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MAY COME TO DAWSON

Hon. Geo. R. Maxwell, M. P., Says Province of British Columbia Has No Right to Deal in Gold.

Vancouver, July 16, via Skagway, July 20.—George R. Maxwell, M. P., said last night: "I see that Hon. Mr. McBride has been over from Victoria for the purpose of making arrangements here for the operation of the provincial government assay office. Now that is just a matter of politics. If the Province of British of Columbia keeps on handling gold it will have the immediate effect of driving the Dominion government office out of Vancouver and establish at Dawson the office now being placed in Vancouver. It cannot have any other effect than that. As a matter of law I do not think this province has any right to buy gold and deal with it in any such way. The legislature, any way, has not given the government any power and I do not see how it can be legal. But if the provincial office is kept up, the Dominion office, which is very much more advantageous, will be withdrawn."

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BANQUET TONIGHT

In Honor of Mr. F. F. Burns, Pres. Vancouver Board of Trade.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Burns, of Vancouver, have been visitors in Dawson for the past week. Mr. Burns, besides being a prominent business man of his home city, is also president of her board of trade, one of the most active and influential organizations of the kind on the Pacific coast. He is also president of the St. Andrew's Society of Vancouver.

In honor of Mr. Burns' visit to Dawson a complimentary banquet will be given him at the Hotel McDonald tonight at 9 o'clock, when Mr. H. T. Wills will preside. The committee having the affair in charge are Messrs. R. P. McLennan, P. R. Ritchie, Chas. Milne and D. A. Matheson. The following toasts are on the program for the occasion:

The King, the Empire, Our Guest, Mines, Transportation, Trade and Commerce, Professions, Ladies, Press.

This is Mr. and Mrs. Burns' first visit to Dawson and to say that they are delighted with the city, the climate and what they saw on a visit to the creeks is evidenced by their expressions of pleasure. They will leave for home on the steamer Whitehorse tomorrow night.

The Pacific Cold Storage Co. offers every facility for keeping frozen products.

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Killed on Gold Run

Dan Maynard, who was employed by Barnes and Shork on 22 Gold Run, was killed at 12:30 today by the caving in of a tunnel. No particulars of the sad accident were learned. The police are investigating the matter.

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NEW MAIL CONTRACTS

Provide for Better Service Between Seattle and Circle City.

Washington, July 15, via Skagway, July 20.—The postoffice department has contracted for an increase in the postal service and to quicken the time between Seattle and Circle City and intermediate points. The new contract also calls for an additional round trip every month by way of Valdes.

STEAMBOAT NEWS.

The steamer Flora arrived last evening from Whitehorse with the following passengers: G. F. B. James, Miss B. Robinson, Miss S. Robinson, H. G. Evans, F. Evans, Miss K. Lyons, Alec Guinot, Mrs. Goynes and son, H. Goyne, G. H. Barnes, H. Enlgeseth, Mrs. Bourries. The Flora will leave on her return trip this evening at 7 o'clock.

The steamer Columbian passed Selwyn on her way down at 12 today.

The steamer Crimmins passed Hootalinqua at 8 o'clock this morning on her way down.

The Aurora dock is receiving a coat of fire proof asbestos paper and will be entirely covered with galvanized iron.

A Lady of Travel.

Miss Gearon, who hails from London, England, is a recent arrival in the city and will remain until the departure of the first boat down the river. Miss Gearon is the possessor of the firs globe trotter's ticket that ever was issued bearing Dawson in its itinery. It was purchased at Seattle and entitles the holder to passage to Skagway, Whitehorse, Dawson, St. Michael, Nome, and thence to San Francisco.

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WITH THE PEOPLE

Rests the Question Whether or not Gold Dust Shall be Retired

FROM CIRCULATING AS EXCHANGE

Says Governor Ross Whom Committee Waited on Yesterday

GOLD DUST IS NOT MONEY

But Personal Property and No Law Can Prevent Its use in Exchange and Barter.

"The matter of retiring gold dust from general circulation rests wholly and entirely with the merchants themselves." So said Commissioner Ross yesterday afternoon to a Nugget man when questioned as to what had resulted or would result from the conference had at noon with the delegation of business men who had called upon him to see if some means could not be devised by which the gold dust problem could be solved.

