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NOTICE.
 When a newspaper offers its advertising space at a nominal figure, it is a practical admission of "no circulation." THE KLONDIKE NUGGET asks a good figure for its space and in justification thereof guarantees to its advertisers a paid circulation five times that of any other paper published between Juneau and the North Pole.

The NUGGET has a regular carrier and express service covering Bonanza, Eldorado, Hunker, Sulphur and Dominion creeks and tributaries. Mail orders taken and prompt delivery guaranteed on all the above. Orders for delivery of papers, mail or express may be left at this office or given to creek agents.

THE TRAMWAY "GRAFT."

The tramway "graft" is still in active operation. We have applied the slang term "graft" to this colossal scheme simply for the reason that no dictionary word adequately describes it. The NUGGET believes that the alleged tramway company, the de facto toll road concern is doing business and collecting money without warrant of law. So strongly are we of this opinion that suit has been brought by this paper against the company to test its rights in the premises.

How any mind, legal or lay, can reconcile the collection of a toll charge under a paper, which, for the sake of argument, we will assume, grants the right to construct and operate a tram road is more than we can say.

Let us assume a parallel case and then ask if such a proposition appeals to the judgment or good reason of any man. We will assume for instance that Mr. O'Brien or some other equally enterprising citizen applies for and secures a concession for a railroad between Dawson and Lake Bennett. After having laid the ties for 10 miles at each end and 15 miles in the middle, let us assume that winter comes on and a natural trail is formed which by process of some little leveling connects the disjointed portions of the embryo railroad, the whole forming a serviceable sled trail. Under such circumstances is it reasonable to conclude that Mr. O'Brien or other promoter of such an enterprise would be entitled to collect a charge for every pound of freight hauled over such trail? We believe not.

The original application for authority to construct the Bonanza road distinctly calls for the construction of a pole tramway. The letter granting this authority, over Gov. Ogilvie's signature, among other matters, states that the indebtedness incurred by Mr. Henning on the construction of said railway must be liquidated, etc.

From this it appears that the original promoters of the scheme intended to construct some sort of railway. The Yukon council granted provisional permission for the construction of such railroad. By virtue of this permission the company aided to a very large extent by natural conditions has constructed not a railway but a sled trail and assumes the right to collect the toll for its use. We do not believe that Mr. O'Brien has any such right. We do not believe that the Yukon council intended granting the tramway company any such right. For this reason we have asked Mr. O'Brien to produce in court evidence of his authority to exact toll upon his road. If he possesses the authority the NUGGET will cheerfully yield the point.

"MINER-SUN" ENTERPRISE.

In the last issue of the uptown branch of the Miner-Sun appeared an item stating that "notice of the Elks' social session was unavoidably crowded out of that issue for want of space." It is hardly necessary to more than call the attention of the limited number of readers of the hydra-headed government organ and miners' friend with probably two extensive newspaper staff of editors, reporters, space writers and compositors; with two

newspaper plants, and two newspaper offices, that in the same issue alluded to appeared an insert of two pages, one of which was absolutely blank and yet matter was crowded out. In the language of the late lamented Artemus Ward, the miners' friend and government organ at the same time is positively "Karsastic" to itself.

For appearance sake at least one of two courses might have been adopted. The uptown office might have set up a few "sticks" addressed to the miners on the creeks, wishing them a merry Christmas, sympathizing with them on the royalty, tramway without a tram and similar blessings heaped upon them by a kind and considerate government, or had its down-town office take a little space therein, and tell the government authorities how wise and just all of their acts have been towards the miners of the Yukon, of the extraordinary wisdom of the suspended dog ordinance and so on ad infinitum. Better still, however, and more economical would have been the cutting of the insert in two and save the paper. And there—but what's the use suggesting. Newspaper enterprise that crowds out matter and issues blank paper is commendable to those who can court government support, posing as the "official Gazette" and at the same time as friend of the miner.

There is one matter, however, the Miner-Sun management should rectify, having overlooked it evidently in completing its combination of being the official organ and friend of the miner, and therein the officials are inconvenienced in having to come down town to the Sun office when desiring to advise their organ, and any unsophisticated miner is necessarily compelled to pass the "organ" office and go away down to the barracks or official headquarters to do business with the "miners' friend." Enterprise that can crowd out matter and issue blank space should not overlook this point.

A WARNING.

The shocking story, full details of which were published exclusively in last Saturday's NUGGET should be a warning to every man in the country. Any man who sets out by himself on a journey of any length, or who secludes himself alone in a cabin any distance from others is simply taking his life in his own hands. Weather conditions in this country, particularly during the winter season, are so uncertain that for mutual safety it is absolutely essential that at least two men should be together.

