

# BROTHER HURDMAN

## The Polished Sphynx of the Gold Commissioners' Office.

### SEEMS TO HAVE A "CONVENIENT" RECOLLECTION

#### But His Acts Do Not Look Particularly Well in Cold Type.

##### The Sad Case of Mrs. M. C. Hillman—Another Victim of the Bench Claim Window in the Rotten Office of the Gold Commissioner—And There's No End to Them.

Mrs. M. C. Hillman resides with her husband and father, Mr. Henry J. Thurlow, in a cabin directly opposite claims No. 36 and 37 on Bonanza creek below Garvey. Mr. Thurlow came to Bonanza creek and located No. 36 in 1890, over two years ago, and with his partner Mr. Thomas is now taking rich pay from this claim. His cabin occupies a position on the bench on the right limit of Bonanza, at the mouth of Mosquito creek. He suggested to his daughter, Mrs. Hillman, the staking and recording of the bench where they were living as a likely spot. Acting upon the experience and advice of her father, on September 8, 1898, she did so, and on September 13, or five days thereafter, she appeared at the gold commissioner's office to record, and found that Hurdman, the bench claim clerk was sick, and on that account she could not do so. Think of it! The business of the Yukon territory brought to a standstill in this office, at that department because of Hurdman's illness! What a manner to conduct public affairs! Supposing Hurdman was to die, what in the world would become of us amidst such a calamity? She saw Mr. Fawcett about it, who told her she had better see a lawyer. What for? Why this expense? Because a clerk in the office was ill? What rot! She went to Governor Ogilvie who courteously took the time and pains to walk over with her to the commissioner's office to see about it, and expressed himself as surprised that no one was there to do the public business. However, she went to the office of Mr. C. M. Woodworth, one of the brightest members of the bar, and he prepared the application which was duly filed, and she was informed that in two weeks she would know as to the claim which was 250 x 250 feet.

Accordingly, on September 23, 1898, application was again made at the Bench Claim window for information concerning it when Hurdman turned or went to Mr. Bolton, the mining recorder, and asked him if there was any vacant ground there. Bolton answering that there was not.

Mrs. Hillman, with a little baby of three months in her arms, was soon after taken down with typhoid fever, and for seven long weeks lay afflicted with this dreaded disease. Mr. Hillman came down to the gold commissioner's office, on September 29th and was told by Hurdman that the claim in question had been recorded on the 24th, the day previous. Now, then, let us see a moment. September 8th, Mrs. Hillman stakes; on the 13th files her application; on Sept. 23d is told there is no vacant ground, and on Sept. 29th that it had been recorded on the 24th. Well, Well! Well! But we are only getting to the interesting part of it, and the Nugget gives due notice to those interested that there's trouble ahead for the parties in this deal.

On September 30th—note the date—three persons appeared on the claim and measuring it off, relocated this claim, were seen to do so by Joseph Lanouette, Henry J. Thurlow, Mr. Hillman, Mrs. Hillman and J. C. Carroll, and dated their staking September 1st, or 30 days previous, and the claim was staked, and the stakes have been examined by a Nugget representative by a man named W. E. McDonough, who had the claim recorded.

Was ever a rich producing country so maltreated in the world, and yet with such cases constantly before us we are "sensational." And there are still more to come. Remember that! More to come! "Are you not afraid to speak so openly?" whispers the poor cowed-down individuals, as the Nugget hands out exposure after exposure. Afraid of what? Of telling the truth, of unearthing the rascally proceedings which have been going on all these months, and at which the Nugget has been busy deriving for facts all this time, until its strong box contains the most damning state

of affairs ever existing in any commonwealth and which shall be properly used in the interests of the miners of this Yukon Territory, and for the benefit of what should be a grand and glorious producing mining center. And, now, Honorable William Ogilvie, commissioner of the Yukon Territory the Nugget respectfully submits another open letter:

AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. OGILVIE.  
HONORABLE WILLIAM OGILVIE, Yukon Commissioner, etc.

