

GOLD SAID TO BE PLENTIFUL.

The Prices Paid For Work in Dawson City are up in "G."

Gamblers and Saloons Draw Heavily On the Miners—Pleasure and Excitement Comes High.

The site of Dawson City was originally located by Joe Ladue and Harper as a townsite. The latter is a trader and owns several stores in the northwest. They were the first to get a "tip" of the great strike and lost no time in securing 160 acres of land as a townsite for \$1.25 an acre. Lots 50 by 100 feet are now selling for amounts varying from \$8,000 to \$14,000, and an ordinary building lot on the edge of town at the base of the mountain is sold for \$250 and upward. Last year logs sold for \$1.40 apiece; now they command \$3 and \$4. Most of the buildings are constructed of logs hewn on three sides and solidly chinked with heavy moss. The roofs are made of poles, on which a layer of moss fully ten inches thick is laid; then a layer of dirt twelve inches deep serves to keep out the cold. If green logs or logs that are not properly dried are used they crack with a report like a pistol shot when the heavy frosts come, and for the remainder of the winter frost will gather on the inside of the cabin so that it is impossible to get enough heat out of the stoves to thaw the ice. Heavy embankments of earth piled up against the huts on the outside serve an additional protection against the chilling blasts of the arctic winter gales. A few saloons are built of lumber with double walls, between which sawdust and moss are tightly packed, but old Yukoners tell me that such construction avails nothing against the severe cold weather.

About 80 log cabins and some 500 or 600 tents constitute the improvements of Dawson City. The buildings are on the streets and a wide avenue separates the city from the river bank. The two commercial companies have built fine, large two-story stores and warehouses. The improvements made by the Alaskan Commercial company must have cost nearly \$100,000 and those of the North American Trading and Transportation company were not much less expensive. To build the commonest kind of log cabin 18 by 24 feet costs from \$3,000 to \$6,000, and the buildings erected by the former company cover an entire block and are of the most substantial character that money and labor can build.

Selling a Glacier at Retail.
Front street is the thoroughfare on which nearly all of the business is transacted. It is on the east side, facing the river. The street is full of hewn timber and chips, and carpenters are working from early dawn till late at night building cabins. Mechanics are paid an ounce for nine hours' work, and many of them are earning from \$20 to \$25 a day. In another month the river probably will freeze, navigation will cease, and cold weather will be in order until the middle of next May. Consequently all buildings must be finished by the middle of October, and on account of the great demand for cabins carpenters practically are naming their own wages. The streets are full of tents, but the Canadian officials are compelling builders to erect cabins on the lines of their property, and in a short time Dawson City will bear the semblance of a well laid out frontier town. Aside from the two stores, three or four barber shops, half-dozen laundries, five or six restaurants, second-hand store or two, two saw-mills, three butcher shops, two jewelry stores, dozen physicians and dentists and couple of real-estate offices, the principal business is the sale of intoxicants. Compared with prices in the states the charges at first glance seem exorbitant, but when the prevailing rate of wages of from \$10 to \$15 a day is taken into consideration the charges appear reasonable. Meat is sold for 75 cents a pound, and at one time during the summer ice sold for \$1.50 a pound. Some enterprising fellows went down the river a short distance and found a small glacier, and realized a neat sum in selling ice to the saloons. The laundries charge \$1.25 for washing and ironing a white shirt and 75 cents a piece for flannels. Shaving is 50 cents and a haircut is \$1. Loaves of bread, and small ones at that find ready sale at 50 cents.

It is my honest conviction that no community or mining camp of this

size ever had so many dogs. It is estimated that there are nearly 1,500 of the animals in Dawson City, and as many more in the mines. The most of them are fine appearing fellows, and in the cold season net their owners handsome profits by hauling sleds heavily laden with supplies to the adjacent mining camps. In town they travel in companies ranging from ten to twenty head, and the moment they catch sight of another dog away from his company, the pack will give chase, and if caught, will whale the life out of the unfortunate. Dog fights are so common as not to attract a passing glance. Thieves? These animals are capable of convincing the most skilled professional petit larcenist that he does not understand the first rudiments of the profession. They will lie around in sight of a cabin for hours, waiting for the owner to depart, and then deftly leap through double panes of glass and carry off a side or two of bacon. It is necessary to erect coaches fifteen or twenty feet above ground to store such goods.

