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MINERS TO GO INTO POLITICS.

The Miners' Association Commits Itself on City Incorporation.

And Thinks the Best Interests of the Miners Requires a Liberal Franchise and a City Government in Sympathy With Them.

A special meeting of the Miners' Association was held Friday night in the Pioneer hall, which is fraught with much interest and importance to the community. The meeting was called by the standing committee to consider a proposition which had been laid before them by a citizens' committee.

The forms of this issue of the NUGGET were being made up at the time of the meeting, so that the full details of this most interesting meeting must be given in our next issue. Every member present was full of the subject of incorporation of the city of Dawson, as proposed by the citizens' committee, and free speech was indulged in all directions.

The following motion by Mr. Geo. M. Allen, and amended by Mr. Walsh by adding the last clause, was unanimously passed:

That the Miners' Association is heartily in favor of incorporation as a general proposition, and that the standing committee take such steps to further the incorporation as it may seem best and as will conserve the interests of the association; and

Resolved, further, that the Miners' Association now expresses itself as being in favor of the ordinance of incorporation conferring and defining the powers and duties of the local city government, granting the very broadest powers of self-government possible, and also the widest and most liberal suffrage with as few limitations thereon as possible, under the laws of the Dominion of Canada.

The sense of the whole meeting can be put in the words of President Armstrong when he said: "I think we are all convinced that a town the size and importance of this one ought to govern itself. That point being decided the next question is what steps ought to be taken in the interests of the miners—and when I say miners I use the word in a liberal sense and mean the people. I have always found that when you want a thing well done you had better do it yourself. (Hear! hear!) While I think we are in favor of avoiding small politics it seems advisable to use the weapons we have at hand. (Hear! hear!) The government of Dawson will be a powerful body and it may behoove us to take the utmost interest in overseeing its formation for if it is not in sympathy with us it will be against us. It appears the part of wisdom to take measures to insure that the sympathies of that body shall be known to be with the miners."

The full report in our next issue will show the assent to be unanimously in favor of taking a hand in the incorporation of the city of Dawson that so powerful a body may be a source of good and not oppression to the people.

Trennerman Defeats Evans.

Real, genuine, clean sport was enjoyed by everyone who witnessed the wrestling match at the Monte Carlo on Thursday night. The wrestlers who contested for \$200 a side were Messrs. P. R. Trennerman, of Seattle, and Dave Evans, of Junction.

After repeated calls from the audience, Frank P. Slavin, the well known ex-pugilist consented to referee the bout and Pat Rooney was selected to act as time keeper.

The match was announced by the referee to be a catch as catch can, best two out of three falls.

At the call of time the men came forward to the center, each cautiously seeking an opening. It soon came, and Evans went to the canvas but with his shoulders up. By skillful maneuvering Trennerman endeavored to force his opponent over, but owing to the smallness of the ring both were soon outside the ropes and the referee called the men to the center. Again they came together and this time Trennerman by a neat trip and throw landed his man squarely on his shoulders and was awarded the first fall.

Round two was practically a repetition of number one, only in this instance Evans became aggressive toward the contest with such success that in exactly three minutes Trennerman was on his back with both shoulders on the canvas and Evans was given the second fall.

After a rest of five minutes the men came up for the final bout.

Trennerman resumed his original tactics, forcing matters at a lively rate. It required but two and one half minutes to bring the match to a finish. Evans worked like a Trojan but Trennerman's superior skill won him the final fall and the match. Three cheers were given for the victor and everyone went away satisfied that Dawson had been given an exhibition of good, clean sport.

American Consulate.

The American consulate was moved from Front street on Thursday to the new handsome building on the corner of Second street and Second avenue. Fine, even luxurious, quarters have been prepared upstairs with heavy carpets and easy chairs, and on Thursday evening the event was celebrated by an informal "smoker" at which were mingled kindred spirits. The consul, Mr. DeLoak, makes a general point, and the vast of reason and law of law, was "at a" and "at a" by him in a manner showing much tact and discretion. The evening is partial to good music, and the

sociality of the occasion was added to by the strains of an elegant music-box brought in by that gentleman. At midnight the gathering dispersed, wishing the colonel much joy in his new quarters.

