

### REV. FATHER JUDGE IS DEAD

#### He Yields Up His Life Surrounded By Many of His Friends.

#### His Splendid Work in Dawson—"Charity, Sweet Charity." His Ruling Motive—A Good Man's Work—A Living Faith.

The Rev. Father Judge is no more. "Father" Judge, as all loved to call him, both Catholics and Protestants alike, died at the hospital he has cared for so long and lovingly on Monday afternoon, January 10th, at 1:50. The father's faith was as real as his Christianity and almost his last words to the friends around his death-bed were "This is the happiest moment of my life; I have worked for this many years; I am going to my reward." Each spasm of pain during his last excruciating illness was welcomed devoutly as the wish of an All Wise and Chastening Father, and calmly and serenely the good missionary glided into the eternity which has occupied so much of his thoughts here upon earth below.

The day of his death, strange to say, was his 40th birthday, and it was upon the same day 20 years ago that he lost his mother. Four years ago the same day he nearly lost his life from freezing. To his intimate friends during his illness he confided the fact that he hardly expected to live over that fateful day, and as the time arrived the more certain of this he became. Friends were summoned and "good byes" were said, the father as cheerful and contented as at any time in his history and himself speaking words of comfort to the big yet weeping pioneers whom he had known so long and served so faithfully.

It is of the father's good work in Dawson that we all know most. The stamperers from Forty-Mile to the Klondike in the winter of '97 remember overtaking a solitary and feeble old man with a single sled rope over his shoulders and a single dog helping the load along. This was the father, hastening to a field where he was conscious his ministering services were most required. Arrived in Dawson no time was lost in securing the ground on which St. Mary's hospital now stands. Spreading his tents his services of one experienced in Arctic maladies and frostbites were instantly in demand. He grasped the situation at once, saw that a huge task was laid out for him here and hastened back to Forty-mile for more medicine, more supplies and more of the necessary equipment for the care of the sick. In June we find him energetically at work, cooking for his nine laborers and carpenters, nursing and doctoring any and all the sick who appealed to him and withal finding time to superintend the erection of his buildings and lay the plans for more. His practical education as an architect many years ago in Baltimore, Md., stood him in good stead, with the result that though the hospital as it now stands was built piecemeal by sections and stories it is complete, whole and thoroughly adapted to the good work it is devoted to. Medicine and food were administered to the sick by his own hands night or day and the amount of work he succeeded in accomplishing would have broken down many a stronger man.

The winter of '97-8 Father Judge's hospital was crowded with the sick and the frozen. The father's charity was broad as the earth and none of the hundreds of applicants were even asked their religious preferences. Nevertheless the spiritual wants of his flock were provided for in a small church next the hospital and we find him adding priestly duties to his many other tasks. By the side of the dead and dying, burying them when none others appeared on the scene for that duty, superintending and personally directing even the minutest detail of the rapidly increasing hospital, cheering the sad, jolting the convalescent, devising means of comfort for the irritable sick, coaxing the obstinate, praying with and for the religiously inclined, planning appetizing morsels from an almost empty larder, cheering and encouraging the down hearted and sad—thus we find the good man spending his time until himself laid low by the cruel hand of remorseless disease. Delicate in health and frail in body from his earliest youth, it not infrequently happened that those he attended were heartier and stronger and suffered less than himself. Though but 49 years of age on the day of his death he was prematurely aged by care and early sickness and many supposed him upwards of 60.

Last summer saw the father adding building after building in an effort to keep up with the demands upon his charity. At last a point was reached which distressed him sadly—a lack of any more funds compelled the questioning of applicants as to their finances. Hosiatingly and with profuse apology the good man would ask the vital question and ask them to secure an order of admission from the government. Nevertheless, as the books of the institution will show, the bulk of the work at St. Mary's hospital has been done purely in the name of charity; and this in a land of wealth untold.

