

MOST REMARKABLE MINING TOWN

Dawson City of Today is in Many Respects a Unique Camp—There are Few Localities in the World With an Equal Range of Temperature—Scenes in Klondike.

While Dawson is not in United States territory it is so near to it and is so identified with the interests of this country's possessions that any mention of Alaska would be incomplete without the story of the capital of the golden Klondike. An American miner made the first discovery on rich Bonanza creek, and in the historic rush which followed the announcement of his wonderful strike Americans outnumbered all other nationalities two to one. There are two Americans for every Englishman in Dawson at the present time which goes to show that wherever there is anything in it worth having the individual subject of Uncle Sam does not take a back seat for anybody. In order to get the reader started right it may be well to say that the Yukon territory is bounded on the north by the Arctic ocean, on the east by the coast of the Rocky Mountains, on the south by British Columbia, and on the west by Alaska. Its area is 198,300 square miles.

The Klondike proper consists of only 800 square miles, and embraces what are known as Bonanza, Eldorado, Dominion, Hunter and Sulphur creeks. During the past five years the miner has diverted the water from these streams and literally turned their beds upside down with his pick and shovel. Their sands proved to be fabulously rich with virgin gold. The lucky men who own these claims have taken out over \$50,000,000 treasure, and the greater portion of them are still being worked.

ITS WONDERFUL GROWTH.

Dawson is in many respects the most remarkable mining town in the world. When the recent census started, the gold commissioner's office was in a little 8 by 10 cabin that would not hold over a dozen persons comfortably, and no one stood in the outside, day and night, waiting their turn, while the thermometer was 50 degrees below zero. Everyone was so cold crazy that ordinary labor could hardly be secured at any price. It cost \$100 in gold dust to hire a man to cut and deliver a cord of wood, and flour sold for \$40 a sack. In the fall of 1898 town lots sold for \$5, and she did not give very much at that on account of her long journey from the states and the excitement at her unusual surroundings. Dawson is now 1500 miles from Seattle, the nearest base of supplies, and the Yukon is open to navigation only about five months in the year. Considering these facts and that the place is less than five years of age, its substantial buildings, together with the enumeration of its various enterprises and general thriftiness, come in the nature of a surprise to most people. It has quickly passed from a mere stopping place for the miner to a social and commercial center. Until a few years ago the climate of the Yukon country was considered too rigorous for the white man to withstand; yet here in the heart of it we have a bustling city, whose real estate is valued at \$20,000,000.

FOUR MONTHS OF SUMMER.

There are few localities in the world with an equal range of temperature. It is very cold during eight months of the year and warm during the other four. During each season, the temperature ranges from 80 degrees below zero to 100 degrees above. There is very little humidity, so that the extremes of heat and cold can be endured. The death rate during 1900 was five out of each 1,000 inhabitants. The place is drained by means of ditches and wooden culverts. There has been only one epidemic, and that was one of typhoid fever, caused by drinking the river water before the water system was built. One of the great problems of water supply in Dawson has been to devise some plan by which the pipes and their outlets could be kept open during the winter months, and the contrary believes it has a plan that will fill all the requirements. This consists of a combination of water pipes and electrical appliances. The pipes being connected and made of iron, will carry the current as well as a wire, and it is said that a current applied to the metal, where it connects with the pumping plant, will prevent the freezing of water through out the entire system, even in the coldest weather. Up to the present time the only manner of keeping the pipes open has been to maintain a constant pressure upon them, and this plan has not been altogether successful. The system is owned by a private company, and the supply, which is naturally filtered and very pure, is derived from several inexhaustible wells fed by seep water from the Klondike river. The town has a very efficient fire department, equipped with two engines, two hose carts, two chemical and a hook and ladder. It is illuminated by a modern electric light plant, which also furnishes pumping power to the mine fan in every direction. It costs from \$1 to \$5 a call to use the telephone system which connects the town with the different mines.

POPULATION 5,400.

