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## TO CONTROL THE GUSHER

### Contract Was Signed at Noon Today—D. A. Matheson Gets It and Says He Will Control the Flow in Four or Five Days. Supply a Boon to Miners.

D. A. Matheson this morning secured the contract from the territorial government for handling the "gusher" on No. 3a Eldorado. It was signed at noon today, and it arranged for the following: The shaft is some 220 feet deep and is four feet in diameter, and is cribbed. The shaft is to be put in "two pipes of six inches in diameter, with proper valves. A centrifugal pump in connection therewith, it is believed, will give enough pressure for from ten to six stanzas, or, if necessary, double this quantity. It is not known just what the pressure will be on the shaft, but the idea of putting in the two pipes is to allow of a second drill being run down one of them, or both, and sinking another shaft by this method. What this will prove in the way of the second shaft proposition for which the shaft was sunk is a matter of conjecture, but it is believed that such a shaft will, undoubtedly, increase the flow of water.

With this additional sinking it is hoped to increase the flow to ten or twelve shafts, and this being done over and over again by the miners the creek will give a water supply to them which will be a great boon. Valves will be placed at the top of each of the 8-inch pipes so as to regulate the flow.

When the pipes are down the shaft will be filled in. First there will be a layer of rock, so that the water may percolate freely and from its higher temperature not be able to disintegrate the filling. Above this will be a strata of gravel in sacks; then a layer of loose gravel and then a course of concrete. And so on until a sufficient filling has been made in the shaft to force the water to rise through the pipes.

A small building will be erected over the shaft and pipes, to protect the latter from freezing, and if found necessary there will be an arrangement for a continual overflow, so that the water may freely circulate and thus avoid the chances of becoming frozen up.

As soon as the contract was signed today Mr. Matheson sent men up to the Forks to begin work at once. He says that he hopes to control the flow in from five to six days, but as to the rights to use the water he has at present no knowledge what will be the decision of the authorities.

"Niobe" at Auditorium.

### TITLES NOT GOOD

#### Best Area of Philippine Friar Lands Involved.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Gov. Taft of the officials of the war department propose to observe every precaution in the settlement of the friar lands in the Philippines. The late Gov. Taft left Rome it was reported that negotiations relating to the transfer of the friar lands to the United States would be resumed on October 1. It was thought at that time that the settlement was taken for the purpose of allowing the vatican time to get ready to transfer the Spanish friars from the islands.

It is still the purpose of the administration to demand that the friars be withdrawn before there will be any purchase of their lands by the government. It is believed now that the authorities at Rome will have ample time to replace the friars by priests from this country, who will not be objectionable to the natives or to the Spanish residents of the islands.

It is practically admitted by the department officials that two or three years may be consumed in the pending negotiation. It is believed that the titles to the friars' lands are badly involved. While the friars have possession of vast areas of land it is not clear in many instances that the titles are by any means perfect. Gov. Taft and the department officials made an effort to have the titles guaranteed by the vatican in consideration of a lump sum of money to be paid to the government. This proposition was declined and it is now necessary for the representatives of the United States to satisfy themselves of the sufficiency of these titles. Spanish records in the islands have very generally been found to be incomplete and unsatisfactory. Department officials realize that the titles will be a long and tedious. They propose to have the titles and will consist of a tract of land as a separate case. In many cases run back several hundred years and are under tenures unknown to English common law practice and their

### CHILLED THROUGH

#### Assayer Beraud Has a Narrow Escape From Freezing.

Gustave Beraud, the assayer of the government free quartz mill, had a narrow escape from freezing last night. He was returning home from the quartz mill, which is near the Ogilvie bridge, and had taken the route along the Klondike river instead of the road. He began to feel chilled but took no notice of it, and continued to walk on until he got past the fire hall when he attempted to scramble up the bank and found that he had not the physical power to do it. He called out and was taken into Kilgore's store. From there he was removed to the Klondike hotel, and he was so evidently chilled through and through that Dr. Alfred Thompson was sent for. Remedies were applied and Mr. Beraud was later on able to proceed to his home.