Adney No More.

Mr. Tappan Adney, the special correspondent of Harper's Weekly, left Dawson Wednesday on the Cadaby. Mr. Adney has been with us a year and through his facile pen in both sketch and word painting much that is picturesque in Alaska and the Yukon territory has been added to the world's store of knowledge. With an eye ever looking for the picturesque side of life yet Mr. Adney's statements of fact have always been concise, clear and conservative. He takes out with him the most complete and best chosen collection of characteristic pictures which we have had the pleasure of looking upon.

"SAILOR BILL" IN DAWSON.

He Made a Big Fortune in Mining Deals on a London Change.

A famous Australian character has come to Dawson in the person of Mr. W. J. Partridge, better known among his Australian friends, who, by the way, constitute the entire white population of that country, as "Sailor Bill." Mr. Partridge gained fame in two continents some years ago during the gold boom in West Australia. After acquiring several properties in Queensland he left for London.

In that great center of mining speculations he appeared on the Exchange and bought and sold shares in a way that astonished the natives. He arrayed himself in costumes of most gorgeous hue and took particular care never to appear twice in the same suit of clothes. In fact, in order to preserve the spotless purity of his garments, he often found it necessary to change the same several times in a single day. His remarkable personality and characteristics made him a popular subject for the London newspaper writers and a great deal of their space was devoted to chronicling the various operations of "Sailor Bill."

All these things worked to the financial betterment of the gentleman and it was not long until he was credited on the exchange with a fortune not far from half a million dollars.

At the present time he is doing the Klondike but expects to leave for London before the river closes. He will take out with him a number of valuable interests and options on good properties.

MINING NOTES.

The prettiest nugget of the season was picked up on Cheechak hill, between Little Skookum and Adams gulch on Friday of last week. It was of pure white quartz, thickly dotted throughout with gold.

Messrs. Lancaster and Caldwell have become the owners by purchase of No. 3 Victoria gulch, a property in close proximity to some very good ground and which has itself been shown up to be good. The pay streak was uncovered in the latter end of the season and the men were driven out by water.

Preparations are being made for active work on the gulches this coming winter where nothing but prospecting has been done before. What is called the "deal work," consisting of wood-cutting and cabin-building, is approaching completion and all are awaiting the arrival of the frost which is to tie up the troublesome surface water. Active work is looked for on Dominion from below lower discovery to above the upper one and all are expected to prove good producers. No. 7 above upper discovery has produced as high as \$750 to the ton.

Mr. Andrew Hunker has about completed his summer's work on the discovery claim of the creek which he gave his name. The ground sluicing operations have proved quite satisfactory except that the last week disclosed a dip in the bedrock filled with frozen ground and which put a stop to sluicing until the arrival of frost will prevent the running in of the water. During the last week Mr. Hunker picked up a nugget on his claim which weighed \$38.20 and now he is saying he would give a hundred dollars if it weighed another eighty cents. The nugget is all gold and a yard wide and is about the size of a half pig of P & B brand and has a hole through like a lead dollar which has been made by the counter.

Mr. Harry Hunt, the mining man of the San Francisco Chronicle, has returned to Dawson after an extended summer of research on the American side. Of the Mission creek district he says: "Of American creeks, which is supposed to be the creek of the district, no nugget has been found in the past year. The creek was struck in the fall of 1896 and there was some big work done during the summer of 1897. Today the whole of the Mission creek district is staked clear from the summit to the mouth of the river and nothing definitely known as to the working value of any of it has not been known a year ago. This is the best that can be said." On discovery work of American creeks there are eight claims being worked which to my certain knowledge are yielding from one to three ounces per day to the man. On claim No. 2 above on the main creek, locally known as the "Upper Canyon," there have been heavy discoveries. The river runs through a canyon and the company (Roberts & Co.) have turned the stream from its bed by means of a dam six feet wide, with sides four feet high, all of two inch lumber with collars every six feet and the whole 100 feet long. Upon scraping the bedrock in the creek every day an average of \$100. The largest nugget so far weighed \$43 with quite a number weighing \$20 and \$30.

