put a come back on the envelope.

They were working their claims busily all the time, the pay was

showing up better and better, and they could figure on a nice fortune each in the spring. But Smith, as he afterwards told me, did not care nearly as much about his good luck as he did about his dream. He even thought of making the trip out over the ice, but gave it up because he had no other reason to give, and dared not give the real one.

So he put in the long time of waiting as best he could, and watched eagerly for news of a mail from the outside. Late in December the mail arrived and then only a small quantity of it. Smith started for the city as soon as the word reached him, arriving late at night. The first thing next morning he went to the postoffice and received a letter. It was the answer to his, and from the young lady herself. She stated in her letter that she had been very much surprised at receiving his letter, and told him that on the same night he had had his dream, she, too, had dreamed of a young man she had somehow been acquainted with coming to see her, and would he please send a photo? He did, also a long letter, and re-



MUSHING UP BONANZA.

peated the proposal he had been making when he was awakened. In due time he received an answer entirely satisfactory and a picture of the face of his dream. There is not much to tell. He and his partner worked their ground and in the spring their dumps washed up as well as they could expect. They received what they considered a fair offer for their claims and let them go.

On one of the first boats up the river there were two happy young men, and one old sourdough pointed one of them out to a friend as "the greenest chebeco it was ever my luck to see. He went and staked in 21 hill because there wasn't another durn'd place so stake, so far as he could see. He struck it rich and took out lots of dust, and now he is go- ing out to marry a girl he never saw or spoke to except in a dream."

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STRUCK IT AT LAST.

job at \$15.00 per day, a claim on Eldorado, nuggets, or anything that seemed good to him. He was painfully surprised to find that Eldorado had been staked in '96, that if he worked at \$15.00 a day he was expected to earn his money--harder for a man used to swinging a pen than one used to swinging a pick, the reader may be sure. A day or two working on a claim put more blisters on his hands than he could find room for. His back ached from shoveling into a sluiceway steadily all through the work day, and \$15.00 a day seemed pitifully small to him considering the work he did. So he quit, and decided to try stampeding. But he was always a little late, and found the others had had quiet tips, and were days ahead of him. Returning one day from a long, weary stampede, he noticed how the point of the hill at the mouth of "21 pup," Bonanza, projected out,

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ken by a wide the gymnasium the same size, a punching bag tributes, and is d up as a com- attention has to this time for the attention of the winter. Had there left in the gym a few to use it. when the men- put in an ap- sium will come that time the doubt-be in a the demands of this connection track for sprint- in the gallery ming all around. It takes about le. rooms connect and Turkish, tub- and cold. Then room, which is, and looks like directors' room, used, only more- his in the large small tables and le. Beyond this rooms and the of- ants. proper is 100 feet igh, and is pro- y rink in the seating space on the ground floor. ve running all- an ordinary oc- spiring sight- gracefully mor- is-gallery, but- is on there will re with it. a large warm which to view well heated and of glass looking the club has put and light plant, therefore always- ture and well- ion of the insti- son is so proud the best possible revenue to pay by regular in- short time. The to have the up- the city, and it fair measure of

CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

Mr. J. D. Hartman of King Solomon Hill is in town today. Mr. McKay of No. 34 below Bonanza came to town yesterday. He is going to the Fortymile country. Mrs. Primus of No. 33 above Bonanza visited her sister Miss Jennie Parry at Magnet last Sunday. Mr. Thompson of No. 43 above Bonanza is in town today. Mrs. Thompson is on her way in from the outside. Mrs. Warren of No. 43 above Bonanza is visiting in town for a few days. Thos. Ward has accepted a position with Mr. Collins of No. 26 above Bonanza for the winter. Last Saturday afternoon the cookhouse on No. 3 Gay Gulch belonging to Mr. H. D. Cole was totally destroyed by fire. Only last week Mr. Cole put in a winter's supply of goods and everything was lost. The loss is very heavy. Dan Gleason of No. 18 below Bonanza is thinking of starting a laundry. The way he washes clothes is certainly a wonder to himself and his partners. Marting Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza made a flying trip to town last Thursday to buy an Xmas outfit. Xmas will be celebrated in the right kind of style on No. 26. Those who will be fortunate enough to spend Xmas with Geo. Pilz of No. 47 Eldorado will no doubt have a swell time, as George has already ordered a half sleighload of cooking utensils and provisions for that day. Mrs. Davis of No. 30 below Bonanza has begun making preparations for the third annual ball to be given at the Elbyan New Year's eve. A surprise party was given Mr. Coffee on Fox Gulch last Friday night. Great credit is due Mrs. Gilbert for the way everything was planned and carried out. A very nice lunch was served by Mrs. Gilbert. Lots of merriment was caused by one of the cakes which was nicely

frosted and lettered a minute. Mr. delighted over the cut himself and part very particular that a piece. It was of joyable affairs of to be remembered it come by those who enough to be there. This being the time, we must all many homes right be sad and desolate. Among the homes dented this Christmas R. R. Brown of Bonanza, whose husband with paralysis month. Mr. Br Yukon in 1898 with children. He has, made plenty of not satisfied invested if he was a hard, wo honest man; str healthy and full of fatal stroke came Brown is lying in hospital unable to tell his wants a his wife and little years, are in their able to do anything husband and father. an old resident of many friends will b the misfortune that