### POLICE COURT QUIET

#### Charge Against James Condon is Withdrawn.

Contrary to expectations police court was very quiet today. There were no drunks, the usual aftermath of an election, and the face of Sergeant Smith bore a look of disappointment when queried by the reporters as to the number of stories in sight. The only case to come before his honor was that of James Condon, charged with having assaulted James Grant, the aged caretaker of the Ross committee rooms, on the night of the alleged attempt at robbery of the voters' lists. Mr. Grant with considerable magnanimity withdrew the charge and the case was dismissed.

### City Water Supply

Mr. Matheson is felicitating himself upon the fact that with sixty degrees of temperature above and two to three hundred feet of frozen matter below, the Dawson water works is able to serve its customers through pipes several feet below the frozen surface, with water at a moderate temperature. He thinks that the water company is entitled to a bouquet of encouragement.

### Will Develop Property

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 12.—Michael Cudahy, president of the Cudahy Packing Company, has just leased two sections of oil land in the Osage and Cherokee nations, and is quoted as saying that his company will spend \$2,000,000 in developing the property.

"What do you consider domesticity in man?"

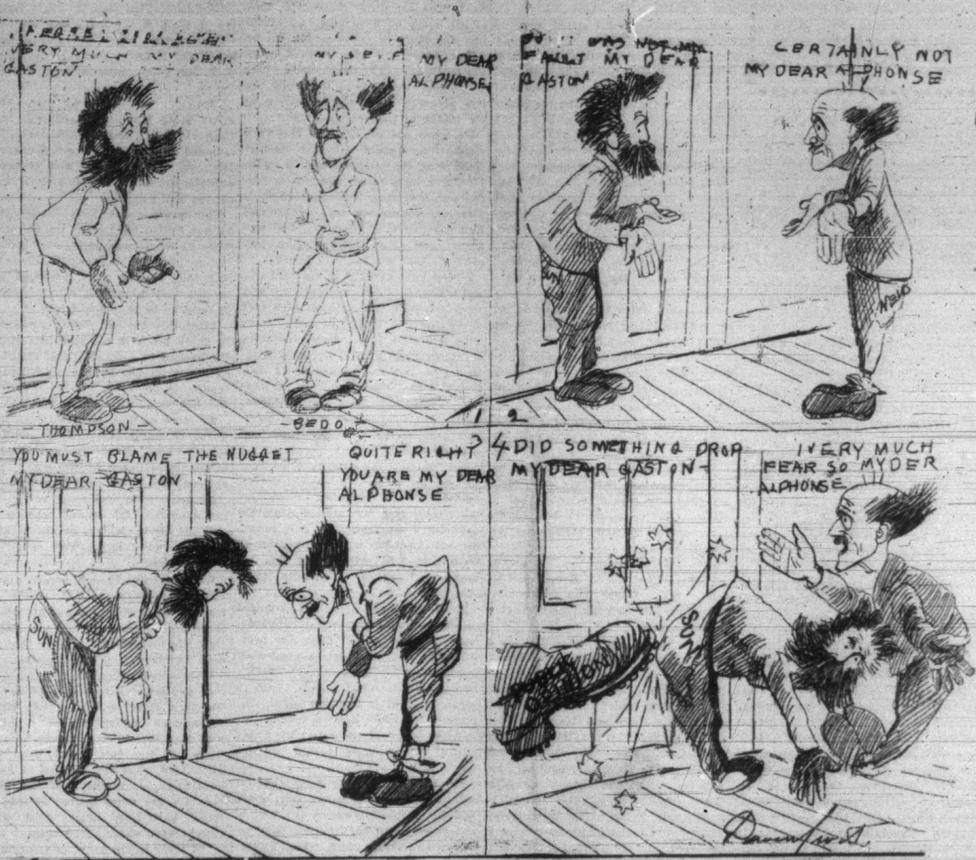
"It is the trait of wanting to stay home when his wife wants him to go out with her."

"And what is domesticity in woman?"

