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LET THEM SMOKE.

Seriously considered, it would not seem wise to us that smoking should be prohibited in the free library. The institution was inaugurated for the purpose of affording a place where men might spend their spare moments in profitable employment and with as much comfort as possible.

The library was not intended by its original promoters as a resort for women and no arrangements exist for their accommodation. Even if the institution were conducted along the lines suggested in a communication recently published in this paper, it is very doubtful if any considerable number of women would be found in Dawson to patronize it. On the other hand, as a visit to the library at any time will amply demonstrate, there are always men enough on hand to tax the capacity of the building.

Rules which govern in long-settled communities cannot always be applied with safety in a newly settled district. The question of procedure at the library must be determined in the light of the conditions which surround us.

Dawson is very largely a community of men, a considerable portion of whom find themselves with no little time upon their hands. Before the establishment of the free library, almost their only choice for spending their spare hours lay between a cheerless cabin and a bar-room. Men coming to town from the creeks for a few days had only the latter alternative.

It was this condition of affairs which led to the organization of the library and very properly it was decided to conduct it upon liberal lines. Smoking is permitted—not because the directors of the institution believe the use of tobacco is something to be encouraged—but for the reason that they recognize the fact that smoking is one of the very few pleasures incident to the lives of most men in Dawson. As a matter of fact we are confident that the question, if left to the ladies of Dawson as a whole, would be decided in favor of a continuance of the present system. If smoking were prohibited at the library one of the main objects for which it was instituted would be lost.

AN APPEAL COURT.

A court of appeal established in Dawson to which cases from the gold commissioner's and territorial courts may be taken will give the Yukon territory a judicial system suitable to all its requirements. At the present time a litigant must have a very lengthy purse to be able to carry a case beyond the local courts.

The system of settling appeal cases, especially where valuable mining interests are concerned, is unsatisfactory for several other reasons besides the expense involved.

The department of the interior has jurisdiction over this class of cases which form the bulk of important litigation in this territory. Departmental officers have political responsibilities of which regularly constituted courts are entirely independent. It does not necessarily follow that the rights of litigants are endangered on this account, but an appellant will naturally feel more confidence in prosecuting his case before a court which is beyond the reach of political pressure.

The logical way out of the difficulty is the establishment of a full court of appeal in Dawson.

WORLD WIDE SORROW.

The arrival of late newspapers from the outside with more complete details of the circumstances surrounding and succeeding the queen's death, prove conclusively how world-wide have been the expressions of sympathy for Great Britain in this time of national bereavement.

It was to be anticipated that all the various governments of the world would officially announce their condolences—that would be done as a matter of inter-

national courtesy. But Victoria's death has brought forth the expression of a deeper sentiment. Governments have not been left to tender perfunctory messages of sympathy. From every civilized country the people themselves have also come forward with spontaneous offerings in honor of the departed queen. This increasing flow of eulogy from every walk and circle of life has been directed rather toward the woman than the monarch. The great masses of people the world over, long ago came to the conclusion that Victoria represented in her person the highest qualities of womanhood, and it is in recognition of this fact that the hearts of all people without regard to station in life have been filled with mourning at Victoria's death.

A petition was presented last evening to the Yukon council asking that body to recommend to the Ottawa authorities the removal of the royalty from all gold secured by quartz mining in the territory. The government, in the end, would be the gainer by acceding to this request. It could not lose anything, for the simple reason that no royalty has as yet been collected as a result of operations in quartz mining. The royalty regulation, while bringing the federal coffers not a dollar of revenue, is a hindrance to capitalists in undertaking development of quartz properties. There will be plenty of time to place a tax upon quartz mining when it is successfully demonstrated that gold-bearing rock has been found of sufficient richness to warrant the prosecution of development work.

The extremely large snowfall of the present winter is causing some uneasiness among those who remember what happened in Dawson in the spring of 1898. At that time canoes were the only practicable means of communication throughout the town came to a practical standstill. It is never safe in this country, however, to argue for the future from what has occurred in the past. Consequently the break-up, when it comes, is quite apt to take place without any damage at all.