There is no bench formation in the Klondike country and I do not anticipate any great discoveries in that line. On the lower claim water has prevented any prospecting and work has been done in the size of claims and length of representation time, limited only by the United States law which makes the size of the claim not more than 20 acres and the time of representation 100 days in any one month. The miners have made their claims 1500 feet long and have made their claims two months ago and their recording fees \$250. They have also made their recording fees \$250.

PERSONALS.

W. A. Warwick, of Tacoma, has left for his home. He sold out his stock on the water front but proposes returning with more in the spring.

Mr. James McMartin, Dominion inspector of customs, is now in Dawson. Mr. McMartin has for several years been stationed at New Westminster, B. C.

Faith Fenton, the well-known Canadian writer and newspaper woman, and at present the official correspondent of the Toronto Globe, has arrived in Dawson in the interest of her paper.

Col. Davis, who last reports was recovering from his sickness of the past two weeks. It has been found that his complaint was intermittent fever and not typhoid, for which his many friends feel thankful.

Mr. Jim M. Lawrie, interested with the Braman brothers in 30 and 35th below on Dominion, left for his home in San Francisco on the Cadaby to spend the winter, and will probably return early in the spring.

Benkowski, the new stand man is awaiting the arrival of the Wallie Irving to take his departure for the outside. He proposes establishing a permanent newspaper connections and then returning over the ice to Dawson.

Miss Jessie Macpherson dropped her part in the play of "The Ripper," the first part of the week and the part of Miss Neilson was taken, to the considerable improvement of the piece, by a recent arrival, Corinne Mayer.

George Noble, an old time member of the Prince of Wales's minstrels is mixologist at the Worden. His magnificent voice is in the same good form which delighted so many thousands when he had behind him the footlights. His unexcelled talent in harmony, wit and mirth adds much to this popular hotel.

Captain W. H. South, in charge of the post and penitentiary at Forty Mile is assisting the department in Dawson during the absence of Captain Harper. Captain South came to the Yukon in 1891 and has been at his post since that time. The force has no more capable or gentlemanly officer and none more friends than he in Dawson.

Miss Marie Houck, who has earned considerable fame in the states as a singer of unusual quality and strength, has bowed down the river to Dawson and has decided to remain during the winter at all events. The lady is contemplating a solo concert and entertainment this coming week at Pioneer hall, at which her trained voice will be heard.

Mr. A. Livingston, late of Australia, expects to leave on the next trip of the Columbian for Seattle and from that city will make a business trip to London. He goes out to represent the interests of a large quartz proposition. Mr. Livingston has been in Dawson only a few weeks, but during his stay has impressed all who have made his acquaintance as being a most pleasant and courteous gentleman.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

E. B. Stanley, 24 and 47, \$20 and costs.

Frank D. Taylor was noisy and full, \$20 and costs.

Ed Davis got full and it cost him \$25 and costs.

John France and Thomas Hayes were full of "boozeh" and noise and "dog up," \$20 and costs.

A building 20x22 feet is being erected at the southeast corner of the quadrangle for the use of Col. Stork.

Henry Baker got full, fell all over himself, kicked the line of the Regina Cafe people and paid a fine of \$20.

Nineteen nights of the green cloth were found to be cracked and were fined, but \$25 and costs for that was all they had.

Wooding had looked upon the wine when it was red and had been nooged by it to the confusion of his head and the bewilderment of his tongue, \$20 and costs.