"That is the trait of being willing to stay home when her husband wants to go out without her."

Chicago Post.

At Auditorium—"Niobe."



ALPHONSE AND GASTON CONSOLE EACH OTHER.

## BUDGET OF SKAGWAY NEWS GOSSIP AS TO CANDIDATES

### Mail Carriers to Atlin Lost—Great Snow Storms on White Pass—Moral Wave Against Gamblers—Schools Are Closed for Want of Funds.

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Skagway, Dec. 4.—Melntyre and Abbey, the White Pass mail carriers on the Fantail Trail from Log Cabin to Atlin, are missing. They left Atlin nine days ago and since that time the carriers who have gone from Log Cabin to Atlin saw only foot prints in one place. Neither the dogs or the men have been heard from, and it is feared both have perished. Atlin has wired to start a search party, but the Atlin line is now down.

The grand jury at Juneau has indicted the five Hoonah Indian murderers of the witch doctor and the two men who held up the Douglas opera house.

Fishery Agent Coyle, who wanted certain Indians indicted for violating the law as to traps, was turned down by the jury, who threw the cases out.

It is thought that a moral wave is starting and that indictments against the gamblers may be expected.

The storm continues and the Juneau mail boat can not leave for Skagway.

General Greeley in a letter to the Skagway Chamber of Commerce, says that Alaska will be the home of a large and wealthy population, and that the development of the north is only just beginning.

The Skagway public school will close on the nineteenth on account of there being no funds.

At a meeting of the bar association of Alaska the following officers were elected: John R. Wins, Juneau, president; Thos. Lyons, Juneau, secretary; L. P. Shackelford, Skagway, treasurer.

The White Pass trains were nearly six hours late yesterday, and it is said no such snow storm has occurred in years. The drifts are fourteen feet deep on the summit.

### Many Well Known Men "In the Hands of Their Friends"—Dr. Catto and Mr. Woodworth May Enter the Arena. Landreville May Also Run.

There is a good deal of talk around the city as to the campaign for members of the territorial council, but quite a number were disposed to keep their own counsel until the writ had been actually issued and some of those known to be candidates had shown their hands in the matter. The writ was to be issued at noon today, but Acting Commissioner Wood had difficulties in getting into communication with those whom he desired to appoint as returning officers at distant points, and at this writing it had not been issued.

As was said yesterday there is no doubt that Dr. Alfred Thompson will be an independent candidate from this city. And, in regard to this term independent, there seems to be a general idea that all the candidates will come out on their merits. In the campaign just concluded there were no party lines, and there is no need to be any in either the territorial or the municipal campaign. There was in the parliamentary contest a regular candidate and an opposition candidate, and the opposition candidate and his party were entirely wiped out, as a party. It is not expected that there will be an opposition party in either of the coming campaigns as they have no grounds for opposition.

With two elections in which each man stands upon his own record and merits, and which have no well defined lines of demarcation upon public policy, there are sure to be, especially in the beginning, quite a number of men mentioned by their friends as candidates, for the reason that there are so large a number of capable men to make a selection from. Hence there is an amount of gossip today.

This afternoon a deputization was to wait upon Mr. Woodworth and invite him to become a candidate. If he accepts he will run for the city, and upon the same independent lines as Dr. Thompson. Neither will rely upon the vote of the opposition party to aid them. Neither has any right to expect it, even if there should be anything left of that party in the city, which is extremely doubtful.

It was said last night that Mr. Prudhomme had decided to become a candidate for re-election, and no sooner had it been bruited about than a number of French Canadians waited upon Max Landreville and tried to persuade him to enter the lists. Max was reluctant, but he said with some force of expression that if Mr. Prudhomme dared to come forward again he would certainly enter the lists against him.

John R. Grey has a letter in another column that he is not a candidate for the city council. This will not weaken the idea of a number of his friends—that he would make a good candidate for the territorial council.