We are quite satisfied that mammoths and kindred animals were numbered among things extinct before the discovery of gold on Bonanza creek. If they were now as plentiful as the quantities of bones found on bedrock of our various creeks indicate was once the case, life in the Klondike would not possess its present tranquility by any manner of means.

There will be close competition between the coast cities for Dawson freight and passenger business during the coming summer. Elegant new steamers will be placed on the run both from Seattle and Vancouver, and every inducement held forth by the rival companies of the two cities to command patronage. We are glad to know that competition is likely to be of the very keenest sort. It is only when transportation companies fall out that the traveling public gets its dues.

Travel up and down the creeks has increased very considerably during the past few weeks. This may be accepted as an indication that active preparations for the coming season are well under way.

Invention's Mother.

Many curious and unique devices have been the product of the fertile brains of the inhabitants of this country, who, finding themselves suddenly without the comforts of modern labor saving appliances in the home and in many lines of work, have set themselves to the task of replacing them. A good illustration of the ingenuity of the people in using the means at hand for the accomplishment of their purposes was exhibited on the streets here yesterday, by a hunter who had just returned from a long trip. Having more game than his sleds could carry he proceeded to make one by taking the hide of a moose, curling the sides over and letting it freeze stiff. Then hitching one of his horses to the end was enabled to bring in his surplus load, saving himself an extra trip.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

MANMOTH BONES IN DAWSON

Brought Down Yesterday From
Hunker Tributary.

Now on Exhibition in Room Formerly
Occupied by Hoffman Grill on
Third Street.

Considerable curiosity was manifested on Third street yesterday afternoon when a double team and sleigh drew up before the building until recently occupied by the Hoffman grill, and began unloading about two tons of mammoth and mastodon remains.

The bones are those referred to in the Nugget columns some time since, and are said to be the largest and best preserved yet discovered.

They were taken from the claim at 2 above discovery on a tributary to Hunker creek known as Eighty pup, and owned by Messrs. Valentine, Duffield and Melneus. The bones were found within a few feet of bedrock at a depth of 55 feet below the surface.

This is the same claim from which were taken the specimens of the same kind, afterwards taken out by Mr. Crane, and seems to be a prolific producer of such things, as other bones are still being excavated.

The mastodon, a part of whose bones now form an unsightly pile in the back room of the old grill room, must have been in life a monster of the most gigantic proportions. The front piece of the skull, with the sheaths in which were fastened the enormous tusks, is intact and in a splendid state of preservation, showing the process of contact with the trunk, the small eye sockets and the connection with the lower jaw. This bone is over three feet in length and weighs in the neighborhood of 400 pounds.

The tusks are of good color and perfectly preserved, being broken in no place, and were, in fact incased in their sheaths when uncovered, but on account of their great bulk and length had to be removed before they could be taken to the surface through the shaft. The tusks measure 11 feet 4 inches and are curling in form after the fashion of a ram's horn.

Two teeth have been taken out thus far, the weight of which are 14 pounds each.

Some of the leg bones are also among the relics, and might easily be taken for the trunks of trees.

The bones will be placed upon exhibition here by W. G. Fee who is managing the business, and later they will be taken to the outside.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Magistrate Rutledge's court this morning only two cases were heard, the case against John L. White for alleged assault on his partner, Richard Guldjids being continued, at request of White's attorney, until this afternoon.

In agricultural circles it is a common belief that a man cannot work a balky horse and retain spotless and without taint his standing in the church. The magistrate probably took this into consideration this morning when he imposed the nominal fine of \$1 and costs on Frank McGibney, an honest looking young man who was in court charged with having on yesterday abused by whipping a horse that refused to pull his share of a load of wood along a thoroughfare in South Dawson.

Robert Riddle who has on various, divers and sundry previous occasions been before the court on charges of drunkenness and disorder and who done time last on the charge of theft, became a disturbing factor in a "saloon last night and "pestered" around Constable Borrows when told to behave himself. After several quiet warnings the constable arrested him when Riddle, who is a very large man, showed fight to such an extent as to force the officer to call for assistance. In court this morning Riddle wore a dogged and sullen expression which only deepened when he was sentenced to three months at hard labor and warned to get out of the country when that time expires.