"Gold dust," said the commissioner, "is as much personal property as wheat, coal or anything else, and I do not believe any local council or government could pass an ordinance or a law to prohibit the use of such dust in barter and trade so long as the parties concerned are agreeable. Gold dust is not money nor can it be considered or made so except by the action of the government. As it is used here it is simply a product of the country which those who mine it, as the farmer who grows wheat, exchange for food, clothing, etc. It would be as impossible for the government to say to a miner 'you will be no longer allowed to trade your dust for a supply of groceries,' and trading is all it amounts to, as it would be for it to tell a gardener that he could not exchange the product of his little farm for a team of horses or a fisherman his fish for a bill of hardware. Whenever the merchants and others by a concerted action refuse to accept gold dust for their goods then the dust will be retired from circulation and not before. The banks assure us, and it is doubtless true, that there is sufficient currency here for every use and if a shortage should ever occur the matter of putting more into circulation is only a question of the bank officials signing and issuing more at once. The merchants must settle the gold dust problem themselves."

Members of the committee who waited upon the commissioner were seen this morning and they all had more or less to say about the matter.

"The fact of the matter is," said Percy Palmer, of Palmer Bros., "the merchants are allowing more for dust by a dollar an ounce than it is worth and that shrinkage means an absolute loss to us unless it is made up in some manner or other. Goods are being sold on a closer margin every day and the time will soon come when if the dust is taken at all it must be accepted at something more near its actual vaule. We never see any of the higer grades of dust; if we did it would help equalize matters to some little extent, but we don't get it. Every day we are paid bills by Gold Run miners who take the dust from their claims and sell it for $17 or more an ounce then buy commercial dust at $15 and pay their accounts with it at the rate of $16. If the circulation of dust can not be legislated out of existence I hope some other means will be found to retire it."

R. P. McLennan, the hardware magnate, said: "The question is in just the same position it was a year ago. We are still taking dust at $16 that is worth but $15 and I am sure I don't know where the remedy will be unless the government should establish an assay office here and buy all the gold, paying for the same its actual assay value, less a very small commission. The merchants had matters arranged on a somewhat more equitable basis last summer when it was agreed dust should be accepted at only $15, but you remember how that agreement terminated. I trust that upon the arrival of Mr. Sifton every possible pressure will be brought to bear upon him which will result in the establishment of an assay office here."

H. Te Roller, manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co., expresses himself about as follows: "There is no doubt but the gold dust question is a perplexing one, all sides considered. It hardly seems probable that the government, at least the local government, can see its way clear to pass an ordinance at present prohibiting the barter of the product. Everyone must agree that the present system works a hardship upon the public in general and a large proportion of miners in particular. If concerted action could be taken which would protect the interest of all dealers and miners equitably, it would be a happy consummaiton of the difficulty. I would not like to suggest just now what would be a proper and satisfactory solution of the matter."

H. C. Macaulay had nothing to say for publication. He was in favor of keeping at it until the desired effect had been secured, but considered more harm often times resulted from the press handling a subject prematurely, and for that reason declined to be quoted.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

Was One of Two Charges That Stuck This Morning.

Edward Davis was before Magistrate McDonell in the police court this morning on two charges preferred by Constable Timmins. The first charge brought against him was that of allowing his dog to run at large without being properly muzzled according to the ordinance which provides that muzzles shall be so constructed as to cover the mouth of the dog in such a way as to prevent any possibility of the dog biting. The dog which was following Davis and which was the cause of the charge being laid had a muzzle on but it was a strap over the nose instead of inclosing the mouth. Davis disclaimed all ownership to the dog and said it wa simply following him upon which the magistrate dismissed the case. The second charge was that of being drunk and trying to force his way into Butler's saloon after being once put out. To this charge Davis pleaded guilty of being drunk, but said that he was not creating a disturbance and further stated that after he had spent all of his money at Butler's place he had been thrown out and considered himself a very misused person. George Butler, propreitor of the place, was sent for and stated that Davis had not become intoxicated at ihs place, but had come there drunk and was creating a disturbance for which he had been ejected twice and was making a third attempt to enter when he was arrested. The magistrate gave Davis the option of paying $20 and costs or serving 30 days at hard labor.