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(Continued fr for that of bearsk likewise the entry i customer's probable it at 185 pounds. George E. Nichols caused but does not ally. He was in store at the time the and made the deal identified the bear c he later had exami of purchasing it. If the prisoner as bein had made the trade the second hand dea seal coat was simi prisoner had traded f entry and signatur book and the accu which consummated Charles Stewart is the Nugget saloon. prisoner came to him mission to leave a which was done. The up in a piece of canv ness paid no atten tents. Prisoner had that a man would ca one ever came and mained where it was til picked up by the p

Extension of Public Highway System To be Made During the Coming Year

MAJOR WOOD has been preparing an estimate of the roads to be built next year, of which the following is a copy as far as it has gone, but there are likely to be several additions to it. This, as will be seen, foots up to an expenditure of \$193,000, for the roads already decided upon, which are as follows: Wagon road from the mouth of All Gold creek to its head connecting with Hunker road at about discovery, distance about ten miles, estimate of cost \$2,000 per mile \$ 20,000 This creek is promising and a road to it will make it possible to work with profit a large area of low grade ground. Wagon road from creek claim No. 92 below lower discovery Dominion creek to Arkansas, distance about five miles, estimate of cost per mile \$2000..... 10,000 Wagon road from 32 below discovery Sulphur creek to its mouth connecting with Dominion wagon road, distance about 8 1/2 miles, estimate of cost \$2,500 per mile..... 21,250 There is work going on on that creek from one end to the other. Wagon road from the mouth of Steel creek to 60 pup Henderson creek, distance about 22 miles, estimate of cost \$1000 per mile..... 22,000 Wagon road from Bonanza road to Gold Hill, distance two miles, estimate of cost \$1000 per mile..... 2,000 Wagon road opposite Dawson from the ferry to steamboat slough about 1 1/2 miles, estimate of cost \$5000 per mile..... 7,500 This road to be part of a road to Boucher creek and other tributaries of Sixtymile gold fields. Wagon road from the north end of the city to Moosehide creek, this road to be part of road to Lepine creek quartz mines and to Twelvenile quartz mines, distance about 1 1/2 miles, estimate cost per mile \$5000..... 7,500 Pack trail and winter road from the mouth of Arkansas to the mouth of McQuestin river, via Clear creek, distance about 55 miles, estimate of cost per mile \$250..... 13,750 Pack trail and winter road from Gordon's Landing to Duncan creek, distance about 20 miles, estimate of cost per mile \$250..... 5,000 Pack trail and winter road from Steamboat slough, opposite Dawson, to Boucher creek, via Swede creek, distance about 28 miles, estimate of cost \$250 per mile..... 7,000 This road will reduce the distance to Boucher creek by about 14 miles with easier grade and in winter will be best route to Glacier, Miller, Gold creek, etc., and to all the creek producers on the boundary line. Pack trail and winter road from Moosehide to Twelvenile quartz mines, distance about 35 miles, estimate of cost per mile \$250..... 12,250 These quartz mines are very promising. Winter trail from Livingstone creek to Whitehorse, distance about 68 miles, estimate cost of the trail..... 4,000 Winter trail from Hootalingua post to winter road, distance about 32 miles, estimate of cost..... 2,000 Glacier trail, repairs to the extent of about \$10,000 would make of it a fair wagon road. Winter road and pack trail from McQuestin to Gordon's Landing, distance 60 miles, estimate cost \$250 mile..... 15,000 It is necessary to build this road immediately, on account of the large number of miners on Duncan creek who depend on it for their supplies, the steamer Prospector having failed to reach Gordon's Landing. Winter road and pack trail from Boucher creek to Miller creek, distance 12 miles, estimate cost \$250 per mile..... 3,000

Table with 2 columns: Description of road and estimate cost. Includes items like 'Winter road from 8 above discovery on Last Chance up creek, dist- 750' and 'Winter road and pack trail from Whitehorse to Dalton post, dist- 30,000'.