Everybody Dance.

Several weeks ago a number of women of the lower caste made a tour of the creeks, dancing one, two or three night stands as the demand for alms was justified. Their presence was eagerly sought by many roadhouse keepers who gladly entertained them for the patronage and business they brought the house. As the girls charged a fair price for each dance and also got a rake-off from the bar, the trip was very successful from a financial point of view. This traveling caravansary of dancing, drinking, debauchery is under the management of a man—that is, a thing that wears male attire.

It is said that arrangements for another tour of the circuit are now being made, next week being the date for its commencement.

Notice.

Whereas, under instructions from the department of the interior, Ottawa, all crown placer claims, whole or fractional, in the Yukon territory were offered for sale at public auction on November 5th and succeeding days, with the exception of such claims as it was necessary to withhold for various reasons, and

Whereas, grants for a great number of the claims so offered have not been taken out, and

Whereas, due notice has been given by advertisement in the newspapers and by a notice posted in the gold commissioner's office, warning all persons to apply for their grants immediately, otherwise after the first publication of this notice no grants would issue for claims purchased at public auction, as aforesaid,

Now, therefore, to whom it may concern, take notice that thirty days after date, namely, on February 26th, 1901, all crown placer mining claims, whole or fractional, in the Yukon territory, situated on the following creeks, namely:

Moosehide and tributaries, Deadwood, Fresno, Colorado, Pocket, Yukon river (below West Dawson), Clear creek (Klondike district), Quebec, German, Cassiar, Courtney bar, Dawson creek, Stone, Kentucky, Ballarat, Yukon river (right limit, above mouth of Dion creek), Ophir, Nine Mile, Sixty Mile, Thirteen Mile, California, Glacier (Sixty mile), Little Blanche, Swedish, Gold Run, Sulphur, Hunker, Bonanza, Eldorado, Bear, Last Chance, Gold Bottom, Klondike, Dominion, Quartz, Canon, Calder, Eureka, Indian, Sixty Mile, Montana, Baker, Bryant, Ensley, Reindeer, Rosebud, Henderson, Dion, Gunenee, Alki, Mansean, Flat, Wells, Shell, Smith, Leotta, Lucky, Excelsior, Monte Cristo Island, Oka, Too Much Gold.

Stewart River Mining Division.—Thistle, Statuit, 59 Gulch, California, Freddie, Telford, Blueberry, Buffalo, Lulu, Alder, Tulare, Ballarat, Coffee, Roy, Selwyn.

Hootalnqua District.—Livingston, Cotton Eva, Little Violet, Mendicino.

Tagish District.—Macdonald and Morse.

Forty Mile and tributaries, together with all other crown placer claims, whole or fractional, in the Yukon territory, will be open for staking and entry, under the regulations in that behalf, with the following exceptions, namely:

Sulphur creek—48a above discovery. Hunker and tributaries—Creek claims, 4, 5 and 6 on 80 pup of Hunker. Creek claims 11 to 20, inclusive, Soap creek, tributary to Gold Bottom.

Fitz & Zimmerman benches off 35 below, Hunker.

Bench 2nd tier, u ½, r 1, it below, Hunker.

Bench 2nd tier, 1 ½, r 1, 10 below, Hunker.

Fraction between 8 and 9, r 1, Hunker, below discovery.

Fraction 250x130, more or less, between hillside u ½ 11, No. 5 above discovery, Last Chance, and creek claim No. 5.

Creek claims 16 to 25, inclusive, on 15 pup Last Chance creek.

Fractional hillside, between hill claims 17 and 18, 11, hydraulic reserve, Hunker.

