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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

GLARINGLY ABSURD.

The White Pass evening organ had something to say last night about the capacity of the boats of the company to handle freight.

It was found that the business, although greater in volume than ever before, could be handled with less boats in commission and several were thereupon laid off.

What a ridiculous statement the above is may be well understood by everyone who is at all familiar with conditions which have prevailed upon the river during the season just past. As a matter of fact there have been fewer boats operated by the company and less tonnage delivered at Dawson than during any previous season since 1898.

During the season a fleet of 11 splendid steamers has been taken out of commission and tied up at the bank at Whitehorse and the business of the company has been handled by four or five boats.

Does anyone suppose that such a state of affairs could have been brought about under ordinary circumstances? There have been blunders enough in the management of the company's steamboat business but we would not charge them with the stupendous mistake of placing three times the number of boats in commission which their normal business demanded.

The fact remains, however, that they have had three times the number of boats required to handle the business offered—and this situation can be accounted for, only by the fact that an extraordinary condition has prevailed.

That condition is found in the extortionate freight tariffs which have been charged in spite of promises of substantial reductions made more than a year ago.

The freight which the White Pass company has handled during the season now drawing to a close has been only that which could not be brought to Dawson through any other agency.

The company has handled the freight which the public has been forced to give them—beyond that they have had none. For any newspaper or individual, therefore, to make the statement that the company has moved more freight this summer than ever before is to state wantonly something which is absolutely contrary to the facts in the case.

We presume that the News as a sort of hired man to the White Pass must of necessity say something in behalf of that octopus once in a while. But it seems to us that our contemporary might find a word or two for its patron without making such glaringly absurd statements as the one noted above.

DRINKING MEN SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED.

According to statements of reputable witnesses a number of the officers on the ill-fated steamer Islander were partially or wholly under the influence of liquor at the time the disaster occurred. The conclusions of the board of inquiry now investigating the matter may be entirely different. It may be that the officers of the Islander have been unjustly accused in this particular. The fact remains, however, that

the habit of drinking is altogether too common among steamship men. Masters and pilots upon whom the lives of a ship's passengers depend have no right to incapacitate themselves for duty through indulgence in liquor.

Neither should any steamship company be permitted to retain in its service men who are addicted to strong drink.

The safety of the traveling public demands that the men who are placed in positions of responsibility on shipboard shall be strictly sober.

To intrust valuable cargoes and still more valuable lives to the care of men who are liable to be found drunk while on duty surely points toward criminal negligence on the part of the employing company.

Habitual or even occasional drunkenness should disqualify any man from serving as pilot or master of a vessel.

Railroad corporations are accustomed to demand strict sobriety of their conductors and engineers. It seems to us that the same rule should apply in the case of men who occupy positions of responsibility on shipboard.

If the Islander disaster was the result, directly or indirectly, of drunkenness on the part of the ship's officers we trust that the facts will become thoroughly known through the investigation of the board of inquiry. If such should actually prove to be the case, the terrible results of the disaster should stand as a warning to steamboat men for all time to come.

The New, which has posed before the public as the champion of the rights of the people has gone over body and soul to the White Pass railway, the worst enemy the Yukon has ever had.

The News serves which ever master pays it the best. It has been the alleged champion of popular rights for the same reason that it is now screeching itself hoarse on behalf of the big corporation—viz., for revenue only.

Such a humiliating spectacle as this base surrender we have never before witnessed. The News has betrayed and would if it lay within its power deliver the community into the hands of the most grasping corporation that ever laid a throttling grip on a new country.

It is a sorry sight but one to which the public cannot be blind. Nor is it one which will soon be forgotten.

COUNTING NOSES

Census Commissioner Maj. Woodside Talks of His Work.

"The work of taking the census is progressing nicely," said Major Woodside, census enumerator, this morning.

"In a day or two I shall send two men up the Klondike who will take in all that country above the mouth of Hunker. They will go up the river just as far as there is any evidence of habitations, probably 150 or 200 miles, trip which will take fully a month and possibly more. I shall leave for Whitehorse within a week to lay out the work there. Dawson and contiguous creeks will be the last points to be organized."

Major Woodside further stated that it was his desire to enumerate all those who were temporarily out of the country, but who intend returning, as in the instance where the wife and children may be outside when the enumerators call upon the head of the family. Such are legitimately a part of the population and should be included with the others as bona fide residents.