John North and James Fisher were having what they were pleased to term a friendly wrestling bout in the alley between First and Second avenues at 3 a. m. and had attracted quite a crowd. They admitted being somewhat under the influence of liquor, but said there was no anger between them. The magistrate said that they nevertheless were disturbers of the peace and fined each $5 and costs or two days at hard labor.

Canned spring chicken. Selman & Myers.

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STRIKE SPREADING

Nearly 100.000 Men Walk Out of Coal Mines in Scranton and Wilkesbarre Districts on Sympathetic Strike.

Pittsburg, July 15, via Skagway, July 20.—Reports indicate that the strike ordered by the Amalgamated Association of Steel Workers was generally obeyed, as 74,000 men have quit work. Thousands of others are ready to walk out, but the association on the great showing of its strength already made papers to effect a compromise.

Pittsburg, July 16.—There is little change in the strike situation since yesterday except that men are quitting work by the thousands. The strike of the stationary enigneers in the Scranton district alone has caused 43,000 men to quit work and only five collieries in the Wilkesbarre district are working today.

Inspectors of Customs.

Mr. S. W. McMichaels, chief inspector of the Dominion customs, accompanied by Mr. E. A. Bettolf assistant inspector, is a recent arrival in the city, being on his regular annual tour of inspection. Mr. McMichaels was in Dawson two years ago and in speaking of the changes he now witnesses says the transformation is but little short of marvelous. The gentlemen will remain in the city a week or ten days.

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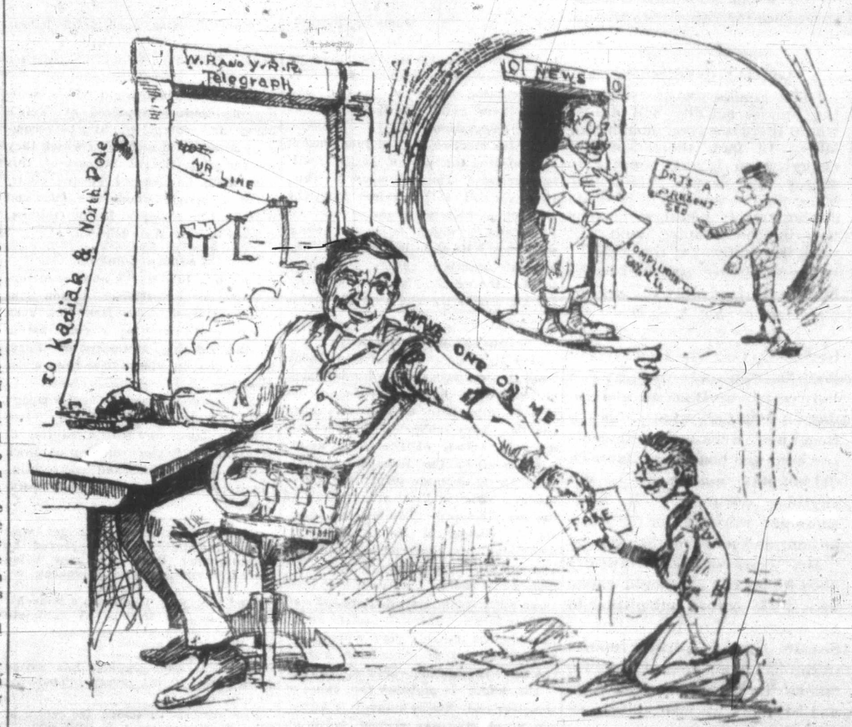

"IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE CAPTAIN'S TELEGRAM WILL READ:" . . . NEWS, JULY 18.

McLaughlin Dismissed.

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SHIPPERS, ATTENTION!

The report circulated by a venal press that Black Sullivan's Barges are wrecked is a canard and was manefactured for the purpose of scaring possible shippers this fall via. the mouth of the river. Read the ridiculous telegram (?) published in the news:—

** * *" It is understood that the Captain's telegram will read:—'Send no more this season to mouth of the Yukon as storms are unprecendented.' "*

Would'nt that make a horse laugh? The intent is so apparent, the design so absurd that the intended evil will only react on the silly fabricators. Interested shippers may rest easy—your goods will arrive safely.

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