The following claims above discovery, Last Chance:

Bench 5th tier, 1 ½, r 1, 11.
Bench 4th tier, u ½, r 1, 11.
Bench 5th tier, u ½, r 1, 11.
Bench 4th tier, u ½, r 1, 10.
Bench 4th tier, u ½, r 1, 5.
Bench 3rd tier, u ½, r 1, 9.
Bench 3rd tier, 1 ½, r 1, 13.
Bench 3rd tier, u ½, r 1, 12.
Bench 3rd tier, 1 ½, r 1, 12.
Bench 4th tier, 1 ½, r 1, 10.
Bench 4th tier, u ½, r 1, 10.
Bench 3rd tier, u ½, r 1, 8.
Dominion and tributaries—Creek claims 10a, 12b, 23, 25, 34, 36, 37, 71, 80, 81a, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 87a, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.
Hillside fractions adjoining 87, 87a and 87b, below lower, 11 Dominion.
Fractional hillside between 1 ½ 35 and 34a, hillside, 11, Gold Run.
Creek claims 42a and 44a, Gold Run.

Dominion creek lower five miles, extending from mouth up, in width from summit to summit.

Eldorado and tributaries—Upper half, right limit, 37 Eldorado, 110 ft up hill.

Upper and lower halves No. 4, 1 ½ No. 5, and fractional ground 100 ft opp 1 ½ No. 4, by 200 ft up hill, French gulch.

Fraction 80x80, adjoining 11, 17 and 18 Eldorado.

Hillside 50 ft on No. 6, and 200 ft on No. 7, 11, Eldorado.

The following claims on French Hill:

3 s 15 w.
3 s 16 w.
4 s 15 w.
4 s 16 w.
2 s 15 w.
2 s 16 w.
2 s 17 w.
3 s 17 w.
4 s 17 w.

Bonanza and tributaries—Fraction, Chechako hill, bounded up stream by McDonald, down stream by Ellis, and up hill by Ward.

Fraction, Gold hill, between Williams, Fraser & Ledebar claims. Fraction, Gold hill, between Williams, Fraser & Elliott claims.

Creek claim 27b above, Bonanza creek.

Creek claim 24b above, Bonanza creek.

Fraction off 44 below on Bonanza, bounded by Biggs, Vogel, Girade, Armadorf and Hawkins, according to plan of T. D. Green, D.L.S.

Fraction off 44 below, adjoining Williams & Wells claims, according to plan thereof by T. D. Green, D.L.S.

Fractional bench, adjoining Mulrooney on south side, and Woods' claim on north, Chechako hill, opp 1 and 2 below on Bonanza.

The following claims above discovery on Bonanza:

Bench 3rd tier, 1 ½, 11, 17.
Bench 2nd tier, u ½, 11, 17.
Bench 3rd tier, u ½, 11, 17.
Bench 2nd tier, 1 ½, 11, 17.
Bench 2nd tier, u ½, 11, 18.
Bench 3rd tier, u ½, 11, 18.
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Bench 2nd tier, 1 ½, 11, 18.
Bench 2nd tier, u ½, 11, 16.
Bench 3rd tier, 1 ½, 11, 16.
Bench 3rd tier, u ½, 11, 16.

Eureka creek—Creek claims 32 and 33 above discovery on right fork.

Fractional creek claim, 20a above discovery, right fork.

Thistle creek—10 below discovery, to 20 above.

All ground closed against placer location for hydraulic purposes.

And with the further exception of any other claim, or claims, whole or fractional, which may have been omitted from the above list of exceptions through any inadvertence.

A list of claims open for location, as far as the office is able to ascertain, may be seen in my office any time during office hours.

Neither the government nor this office will be held responsible for the correctness of said list. Persons seeking information are warned that the records should be searched in each case.

(Signed.) J. LANGLOIS BELL,
Assistant Gold Commissioner,
Dawson, January 26th, 1901.

Splendid Nome Map.

William Banes, of the Alaska-Yukon Directory Co., has forwarded to the Nugget an excellent map of the Nome district which, together with several others, will be published in a directory of this country now in course of publication.

A. M. Baber, one of the partners in the enterprise has recently arrived in the city and is now engaged in compiling the names of this locality. He has employed a force of men for that purpose and expects to complete his work here in a couple of weeks.

Curling Last Night.

The curling game last night between the teams of Dr. Norquay and H. G. Wilson resulted in a score of 13 to 9 in favor of the former.

Interest in the game is increasing and each night sees a good attendance of enthusiasts at the rink, although a number were absent last night, having gone to Grand Forks to attend the concert given at that place.

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