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One of the most striking illustrations of the results of energy and enterprise which Dawson presents today is to be found in the Standard Circulating Library which, under the careful nurture of its genial proprietor, Mr. W. Horkan, has grown in less than a year from a small circulating library to be the largest and best patronized institutions of its kind in the city.

The secret of the success which it now enjoys is due to the untiring efforts of the management to make it a place in which men in this country, alone and cut off from the environments and pleasures of home, can spend their leisure moments in a quiet, clean, place and in an instructive or entertaining manner. The shelves are stocked with the finest and best books of fiction, art, literature and science and the latest magazines are always on hand from which the patrons are free to choose according to their taste. The amusement room has a number of chess and checker tables at which those so inclined may find pleasure and profit in those entertaining and fascinating games. Writing tables with ink, paper, etc., are also provided for those who have no place to attend to their correspondence. Everyone who enters the door is made a guest and everything possible is done to make him feel at home and the greatest liberty and freedom is allowed and thus it is that throughout the day and night the place is filled with men of all stations in life who have a moment's leisure and who desire to devote that moment with pleasure and profit to themselves, drop into this place to read and smoke or play at games as they feel inclined.

While the place is well filled all the time yet, as the proprietor says, "there is always room for one more," and if the room is not to be found it will be made. Already this year the place has been enlarged three times and there is yet a little more ground to be had on the north side and when that is taken up the building will be extended skyward and in fact a second story is now being added to part of the building and it is probably only a question of a short time when a further addition will be necessary.

Not content with making the place one simply where a man's intellectual appetite be appeased it was decided this spring to establish a lunch room where he might receive a good wholesome home cooked square meal for the sustenance and building up of his physical body. This idea was put into execution at first on a small scale similar to the way in which the library was started but as before the increasing patronage has compelled continued enlargement until now an average of more than 800 meals are served daily. The question has often been asked the proprietor: How is it that you have such a large patronage when others in the same business are doing so poorly? The question was fully answered to a Nugget representative yesterday afternoon when he was taken through the entire establishment and shown the manner in which the meals are prepared. In the meat room one man is kept busy cutting the meat and fish which is kept on ice, preparatory to being cooked. Everything in the place is kept scrupulously clean, and a fire over the range carries off all the steam and

doors from the cooking so that the atmosphere is always pure.

The food is all home cooked and besides being the best in quality obtainable, is served in abundance and no one ever gets up from the table with a hungry feeling. A glance at the table showing the big stacks of fresh homemade bread reveals the liberal manner in which everything is provided.

Another thing which has contributed largely to the success of this place is the courteous treatment which is accorded to all. Everyone who enters this place is made to feel at home and everything is placed at his disposal, and to this end the large patronage which is now being received. This business has grown to such an extent that where one man was running it alone a year ago it now occupies the full time of 15 men to attend to the wants of the hundreds of men who rally there daily.

Mr. Horkan thoroughly deserves the success which his business is now enjoying and that it will continue to grow and expand is an assured fact which is very gratifying to his host of friends.

COURT IN SESSION

Several Important Judgements Rendered Today.

The territorial court reconvened this morning after the regular monthly vacation from the 26th until the 1st. Justice Craig gave his decision in five important cases which have been heard before him during the month. In the case of John McKinnon vs. J. Burke, Daniel McPhee and Michael McNail in which plaintiff sued to recover \$200 on an agreement made between defendants and plaintiff whereby plaintiff was to receive \$10 per day for 20 days' work. The evidence in the case showed that the payment of the sum was based on the result of the washup and as the lay on which the parties were working was thrown up before the dumps were washed the justice held that the defendants were not liable for the amount and therefore dismissed the action without costs.

In the case of Gabriel Jehu vs. Henry Kern and Henry Kern vs. Gabriel Jehu in which Jehu sued Kern for malfeasance in performance of his duties, and was in turn sued by Kern on a promissory note. It was agreed to try both cases at the same time. In the first case Jehu who owned a two-thirds interest in a hotel left for the outside leaving Kern to attend to his affairs while absent. The evidence of the plaintiff tried to show that Kern had rented the property at a greatly reduced figure than what it was bringing at the time Jehu left for the outside. This was not denied by plaintiff, but in support of his action he had proved that before renting he had asked the advice of brokers and real estate men and they told him it was the best he could do. There was nothing to prove malfeasance and the action for \$1000 was dismissed. On the action to recover on monies which could have been collected if proper steps had been taken a reference was taken to find if Kern had delegated his authority to another party and if loss resulted from that delegation of authority Kern will have to stand the loss. The costs of the act will depend on the findings of the reference. In regard to the action of Kern vs. Jehu the document was found to be an agreement payable in gold dust and not a promissory note. Judgment was given for Kern for \$200 without interest the cost to be borne by defendant.