Growth of Postal Facilities

THERE is no better chronometer of general prosperity than the postoffice returns, and Dawson, since its beginning, has done an extremely large business in money orders. While in a new country the first population has generally been of remittance men, or men who have friends to whom they may write for aid to be sent through the mails, here it has been the contrary. This year the amount which came into the country in the shape of money orders was \$102,000, while the amount which was sent out was no less than \$1,263,068. The postal facilities have been improved and have kept pace with the general growth, and this year every one has reason to be proud of the mail service we are now receiving. The improvement is most marked in the regularity of the mails from the outside, and the bringing in of newspaper mail. Three years ago the Dominion government gave a contract to the White Pass company to carry in the mails from Whitehorse for the sum of \$60,000 per annum. During the summer months the company carries under this contract all the mail there is but during the winter months it is only required to give a weekly service and to bring in or out not more than 700 pounds each week. The amount of mail from here in the winter time has never exceeded the 700 pounds but once, and that was on the 8th December of this year when everybody seemed to have chosen the same mail for sending out Christmas gifts. In the past, as soon as navigation closed the mail matter began to pile up at Whitehorse, and there were weeks we did not get any mail at all. No newspaper mail was carried, and when navigation opened in the spring we began to receive the newspapers of October and November. The mails were freighted over the frozen river, and there was sure to be weeks before it was safe for travel. There would be the same delay in the spring, when the ice began to break up. To obviate this and to better the service, Governor Ross obtained the consent of the government to the building of a road from Dawson to Whitehorse, and this year the service has been without the delays occasioned by climatic influences last year but has been regular and better than the once-a-week service the government arranged for, as there are more than weekly stages, and each stage takes mail whenever it leaves. Another thing which Postmaster Hartman worked hard to obtain, and only succeeded this winter, was the bringing in of second class mail, which in previous years has been excluded. A contract was entered into with the Merchants stage line to carry in 700 pounds of second class mail for \$236, and 36c per pound for any excess of that weight. This is not confined to second class mail only, but should there be any first class mail left after the White Pass has taken its 700 pounds it will be brought in by the Merchants line. Under this arrangement any amount of mail matter could be brought in, but in the middle of the present month the government limited the amount to be carried by the Merchants line to 1000 pounds per week. Not only have the mail facilities with the outside been thus so much improved, and made nearly as good as existing conditions will permit, but the postal facilities to the creeks have also been much improved. Only two new postoffices have been established during the year, the one at Last Chance and the other at Stewart, but recommendations for others have been made to the government and they will be established as public necessity calls for them. Mail, however, is now regularly sent every week to No. 80 pup on Hunker, Nos. 7, 33, and 244 below lower on Dominion, No. 27 Gold Run, No. 2 Sulphur and 16 below on Bonanza. This mail is carried by the Orr & Tukey stage line entirely without cost to the government. The postoffices already recommended are for Gold Run, Sulphur, Nos. 7 and 244 below

lower on Dominion, and at Duncan, McQuestin and Glacier. To reach the latter points a very great improvement has been made this winter. A police post has been established at Miller, and the weekly police patrol carries the mail. Police patrols also carry the mails as far as Selwyn, touching at way points, and up the Steward as far as McQuestin. So that there can be little fault to be found with the mail service as it is at present, taken in connection with the assurance Postmaster Hartman has received that it would be extended and increased as fast as public needs warranted. The number of mails dispatched and received this year has been fifty per cent. over that of last year, and the work of the city postoffice has increased in every way. The amount received from stamps last year was \$12,395; this year it is \$13,100. Last year there were no postal notes sold, this year \$147. There have been about 25,000 money orders issued during the year, amounting to the immense sum of \$1,263,068. This is an increase over last year of \$150,000. The amount of money orders cashed here last year was \$7560; this year it was \$102,000. The registered letters received in 1901 amounted to \$13,000; the amount this year \$15,000. The amount of registered letters sent out last year was \$14,500; this year \$16,300. The postoffice building is well equipped with every facility for the rapid handling of mail, and was planned to give ample space for the transaction of its business for some years even with the rapid increase of the past five years. Russia and Persia. Odessa, Nov. 18.—An experimental steamship service between the Black sea and Persian gulf ports has shown the feasibility of developing extensive trade relations between Russia and Persia by that route. An agreement has all but been completed between the minister of finance and the Russian Steam Navigation Company providing for specially equipped vessels to ply between Odessa and Bushire. An official of the steam navigation company has announced that Russia was determined to install herself in Persian markets hitherto ignored or underrated. All beers are in the 'also ran' class when compared with Budweiser Beer. N. A. T. & T. Co. Modern Epigrams. London, Nov. 15.—Some of the brightest remarks made by public men during the week were as follows: "The greatness of a nation is made by its greatst men."—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain. "Unless a nation is morally healthy, as well as physically, there is but little hope for its future."—Sir William Blake Richmond, the painter. "Uneducated nations, like uneducated individuals, must be content to do the rougher work and take the lower places in the world."—Lord Avebury, president Central Association of Bankers. "Education has been from the beginning to the people of the United States their greatest interest and most productive and happy investment."—Joseph Choate, American ambassador to England. "Landlordism in Ireland must go."—Thomas Wallace Russell, Unionist, M. P. for Tyrone. "Drunkness should be treated primarily and throughout as a sin."—Sir Thomas Barlow, King Edward's physician. "I think precedent has been the curse of this country."—Lord Haubery. Obstructive Methods. Vienna, Nov. 15.—The chamber of commerce at Olmuetz, in Moravia, was the scene of a novel experiment in obstructionist methods recently, when the Czech councilors made a desperate effort to prevent the election of Burgomaster Brandhauser as president. The minority came armed with sticks and cudgels, but their trump card consisted in a large supply of so-called "stink bombs" of chloride of lime, sulphuric and nitric acid. These they flung into the hall, and the stench was horrible. Windows and doors were flung open and permitted the gasping councilors to breathe again. Free fights took place, and the struggle was fiercest around the president's tribune, the secretary being carried senseless away, bleeding freely. Finally the German majority won the day. Causes Uneasiness. Hongkong, Nov. 18.—Frequent acts of piracy between Hongkong and Canton are causing much uneasiness. A constable of the British consulate, who was wounded while traveling in a junk to Hongkong, has died from his injuries. Agitation for a British patrol of the delta is beginning.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