Honorable Sir—The Nugget submits to you the case of Mrs. M. C. Hillman, as above stated. Perjury and worse was committed somewhere and by some one. We respectfully submit to you the following list of witnesses to be examined by you, honorable sir, and ask that if any collusion be shown by any attaché of a government office in the evidence, not that he or they be dismissed from the service but be legally punished. W. M. Munro, — Munro, Mackay and McInnagh, Thomas Fawcett, A. F. Hurdman, E. D. Bolton, H. J. Thurlow, Mr. Hillman, Mrs. Hillman, Frank Ernest, Jas. Lanouette, and J. C. Carroll. We also respectfully request you in direct examination or upon cross examination to ask W. M. Munro: 1. What if any connections or dealing have you ever had with any persons employed during the past year in the gold commissioner's office? 2. If so, with whom? 3. To what extent? 4. Have you ever directly or indirectly paid to A. F. Hurdman or E. D. Bolton or other government employe any consideration for secret knowledge of ground vacant, or having staked and had ground recorded? Have you yourself or through those you have been asked for divided with these persons by gift or assignment or other document any portion of said claims directly or indirectly? 5. Did you or did you not hold a half interest in a claim opposite No. 36 on the left limit of Bonanza below with your partner, and later had claim the aforesaid claim, turning over and across the rich claim from others, and the heat out of the claim in which you were a partner with H. J. Thurlow? Did you or did you not? 6. By what influence and at whose suggestion was this done?

Honorable Commissioner, to W. E. McDonough we respectfully request you to put the following: 1. Were you on the claim in which you were a defendant in the gold commissioner's court on September 30th, 1898? 2. Is it your signature on No. 1 stake on that claim? 3. Is it a fact you dated that stake September 1st that time viz: Sept. 30th? 4. Did you or did you not on each before the gold commissioner swear that you drove that stake, knowing well that the stake bearing your name and date of Sept. 1 is a tree and cut down, and that you never drove that stake? 5. Did you record that claim on Sept. 29 and stake it the 30th? Answer this yes or no.

**Prize Winners.**  
A large number of solutions were received to the prize puzzle which appeared in our issue of January 7th. The puzzle though, as a matter of fact, a simple one, yet required a considerable amount of study if one did not happen immediately upon the correct principle. The first correct solution was sent in by Mr. Chas. Hanbury, the second by Mr. E. G. C. Johnson. The prizes of \$10 and \$5, respectively, are awaiting these gentlemen in the Nugget office.

**Jake Kline Not Drowned.**  
There can be but one opinion among thinking people of the man or men who will deliberately take advantage of Dawson's isolation for the past three months to start such rumors as that of Jake Kline's death. The rumor was born in several places at various times and in each case was the product of the fertile imagination of some hare-brained joker. There was absolutely no way of positively contradicting the rumor until some one came in who knew him and had seen him at the coast or well beyond the point at which the said jokers claimed he was drowned. As will be seen elsewhere Tom Kirkpatrick is now in town and reports seeing Jake on Marsh Lake, doing well and making good time.

Jake Kline took out with him many valuable packages and letters, and had many important commissions to execute, and it was nothing less than heartlessness on the part of anyone to start a rumor of his having gone through the ice, as was repeatedly done in Dawson the past three weeks. Each time the rumor was traced to its fountain head and found to be without foundation, and such was stated in our columns, but until now it was merely negative evidence we could give; that is to say, we believed we had interviewed every new arrival from up river, and none of these had brought in word of the alleged fatal disaster. As a warning to

jokers we relate the facts of how the last rumor was started. A party of convivialists gathered in Sam Bonfield's on Friday night. Of course the usual number of "rubbernecks" were standing round. One of the convivial fellows winked at his companions and started in something like this: "Say, fellows, I'm just in from Skaguay." The immensity of the lie can be conceived, when it is learned he is a "sour dough," and hasn't been out of town for six months.

"Is that so?" inquired a fellow conspirator. "Did you hear anything of Jake Kline anywhere up the river?" "Why certainly, I'm the man that tried to rescue him out of the water; but I couldn't save him. The team wandered off and was caught somewhere up the river."

Of course every "rubberneck" was stretched to the limits of elasticity at the above conversation, and then someone asked about mail. The ready liar replied that there was five tons right behind him, and it would be in about "the night after tomorrow."