The census taken last fall shows the resident population of Dawson to be 5,400. Of this number 450 are men, 60 women and 550 children. The floating population during the summer season will more than double these figures. Among the business enterprises of the place may be mentioned two banks, five assay offices, six newspapers, three express companies, one telegraph company, six sawmills, two planing mills, three brickyards, three machine shops, eight cold storage warehouses, five dairies, two breweries, one bottling establishment and twelve laundries. Ample provision has been made for entertaining the transient guests within the city gates. There are forty restaurants, thirty-three hotels and twenty-three saloons. There are two public libraries, three theaters, three hospitals and five churches. The new Presbyterian house of worship cost \$15,000. The government is spending \$300,000 on public buildings in Dawson, and \$250,000 on roads leading into the place.

YUKON COUNCIL.

Dawson is not incorporated, but is governed by what is known as the "Yukon Council," consisting of the senior judge of the Yukon territory, the gold commissioner, the legal adviser, the registrar, the commanding officer of the Northwest mounted police and two members elected by the citizens. It is claimed to have the best order of any mining town in the world. The Northwest mounted police govern the territory proper and their administration is



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Edward Dunlop, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.: "For seven years I was severely evergreened from the terrible torture of itching piles. I tried all sorts of remedies. Was told a surgical operation might save. One 50 cent box of Pyramid Pile Cure cured me completely. All druggists sell it. It never fails to quickly cure piles in any form. Free book by mail on piles, causes and cure. Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich."

also very successful. These officers are stationed at various points throughout the district, and constitute the entire force of the community. Each man is empowered to act as assessor, collector, marshal, postmaster, coroner, justice of the peace, sheriff and judge. It might seem that this is too much authority to vest in one man, but the satisfaction is said to be much more satisfactory than would be the case if the officers were divided among a half dozen or more officials as they are in the states. In order that their rulings may be free from personal interest the Canadian mounted police are not allowed to own any property in the communities they govern, and are not stationed at one post long enough to form associations which would tend to influence their administration. Their decisions are seldom questioned, and they get along with very little friction.

DOG TEAMS.

There are many peculiar things connected with life in this metropolis of the Upper Yukon. The laundry wagons, vegetable carts and all small vehicles used for delivering provisions are drawn by dog teams. The animals learn their routes and without any direction from their drivers pull back and forth across the street to the proper stopping places, after the habit of well-trained livery horses in the cities of the states. A good "husky" dog commands a higher price in the Klondike market than an ordinary horse. When the sun goes away to the south and leaves the country locked in the embrace of the long arctic winter, the native dog pulls his master swiftly over the long stretches of ice and snow that separate him from civilization. The dog is the only domestic animal that can venture into this storm-ridden wild and live—hence its value. There are no 5 or 10 cent pieces in Dawson, and there are only a few articles that can be purchased for a quarter. Such things as a newspaper, an orange, or a very poor cigar can be had for a few cents. The "four-hits" is the popular price for the usual 10 cent article in the states. It costs 50 cents to have a shirt laundered and put away in Dawson, and to call Dawson a cheap town. It is cheap according to the old regime, but it is still expensive enough to give the very poor clear can be had for a few cents. The "four-hits" is the popular price for the usual 10 cent article in the states. It costs 50 cents to have a shirt laundered and put away in Dawson, and to call Dawson a cheap town. It is cheap according to the old regime, but it is still expensive enough to give the very poor clear can be had for a few cents.

at midnight. Photographs can be taken at any hour and one can go to read a book or paper without the aid of a light at any time. It is a veritable Land of the Midnight Sun.

WINTERS ARE A HORROR.

But if the summers are a delight the winters are a horror. The conditions are reversed and there is very little daylight all day long. The snow envelopes everything. The storm king wraps his icy arm around the earth and life is a dreary, indoor routine. But the owners of the smallest claim are sufficient to inspire the heart of the inhabitant of Dawson to endure the hardships of this long and dreary winter. It is glorious to tell of the great fortunes that have been taken from this wonderful country, but the fact must not be overlooked that a price has been paid for them. The streams and mountains have cost all they are worth. They have guarded so long. Measured by the value of human life and suffering spent in obtaining them, they have cost all they are worth. The early trail to the Yukon was the bloodiest ever broken in the cause of peaceful conquest. Men toiled and struggled and died. Beasts of burden were overladen with plunder and provisions and driven by merciless masters until they dropped in their tracks. For every business yield resulted only the death of a thousand men. A thousand have been left behind burrowing in the mountain side like ants. Thrifty little Dawson is a tribute to the grit and pluck of the men who have shown heartache and disappointment through words can tell. The clerk and the laborer and the prospector will each tell you in confidence they have never known how their money gave out before they struck anything and how they were working now for enough to try again. Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," he writes. "And in three months I felt like a new person. Women suffering from nervousness, melancholy, fainting and dizzy spells will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Only 50c at Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept."