As to the Forks, it is admitted that had the opposition party scored a substantial majority it would have been a factor to figure with in this election. But as it did not, there are hopes that at least one of the French Canadian will come forward from the creek in the mining interest. Arthur Wilson will again be a candidate and this morning the name of Dan McGilvray is conspicuously mentioned. Frank Slavin is also heard of occasionally, but it is not known whether he would run or not.

What Dr. Catto will do is another question. He was waited upon this afternoon by a delegation which invited him to become a candidate and he said he would consider the matter. He may be a candidate from this city, or he may run for the creek on a mining platform. There will undoubtedly be lots of other candidates before nomination day.

The territorial election is fixed for the last day of this month and the city election will tread upon its heels and be held a week later. Therefore there will be the two together. In the latter there appears so far no particular lines of demarcation, but it is said that there is certain to be a large number of candidates for the majority and its salary of \$1000 a year. It is also said there is to be a "No Salary" party, and that A. Allayre Jones is to be at the head of it. Mayor Macaulay would undoubtedly like to be re-elected, but there are other candidates for the honor and the salary, among them Jefferson Davidson, Frank Johnson, Peter Vachon and James A. McDonald. There will be others in a few days.

## FIRE AT GOLD BOTTOM

(Special to the Nugget by telephone)

Gold Bottom, Nov. 4.—At five o'clock last night a disastrous fire occurred at Gold Bottom resulting in the total loss of the Jerry house and some damage to the Gold Bottom hotel.

The fire originated in the first named establishment, presumably as the result of a defective flue. The fire brigade turned out but it was of no avail and the building was burned to the ground.

Between the Jerry house and the Gold Bottom hotel was a small shed which was soon ablaze. Willing hands turned in and soon had the shed torn down. This enabled the firemen to get the flames under control and no further damage resulted.

The loss of the Jerry house will amount to \$2000 and to the Gold Bottom hotel about \$500.

### Dog Saves Child.

Marysville, Cal., Nov. 12.—The hero of the forest fire that raged along the border between Yuba and Butte counties is Bruno, a Great Dane dog, that fought his way through the living body of 3-year-old Florence Rogers. The parents of the child, when the alarm was given, hastened to assist neighbors, leaving little Florence on the kitchen floor. When the wind shifted Rogers and his wife rushed for their home, but when they reached the clearing it was to see the barn in a blaze. Rogers tried to get to the house, but was restrained. Just then Bruno burst through the kitchen window with the child, her garments knotted in his teeth. The baby's clothes gave way as the dog landed, but in an instant he had her again in grip and reached safety. The child's face and hands were cut and burned, but she will recover.

No Sleep Tonight.

The temperature is so low that the managers of the Athletic rink determined to have no hand tonight, but the Mounted Police band will play there on Saturday night for the hockey match.

"Senator Lotman," asked one of the fellows on the other side, "will you tell me why you favor the ship subsidy bill?"

"Well, sir," answered the distinguished senator, "after you've got your Nicaragua canal dug you'll want to see some American ships go through it, won't you?"

## VERY NEARLY A BIG BLAZE

### Fire on Third Avenue—Thermometer at Fifty Below and Great Difficulty In Handling Water Supply—Firemen Barely Escape Freezing.

Twenty-five minutes delay in being served with water this morning became within a hair's breadth of being responsible for the most serious conflagration that has befallen Dawson for some time. Not in the past two years has the city been in such imminent danger as it was today and where the fault lies Chief Lester proposes to investigate to the fullest possible extent. It may be that the 50 below weather had something to do with it, but the suspense of standing calmly and seeing one's entire possessions, go up in smoke while the pipeman stands with the nozzle in his hands waiting for the water that was so long in coming is maddening to say the least.

It was 10:45 when the fire on Third avenue started. C. W. Larry, an employee of Barr & Murphy, the water men, had just delivered a barrel of water at the Old Glory restaurant and had seated himself to have a bite of breakfast. His order was no sooner served than the shouting of fire was heard on the street. Larry jumped up and ran out and observed that the barber shop in the Rystogi building adjoining occupied by J. W. Green was a mass of flames. A number of people were running up and down the street yelling fire, but no one appeared to know what to do and hastening over to box 21 at the corner of Queen and Third, Larry sent in an alarm.