Unique Mode of Gambling.
The great attractions, or rather, objects of interest, are the gambling games and the dance halls. Gamblers winning or losing from \$500 to \$3,000 at a single sitting are not considered worthy of passing comment. In fact, games involving \$5,000 or \$10,000 are running night and day. Professional dealers of "banking games" receives \$20 a day. The manner of hazarding money is unique even in a mining camp. The player takes his seat at a faro table, passes over his sack of gold dust to the dealer, who drops it into a small pigeon hole. The chance of "overplaying his sack" devolves upon the player's honor. He is given full credit and can call for as many chips from the check rack as he desires. As the checks are passed out a tab is dropped on his sack. At the conclusion of the play the chips on hand are credited to the account of the sack. The dealer hands the player a slip of paper showing the condition of the account and the latter takes it and his sack of gold to the bar. If he has lost he weighs out his gold dust; in the event of his winning the barkeeper does the paying. At first glance it would seem that such a system would afford considerable temptation for a dishonest man to walk out with his sack of gold without settling his account. Only one or two instances of the kind have occurred and the community has inflicted such punishment as precludes the repetition of the offense.

The dance halls open about 7 or 8 o'clock in the evening and the band plays on till late in the morning. A dozen or more women, many with young and rather pretty faces, are in attendance. They have little or no time to rest between the dances, and when the morning dawn comes peeping over the mountain summits they are a tired-looking crowd. The amusement continues night after night. The halls are crowded with gallant beaux, most of them having heavy, spike-soled shoes, broad-brimmed hats, regulation mining suits and cigars between their teeth. The dance halls are constructed of hewn logs, roofs covered with moss and earth and low ceilings. Each dance cost \$1, and one man in three nights spent seven ounces of gold, or \$119, for the luxury. In some of the halls a free fight is almost certain to conclude the festivities along toward morning. Occasionally men will come to blows in attempting to win the hand of some woman for the succeeding dance. "Fair play" is the watchword; the best pugilistic gladiator goes to the head of the set; his rival goes home.

High Prices Re-Enforced By Robbery.
Saloons are running "wide open." As a rule they sell a fair class of beverages. Drinks and cigars retail at 50 cents and the two breweries that are located here cannot supply the demand for steam beer at \$125 a keg. A poor quality of champagne is retailed at \$30 a pint and a better quality is \$10 higher. In liquidating indebtedness at the bar the individual doing the honors passes his sack over to the barkeeper, who pours out enough gold dust to settle the account. It is hardly necessary to add, I suppose, that the barkeepers are not charged with neglecting to take enough dust, particularly when the patrons are somewhat under the influence of copious potations. Two or three saloon men admitted to me privately that the "rake-og," as they term overweighing, amounts to about 30 or 40 cents on each \$2.50 spent over the bar.

There are fifteen saloons doing business now and others are preparing to open every day. The receipts for sixty days last spring in one saloon amounted to \$124,000, and the day the successful miners were taking their

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departure on the first steamer of the season the receipts amounted to \$6500. Hardly a saloon in town is receiving less than \$300 a day, besides the large sums of money that the gambling games. Barkeepers are paid from \$12.50 to \$20 a day, and even the porters, where such luxuries are deemed necessary, are paid from \$7.50 to \$10. A rumor emanated from official sources and among the rounds to the effect that a Canadian official will arrive shortly and enforce a law permitting only keepers of inns and hotels to engage in selling liquors.