In twenty minutes the baseless rumor was all over town.

#### MAKING GOOD TIME.

Reports from the Various Teams Sent Out by the Nugget Express.

Tom Kirkpatrick, who arrived from the outside last Sunday, reports that Jake Kline, who had charge of the first team to the coast by the Nugget Express, was passed this side of Marsh Lake and progressing rapidly.

Walter Watrous, in charge of the second team which had as a passenger Dr. Yemanis, of the Empire Steamship line, was well on his way, and a letter from Mr. Copeland, who started from Dawson with the third team on January 20th, announces its arrival at Sixty-mile on the 21st, being four and three-quarter hours from Dawson to Enslay creek and eight and a half from there to Sixty-mile. The next team for the outside leaves Sunday morning, January 29th.

#### In From the Outside.

Mr. J. Mumme and a party of three friends arrived in Dawson from the outside on Monday. The names of the three are J. C. Robbins, Chas. Cass and Alfred Yeo, of Sultan, Wash.

Mr. Mumme went out after his friends last summer on the Alice. Carr and Yaeger passed through Linderman on December 18th, and Mr. Mumme's party left Bennett on the 19th. They had an easy trip down, and claim to have enjoyed every inch of the way. They met Jake Kline above White Horse. Lon Richards was met at the foot of Lake Marsh. Sandison was still at Tagish nursing his wounds when the party passed there. They think Thirty-mile river is frozen over by this time, as it was blocking up rapidly when they passed.

The most important news brought down by Mr. Mumme was that two sled loads of Canadian general mail arrived at Selkirk the same day they got there. On the day they left there four more sleds of Canadian mail arrived. Each sled had a load of about 400 pounds. At Tagish there was American mail piled up by the ton, and absolutely no arrangements or efforts being made to move it. It is not believed a single sack of it will be moved until the steamers come down next summer. Furthermore, having conversed with the soldiers at Selkirk, it is learned that that body of men is mortally tired of inaction, and are clamoring to get into the harness and to be allowed to fetch down that pile of congested mail. However, it appears to be the prevailing impression that it would be very derogatory to the dignity of the Canadian military to allow the men to handle anything American.

#### CREEK ITEMS.

Mr. W. Tarp of 191 below lower on Donifon informs us that seven feet of good pay gravel has been struck on No. 191 below.

Lieutenant Cassler, of the Fourth United States infantry arrived in Dawson on his way to the outside on Monday last. His tour of duty of exploration from Snook's Inlet to the Yukon crosses the Alaskan range and Tanana valley will be given in our next issue.

Mr. J. T. Kelly has struck line pay on No. 22 below upper discovery, and although the pay gravel is but two feet in depth it will average 60 cents to the pan. A \$37.75 pan was recently panned. Mrs. Kelly owns No. 38 above upper and is happy with the news that the workmen have just struck \$1 gravel.

Messrs. King and Courtney have good reason to be pleased with 45 above 99 Sulphur. They are working 30 wage men and have eight lay men. Five holes are on the pay streak which is on both sides of the creek and seven feet of gravel will average 25 cents. Mrs. King is becoming quite expert at panning and has \$2.50 she washed out of a pan last week.

#### LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Jack McIntyre arrived in Dawson again last week from a trip to a point a few miles below Crele City and claims to have made the 700 miles in the phenomenal time of 21 days actual travel.

A letter received by LeRoy Tziler from Mike Powers of Seattle, states that the Baldwin hotel of San Francisco was burned to the ground and several lives lost. Thomas Sumner, who went outside with Bill McThee last fall, intended leaving Seattle for Dawson very soon.

Washington's birthday, February 22, is to witness a quarrel set to between Frank Raphael and Agnew, both men having repeatedly proven themselves men of mettle and withal clever in self defense. The affair will either be pulled off before one of the Dawson clubs or at some place hanging up a larger purse.