A man left by himself can never tell when an accident may happen or when sickness may overtake him. Either event is likely to occur at almost any time with the result of his being left helpless. In the case chronicled in Saturday's issue the unfortunate victim had been left alone at a time when he was just being taken down with sickness. Neither he nor his partner realized the situation and both expected that he would recover in a few days, but such was not the case.

Again a number of instances have occurred when men have started for the coast on the ice, pulling their own sleds and traveling without companions. Such an undertaking is nothing short of the fool hardy. The trip to the outside can scarcely be made without occasion arising when the traveller absolutely requires assistance for the preservation of his life. Sudden blizzards are apt to be encountered, water running over the ice is bound to be met, and numerous unlooked for contingencies will confront the man who is coastward bound over the ice. In such emergencies two men at least should always be together for mutual protection. If one is injured in any way there is always the possibility that the other may be able to secure assistance.

These points should be well considered by men who contemplate establishing themselves in a cabin alone or setting out by themselves on a journey during the winter season. The case referred to above should prove a warning to any who contemplate either move. Men sometimes have to be compelled by legislation to take proper precautions for their own personal safety. Attempted

suicide in most countries is a punishable offense. Usually, however, the would-be self-destroyer will be found either to have lost temporary control of his reason or at least to have been laboring under the pressure of some extraordinary mental excitement. In either case some excuse can be offered for his action. We fail to see, however, how a man knowing the risks involved, can so readily take his life in his hands as is so often done in this Yukon country.

INNOCENT VICTIMS.

The Klondike will be responsible for many a darkened home circle during the Christmas season. The possibility of acquiring sudden wealth and by so doing settle forever the omnipresent bread and butter question, has urged many a man to forsake his fireside almost on the instant and set out for the gold fields. Hundreds of men unfitted in almost every respect to endure the hardships and rigors incidental to prospecting and mining in this country, left their homes under just such circumstances.

Ignorant of the difficulties against which they would have to contend and equally uncertain as to the length of time they would remain in the country many men failed or were unable to make adequate provision for their families for the indefinite period of their absence. But more unfortunate still, in too many instances disappointment has greeted them since their arrival. It cannot be expected that any more than a very small percentage of the present population of the Yukon valley will go out of the country with anything like a home-stake.

Temporary disappointment, however, should not discourage anyone. If at the end of his first year in this country a man finds himself in the possession of a grubstake and meanwhile has availed himself of opportunities to study the country and inform himself concerning it, he has done very well and his chances the second year should be increased very considerably.

But whatever may be the riches of the country and no matter how large the amount of gold that goes out next spring and in succeeding years, there will be many an innocent victim of the Klondike rush, who with eyes and thoughts turned longingly toward Dawson, will wish that the gold discoveries had never been heard of.

CONDENSED WAR RESULTS.

Taking an inventory of his business during 1898 Uncle Sam will find in his stock taking, among other things, that he had a war on hand and with the following results:

War began	April 21, 1898
War closed	August 11, 1898
Duration of hostilities	113 days
Actual warfare expenses	\$150,000,000
Americans killed	279
Americans wounded	1,465
Spaniards killed	2,499
Spaniards wounded	2,948
American vessels destroyed	0
Spanish vessels destroyed	35

Territory and population acquired by his excellency, as follows:		
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Cuba	41,655	1,631,000
Porto Rico	3,670	806,700
Guam	150	8,000
Philippines	52,650	7,000,000

While the destruction of life is deplorable in any case, just why Uncle Sam's sharpshooters did not pick off another Don just to make it an even 2200 is something that he should investigate the war department for.

There is every reason for the business men and citizens of Dawson to congratulate themselves upon the evident returning of prosperity, after a period of slight depression in commercial affairs in which every member of a community such as this, is so closely interwoven. There is a better feeling all around, and reports from the creeks should not lessen it by any means.

The government is apparently very well disposed towards Thomas Fawcett even though the pressure became so great they had to remove him from the position of gold commissioner. The new gold commissioner, Mr. Senkler, is only just as kindly disposed as is evidenced by his giving the present incumbent nearly a month in which to set his house in order before stepping down and out.

While we do not believe Mr. Fawcett will in any manner avail himself of this delay, there are those in the office who will. It is but in line with the policy of the government to prevent disclosures rather than to seek them, and it is really most amusing to see men given a month's warning that their books are to be overhauled at the end of that period.

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THE "NUGGET"

Three doors north of N. A. T. & T. Co.

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