Comes a Quiet Time With Every Business House.

We have enjoyed a phenomenal business this past season. Lack of transportation makes it impossible for us to fill in broken lines, this is particularly noticable in the Furniture, Dry Goods, Gent's Furnishings and Carpets.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

Mr. J. D. Hartman of King Solomon Hill is in town today. Mr. McKay of No. 34 below Bonanza came to town yesterday. He is going to the Fortymile country. Mrs. Primus of No. 33 above Bonanza visited her sister Miss Jennie Parry at Magnet last Sunday. Mr. Thompson of No. 43 above Bonanza is in town today. Mrs. Thompson is on her way in from the outside. Mrs. Warren of No. 43 above Bonanza is visiting in town for a few days. Thos. Ward has accepted a position with Mr. Collins of No. 26 above Bonanza for the winter. Last Saturday afternoon the cookhouse on No. 3 Gay Gulch belonging to Mr. H. D. Cole was totally destroyed by fire. Only last week Mr. Cole put in a winter's supply of goods and everything was lost. The loss is very heavy. Dan Gleason of No. 18 below Bonanza is thinking of starting a laundry. The way he washes clothes is certainly a wonder to himself and his partners. Marling Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza made a flying trip to town last Thursday to buy an Xmas outfit. Xmas will be celebrated in the right kind of style on No. 26. Those who will be fortunate enough to spend Xmas with Geo. Pilz of No. 47 Eldorado will no doubt have a swell time, as George has already ordered a half sleighload of cooking utensils and provisions for that day. Mrs. Davis of No. 30 below Bonanza has begun making preparations for the third annual ball to be given at the Elthyan New Year's eve. A surprise party was given Mr. Coffee on Fox Gulch last Friday night. Great credit is due Mrs. Gilbert for the way everything was planned and carried out. A very nice lunch was served by Mrs. Gilbert. Lots of merriment was caused by one of the cakes which was nicely

frosted and lettered a Minute. Mr. delighted over the cut himself and part very particular that a piece. It was of joyable affairs of to be remembered for come by those who enough to be there. This being the time, we must all many homes right be sad and desolate. Among the homes dented this Christmas R. R. Brown of Bonanza, whose in en with paralysis month. Mr. B. Yukon in 1898 with children. He has, made plenty of most satisfied invested in He was a hard work honest man, str healthy and full of fatal stroke came Brown is lying in tan hospital unable to tell his wants a his wife and little year, are in their able to do anything husband and father, an old resident of many friends, will by the misfortune that

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FEAST OF NATIVITY

How It Will be Celebrated in the Churches

Sunday School Christmas Trees Will be Lighted Up This Evening.

Because, perhaps, of the greater pomp and ceremony, "the outward and visible forms of an inward and spiritual grace," in which the Roman Catholic religion is clothed, the festival of the birth of Christ as celebrated in that church is often more attractive than the manner in which it is observed in Protestant and Non-conformist churches. In the Episcopal churches there is always special services on the day itself, and St. Pauls this year has arranged a special musical program both for the main service and for the one at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. But the Catholic churches begin the festival with midnight masses, and make the festival one of surpassing grandeur and solemnity. At the church of the Sacred Heart at Whitehorse there will be midnight mass this evening on a scale such as that town has never before seen. At the Forks, the new church of St. Patrick will celebrate its first midnight mass, and great pains have been taken to make it a memorable occasion in the history of the edifice. At St. Marys in this city it is believed that the decorations and also the musical service, will surpass in every way the results of previous years. What has added to the attraction this year is the fact that the new bishop of this new diocese, his lordship Bishop Breynat, will preach the sermon. To avoid the great crowd of last year admission is this time by ticket, and Father Bunoz has been sought all week, by mail and by telephone, for these tickets. Every seat that can be arranged in the edifice will be occupied, but it is hoped that the crush and confusion of last year may be avoided by this scheme of admission. The following special music has been arranged for the choir, assisted by Freimuth's orchestra:

- St. Joseph's Mass Wiegand
- Solos by Mesdames L. L. James, P. W. Mullen, E. G. Parker, M. E. Sporse, Messrs. H. Turnbull, P. F. X. Genest, George Walton and H. D. Burrell.
- Adeste Fideles Nvvello
- Solo, duo, trio and quartette, Mrs. P. W. Mullen, Mrs. E. G. Parker, Mr. H. Turnbull and George Walton.
- Veni Creator Weigand
- Solo and quartette, Mrs. Sporse, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Burrell.
- Star of Bethlehem Adam
- Solo, Mrs. Mullen.
- Nazareth Gounod
- Solo, Mr. H. Turnbull.
- Oh, Holy Night Adam
- Solo, George Walton.
- Ave Maria Gounod
- Solo, Mrs. L. L. James, violin obligato by Prof. Freimuth.
- O, Sanctus Wiegand
- Solo by Mrs. Parker.
- Sopranos—Mrs. L. L. James, Mrs. M. E. Sporse, Misses R. A. Macfie, Schwartz and Vandetti.
- Altos—Mesdames P. W. Mullen and C. G. Parker.
- Tenors—Messrs. George Walton and H. B. Burrell.
- Basses—Messrs. H. Turnbull, P. F. X. Genest and P. F. Weiss.
- Violin—A. P. Freimuth.
- Organist—G. Pepin.

The Methodist church began its celebration last night, with a Christmas tree in the schoolroom and an extensive program of songs and recitations. A very large number of the congregation and those interested in the Sunday school attended. The Presbyterian Sunday school holds its Christmas exercises this evening, in St. Andrews hall, otherwise the old church. There will be a Christmas tree and a special musical program, with a number of addresses. St. Pauls church, as before stated, will have matin service at 8 and a special service at eleven. The Salvation Army begins its celebration at one o'clock tomorrow with a fine dinner. Anyone who does not know where to find a Christmas dinner will be made welcome, and the number to be led tomorrow may possibly go up into the hundreds, but it certainly will not be so large as in previous years. More jewelry than all others combined, unexcelled in quality, lowest in price, at J. L. Sale & Co.'s.

The Court House.

What might be called the Temple of Justice of the Yukon territory was the second of the federal buildings to be erected at Dawson by the government. It is located on the government reserve at the lower end of the city and is an imposing structure, an admirable view being had of it by the tourists from the decks of an incoming steamer as the bend above Klondike City is rounded. When the territorial court was first established in '97 one judge was sufficient to attend to the litigation of the territory, the premier being Mr. Justice Maguire, who after spending the bulk of the winter of '99 at Big Salmon with the Major Walsh party arrived in Dawson early in '98. In the fall of the same year he was succeeded by Mr. Justice Dugas who at present is the senior member of the Yukon bench. For over a year Mr. Justice Dugas was alone, then, his duties becoming too extensive, another judge was appointed and Mr. Justice Craig came to his assistance. This year still another was provided, Mr. Justice Macaulay, the three, by a special act, constituting the court of appeals with jurisdiction to hear cases appealed from the gold commissioner's court.

Mr. Justice Dugas arrived over the ice in the winter of '98 and has been here ever since with the exception of the winter of 1900 which he spent on the outside. The learned jurist is also spending this winter with friends in the eastern provinces. On account of there being but little litigation during the closed season, it is so arranged since the appointment of three judges that each is certain of a vacation every two years. Mr. Justice Craig arrived in June, 1900, remaining until the fall of the following year when continued ill health necessitated a trip to a less rigorous climate. Care and the best medical assistance happily restored him to health, and in company with his family he returned to his labors early in the present summer. Mr. Justice Macaulay, junior member of the bench, first came to Dawson last year, August 7, as police magistrate, remaining until early last summer when a trip was made to Ontario for the purpose of bringing his family inside. While in the east the third territorial judge was appointed and the pre-ferment fortunately fell to the gentleman of whom this brief sketch concerns.

On entering the court house by the main entrance one's vision is first greeted with a view of the library directly across the hall. It is a large room and is well stocked with law reports and recognized authorities on various subjects which are indispensable to the members of the bar. On either side of the library are the private suites for two of the judges. The librarian is Mr. J. E. Deslauriers. In the southerly end of the building and opposite the private chambers of Mr. Justice Dugas are the quarters of Sheriff R. J. Ellbeck and his efficient, Titian crowned and deservedly popular deputy, J. M. Eilbeck, his son. The sheriff received his appointment in October, 1899, arriving over the ice the following winter. Deputy "Jack" came inside in August, 1900, mined for a year and took his position as deputy a year ago last August. In addition to being the ordinary sheriff Mr. Eilbeck is likewise the high sheriff of the entire territory and marshal of the admiralty court. He enjoys the distinction of possessing the most extensive halliwick probably in the world, his territory covering 360,000 square miles and being greater than the entire province of Ontario. Deputies or bailiffs are located at every point and on every creek of importance in the territory. The deputy at Whitehorse is Inspector F. Horrigan, at Fortymile, Sergeant S. B. Beys.