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- Grand Canyon of the Colorado River—65 miles. Scenery indescribable
- Cataract Canyon—65 miles. The abode of the Supai Indians. Can be entered only on horseback
- Natural Bridge—75 miles. Arch, 250 feet; width, 500 feet; height, 275 feet
- Montezuma Wells and Castle—50 miles. Point of great interest
- Walnut Canyon—8 miles. The home of the Cliff Dwellers, a prehistoric race of four hundred years ago. Walls of castles perfect
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- Cave Dwellings—8 miles. The home of a prehistoric race
- The Black Crater—15 miles. In the center of the largest lava beds in the world
- San Francisco Peaks—18 miles. With an altitude of 14,000 feet. Snow-capped most of the year. From the top with a good glass, one can see almost one-third of the Territory
- The Moqui Villages—100 miles. The home of the Snake Dance
- Oak Creek—20 miles. The famous Mountain Trout abounds in this stream.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE TOWN OF FLAGSTAFF.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the town of Flagstaff, Arizona, for the year 1897 has been made up and is now on file in the office of the town clerk. For the inspection of the tax-payers of the said town. The town council will meet on a board of equalization on the 4th day of October, 1897, for the purpose of equalizing the assessments made, at which time all persons objecting to their assessments as now made will be given a hearing. By order of the council. A. A. BURN, Clerk.

Notice For Publication.

[Homestead Entry No. 226.]
LAND OFFICE AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Probate Court at Flagstaff, Ariz., on Saturday, Dec. 11, 1897, viz: John C. Madersbach for the SW 1/4 Sec. 24, T. 24 N. 24 E. Sec. 28, Twp. 24 N., R. 2 E.

Notices to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executor of the estate of Charles Heagan deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers within ten months from the first publication of this notice, to the undersigned executor at his place of business in Milton, Coconino county, Arizona Territory, for the same being the place where the business of said administration of said estate is transacted. All claims not presented within the time herein specified will be forever barred from allowance and payment.
Dated at Milton, Coconino county, Arizona Territory, this 14th day of November, 1897.
M. J. BURNHAM, Executor of the will annexed of the estate of Charles Heagan deceased.
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Probate Court Notice.

Notice is hereby given that George Hoffman, administrator of the estate of Mary J. Hoffman, deceased, has filed his petition with the Judge of the probate court of Coconino county, Arizona Territory, asking for an order to sell the following real estate belonging to said estate, to-wit: Lots one, two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight in block 47, in the town of Flagstaff, county of Coconino, Territory of Arizona, at private sale, for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness of said estate.
All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear before the probate court in the court house in the town of Flagstaff, Coconino county, Arizona Territory, at ten o'clock a. m., on the 5th day of November, 1897, at which time the hearing of said petition will be had, and show cause why said petition should not be granted and said order for the sale of said real estate be made. Given under my hand and seal of office as Probate Judge this 30 day of September, 1897.
N. G. LAYTON,
Probate Judge of Coconino county, A. T.

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Condensed Time Table No. 45.
[Effective April 3, 1897.]

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10 35 pLv. Chicago, Ar.....	9 35 p
2 25 pKansas City.....	7 05 a
3 35 aDenver.....	5 00 p
4 45 pLa Junta.....	11 50 a
5 55 a	.....Albuquerque Ar.....	10 25 p
6 55 p	.....Wingate, Lv.....	8 55 p
7 55 a	.....Gallup.....	5 35 p
8 55 p	.....Holbrook.....	1 50 p
9 55 a	.....Winslow.....	12 30 p
10 55 p	.....Flagstaff.....	10 15 a
11 55 a	.....Williams.....	8 50 a
12 55 p	.....Ar. Ash Fork, Lv.....	7 40 a
1 45 p	.....Lv. Ash Fork, Ar.....	6 50 a
2 45 p	.....Ar. Jerome, Lv.....	4 55 a
3 45 p	.....Ar. Prescott, Lv.....	3 35 a
4 45 p	.....Ar. Congress, Lv.....	11 15 p
5 45 p	.....Ar. Phoenix, Lv.....	7 50 p
6 45 p	.....Lv. Ash Fork, Ar.....	7 15 a
7 45 p	.....Lv. Kingman, Lv.....	2 15 a
8 45 p	.....The Needles.....	11 00 p
9 45 p	.....Blake.....	9 50 p
10 45 p	.....Bardonia.....	7 55 p
11 45 p	.....Daggett.....	5 15 p
12 45 a	.....Ar. Barstow.....	4 55 p
1 30 a	.....Kramer.....	12 40 p
2 30 a	.....Mojave.....	10 20 a
3 30 aAr. Los Angeles, Lv.....	9 45 a
4 30 aAr. San Diego, Lv.....	7 00 a
5 30 aAr. San Fran'co, Lv.....	5 00 p

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