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is the Gold Commissioner Responsible for the Latest Developments.

Who Gets the Entrance Fees to the Recorders office?- The Reason Why the Rates Were Raised from \$5 to \$10.

And now we come again to the gold commisioner's office. If ever there was a public build. ing the scene of such injustice! If ever public officials before so brazenly flaunted the impotence of the people in their faces! If such ofscial impudence ever existed on this continent! If ever public office has been so daringly bused! if ever the public has been so trazenly bled we know it not.

By what right, in heaven or on earth, is \$5 and go admission fee charged for entrance to the gold commissioner's office? Who is responsible for this last outrrge upon a quiet and law-abiding people? and who will be responsible if at last, from exhausted patience, the people besome not se quiet nor law abiding?

The evil commenced in a small way and originated in the length of the line of men day after day awaiting their turn at the gold comstesioner's office. A side entrance was built stensibly to facilitate business, as there were dissioners. The appearance of the side door was hailed by the weary waiting at the front entrance, as a step in the right direction, in thunder in the air. that it would now be impossible for men to crowd past them and into the front door claiming they were on other business then with the gold commissioner. But, what a mistake was godet From the day the side entrance was completed, the crowd at the front entrance found it was becoming longer and longer, between intervals, at which some of their number were let into the august presence of Mr Thomas Fawcett and his head clerk. The evil has grown ers or men on their last \$20 bill, attempt that passage at all. Early on Monday last the crowd at this front entrance was numbered by the guard at the door—that is to say that commenc ing at the first individual in the line of waiting district. men, he was called No. 1. The second man was called No. 2, and so on to the end of the string to get into the office in turn, to the exclusion of those who come later.

As an illustration of how the side door evil has grown, to the detriment of the legitimate applicant at the front entrance, it need only be mentioned that the man who on Monday was No. 8 had not at Wednesday noon yet been inside, though he had waited patiently at the door ever since he was numbered, with the exeption of a few hours for sleep at night. No. 8 vaseight days getting into the office-being six

days before he got his mumber, and meanwhile heard the exhilerating news that a ten-dollar man had gone in and recorded his claim. At what time next month No. 60 will get in de-

New, then, for the side door. In the first place, it requires but half an eye to see that double the number go in at this door than lesting nicely. out the front. How do they get in? There and every once in a while an individual disappears through the door. A man steps up and raps on the door and presents a note "Admit Bearer," which is signed usually with untraceable heiroglyphics. The triumphant smile he wears when he reappears and his nodded assent to friends conveys the intelligence that he has succeeded in recording his claim. Another tap and another note which reads "I want to see you." The signature this time is "Your cousin." The intervals between admissions are short, for every mother's son at this door is more or less on "the inside," and in a second along comes another gentleman with a note "Admit bearer, 9 a. m.," which bears a signature, TE. D. B.

But they do not all bear notes of "open, sesame" value. Gold, stamped and coined, is now the magical key which unlocks the padbeked portals of the sacred domain of Thomas Fawcett, Esq., and his myridons. How many hundreds of dollars a day it has cost the miners of the Klondike to secure admission to the recording window can only be estimated, but the anything at all now essays entrance through the front door. As we said in the beginning of the article "only the rankest outsiders" to-day are trying it. The five-dollar men have increased and increased in number until there ten-dollar man has the preference at the side or, and the five-dollar man has to wait. There are three doors which lead to the ear of the gold commissioner—one at the back end the building, marked "Private," and only gen-man Capt. John Irving, of the steamer Y ukoner demen of influence go in there, though their number increases daily; the side door, marked strates the reason for the high respect in No Admittance," is the best patronized of all; which everyone holds the captain: A certain the main entrance bears the legend "Closed" man who has spent a year in Dawson finds and, to day, is occasionally opened and shut to himself at the close of the present summer, the the largest crowd of disgusted, justifiably dis-

many of them have been remedied, to the last koner arrived in town a friend of the sick man, gold Commissioner has become so calloused to cumstances, offering all the money in his pos-Public citicism, and so benumbed in his con- session, \$20, to get the man to St. Michaels. sideration of the people, whose claims he The captains reply was this, "send the man merely came here to record, that corruption down, and it won't east him a cent." his moral sense quite dead? Is he a pachy a modest man in such matters.

derm that the shafts of public seorn fail to derm that the shafts of public seaso fail to move him? He shakes off responsibility like a BOLDER AND BOLDER THEY BEGONE. covering. "He dodges the issue and blinds himself to the true facts, like an ostrich with its head beneath a cactus bush:

There are several things which surely the public is entitled to know from Thomas Faw-

"De you knew of the monstrous abuses in your office, above outlined?"

