

A TALK WITH A KLONDIKER.

Dr. M. W. Johnson and wife of Dawson, Alaska, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Smith for a few days past, Mrs. Johnson being a sister of Mr. Smith. Dr. Johnson made this office a call Wednesday and we found him a most affable and intelligent gentleman and a very entertaining talker. The Doctor and his wife have spent the past four years in Alaska and they are highly pleased with the climate and general surroundings. In going to the territory Dr. Johnson made the trip on a steamer which he had built at Seattle. He went round by St. Michaels and up the Yukon river seven hundred miles to Dawson. He had a very hard trip. Was compelled to stop every day to cut the two cords of 20-inch wood needed to make steam. The shoals and bars being unknown, and the current very swift, the man at the wheel had to be ever alert. Yet this did not always avert disaster. In these days the trip from Seattle to Dawson can be made in eight days.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson spent their first winter in Alaska on Minook. The second summer out they got to Dawson, where they soon became interested in claims that have paid handsomely and will net them a comfortable fortune.

The wealth of all of Alaska and of the Klondike is fabulous. This summer, in four months, \$25,000,000 were washed out in a circumference of 60 miles. There was so much gold hauled to Dawson that four-horse teams loaded with it got stuck, and two other horses had to be hitched to them to help.

The Canadian government spent \$200,000 on roads this summer. One can travel in all directions from Dawson 50 or 60 miles on a bicycle.

Winter work is generally stopped now. As much can be made by working only in the summer, as the dirt taken out in winter freezes, and has to be thawed and handled over. In summer it need only be handled once and dumped right into the sluice boxes.

The summer climate is the finest in the world. The season begins about April 15th and lasts five months. Vegetable gardeners at Dawson are making money.

In winter the spirit thermometer indicates a cold of 60 and even 68 degrees below zero; but a traveler or workman goes about in his shirt sleeves. The instant he stops, though, he must put on a coat.

Much the same clothing is worn there as would be worn here.

The summers are a continuous day. The birds fly or sing right along, excepting between 11 and 12 at night. The people go to bed when sleepy.

From Dawson to the head of Bonanza is a continuous town 27 miles long. So up Eldorado for 10 miles; so up Hunker for eight miles; also up Gold Run 20 miles. Claims are only 500 feet long and there are five or more houses on each claim. Claim owners have no surface rights. Anybody may build on these claims.

All those creeks are black with people, teams, wagons and carriages. It is like an immense beehive.

Dawson has 8,000 people. It is two miles long, three-quarters of a mile wide, and solidly and very substantially built.

Dr. Johnson showed this reporter gold that would probably outweigh \$750. But it is much more valuable, being in nuggets weighing from a quarter ounce to two ounces.

This gold is of two shades or tones. That from the white channel or bench claims is very clean and of a bright yellow color. That from creek claims is darker and somewhat like "old" gold, and old it must be, since it probably laid in the creeks for millions of years. This is why it is in nuggets instead of dust. It never moved after being deposited.

There is also some quartz mining; but that industry is in its infancy. Dr. Johnson visited a quartz claim just before he left and there saw a vein stripped four high, four feet thick, and for a length of 12 or 14 feet. It was thickly studded with nuggets in size from a 10-cent piece to the end of a man's thumb.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Men, you will be welcome at the bible class tonight.

Get your money's worth by joining the Y. M. C. A.

Return the Y. M. C. A. books at once and hasten the letting out of the new ones.

The bill of lading for the new furnace is here, and we trust by the time these notes are read men will be bathing in our tubs again.

Wanted—Every man who owes the association anything to know that a payment at this time will be greatly appreciated, owing to the pressing demands upon our treasury.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has turned over to the treasurer ten of the twenty-five dollars it is raising for the extension of the Y. M. C. A. work in Nebraska. This is fine. Thanks!

August Hazencamp will have charge of the men's meeting in the rooms next Sunday and has made up his mind to have the best kind of a time, having secured Rev. Greenlee, pastor of

the Presbyterian church, to speak. The choir of the same church to give special music, and the Mandolin Club. All men are cordially invited.

There lies on the table in the Y. M. C. A. a paper calling for 25 cent free will offerings to assist in establishing a Y. M. C. A. in the City of Old Mexico where the conditions surrounding railroad men are deplorable. The call is being answered by nearly all of the R. R. associations in North America. North Platte will send at least \$10.00, and perhaps a larger sum. The following gentlemen have contributed to the fund thus far. Others have promised to: J. Sheppard, Geo. Dowlan, Charles Ware, Victor Von Goetz, jr., R. S. Fowles, Harry Samelson, Edward S. Burke, L. A. Fort, Wray Stuart, M. O. Anderson, Robert Royer, W. A. Getty, E. R. Goodman, C. Owens, John H. Barnhart, Chas. Cushman, R. W. Smith, F. S. Smithey, B. W. Fink, A. Beyerle, J. L. Dick, Jay Stuart, George E. Suiter, G. D. Tolman, Victor Von Goetz. Total \$6.25. Fifteen more quarters will make the fund \$10.00. Who will help us?

Twelve Farms in Alaska. There are only twelve farms in Alaska. These farms have a combined area of only 159 acres, but the profit from their cultivation in 1900 was \$8,046. This was due, of course, to the high prices prevalent in the local markets.

Heavy Taxation. More than \$10,000,000 will be raised by direct taxation in the city of New York to pay what are known as county charges, the maintenance of the county offices in the four counties making up the city, and for the expenses of each toward the state tax.

Tobacco in Japan. Nearly all the men and women in Japan smoke tobacco. The ladies have pipes with longer stems than the men and if one of them wishes to show a gentleman a mark of favor she lights her pipe, takes a whiff, hands it to him and lets him smoke.

The Fair Store is One Complete Holiday Bazaar.

IT LOOKS TO US as if the coming Christmas would be one of the happiest holidays this community ever saw and that friends will be more kindly remembered than ever. When you start out to buy a present for some one remember that The Fair Store is one complete Holiday Bazaar, and that here your money will go farther than it will at any other store in North Platte. Remember also that you find here not alone the least expensive articles but fine goods as well.

For several years past we have steadily raised the standard of our merchandise. We cannot urge you too strongly to do your holiday shopping as early as possible in order to get the best attention and the benefit of a complete stock. Trade in the morning if you can.

TOYS AND DOLLS.

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Evolution of a Small Word. Imp once meant a child. Shakespeare, speaking of the children in the tower, calls them imps. Jeremy Taylor, in one of his sermons, speaks of "the beautiful imps that sang hosannas to the Savior in the temple."

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