In the case of Phineas Calligan who brought suit against his brother George W. Calligan claiming partnership in certain property which the

defendant denied, judgment was given allowing the partnership in coming into this country and staking and acquiring certain properties. As to the trip coming in, the judgment says, there seemed to be no profits. Defendant contributed a much larger sum than plaintiff and the judgment credits defendant with the difference between \$2500 and \$800 or \$1700 on the trip. The judgment says they are joint owners in a cabin in Dawson also in the Fortymile property and a half interest in 31 below on Bonanza. Also in property staked by plaintiff in the joint interest. But they are not joint owners in any other property or mining properties. All monies paid by defendant to plaintiff from the time of coming into this country will be credited to him in the account. A week is allowed for the parties to indicate whether a reference is wished or not.

In the case of Robert Roberts, Thomas Tracey, Richard C. Gardner and Mrs. Richard Gardner vs. Louis A. Ginzburg and L. L. Ginzburg in which plaintiffs sue for damages on account of defendants, who own a hillside claim above the creek claim owned by plaintiffs on a pup tent to Bonanza, diverting the water from the creek to the hill, the judgment allows the plaintiffs nominal damages with no costs.

The case of David W. Cullen and Harold G. Blankman vs. the Yukon Corporation, Ltd., which was to determine the boundary between a creek and hillside claim which were staked under the regulations providing the creek boundary from base to base and in which case a referee had been appointed to examine the boundary, judgment was given confirming the report of the referee.

IS THIS JUSTICE?

Pauper Tim Connelly Held in Jail for Debt.

A peculiar instance of the miscarriage of justice is seen in the case of Tim Connelly who has been confined in jail since June 29 simply because he owes a debt which he is unable to pay. Connelly was capised last fall by one Oleson, who claimed that he (Connelly) was in his debt in the sum of \$2000 and was about to leave the country. Connelly admitted owing the money but said he was unable to pay it at the time, but disclaimed any idea of leaving the territory. Upon his arrest he at once gave bonds for his appearance, but the case for some reason has never been brought to trial and Connelly has been under bonds all winter. Becoming tired of such proceedings and not wishing to tie up his bondsmen for a seemingly indefinite period he, the latter part of June, appeared at the bar racks, gave himself up and asked to be placed in custody in order that his bondsmen might be released from any further liability. He has been in jail ever since, is without funds with which to procure the services of an attorney and is being kept there solely at the pleasure of Oleson who pays \$1 per day for his maintenance. Friends of the unfortunate man have recently come

to his rescue and a motion for his discharge will be argued before Mr. Justice, Craig on Monday, August 5. Connelly has sworn to an affidavit that he has no means with which to pay Oleson, has no way of earning any as long as he is kept in confinement and is not leaving the country.

ANOTHER CHAPTER

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when they were returned two weeks later marked "No Funds" Hespeler had disappeared; he went to Sitka to see about starting another bank, but forgot to return to Juneau, continuing on down to Victoria by the outside passage. There was a strong disposition to prosecute Hespeler at the time, but the matter was finally hushed up, the father taking up the checks issued by the worthless son.

Hespeler had been in Dawson but a short time until his old propensities came to the front again. One of his practices was to call upon recent arrivals whom he found building cabins near the edge of town, represent himself as an agent of the timber office and collect stumpage on the logs. Early in the winter he was arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses and as those were the days of severe sentences, in spite of his high connection and the efforts made to secure his release he was given five years at hard labor. Several months ago Hespeler complained of a severe soreness in his throat. The usual remedies failed to give relief and a consultation of physicians that was held pronounced the growth found a malignant cancer. It was reported to the governor general that the death of the prisoner was a question of but a short time unless he was operated upon at once and upon that showing the governor in council was persuaded to grant him a pardon. The pardon was received on the last mail and on Tuesday Hespeler stepped forth a free man once more. He left for the outside last night on the Dawson and it is understood will receive medical attention at once for his throat affection.

System Now Reigns.

The old timer who strolled down to the end of Front street to record a claim this morning was surprised at the changed condition of things. He had no longer to stand in line from a few hours to a few days, but got his business done at once. The office has been systematized, and it is a remarkable fact to those who recall the waiting crowds that this season more money has been taken in for recording than in any previous season. But the facility with which the business is now transacted is easily accounted for. In the old days there were four men dealing with the record of locations, the transfers and everything else. Now there are two recorders in addition to the court recorder, all with able assistants—in all a force of 30 men each of whom's task is specified under the systematic arrangements that are now in force.

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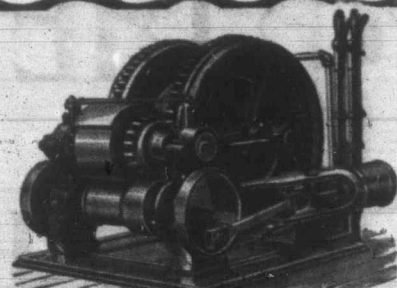
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