"Are you the responsible head of your office?" "If you are not responsible for the admission fee charged to your presence, who is?"

"Is it true that the attaches of your office are se poorly paid that there is a tacif understanding with you that they shall take advantage of the natural opportunities presented by connection with you?"

"To what extent de you participate in the results of such practices?" In other and plainer words: "What percentage, if any, of the gate receipts is yours."

Surely, the illustrious topographical surveyor cannot pretend to be blind to practices that are patent from the summit of the dome to Fortymile! Such an admission would brand him as a mole. Will be say that the men of his office are beyond his central? Then his weakness warrants us in demanding of him that he give way at once to some wiser and stronger man. The iniquitous doings in the gold commission ers office have long been an unsavory reeking more offices in the building than the gold com- unto Heaven, and if this does not bring about a sudden change for the better we warn the G. C. that there are muttered sumblings of

CHANGES AT THE BARRACKS. Interesting Doings at and Around the Police Quarters:

A telephone has been placed in the office of the police court and a wire now connects them sthe value of which is known to be about \$1,500. with "central"

Captain Scarth, of the Forty Mile post, was in Dawson this week and returned to the scene of and grown, until now only the mankest outsid. his duties accompanied by constable Sabourin a good one is in the possession of the police him the two long term prisoners Mensor and Tilley. The Forty-Mile post has a prison of 16. cells and is to be made the penitentiary of the

Staff Sergeant Bates has been changed from Dawson to Forty Mile where he goes to assume to No. 60. Each number is supposed to be able the duties of quartermaster and hospital steward. His many friends wish hem good luck in his new sphere of duty.

Corneral Conway now occupies the position of quartermaster at Dawson. He also fills the position of order room clerk and clerk of the po-

Constable Reed has been made acting steward of the police hospital in place of Staff Sergeant the shere was compulsary. Back and forth Bates, changed-to Forty-Mile:

Geo. A. Howe, a miner from the Forks, was

is a guard there just as there is at the main en house. He is not a prisoner but some time ago lost in that impossible voyage forms Lang says trance. A small crowd hangs around the door appealed to the police for help, he being in almost a dying state from destilution and scurvy. rapids," Hugh boulders as "big as a house" Nold left San Francisco January 26 with three- blocked the passage, and the three boats which companions. They pushed ahead over the ice reached the Nilene did so by what seemed the making forced marches and faring hardly, miraculous interposition of providence. Abanbuoyed up by the hope of a fortune if they only doning their boats, and, their grub supply reached here quick enough. Getting here early much lightened by their misfortunes our they secured work readily, but two of the party travellers succeeded in making the portage to sick man was taken by a partner down the balance of the trip rin Peslin take and the river. Nold lived in his tent as best he could Hootalingua was plain salling Nearly vix for a time, and finally appealed to the police. months of the severest labors and accidents of At the time he went to the barracks he was so the most thrilling hand had decreased the ill and weak he fell down in the quadrangle party considerably. Dr. Black was drowned and could not rise without assistance. He can as was also a Mr. Morgan. Others made at now walk around and his scurvy has rapidly tempts upon their own lives in fits of insanity taken wings.

boats and tents for the landing of wood for their-health, and the balance scattered down Dawson's winter supply, a matter which this the river, Lang getting here last Wednesday. paper has been agitating as of vital importance, it may be mentioned that the police are making good progress and expect to have the bar well cleared by the end of the week. The tronble with the campers appears to be that many monstrous evil has assumed such proportions of them are left alone by their prospecting that no man who considers his time as worth partners to look after the outfits of the party. Some of the tent dwellers are ladies whose hus bands are up the gulch. Captain Starnes is disposed to bons lenient as possible but the period of open river in which wood can be brought to town and landed, is rapidly drawing to a close has developed an inside ring even there, and a and he realizes that forbearance is ceasing to be a virtue.

Why Capt. Irving is Popular.