Sheriff Ellbeck has been the returning officer of the only two territorial elections ever held in the Yukon, a position which he has filled with the utmost satisfaction. To the left of the main entrance are the quarters of Clerk of the Court Mr. Charles Macdonald, he of the affable, polished manner and the silver tongue, one of the foremost orators and after dinner speakers in the territory. Mr. Macdonald has occupied his present position since June, 1900, and is now on the outside enjoying a well earned vacation. His principal deputy and who is now officiating as clerk of the court in his absence is Mr. J. Sutherland McKay, hero of a hundred football games: at a time when Osgood Hall held the championship of Canada. Mr. McKay was a pioneer of the Edmonton route in '98 and had sufficient experience on the trail to form a very readable novel. He has been in the clerk's office since October, 1900. The other deputy is Mr. Walter Cox, an English gentleman, who has been here only since July of the present year. Upsstairs, isolated to himself, is Mr. George Craig, the only court reporter at present holding such an appointment. Mr. Craig is one of the most expert stenographers in the Dominion and came direct from Ontario in September, 1899, for the purpose of taking the position he has filled so ably. He is a brother of Mr. Justice Craig and is held in high esteem by everyone, particularly so by the members of the press.

POLICE COURT. The police court, situated in the old court house, is presided over by Mr. Justice Macaulay in the absence of a regularly appointed police magistrate. Each of the territorial judges has jurisdiction over the lower court, the present occupant of the bench fulfilling those duties on account of being the junior member of the bench. The magistrate has the assistance of Sergeant Frank Smith, chief of the city police, and who prosecutes practically all of the criminal actions brought before his lordship. The sergeant is not only a good soldier, but is becoming quite a successful barrister, occupying as he does the position of a quasi crown prosecutor. Mr. H. G. Blankman for over two years has filled the position of police court stenographer, one of the most expert in his line on the Pacific coast.

Cause of Stage Fright. An expert claims that stage fright really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from this fact that persons in Dawson contemplating appearance should be careful of their diet and always buy groceries of Dunham, where they are always sure of getting the purest and best.

FRIENDS OF McLENNAN

The Election of a Large Campaign Committee

An Executive Committee of Enthusiastic Workers Also Chosen.

A meeting of the supporters of Mr. R. P. McLennan for Mayor was held in the rooms of the Board of Trade last night, and resulted in the election of committees to conduct his campaign. W. M. McKay presided and A. G. Smith acted as secretary of the meeting. First there was elected a committee to select a general committee, which was composed of J. K. Sparling, R. B. Ritchie, T. D. Macfarlane and J. P. McLennan. They reported as follows:—

For Executive Committee—Wm. McKay, P. R. Ritchie, A. G. Smith, T. D. Macfarlane, J. P. McLennan, C. J. Larsen, J. K. Sparling, John Joslin. The general committee was the above named and the following, with power to add to their number: H. D. Murray, Martin Trobitz, J. Harding, Chas. Putnam, John A. Bruce, E. B. Cogswell, R. G. Henderson, W. H. Baldwin, E. W. Mutch, George Hutchinson, H. T. Hatch, George Ames, F. M. Shepard, R. W. Shannon, Joseph McGilvray, Joseph Cadieux, J. B. Pattullo, Mr. Tomlinson. The executive committee organized at once, with W. M. McKay as chairman and T. D. Macfarlane as secretary. Campaign headquarters have been secured today in the Stockholm building south of the McDonald hotel, 2nd ave. The rooms will be ready for use Friday, Dec. 26.

The city police were in the delirium this afternoon. Just when they were taking a rest preparatory to an enjoyment of the good things Major Wood sent them for tomorrow there was a suicide, and the sergeant said there was no knowing when this sort of thing would stop now that it had started. But if the criminal temperature will only moderate for twenty-four hours they will have a jolly time tomorrow.

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FOR ALDERMAN.

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- Wombat Fur Coats
- Siberian Lynx Fur Coats
- 3-4 Length Coon Coats
- 28-in. Length Coon Coats
- 30-in. Length Coon Coats
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- Krimmer Jackets
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SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS 1902

In Our Hardware Department Pocket Cutlery, Shaving Sets, Carving Sets, Scissors in cases, etc.	Gent's Furnishings The very latest neckwear, smoking jackets, fur mitts, caps, gloves, silk kerchiefs, fur overcoats, fur robes, etc.	Furniture and Crockery Rockers, sideboards, dressers, arm chairs, mirrors, rugs, bric-a-mac, lamps, vases and fancy chairs.	Dry Goods Silk waists, fine handkerchiefs, fans, kid gloves, perfumery, fancy work baskets. A full line of toys for children—dolls, sleigh wagons, etc.
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Our Public Buildings

Gossipy Guide to the Departments in the Administration Building, and of the Men in the Civil Service There.