**Kid Williams' Benefit.**  
That "Kid" Williams is a popular sparrer is evidenced by the audiences which attend both his fights and his benefits. It will be remembered that he was lately defeated by Billy Moss that both his jaw and his right hand were broken, and he has since rested in the hospital. On Tuesday night at the "Ivory" the "blonds" tendered him a benefit sparring exhibition. There were three events between well-known boxes to interest the audience. Dick Agnew and Alex. Pentecost gave an excellent exhibition, as did also Billy Moss and Sam Owens;

but interest apparently centered in the go between Ed. Rooney and Frank Raphael. Raphael is the smaller man, but Rooney was not nearly by the same trim as two weeks ago when he gave Curley Carr his knockout. The exhibition as a whole, was a very good one, and several of the contestants will be heard from again in the near future.

#### Canadian Mail Arrives.

Two sled loads of Canadian general mail arrived in Dawson on the afternoon of Tuesday, each sled containing about 400 pounds. It is expected to have much of it ready for delivery by Wednesday afternoon and all of it ready by Thursday morning.

#### First Ski Run.

The Arctic Ski Club held their initial run on Sunday, and a large number of interested spectators watched the score or so of intrepid fellows glide down the steep hill to the improvised "jump," over which they flew like great winged birds, some of the jumps reaching nearly 50 feet. This week a new track is being built on the side of the hill immediately back of the Fairview hotel, and the club will engage in a run there on Sunday afternoon next. All persons interested in the sport are invited to be there or to send in their names for membership, and novices will be assisted by skilled runners to acquire the art.

#### The Treneman-Tucker Match.

The catch-as-catch-can wrestling match between Treneman and Tucker came off as advertised at the Monte Carlo theatre last Friday night. No holds were barred and the contest a victory for Treneman, who won the last two in three falls. The first bout lasted an hour and nearly a half, during which both secured and lost strengthening holds, half and full Nelsons and each well known variety of hold. By a quick escape the lock Treneman was thrown and Tucker secured the first fall.

The second and third bouts were not nearly so long. The pair went suddenly to the coast, and Treneman rolled his opponent over. The third bout Treneman secured a half-Nelson, and putting his opponent down, again rolled him.

#### Yukon Council.

At the Monday meeting of the Yukon council the liquor ordinance was amended so that the license for retail licenses is reduced from \$500 to \$200. The law becomes operative at once and those having paid \$500 can secure a rebate of \$300 upon application.

Messrs. Howard and Roberts applied for a charter to reconstruct their bridge across the Klondike river and charge a toll of 25 cents for each and \$1 for horses. The matter was taken in order to find out what kind of a title Howard had from the predecessors of the present government.

The medical ordinance was changed to make the penalty for violation of its provisions \$100 instead of \$200 as at present. It appears that \$100 is the maximum penalty which can be attached to any of its laws by the Yukon council, and this change was made in conformity with that fact.

The admission of doctors to practice without examination came up. This time it is on the application of Canada a physician. The majority of the council is apparently favorable and selected Messrs. Ground and Clement to consult with the medical board and see if Canadian physicians should not all be admitted to practice without examination upon the production of sufficient evidence that they had taken a four year course.

A communication from Mr. John L. Rees to the council, set forth that the Klondike Club would be pleased to accept an increase in the rate at which that paper took the government printing. The council, however, did not look at it in that light, and by resolution directed not to take any action on the communication, other than to advise Mr. Rees that the council was expected to be carried out at the original figures.

The best meal in Dawson for 50c. at the Rainier House, Water Front, opposite A. C. Co. 50c. Best meal in Dawson. Rainier House, water front op. A. C. Co. 50c.

The fact that there are no expenses whatever deducted from the receipts of next Sunday's big benefit at the Monte Carlo seems to catch the feelings of everyone and all the boxes are sold already.

The best meals served in the city are at the Regina Club Hotel.

Y. O. O. P.  
All members of Y. O. O. P. are requested to attend the regular meeting to be held February 2, 1898, as business of importance is to be transacted. E. J. JENSEN, Sec'y.

The Dining Room service of the Regina Club Hotel is such as to invite you back again.

#### PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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DR. J. H. KOONS, Physician and Surgeon, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. Professor of Miners Hospital, Eldorado City.

DR. J. O' LACHAPPELLE—Montreal University Physician & Surgeon. Victoria House.

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#### LOST AND FOUND.

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