Everyone in Dawson knows how popular a is. The following little incident well illususted, malcontents this sect on has ever seen. any work. He has been endeavoring, without The Negger has for months been hammering success, to secure transportation to St. way at the crits it has seen in Dawson, and Michaels for some time past. When the Yu-

Daring Robbery Committed at the Monte Carlo.

Pifteen Hundred Dollars in Nuggets Taken From the Collection Contained in the Cabinet.

A daring burglary was committed at the Monte Carlo last Thursday morning which exceeds in beldness anything ever attempted in the palmiest days of the famous and no torious Jesse James.

To show the pickings of the fortunate dig gers on the claims, a collection of nuggets, quartz and ceal, was being made to attract the attention of those interested. The place is open et all hours of the twenty-four- Gold-weigher Williams was at his post and cashier and night bartender Wm. McDonald at his accustomed place. About 4:30, a. m., Mr. Williems, proceeded to make up his receipts for the night, and taking with him the checks from the games for. their redemption in cash, passed ground to the game keeper, anaking the customary settlement. At the same moment McDonald was called to the theater entrance in the year. both returning shortly thereafter. A wellknown babitue of the place entered and noticed that the cabinet above alluded to had been breken into and rifled. During the obsence of Williams and McDonald someone, evidently well acquainted with the custom of the establishment, or by a precencerted arrangement of having both men on duty at the same time, entered and out the isinglass door which had been temporarily placed there in lieu of glass, and extracted the larger nuggets therefrom,

The police department was at once notified It's Healthful ! of the robbery and every effort will be made to apprehend the thieves. A clew, believed to be and Staff Sergeant Bates and taking back with and it is hoped will lead toward their speedy capture.

An epidemic of chime appears to have been inaugurated in Dawson which will require the utmost vigilance of the police to circumvent.

Another Victim.

Another unfortunate victim of "The All-Canadian Route" has just made his appearance in Dawson having been on his way ever since last February from Wrangel Herrman Lang is a Texamand with a party of 26 Jost Sen Francisco. for Dawson wia the Stickeen river. Towards the end of February the ice on the Stickeen was almost kneedeep with slush and there were innumerable places where a detour on they went with their sled's until their antiits were nearly all wet but they got to the point brought in nearly two months ago and turned of Telegraph creek where the Teslin strail over to the police as supposedly demented. He branches off. They were advised of a better was able to ride a horse but his rambling con- route via Chesley, Niline and Teslin rivers, and versation conveyed the idea of insanity. He to their sorrow they took it. The snow was was soon found to be very sick and his dementia nearly all gone and they needs must pack every proved to be the delirium of typhoid fewer. pound some fifty natics from Telegraph to Ches. Placed in the police hospital he has been receiving the very lest of care and ic now conva- started down. The Cheeley flows into the Nile-Alfrond Nold occupies a tent next the guard where they started into the ocean near "the river proved a succession of Five Finger became sick. When the river specied up one Testin river where more boats were built. The induced by their misfortunes, some stayed at In the matter of clearing the water front of the first settlements they reached to recruit

Col. Evans Visits Dawson.

Col Trans commanding the force of regula troops now stationed at Fort Selkirk, came down on the Flora on Tuesday last, The Colonel is greatly pleased with the location of the Selkirk harracks. He says that he has never seen a better logation for a military site than the one now occupied by the troops. There are now 65 men stationed at the Fort and \$35 more enroute, at the present time located at Teslip Lake. In regard to the Teslin Lake soute the Colinel states he thinks it will be all right when a radroad is once constructed. Ever singe their arrival at the Fort, the troops have been engaged in constructing the buildings which they will occupy during the coming winter. Three of these 22x85 feet have already been built and several others are under way. There will be three barracks buildings for the men, a store house, a mess and recreation barracks, a guard house, orderly room, and the commanding officers quarters. Before coming to the Northwest, Col. Evans was in command of the Royal Canadian Dragoons at Winnipeg.

Sulphur Prospects.

Mr. John F. Miller has just returned from ing benefit of our people; but this excuse of a approached the captain and told him the cir- Sulphur creek, where he has been for the past few days. He reports everyone in the best of spirits over the late prospects which are the result of summer work. One man has five feet of gravel which runs seventy-five cents to the and evil practices have flourished around him The story came to the NEGET in a round-pan. It is Mr. Miller's opinion that Sniphur like weeds in the neighborhood of a barn. Is about way, as Captain Irving is essentially will be one of the best paying creeks worked his men. during the coming winter

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