AMERICANS LAUGHED.

Not Knowing a Hint in the Mexican Sport Nearly Caused a Tragedy.

In the quaint old Mexican city of Juarez, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, there was to be a bull fight in the amphitheater, almost in the shadow of the great cathedral. It was not to be a performance of the kind that horrifies visitors from the states with its persistent cruelty and occasional gore. Several Americans were intended to satisfy their sense of humor, as the Mexican managers understood that somewhat mystifying element in the composition of their neighborhood across the Rio Grande. The plan was that a stout post should be erected in the center of the great arena. On the top was to be a horizontal cross-piece with four arms, from the end of each beam would hang ropes. At the end of the ropes men would be suspended so that their toes would barely touch the sand. As the cross-piece was to be introduced by digging their toes into the earth and the wheel around at a rapid rate of speed, the bull was to be introduced into the arena in the usual way, and the men suspended from the ropes could be seen to the animal toward the dangling men. But they were not to be left

THE RIGHT THING.

A New Catarrh Cure, Which is Rapidly Coming to the Front.

For several years, Eucalyptol Gualacol and Hydrastin have been recognized as standard remedies for catarrhal troubles, but they have always been



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Druggists sell the remedy under the name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and it has met with remarkable success in the cure of nasal catarrh, bronchitis and throat catarrh and in catarrh of the stomach.

Mr. F. N. Benton, whose address is care of Clark House, Troy, N. Y., says: "When I run up against anything that is good I like to tell people of it. I have been troubled with catarrh more or less for some time. Last winter more than ever. Tried several so-called cures, but did not get any benefit from them. About six weeks ago I bought a 50-cent box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and am glad to say that they have done wonders for me and I do not hesitate to let all my friends know that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are the right thing."

Mr. Geo. J. Casanova of hotel Griffin, West 9th street, New York City, writes: "I have commenced using Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and already they have given me better results than any catarrh cure I have ever tried."

A leading physician of Pittsburgh advises the use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets in preference to any other treatment for catarrh of the head, throat or stomach.

He claims they are far superior to inhalers, salves, lotions and powders, and are much more convenient and pleasant to take and are so harmless that little children take them with benefit as they contain no opiate, cocaine or any poisonous drugs.

All druggists sell Stuart's Catarrh Tablets at 50 cents for full size package and they are probably the safest and most reliable cure for any form of catarrh.

to the onslaught of the bull without protection. Mattresses were to be securely tied around the four chief performers, not reckoning the bull, and these wrappings were to be of very red, so that the bull would fiercely attack them.

"It was a fine plan, but it did not work exactly as expected. It furnished amusement to the Americans that was not on the program. The bull came in to the amphitheater, which was crowded to the top of the circle by people, all of them having clubs or other things wherewith to make a din that was deafening when matters went to pieces and, indeed, whether they pleased them or not. Preadors on horses drove the animal toward the center of the arena, and the bull plunged forward headlong at the nearest victim.

The four men dug their toes into the sand, but the cross-piece refused to budge an inch. One of the suspended Mexicans was big and fat, and the Mexican on the other end of his beam was a little fellow. The result was that the cross-piece tipped up so much on one side that it could not revolve. As the fat victim saw the bull lower his head and run at him he uttered a wild cry of despair.