High Water.

During the past week the water in both the Yukon and Klondike rivers has been higher than ever before known at this season of the year and fully as high as during the month of July when there is always an abundance of water.

The late heavy and frequent rains are responsible for the condition and the complaint of low water during the latter part of the open season will not probably be heard this year.

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NEARING COMPLETION

Territorial Road Construction Nearly Over for This Year.

With the completion of a small strip on the Eureka road upon which work is now rapidly progressing, the work of the territorial forces on the roads for the year will have been completed.

That is so far as the roads up the creek are concerned. The Eureka road which is now under construction is only a temporary one and is being built more for a winter's all. Next year it will be completed and made into a good substantial roadbed.

The width of the regulation road is being blazed and a good deal of the roughness is being smoothed over but the roadbed will not be graded until next year.

As it stands now teams are able to pass over but without encountering some rough places. Teams recently passed over drawing engines and boilers to Montana creek.

Yesterday a number of the gang who have been laid off, numbering all 120 men, were paid off, the total amount of the payment being \$35,000.

Over 60 miles of road have been completed which makes a good showing for the time occupied in the work.

There now remains the trail to Glacier and Miller creeks upon which work started today. The road is supposed to be built only wide enough for a trail but as the commissary of the camps is to be taken in wagons the road will be cut wide enough to admit of wagons passing over it.

Sixteen men for the road work and four surveyors started yesterday on the work. The road will be 50 miles in length but it is expected to be completed before the winter sets in.

REGISTER

M'CANN

Of Rampart U. S. Land Office Resigns His Position.

Dr. Daniel B. McCann, who for the past four years has held the office of register of the U. S. land office for Alaska is now in Dawson.

Dr. McCann spent two years of his term at Circle City and the balance at Rampart, the Yukon and Peavy districts having been consolidated into one with headquarters at the latter point.

Dr. McCann resigned his office in the early part of this year, but was reappointed after his resignation had been received. He subsequently re-tendered his resignation which was recently accepted.

His successor, Mr. P. M. Mullin, arrived in Rampart a short time ago and is now in charge of the office.

Dr. McCann will remain in Dawson for the winter.

A. B.'s to Build.

The Arctic Brotherhood of Dawson, according to A. B.'s who lately arrived from the interior, is seriously considering the building of a hall suitable for lodge and public purposes.

The matter has progressed to the point of preparing plans for the same and a suitable site is now under consideration.

Bids for the same are being made and everything looks favorable.

The move has been rendered necessary by the rapid growth of the order, handsome nucleus for the building fund being in the hands of the members and they being a unit in the desire for an "A. B." building.—Skagway Alaskan.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PLANNERY.
J. H. Rust, Sulphur; J. H. Falconer, Tediab river; Duncan McKinnon, North Starich, B. C.; Earnest Deasy, Magnet Hill; W. A. Mullen, Forks; Miss Sprout, Sulphur; Mrs. Wilson, Sulphur; D. Cunningham, Last Chance; A. Christie, Sulphur; J. W. Raymond, Grand Forks; R. Graham, Dawson; C. E. Carlson, Grand Forks; Nels Swanson, Grand Forks; C. J. Ward, Dominion; D. J. McIntyre, Dominion.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Shown by Treasurer Milne's Report to Have \$900 Surplus.

The Dawson Public Library is in exceedingly good financial condition. The report read by Mr. Milne at the meeting Monday night shows that while the library started the year \$500 in debt there is now in the treasury a surplus of \$900.

Mr. P. R. Ritchie president of the board of control reported the arrival of the new books which had been ordered from Vancouver. These books represent a net valuation of \$250 and are the books of the best authors. They are a valuable addition to the library and will be for general circulation.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the president, Mr. Ritchie, by Mr. Galpin for the energy he had thrown into the work in connection with the library and especially for the way in which he had conducted the arrangements of the free concerts of last winter. The vote was carried unanimously.

In reply Mr. Ritchie said that while he appreciated the thanks he had received he would be greatly pleased to hear that the good work was being carried on during the coming winter.

The work of arranging the concerts was a little difficult, but the success of the entertainments fully repaid all of the labor expended.