Of his private life there is not much to tell. On a hard couch in his office, by the front entrance to the hospital, he spent the few

hours devoted to sleep, ready at an instant's notice to respond to night callers and to the querulous calls of sickness. A standing order with nurses and watchmen was that no matter what the hour or how unnecessary the call he was to be instantly awakened if patients desired his presence.

Loved sincerely and genuinely by every teacher of the institution, the "Good Father Judge," as he was affectionately known to all, will receive the last sad rites of his church on Friday next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and his remains will be laid to rest in a vault constructed underneath the sacred building in which he has so often led the services. Undoubtedly a large attendance of mourners will attend the solemn requiem. Requesat in pace.

Some interesting details of his early life are deferred until our next issue.

### INGENUE TO A HIGH DEGREE.

#### Bonanza and Eldorado Miners Red Hot Over the Matter

#### Of a Tramway "Without a Tram." The Most Unpopular Thing Ever Done by the Yukon Council—The Nugget Flakes a Suggestion.

Some persons wonder at the ever-increasing popularity of the Nugget with the people. There is nothing peculiar in any paper becoming the reflector of public opinion when it consistently hits to the line of public duty. Ignoring the scold of the envious, disdainful stunts of the "graters" and persistently following the dictates of conscientious performance of what will add to the public weal, is ever gratifying to a paper of character and individuality. It requires but a trip up the creeks to hear the sentiment of the people on the Pioneer Tramway company—a company "without a tram, at least in operation."

For instance, there is W. H. Bard, on No. 60, who is interested in 60 below on Bonanza and 18 other claims, and within six miles has to pay for walking over a tramway "without a tram" one-third of the distance on his own surface rights, if he or his men "mush" a sleigh load. It is really funny: A monopoly granted a company to operate a tramway "without a tram" and pay for the privilege of walking and working on "his railroad" "without a rail." For the life of us we cannot see what the Honorable Council was thinking of in granting such a monopoly which can never hold in any court in Christendom, and it is believed no such intention ever existed in the minds of the Honorable Council when doing so, that the letter issued to Heening & O'Brien should have been so abused. There is a way to remedy the matter, gentlemen. Cancel it. Cancel it until the tramway company "without a tram" at least constructs their tram.

The miners may sorely begrudge the money already extorted from them into the coffers of this "railway without a rail" and in whose toll-houses drinks can now be had at 50 cents per, if you haven't paid all your money to the toll-keeper. You will know the toll-houses when you come to them by this sign "Office of The Pioneer Tramway Company—Walk in," and above it another notice which reads: "Licensed to Sell Spirituous Liquors," while a plain board on the corner of the building reads "Drinks 50 cents." Oh! it's a warm thing, this "tramway without a tram." The people are really overjoyed with it. It is a popular thing. While the toll-keeper is weighing in the dust for the sled-load of the miner, the latter can also regale himself with a smile at "50 cents per."

There is only one thing more wanted now that we can think of to benefit the miners on Bonanza and Eldorado, and that is to grant a franchise in the form of a letter, to some company to operate "a steamboat company" on Bonanza creek. Of course we don't say the steamboats will run on Bonanza, but then water competition has always been a good thing in keeping down rates, and it will be at least as fully in operation, for it will be the "Pioneer steamboat company without a steamboat." By all means let some good promoter take this up. It's a good thing and the creeks are crying for it. The financiers of a "tramway company without a tram" may hasten to obtain this franchise, thereby shutting out competition. Let there be no delay in this matter, gentlemen of means. You can paint some water on the ice surface—and even the picture of a boat will be more than the tramway has in the way of a tram.

#### Shooting Affray at Circle City.

The night after Christmas Mr. Moranzie, who acted in the double capacity of bartender and night watchman at one of the most popular saloons in Circle City, was awakened by robbers who had secured the cash and gold dust, amounting to between \$1000 and \$2000. He jumped up and tackled the two masked robbers and in the ensuing tussle raised the mask of one and recognized him and called his name, "Broekenridge." As he did so the chief Broekenridge shot Moranzie through the heart causing almost instant death. The weapon was a 38 caliber, Smith & Weston. The man Broekenridge, murderer and robber, was captured and will be sent to Sitka for trial.