There was no Yukon territory until a few years ago, and yet its public buildings are as easily on a par with those of the northwest territories. The first public building in the Klondike was the first of 1897, and in the fall of that year the government sent in a number of officials. They were brought by way of the Dominion gunboat, the Quatra, and the Hon. Clifford had the pleasure of going as far as the government party into the interior as he could. The party consisted of Major Walsh, Crown Surveyor Fred Wade, Private Secretary T. Duffin Patullo, and others. Mr. Sifton accompanied Major Walsh as far as Tagish, the party going on to the White Pass and returning by the White Trail in order to determine which route was the best for the carrying in of their large outfit.

When the first public buildings, as all of us will remember, were log huts, as rude in every public building as they could possibly be. They were, in fact, all winter long, and did not arrive at Dawson until the following spring. The first public buildings, as all of us will remember, were log huts, as rude in every public building as they could possibly be. They were, in fact, all winter long, and did not arrive at Dawson until the following spring. The first public buildings, as all of us will remember, were log huts, as rude in every public building as they could possibly be. They were, in fact, all winter long, and did not arrive at Dawson until the following spring.

William Lamb is the accountant in the comptroller's office, having been transferred from the gold commissioner's office to this position during the present year. He also has had a prior experience in the civil service. The assistant gold weigher and stenographer is George Ian McLean, a Scotchman by birth who came here from Hamilton, Ont., in September, 1899. Last week the acting commissioner showed his confidence in Mr. McLean by appointing him auditor of all accounts in connection with the city of Dawson.

Across the corridor is the office of the crown timber and land agent's office. Francis Xavier Gosselin was appointed to this position October 19th, 1898, and on October 12th last was promoted to be assistant gold commissioner. He was succeeded by Henri Milton Martin, who is a champion tennis player and well known in social circles. He came here from Vancouver in June, 1898, and was appointed to the civil service the following month. Harry Povah is Mr. Martin's chief clerk, and William Povah the stenographer. There are also three timber inspectors. D. A. McRae is the chief inspector and Charles Sylvester and Charles McLeod are his assistants.

At this same south end of the building on the next floor is to be found on the right the office of the legal adviser to the territorial council and public administrator. Fred T. Congdon held this office until a year ago, when he was succeeded by H. W. Newlands. He came here from Regina and at the time of his appointment held the position of registrar of land titles in the Northwest Territories. His successor has not yet been appointed and the business of that office requiring his presence he left here for Regina early this month. During his absence Gold Commissioner Senkler is acting legal adviser.

As an assistant in this office is W. H. Harrison, private secretary of Hon. James Hamilton Ross, M. P. for Yukon. Mr. Harrison comes from Gloucester, Ont., and is a law student. The able and obliging clerk is Charles Victor Shannon, who came from Goderich, Ont., in August, 1899. C. B. Burns, formerly private secretary of Minister Fielding, is also an assistant in this office.

Next door is the office of A. J. Beaudette, who came here in midsummer last year specially commissioned by the Dominion government to report on hydraulic concessions and mining conditions generally. He is a young man well fitted by education for such an employment. He was educated in the leading mining schools of Germany, France and England, and has travelled considerably. After he had made his reports to the government he was retained here and the office created for him of Dominion mining engineer. He left here early this month for the California gold fields, to study the most modern methods of hydraulics there being operated.

On the other side of the corridor is the office of William Thibault, the territorial engineer. For the last two years he has surveyed all of the government trails and roads that have been built, and on many of the more important roads has superintended their construction. He received his early education in Quebec but has had a wide experience in railroad engineering and first came north in '97 with a party to survey a railroad line from Pyramid harbor. He has the record of being able to see more and remember more of the topographical features of the wild country he is passing through, than any engineer in the country. Among the best maps turned out by the territorial government are those which bear his name.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Lord, of Caribou, came to the hospital, and has gone to St. hospital for surgical treatment.

BECK NOMINEES

tion to be held at Caribou tomorrow afternoon. The convention to be held at tomorrow, for the nomination of candidates to the Yukon from District No. 2, have been selected and it is believed that one of them will be present at the Caribou hotel at Caribou on the proceedings will be held at two o'clock.

Mutiny at Sea

town, Dec. 5. - The British frigate, Captain Peattie, San Francisco, on July 26, reported that on or about three American sailors and Capt. Peattie's officer were shot, the latter, after an encounter with the crew, who left the ship on Peattie gives the names of the officers who left the ship on the 26th and Turner. They were all in San Francisco.

Looking for Treasure

rd the Pacific Mail Company's Steamship Newport, which in San Francisco for Panama, C. W. Johnson, a Bostoner. He expects to return in a month or so, and a greater part of the \$1,000,000 that went out of circulation 175 ago when the steamship Gale battered herself to the Mexican beach.

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QUESTION OF ANNEXATION

Discussed at a Banquet in Ontario. Mr. Justice McMahon Says Archbishop Ireland is Broad-Minded.