Mr. A. P. Nicol was elected president of the board of control to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ritchie who leaves Dawson shortly for California where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. Congdon, Mr. C. W. MacPherson and Mr. Chas. McDonald were elected on the board of control to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Fysh and Dr. Hurdman.

The next meeting of the board will be held on Monday the 16th at McDonald hall at which important business will be transacted.

BIG SALMON COUNTRY

Is Now Attracting Large Amount of Interest.

Along the upper river, at Whitehorse and at Skagway a great deal of interest is now being manifested in the Big Salmon country.

Many Dawsonites are also eagerly looking that way and a few already have secured holdings in the new territory.

A Skagway paper of recent date gives the following detailed information of that section:

"Latest news from the Big Salmon confirms the report that gold is being taken out but in what amounts is difficult to learn. Work is progressing nicely on most all the creeks, particularly Livingstone and Lake.

"Long Shorty Biglow and Frank Hall have leased their Lake creek property for one year for 50 per cent of the gross proceeds.

Bedrock was not yet reached but good prospects were found 14 feet from the surface.

Ben Cavanaugh has sunk a 12-foot shaft to bedrock on No. 4 on Summit and has big prospects. The gold is coarse and plentiful.

C. C. Runner has his hydraulic plant at work on discovery on Lake and is taking out gold from both ends of the claim.

James Gillespie is working six men on the same creek and is taking out an ounce per day to the man. He has found one \$50 nugget and several small ones.

Billot on No. 4 below on Lake, is working four men and taking out good pay.

R. C. Wood is taking out good pay on No. 3 below.

It is expected that about 25 men will winter on Lake creek. About 15 men are now at work on Summit creek, and fully that number will winter there.

Taylor & Co., of Whitehorse, have put in a large stock of goods on Livingstone creek and so have J. C. Morton & Co., of Whitehorse. A Frenchman has also a small stock of goods and is running a restaurant in connection with his store.

Bob McIntosh is putting up a large roadhouse and saloon. Pat Dagget is putting up a large building on the creek. They have named the place Junction City.

There are two roadhouses at South

A POLITICAL SUGGESTION.

Why is it we hear nothing these days about incorporation? Surely the city of Dawson has now reached the point, where with advantage to her citizens she can govern her own affairs without calling upon the Yukon Council for administrative action.

That body has enough on its hands to look after the welfare of the territory without dabbling in local matters. There is plenty of good material here for our purpose and leaving out the great good possible to be attained by wise legislation, a city election would give us an interest in our own affairs which is viewed at present with indifference and apathy.

Here's to the first mayor of Dawson! May he be honest, efficient and prone to stylish dress.

HERSHBERG, CLOTHIER

Fork, which has been built lately. Wisekeep is putting up a barn at South Fork, and Murray and another man are going to put up a building on the Hootaliqua 20x24 feet, and also a stable.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE HEART

Gets Mr. Knowles Into Difficulty and the Skookum House.

It was a short session of police court held by Magistrate McCauley this morning, the new dispenser of justice appearing to temper his sentences with mercy in that spirit which characterizes a humanitarian.

Joe Knowles had looked long and frequently upon the social brew and, not wishing to have a corner all to himself in the matter of drinking, he invited Corporal Frank Smith, the poo-bah of the town station to join him.

The corporal declined the invitation and was requested by Knowles to meander to that place where the rich man is alleged to have lifted up his eyes, being in torment.

Instead of doing as Knowles told him, the officer took the latter in custody and tied him to the barracks, and this morning all that was left of yesterday's bright red rag was a dark brown tangle that refused to be comforted.

In looking over the records it was found that it was the prisoner's third offense within a comparatively short time. But instead of being "out on third," Knowles, by a beseeching look seldom seen except on the stage, made a slide, metaphorically speaking, and reached home base.

He pleaded for leniency which was granted on condition that he shake the real estate of Dawson from his tan shoes within three days; otherwise he will be required to reduce fuel in the royal refinery for a period of 30 days.

He promised to ramoose, and, taking a fresh sitch on his dark brown tangle, faded from the court room. The case of Joseph G. McKinnon, charged with theft, was continued until tomorrow morning.

Joseph's warlike was evidently limited at the time of his incarceration as he appeared in court this morning in prison garb.

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