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AN ILLUSTRATION.

An illustration of the workings of our Yukon mining laws has recently come under our notice. It concerns the regulation whereby unrepresented ground reverts to the crown, and demonstrates how completely the business of prospecting has been killed throughout the territory.

In the spring and summer of '98, hundreds of men poled their way up the Stewart river and its tributaries, some going as far as the headwaters of the McQueen.

The result was that nearly the entire country was staked and recorded, although it appears that a small amount only of actual prospecting was done. Few of the stamperers who swarmed over the country outstayed the approach of cold weather, and most of them came down to Dawson. Very few ever went back to represent their ground, and in the fullness of time, and by the grace of Siftonian laws, practically the entire territory in question has reverted to the crown.

Now, it has happened that genuine prospectors are desirous of going into the Stewart district, with the expectation of proving the value or worthlessness of creeks staked by the stamperers of '98. Their purpose, however, is defeated before they leave Dawson, for they have no right to prospect or locate on ground which has once been recorded, although the original owners may have abandoned it more than two years ago.

When the original locations were made, half the ground had to be reserved for the crown, under the alternate claim regulation. Now the remaining half has become crown property by reason of non-representation.

Thus it results, as noted above, that a district, comprising hundreds of square miles of territory, is shut off from the prospector, through whom, and through whom alone, the worth of the country, if worth it has, can ever be demonstrated.

Were it not for existing laws, there is scarcely a creek from the Hootalinqua to Fortymile which would not be alive with prospectors during the approaching summer.

Wide-awake and progressive business men in Dawson are rapidly adopting the business methods which prevail in the large commercial centers of the outside. A glance at the advertising columns of the Nugget shows that the value of printer's ink is becoming every day more generally appreciated. Special sales and attractive prices are being offered and other inducements held out to purchasers, all of which goes to show that Dawson has passed the frontier era, and become a bustling, enterprising business center, where

competition is keen, and where advanced business methods are absolutely essential to success. There is no stimulant for business so sure and quick to bring results as judicious advertising. This fact is now thoroughly recognized by all of our best business houses.

The activity which the Boers have displayed in the southern part of the Orange Free State is surprising. While they do not appear to be in sufficient force to effect any very serious results, they have required so much attention that the advance into the Transvaal has been considerably delayed. This delay has enabled Kruger to fortify and entrench the Boer capital much more strongly than he would have been able to do under other circumstances. The result will be that Roberts' task will be prolonged somewhat longer than he originally anticipated.

From the activity which now prevails all over town in the matter of cleaning up streets and back yards, Dawson will soon be a town with an enviable record for cleanliness. Tin cans and garbage piles are disappearing in a remarkable manner, and well known old eyesores, which, by reason of age, have become almost historic, will soon be known only in memory. The fact that cleanliness, from time immemorial, has been associated with Godliness, leads us to imagine that Dawson may not be far away from experiencing a religious revival.

Some of our enterprising hotel men should start a boom for Dawson as a winter resort for Nome millionaires. There are all sorts of winter attractions in this good metropolis of the Klondike, which ought to enable the wealthy Nomad to get rid of his surplus beach dust just as rapidly as he may desire. Dawson is nearer to Nome than Seattle, which fact, combined with various and sundry other inducements, ought to make us a strong competitor for the winter resort business.

The next few weeks, pending the clean-up season and the renewal of water communication with the outside world, will probably be somewhat quiet in Dawson. Every man who can get a job is now on the creeks, upon several of which active clean-up operations are already well under way.

Steamboats on the Seattle-Skagway run have a happy faculty of reaching the latter point about the middle of the afternoon, so that press dispatches begin coming into Dawson about 7 o'clock in the evening.

Lord Kitchener is winning a bride, as well as lots of glory, by his South African achievements.

His Awful Sorrow.

A man was seen leaving his model dwelling while from the window above his wife poured after him ceaseless volleys of what is politely known as "langwidge." But in the enthusiasm of her eloquence she leaned out too far and fell on to the pavement.