Robertson does not know where he got the load which made him so impuduous, for he had no money to pay his fine with and therefore languishes in jail for 30 days.

Wm. Pearson, for being drunk and disorderly and shooting off his mouth was assessed \$30 and costs. In lieu thereof he is working for one month where there is no whiskey on tap.

John Siga and P. Bissonkey got to fighting in the presence of the judge, and for this breach of the peace were each fined \$10 and costs to the universal brotherhood.

E. Lita, for being noisy about his food, was fined \$20 and costs. E. Lita was found guilty of being drunk, disorderly and abusing his wife. The fine of \$20 and costs was too much for his exchequer so he is working for three months without pay.

Fifty soldiers are expected down from Seattle at once. The intention is to assign the soldiers to guard, jail and barrack duty, thus giving work to all the men. The men will be sent to the same and the police in the possibility have been replaced by civilians.

C. Cook was found by Justice Starnes to have been guilty of an assault and could be convicted of the same. Justice spared him for a week. He visited a sick friend at the hospital and finding him unconscious from fever deliberately arranged a gold ring from his finger, for the goldsmith told him he will be watched for six months by a guard with a gun.

By the courtesy of Captain Starnes the NUGGET respectfully was shown through the clean, airy and warm jail. The cleanly appearance of the prisoners, even to the five condemned, is most commendable. Hardly is the new jail completed with every cell and passage occupied by Dawson's growing criminal element and the population 2500 feet is to be built out and at once.

The following donations of Pleasant Row were given: Nita Leffers, Mrs. S. G. Merrill, Blanche Blanchette, Blanche Montgomery, Aileen Vennigan, Fred Davenport, George Lacey, Nellie Lacey, Maggie Parks, Fay Carlson, Lillie Lacey, Nellie Willington, Ida Leason, Maggie Lacey, Ester Duffy, Irene Miller, Alice Amery, Rose LeMare, Alice Miller, Alice Zens, Annie, Jennie Wilson, Jennie Benoit, Margaret William, Lucy Myers, Anna Pestellers, Ernie LaRocque, Laura LaRocque, Katie Annie, Violet Lee, Nellie Manst, Rose Dubois, Helen Scott, Margaret Edwards, Lanza Thormine, French Camella, Flora Delarogue, Jannette Dubois, Blanche Delarogue, Vera Holman, Carrie, Mrs. L. M. Miller, Jennie Moore, Clara Wilson, Lucienne Martin, Camille Demeyville, George Bopen, Alice LaRocque, H. T. Harkaway, J. Leander, a (thank you) (three Japanese), Molly Gray, Jennie Clayton, Juliette Demage, Lucina Morris, Pearl Nelson, Ethel Vernon, Eva Baker, Emma Willis, Maggie Gray, Maggie Selez, Clara Nelson, Irene Smith, Florence Burgess, Helia Mitchell, Mary Sage, Lou Lawrence, Helen Gordon, Mattie Earle, Mrs. Van Norton, Nellie Gordon, Ellen Berry, Rosa Martin and Flora Seavale. Madeline Evans was let off with \$25 and costs for it was all she had.

A STRIKE ON STEWART RIVER.

Prospectors Find a Dollar to the Pan in the Creek Bed.

The Resultant Stampede Causes the Staking of the Creek From End to End—Recorder Green at Stewart Finding Plenty to Do.

