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ELECTION TIME APPROACHING

Elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget will be found a report of the Yukon discussion which occurred in parliament on the 19th ult. In the course of the debate, as will be noted by referring to the report, Premier Laurier announced definitely and authoritatively that an election of two members of the Yukon council would be called about July 1st.

Although no official announcement has as yet been made in Dawson of the actual date for which the election will be set, it is fair to presume that the premier's word will be made good and that no great delay will ensue until the people of the territory are called upon to select two men to sit on the council.

It will be well for those of our citizens who are interested in the welfare of the community and more particularly tnose who desire to see the laws which govern us so modified as to meet existing conditions, to be giving careful deration to the question of candidates for these important positions.

While the council has no jurisdiction as regards the question of altering the mining regulations, the opinion of that body, especially when the elective members shall have a voice in its proceedings, must carry weight at Ottawa.

We therefore urge upon citizens in general to interest themselves in the matter to the end that the best men whom the community affords may be selected to represent us before the local governing body.

We apprehend that the right of representation on the Yukon council will be the opening wedge which in time will lar body entirely by popular vote of the sentences have

beginning be made and our best men delegated to represent us on the local council when an election is finally

SHOULD BE NAMED.

When the townsite was platted it appears that the parties responsible therefor lacked either in powers of originality or else were exceedingly averse to making use of those powers if they did possess them.

At any rate, instead of making use of an abundance of material at hand, available and appropriate for street naming purposes, they contented themselves by designating both the main thoroughfares and cross streets by means

This condition of affairs leads to all manner of confusion in locating people in town, which has become all the more annoying as Dawson has gradually outgrown the frontier era and is taking on the semblance of an ordinary civilized community. It appears to us that it is quite within the province of the Yukon neil to take the matter under consideration and determine upon suitable mes for the cross streets.

Dawson, he ordinarily undergoes all you with an account of our trip. We manner of mental torture in endeavoring to determine within his own mind

riably reaches the wrong conclusion and both surprised and disappointed to find leads the inquirer off toward the Klondike when in reality he is hunting for some one in the neighborhood of St. Mary's hospital, or vice versa.

In warm weather this is not so had, but when the chillmess incident to the time when the mercury freezes up, is in the air, such little errors are not altogether pleasant.

It would be a fitting recognition of the services of the pioneers of the country to have the streets named in their honor. At any rate a system should be devised, whereby the confusion now so common may in the future be avoided.

The very best way to inaugurate a smallpox scare of any other panic is to conceal the facts from the public and allow all kinds of rumors to gain circulation. Before the facts in regard to the discovery of smallpox in Dawson were published in the Nugget, many rumors were afloat grossly exaggerating the situation and needlessly frightening many people. The circumstances are well understood now and the general impression prevails that any alarm is unnecessary and the authorities are fully capable of taking care of the matter. In fact it is not established beyond question that any of the cases in hand are of the genuine smallpox variety and that will probably not be definitely determined for several days yet. However, the precautions taken are fully justified by the circumstances and should relieve the public mind of any fear lest proper steps were not being taken to prevent a general spead of the contagion.

From the report of work on the creeks published in another column it is apparent that much activity is in progress, notwithstanding the fact that summer is ordinarily the quiet time on the creeks. On such claims as will admit of summer work, operators are apparently bending their energies to get as much accomplished as possible during the continuance of warm weather. Wherever summer work can be done profits range from 25 per cent to 50 per cent above what the same ground will pay when worked in winter. This fact accounts very largely for the large volume of summer work now under way.

The Indians who murdered Bert Horton and his young wife at Haines' Misresult in the election of that or a simi- sion have had their trials, and their community. It may also be anticipated Strangely enough the only one of them that representation in parliament will to be condemned to death is the one ne granted within the next 12 months. through whose confession and evidence In fact the premier's statement, as pub- the crime was uncovered. In the ablished elsewhere, may almost be said to sence of all the circumstances it is an constitute a promise that such will be impossibility to properly criticise the verdict, although on the face of it the It is essential, therefore, that a right thing appears very peculiar.

> The Fourth of July celebration demonstrated the fact that Dawson possesses many athletes of no mean order. It appears to the Nugget as though the organization of an ataletic club might be perfected in Dawson and conducted successfully. With so much talent in the town, there should be no difficulty in getting, together a sufficient number of enthusiasts to guarantee a live, healthy ssociation.

> > From the Koyokuk.

The following letter received yesterday by E. H. Langley is self explana-

Claim No. 5 Above on Slate Creek, Koyukuk District, Alaska, May 15, 1900.

Mr. E. H. Langley, Dawson City, N.

My Dear Langley: Here I am at last after having traveled 600 miles over snow and ice, and wading through water up to my knees. I told you when I left that I would get through if any one did. Your helper "Shep" called me a "chump," the day I was at the store, for starting. Please give him my kind regards and tell him in future not to judge other people by himself, but to have a little more pluck and nerve if he expects to accomplish any-When an address is given a person in thing in this world. I will not detain only felt through the ice on the Yukon

once, and got a good ducking. Thinking you and the boys might be which is the avenue and which is the interested in this camp I will endeavor treet. He usually ends by referring the to give you as good an idea as I have

matter to a disinterested friend who inva- so far observed. I must confess I was the country so backward, there being so little work done. Slate and Myrtle are the principal creeks at present. On Slate only one claim is preparing for summer sluicing; the other claims have just had enough work done to hold them. On Myrtle it is different. I am

told by one of the old timers here that they only got two holes to bedrock last season on No. 9 and found from 25 cents to \$4 to the pan; as a consequence most all the claims on this creek are preparing for summer work, having got their lumber all cut for sluice boxes and are only waiting till the ice goes out to go to work. It is melting pretty fast now, but I do not think work will commence before the 1st of June.

They are all anxious for men to go to work. My partner and I were offered, the same day we arrived, \$15 per day to go to work as soon as they can possibly start; of course this means on bedrock.

There is not any town here, and only about 25 men on both Slate and Myrtle creeks. Grub is scarce, as I expected, flour being \$100 per sack, and other grub \$1 per pound, and even at these figures one cannot find any for sale. The nearest store is at Bergman, 165 miles down the river, and they are all out of flour. Five parties who started after we did but got here ahead of us, had to keep on going 'down the river, as they came in light and were short of grub. I loaded up at Fort Yukon and rought all that I could and make fair time, so I have got enough to last till the first of July, at which time they say the boats will be up. A great many of the small creeks through the country are staked, but scarcely any of them pros-

The hillsides are practically open, both for staking and prospecting. This is surely a great field if the country proves good; but in my judgment it will take several years to determine the worth of the country. Of course this season's cleanup will tell the tale as to Myrtle creek; on account of the small mount of work being done it is very hard at present to foretell the future of this camp, but I am willing to take my chances with the rest. I have been obliged to kill one of my dogs to feed to the others to keep them from starv-G. H. CURTIS.

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