A horrified spectator hurried after the husband with the news. As he was breaking it the man, with face full of suppressed feeling, murmured: "Don't make me laugh. I've got a cracked lip."—London Chronicle.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Shoff's Cough Balsom; sure cure.

When in town, stop at the Regina.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

Dawson City, April 23, 1900. We, the undersigned, have this day dissolved partnership. All debts to be paid by S. Ross. S. Ross, A. Alton.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

Though business at the various club rooms in the city has been dull during the past week, still there has been a number of plunging plays at infrequent intervals. Quite recently a couple of prominent business men booked a \$5000 losing, at a single sitting against the roulette wheel in the synagogue. A few nights ago, Jim Wilson and the "Pick 'Em Up Kid" made some high side bets at faro bank; several times the sum of \$500 was placed on the result of a single turn. Eventually the bank succeeded in winning the greater share of the money, which had been wagered between the players. The Kid quit \$3000 loser, and Wilson profited to the extent of about \$400. The sports anticipate a revival in gambling affairs during the next three weeks. Immediately after the opening of navigation, the First avenue resorts expect to enjoy a more profitable business than is now being experienced.

After the minstrel show at the Palace Grand on Thursday night, the professional performers and employees of the theater displayed remarkable activity in commencing the regular vaudeville entertainment. The amateurs who had participated in the cake-walking contest had just reached the flies of the stage, when the curtain rose and Bessie Pierce appeared in her contortion turn. Most of the auditors were standing in front of their seats, preparatory to leaving the house, when the wonderful feats of Bessie attracted their attention. Some persons who had attended the charitable performance, resumed their places and remained till the conclusion of the vaudeville show. A number of ladies, who had not anticipated the program of the management were quite surprised at the sudden appearance of the comely Bessie, attired in a costume which did not conceal the outlines of a symmetrical figure.

Reports which have been received here recently concerning the condition of affairs at Nome, are tending to allay the excitement which was quite prevalent some time ago. The actual facts appear to be that all the ground of the principal creeks, within a radius of 100 miles of Nome, has been staked; that some of the claims have been developed into valuable properties; but that the vast majority of the locations are absolutely worthless, except for speculative purposes. It seems to be generally conceded by the correspondents at Nome that the beach diggings have been practically exhausted. The new camp is probably rich enough to support two or three thousand people; but the mineral resources of the Alaskan shore will prove a grievous disappointment to the major portion of those persons who will venture there next summer.

The very best makeup on the stage on the occasion of the minstrel show Thursday night was that of little Miss Ruth McCormack. It was not overdrawn, but was just such a costume as is seen on pikaninnies at May pole festivities and church "festivals" all over the Gulf States, where the children go without clothes until four or five years of age, when they are started in the world with a yellow dress.

The Stroller was one time a passenger on a crowded train on the Macon & Brunswick road in Southern Georgia, and being in his cullow youth, greatly enjoyed the privilege of sharing a seat with a beautiful young Southern girl from Tallahassee, Florida, who was returning to her home from a three years' attendance at a northern college for young ladies.

As the almost square car wheels pounded the track through the turpentine camps which are very numerous in that part of Georgia, my seatmate became imbued with that happy spirit which pervades a person when nearing the old home after a long period of absence; especially when that person is the petted daughter of a loving household, as was the case with my companion of recent acquaintance. As the aroma of her native land was wafted to her through the open window she became quite exuberant, exclaiming: "I am glad to return to the South once more, wheah everything looks to me to natural; wheah the pine trees, the palmetto and even the niggahs look so natural."

The lumbering, click-ety-klack of the train had attracted a large family of children who just then rushed from a cabin to see "de kyers" pass, and of the eight or ten who rushed out, only three wore any clothes.

And when the Stroller vounteered the remark: "Yes, indeed, the niggahs do look quite natural," the beautiful young lady from Tallahassee tilted her nose, turned her back to her seatmate as much as circumstances would permit and never a word said she. After a few minutes of silence, broken only by the click-ety-klack of the square car wheels, the young lady's seatmate was seized with a yearning after a smoke which he went forward to take, but which he did not enjoy.

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