At a farewell banquet given by the Catholics of Ontario to Monsignor Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, Mr. Justice McMahon tendered the departing guest a few words of advice in a particularly happy vein. In proposing the toast of "Canada, Our Country," His Lordship said Canada possessed as happy, as prosperous and as contented a people as there were on the face of the earth. It was a land of great promise, and if there was wanting any demonstration of the fact, it was to be found in the request made a few days ago, and accepted to by the province of Ontario, that twenty thousand of the inhabitants of the United States should take possession of a few million acres of our territory. That had been acceded to with some reluctance by the premier of Ontario, Mr. Ross.

One would imagine, and properly imagine, said Mr. Justice McMahon, that there was a deep-laid scheme on our part to annex the remainder of the United States to the Dominion of Canada as soon as opportunity offered. The significance of the following portion of the speech lies in the fact that Mr. Falconio has been transferred to Washington and that Archbishop Ireland, a very learned, broad-minded, but somewhat ill-informed man in some respects, has expressed the opinion that the ultimate destiny of Canada lies in annexation to the United States.

Mr. McMahon hoped that when the apostolic delegate reached Washington he would not make a disclosure of our intentions to the president of the United States or to any of his cabinet. If that were done, it might cause the pleasant relations between Great Britain and the United States to become somewhat strained. "But if you should happen by any chance to meet Archbishop Ireland in Washington you may say to him that he has been forewarned, that the annexation which he prophesied is to take place in another way. The matter has been arranged between those who wish to become citizens of the Dominion of Canada, and the premier of this province."

It is rather curious that the prophets who predict our ultimate destiny to be absorption by the United States are all men who know little or nothing about Canada from personal observation or experience. They sit in their studies and ponder upon the glories of their native land and conclude that there is an evil, unending hereditary aggression, if not a necessary war, with the United States, and that the only way to avoid it is to annex the United States to the Dominion of Canada.

A wide-awake American who lately traversed the whole of our north-west in quest of an opportunity for a promising investment confessed he was astonished that not a vestige of the feeling he had been told to look for was to be discovered "with a microscope" in any part of the country. The Americans who are rushing into Canada come for the purpose of establishing themselves and providing a home for their families. What is likely to be the most important consideration to the minds of those settlers? It is not protection for life and property, civil freedom and political religious liberty and equality. The newcomers have had experience in the United States, and possibly in some other countries. The comparison they are capable of drawing, we have not the slightest doubt, are distinctly favorable to the institutions in their new home. The soil is fertile and yields them an abundance. Therefore they are happy and contented, and are as loyal to the flag which protects them, in some cases perhaps more so, than the natives who have had no such experience. - Victoria Times.

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Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

Mr. J. D. Hartman of King Solomon Hill is in town today.

Mr. McKay of No. 34 below Bonanza came to town yesterday. He is going to the Fortymile country.

Mrs. Primus of No. 33 above Bonanza visited her sister Miss Jennie Parry at Magnet last Sunday.

Mr. Thompson of No. 43 above Bonanza is in town today. Mrs. Thompson is on her way in from the outside.

Mrs. Warren of No. 43 above Bonanza is visiting in town for a few days.

Thos. Ward has accepted a position with Mr. Collins of No. 36 above Bonanza for the winter.

Last Saturday afternoon the cookhouse on No. 3 Gay Gulch belonging to Mr. H. D. Cole was totally destroyed by fire. Only last week Mr. Cole put in a winter's supply of goods and everything was lost. The loss is very heavy.

Dan Gleason of No. 18 below Bonanza is thinking of starting a laundry. The way he washes clothes is certainly a wonder to himself and his partners.

Marting Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza made a flying trip to town last Thursday to buy an Xmas outfit. Xmas will be celebrated in the right kind of style on No. 26.

Those who will be fortunate enough to spend Xmas with Geo. Pilz of No. 47 Eldorado will no doubt have a swell time, as George has already ordered a half sleighload of cooking utensils and provisions for that day.

Mrs. Davis of No. 30 below Bonanza has begun making preparations for the third annual ball to be given at the Elbyan New Year's eve.

A surprise party was given Mr. Coffee on Fox Gulch last Friday night. Great credit is due Mrs. Gilbert for the way everything was planned and carried out. A very nice lunch was served by Mrs. Gilbert. Lots of merriment was caused by one of the cakes which was nicely

frosted and lettered a Minute. Mr. delighted over the cut himself and was very particular that a piece. It was of joyable affairs of to be remembered for come by those who enough to be there. This being the time, we must all many homes right be sad and desolate. Among the homes—ded this Christmas R. H. Brown of Bonanza, whose husband is paralyzed month. Mr. Brown Yukon in 1898 with children. He has, made plenty of most satisfied investor if He was a hard working honest man, strong healthy and full of fatal stroke came Brown is lying in hospital unable to tell his wants, his wife and little years, are in their able to do anything husband and father, an old resident, of many friends will in the misfortune that

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