The department responded quickly but a glance was sufficient to show that the flames had gotten beyond the scope of the chemical. A line of hose was laid from No. 2 engine and then came the delay. Minutes went by which seemed hours in length and by the time the water did appear it looked as though the entire building and possibly the block was doomed, the fire having spread to the second story and the flames were bursting through the upper windows and roof. Willing hands had assisted in removing such furnishings from the building as could be carried out before the heat and smoke became so stifling and the attention was then turned toward the adjoining property. Between the Rystogi building and Butler's corner there is a vacant store room, then came Butler. His stock was removed, though as it developed later there was no necessity for doing so. The fittings and outfit in the Palace restaurant on Queen street, adjoining Butler on the east were also carried out.

The stream from No. 2 engine upon its arrival was directed toward the front of the building, the firemen battling their way through the second story windows in a perfect volcano of smoke. The flames in the meantime had eaten their way backward and the rear of the building was upon a seething furnace. The second alarm was turned in and a line of hose was laid from No. 1 engine. A half hour's vigorous work and the fight was won, but not without having entailed no little suffering on the part of the firemen. When the last spark had been extinguished they resembled human icicles more than human beings. Their outer garments were a solid mass of ice while those underneath were ringing wet, the heat from their bodies preventing such from freezing, a most admirable invitation to pneumonia. In several instances their clothes had to be cut off, the fire in the department hall having died down during their absence, as there was no one to attend to them, and it was a risk of their lives to wait until they had been re-rolled in order to thaw out.

Strange to relate, no one was frozen, though the thermometer was 50 below. The firemen worked like Trojans and deserve all possible credit. Chief Lester was in the midst of it all the time and at the end looked like a stalagmite of ice into which life had been suddenly infused.

In regard to the manner of the fire starting, Mr. Green, in whose barber shop it originated, has this to say: "I was not in at the time the fire broke out, having just stepped up to the market hotel, but one of my employees has told me of it. The fire caught from the heating stove in the shop, the woodwork back of the stove first becoming ignited and in an instant it had run up the paper on the wall and communicated with the ceiling and then it was all off. The wall back of the stove was protected by a piece of zinc with an air space back of it and less than a week ago I called in Fire Inspector Bullock and had him examine it and see if it was safe. He made a careful inspection and pronounced it all right and I thought no more about it. I can't understand now how it could have caught fire, protected as it was. I saved but very little of my furniture and fittings as the fire spread so rapidly the boys did not have time to get them out."

Mr. Rystogi, the owner of the building, has been singularly unfortunate with his investment. About four months ago the same building caught fire, that time on the upper floor, and was damaged to the extent of \$1500. The place cost him \$5000 and it will take probably two-thirds of that sum to replace it as it was. He occupied the store room on the lower floor adjoining the barber shop as a candy factory and shop, from which he saved but little. It is that his loss is estimated at \$250.

The upper floor of the building was under lease to Mrs. Robinson who conducted a lodging house. Her six rooms were nicely furnished, the fittings of which are a total loss. Mrs. Robinson had been an occupant of the premises but one month and day before yesterday could have disposed of her lease and belongings to an excellent advantage.

Mrs. Fallon, of the Palace restaurant, had also been in her present quarters but a month. Her loss was caused principally by the breakage and freezing of perishables moved in to the street.

Butler's loss was also due to the same cause. He had a large stock of fancy, high priced bottled luxuries and they were well nigh totally ruined.

The following is the estimate placed upon the losses, some of which is covered by insurance. Mr. Rystogi had endeavored to secure some insurance on his building after his previous fire, but the risk was too great and none of the companies would accept it.

Rystogi, building	\$3,000
Rystogi, stock and fixtures	500
Mrs. Robinson	750
J. W. Green	500
Butler	1,750
Palace restaurant	250
	\$4,900

Both the Victoria and Flannery hotels made preparations to move, but at the last moment resolved to wait a little longer. Their delay saved them considerable expense and annoyance.

Early in the fire an alarm was

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