At the impact the man went into the air about 20 feet, coming down with a jolt at the end of the rope, which held fast. Meanwhile his companions in misery were straining to get out their knives to cut the ropes, but before they could do so the bull was upon them, one after another. He tossed them and chased them as they flew hither and thither, and the air seemed filled with red mattresses. Finally the horns of the bull became entangled in one of the mattresses, and bull, mattress and man were hidden in a cloud of dust kicked up by the infuriated animal. Yells and cheers floated over the amphitheater. From the pews massed around; they thought it was all a part of the show. The clubs were whacked on the seats and against the barriers, as they excitedly leaned over, and their shouts arose above the cries of the men in the center and the howlings of the bull. The Americans were convulsed. At last the four men got out their

knives, cut the ropes and made a desperate dash for the barriers. As these were constructed for actual bull fights, there were partitions built out from the enclosure, and behind each was an exit leading to the outside of the building. It was intended that a matador, who was too hard pressed, should retreat behind the enclosure and leave a man as soon as danger was past. For these places the men started, two or three for the same refuge of safety and both of them followed by the bull.

They fell, were trampled upon, rolled over and over, clambered to their feet again and ran and were again knocked down. After great tribulation they reached their havens of safety, but alas, the mattresses did not permit them to get in the narrow space. The bull made after one man who was struggling to wedge himself into the space, and a blow from behind drove him in, like a cork driven into a bottle. When he was well fixed there and in no position to extricate himself the bull, being unable to butt him any further into the space, turned his attention to another and in turn fixed them so fast that they were as firm as a part of the building.

The natives thought it was all very funny until after the exhibition, when they learned that there had been a mistake somewhere. Then, with their usual custom, when a bull fight displeased them, they promptly and cheerfully set to and tore down the entire building. As it was not unusual for this turn to be taken it was no great loss.

When the managers came around and expressed their sorrow that the very elevated and distinguished senators had come so far to see a miserable failure, the spokesman, with as grave a face as he could assume, declared that the Americans had been vastly amused, and all of the other Americans politely and gravely assented.—New York Sun.

A Terrible Explosion.
"Of a scolding stove burned a lady here frightfully," writes N. E. Palmer, of Kirkman, Ia. "The best doctors couldn't heal the running sore that followed, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve entirely cured her." Infants, Cuts, Corns, Sores, Boils, Bruises, Skin Diseases, and Piles, 25c at Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

GIRLS LONG WALK IN SLEEP.
The ten-year-old daughter of Lawrence Doyle, of Litchfield, has made herself the talk of the country by walking more than a mile between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. She was found at the home of her uncle, Barclay Lavin.

Mrs. Doyle was awakened by the girl crying out: "Oh, mother, a man's after me!" The mother, clad in her night clothes, followed the girl to the road and lost sight of her.

Returning to the house she awakened her husband and notified neighbors. With the aid of lanterns Miss Doyle was traced by the prints of her bare feet into the garden and then to the house of Aaron Church, and from there into the road again and to the house of her uncle.

Mrs. Lavin says she was aroused by knockings at the front door, and, locking out, saw a child in white standing on the porch. She unlocked the door and discovered that the child was her niece. The girl, still sound asleep, said she wanted protection, and that she was pursued.

She talked with the family for some time. It is said, before it was discovered that she was asleep, and she became fully awake only a short time before the anxious father and neighbors arrived.

Over study is supposed to have been the cause of Miss Doyle's trouble.—Winsted (Conn.) Dispatch Philadelphia Record.

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A WILL ON AN ENVELOPE.
One of the most unique wills ever admitted to record in the probate court is that of the late Mrs. Laura C. F. Kimball, which was filed yesterday. It is written in pale ink on the back of a white envelope and disposes of \$50,000 worth of property.

Objection to the filing of this will was made by the beneficiaries of a former will, but Judge Cutting ordered the document recorded, and the contestants will try the merits of the case in the circuit court on an appeal.

The American Female Guardian Society of New York, the residuary legatee under the provisions of the first will, is the contestant of the second instrument, which makes Charles F. Kimball, son of the testatrix, sole legatee. The envelope will read as follows: "On account of the perplexities of life, of one being asked for money so often that all my friends fear I will not have

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The will was witnessed by C. A. Linn and Flora B. Linn of Geneva, O., where Mrs. Kimball died, October 11, 1898. The will first offered several months ago was dated July 25, 1888, and in it the following bequests were made: Charles F. Kimball, \$25,000; Mauna Cowan, granddaughter, Parsons, Kas, \$15,000; the American Female Guardian Society of New York, residuary legatee.—Chicago American.

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