There has been a stampede to the new strike on Scroggie creek which was mentioned in the last issue of the NUGGET. There has been much staking, as every adjacent stream has poured in its population to help swell the throng which has gathered there. Scroggie creek is the third stream from the mouth of Stewart river entering on the left bank. It enters Stewart about 25 miles from the Yukon and was unknown and unnamed until visited a little over two months ago by the two discoverers, Ernest B. Scroggie, of Montreal, and J. Griffith Stephens, of Deadwood, North Dakota. The stream of humanity traveling up and down the Stewart river this summer neglected the stream, first because it led away from the Klondike and second because it failed to show a grain of gold at its mouth. However, Stephens was an old miner and the abundance of magnetic black sand encouraged them to abandon their boat, shoulder their packs and with pick, pan and shovel proceed to investigate. At a point 35 miles from the Stewart, they took out \$5 in coarse gold from five pans of dirt on the creek bed. They spent two months in prospecting and only saw one man in all that time and he was a moose hunter, who paid little attention to them. The party brought in by Scroggie consists of nine people who in parties of two and three had scattered along Stewart. They were gathered together and piloted to the new find. The discoverers staked a thousand feet from the creek discovery up stream and then the whole party staked. On September 4th the claims were recorded with Corporal Green at the mouth of Stewart, and then the rush began. Already over 30 cabins have been started and preparations are being made to winter.

The discoverers were in town this week to put in townsite and timber applications, and have returned to the scene of their labors with provisions to last until the freeze-up enables them to use dog teams.

When prospecting up stream, the discoverers were somewhat disappointed that they found no colors for the first 14 miles. On the fifteenth mile they got flat light colors. The colors got larger and not quite so flat until, at the discovery, at 33 miles some of the grains weigh as much as 20 cents. Some gold has been taken from the creek on 41 above discovery. A few claims from discovery the creek forks and has been named LeDuke to the left, and Stephens to the right, after members of the party. The creek bends constantly around toward the Yukon and from discovery the big river is only distant 20 miles.

This winter's work will determine whether there is anything in the banks of the creek or not.

A Deserved Success.

The NUGGET is a deserved success. It is only by much hard work and a courageous standing up for the rights of the people that its success has been established, and to-day its utterances are being quoted from one end of the American continent to the other. That the NUGGET is so well known outside and so widely quoted is not due, in any measure, to our "exchange list" with other journals, for we exchange with none but the local papers, and have no free list.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 8, 1898.

EDITOR NUGGET.

Dear Sir:—I would like to have the KLONDIKE NUGGET on file in our library. Kindly place the Provincial Library, Victoria, B. C., on your subscription list and send a complete set from the first. This will be greatly appreciated. Send your bill with it. Yours truly,

H. E. GOSNELL, Librarian.

Why One Man Kicks.

To the Editor of the NUGGET:—

As an example of the way in which the postoffice has been mismanaged, the following facts may be of interest: I obtained to-day in registered letters of importance that have lain in the office since April last, although I have been many times to enquire for them, and have written to England stating that they had not arrived. I am, sir, yours faithfully,

H. B. PULLIN-BERRY.

The Epicure's Delight.

What would you think of 300 live, fat, juicy spring chickens running around in Dawson? That's what a NUGGET man saw to-day at P. E. DeVillie's French Royal Restaurant, and these are fattened and fed daily for the patrons of this leading cafe.

It was a treat to go through his chicken-house and see such delicacies piled up as sturgeon and turkey tamales, patte de foie gras, etc.

A visit to the restaurant itself disclosed a Bill-of-Fare which would delight the palates of a noble in much more metropolitan cities than Dawson. Spring chickens, grouse, mallard duck, roast turkey, the connoisseur, who is connoisseur on the cob, fresh asparagus, fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, etc., simply make the mouth water.

French dinners are a specialty at the Royal and are served from noon till 10 p. m. daily. The cuisine can not be excelled, the service excellent, and quantity the highest.

DEAD.

Olaf James died Thursday morning of fever and was buried Friday, the Rev. Dickey officiating.

Equipment Company

Have opened a GENERAL STORE of all kinds of goods by us and all have been in our store. Items, hacco, hacco, cables, clothing.

SALE

Plain lumber at current prices and paying for them.

AND MINES

Miner Broker and General attention given to the management of mining interests; Office, Room 8, West.

FOUND

Dog, marked white on neck. Owner can obtain same by paying for this.

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Book containing names of all the miners in the Yukon Territory. Owner can have copy and paying for this.

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