#### Departure of Nugget Express Team.

The Nugget Express next dog team will leave Friday morning, January 20 at 10 o'clock a. m., carrying passengers, mail and express. Leave letters and orders at main office in the Phoenix or at the Klondike Nugget office. United States headquarters will be made at office of the Metropolitan Printing and Binding Co., Seattle, in whose care mail can be sent for forwarding to Dawson.

### BACK FROM CIRCLE CITY.

#### Capt. J. E. Hansen and Party Returns From a Trip Down the River.

#### All Important Points Visited—Work Being Done on Forty-Mile—Eagle City a Quiet Town—American Officials at Circle.

Capt. J. E. Hansen, manager of the A. C. Co. returned on Saturday from a trip down the river covering the points between Dawson and Circle City. A NUGGET representative on Monday morning found the captain busily engaged at his private office in the A. C. store, but with sufficient time to record the newspaper man an interview.

Accompanying Capt. Hansen on the trip were Jules Marion, an old-time Manitoba pioneer and one of the best travelers on the river, and also an Indian dog driver.

The party covered the distance between Dawson and Forty-mile in 28 hours. Of the Forty-mile district, some interesting and valuable information is contained in the Captain's note book. The population of Forty-mile numbers 250 white persons, 15 of whom are women. Of the male population, about one-third are regularly employed in the town. Adjacent to the town is an Indian village in which about 80 Indians live. The A. C. Co., the N. A. T. & T. Co., Thos. O'Brien and Baker are each operating stores in the town. There are, as yet, no permanent tradesmen.

On Forty-mile and its tributaries about 1,100 men are now at work distributed as follows: Canyon creek district and Walker fork, 475; O'Brien creek, 50; North fork, 500; Chicken creek and Mosquito fork, 175; other tributaries, 200. No wage labor is paid on the creeks, all development being done either on lay or by the actual owners. Canyon creek, from Tunnel house 2 up, will yield wages. The pay has been located on Squaw creek, carrying from 20 cents to 60 cents per pan. On Chicken creek the pay has been found in five claims in quantities ranging from 25 cents to \$2.50 per pan. The principal creeks on the North fork are Hutchinson, Mania and Confederate. As yet no definite prospects have been found on any of them, though the miners are apparently satisfied with the outlook.

Leaving Forty-mile on December 22d, the party proceeded on down the river, passing the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s coal mine, a short distance below Forty-mile, where about 200 tons of coal is now on the dump. During the day the steamers J. C. Barr and Arnold were passed. From Capt. Kennedy, who was met on the Barr, the following information relative to the location of the boats now wintering on the Yukon was secured: On the Deft river—Monarch, Evans, Reindeer, Mary Graf, Rideout, St. Michael, Elovina. The Victoriam is in safe quarters at Fort Yukon. The Robert Kerr is 40 miles above Fort Yukon. The Seattle is 70 miles below Circle. The Spvereign and Victoria are at Circle City. The Tacoma is about 50 miles this side of Circle. The Dawson City is located on an exposed bar. The Heman is located near the old Tanana station, and the Linda near the Russian mission.

Concerning the Koyukuk the following information was secured from Captain Kennedy: The population is about 500, located from 45 miles below Arctic City to the headwaters. The principal mining is done above the forks. Prospects running as high as \$2.50 to the pan have been found.

On Dec. 23d, Eagle City was reached. Eagle has a population of 600 people and about an equal number of cabins. About 100 men are located on American creek. Development has not progressed far enough to warrant any estimate of the output.

From parties who had made the trip it was ascertained that a man could haul 200 lbs on a sled up American creek and over the divide to Champion creek. Eagle City is a quiet and orderly place and everyone seems to be provided with all the necessities of living, although the town has no pay-roll and no employment is there for laborers.

Leaving Eagle City, the town of Seventy-mile was reached on December 24. The progress of the party was interrupted by a hard blizzard. Two hundred and fifty men are said to be working on the tributaries of Seventy-mile. The town has about 40 cabins and is well located. The principal diggings appear to be on Garney creek from which \$800 was taken out by five men during the summer. The diggings are shallow and are best worked during the summer season. About 300 men are at work on creeks in the vicinity of Nation river.

Continuing the journey down the Yukon, Circle City was reached on December 30 at 2:15 p. m. The population of Circle City according to census is 540, of whom 501 are men, 22 women and seven children. There are 80 soldiers of the U. S. Army stationed in the town. There are about 275 cabins and 32 two story buildings. In addition to the A. C. Co. and N. A. T. & T. Co. stores a number of smaller establishments are in operation. The following officials are located at Circle. J. K. Laing, collector of customs; Wm. Millmore, deputy collector; Dr. D. B. McCann, land registrar; L. L. Sekley, deputy land registrar; Mr. Crane, court commissioner and Frank Canton, U. S. marshal.

Capt. Hansen remained at Circle until January 5 when he started on the homeward trip in company with Capt. Ogilvie and party. A short stop was made at Thanksgiving creek where 15 men are at work claiming good prospects for the creek. On Charley river 75 men were found at work, mainly on Big Bonanza creek. Nine days altogether were consumed on the homeward trip, the party reaching Dawson in safety on the 14th inst. From Forty-

mile to Dawson the distance was covered in 10 hours of almost continuous travel.

Capt. Hansen enjoyed his trip over the ice and returns again to assume his duties in splendid condition. He credits his companion Jules Marion for the fast time in which the journey was covered. Marion is an adept in anything that is required to push such a trip through in the shortest possible time. A natural woodsman and a fast traveler he is exactly the man required for such an occasion. Capt. Hansen makes particular mention of the large numbers of men he met on the river. Most of them were pulling their own sleds and apparently had little or nothing in the way of an outfit, indicating the presence of a considerable unstable, unproductive population on the Yukon.

The captain is a keen observer and as will be noticed brings back with him a large fund of accurate information concerning the lower country. His courtesy in giving the NUGGET readers advantage thereof is duly appreciated.

#### Fast Time From Dominion.

A. Dugas, son of Judge Dugas, and B. C. Walsh, of the Pioneer Trading Co., left 21 below on Dominion Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, with a team of three dogs, carrying about 200 lbs on the sleigh. Stopping at intermediate points, altogether losing five hours, they arrived in Dawson at 11:45 p. m., making the trip of 70 miles in eleven and three-quarter hours. They followed the creek bed instead of taking the surveyors trail.

This feat of speed and endurance is almost incredible, but for its being so well vouched for. The crossing of the dome is considerable of a feat in itself, and with 60 miles tacked on, forms an unrivaled day's travel in this region.

#### Notice to Miners.

A special meeting of the Miners' Association will be held in the Miners' Institute, Saturday the 21st inst., beginning at 8 o'clock p. m. The object of which the meeting is called is to get the sense of the miners in regard to the action of certain parties who instituted a stampede to Dominion, Gold Run and other creeks during the past week.

The matter of sending one or more representatives to Ottawa in order to obtain amendments to the mining laws as proposed by the miners will also be considered. The public is invited to be present.

DONALD MACGREGOR,  
Secy. Miners' Association.

The popularity of the volunteer fire department is evidenced by the ready sale of the charge tickets for next Friday night. Mrs. Chris Yager and Miss Florence Hamburg, two honorary members of the department, have prepared a large, rich and handsome cake, to be appropriately ornamented by the candy maker on the water front opposite the Pioneer, with hook and ladder apparatus, etc., done in white frosting. The cake is to be presented to the most popular lady in the hall, 30 votes for St. Remedy's ticket admits yourself and ladies and is good for supper also. Tickets can be obtained only of members of the department.

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