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HANDS OFF, MR. OGILVIE

What West Dawsonites Ask of the Yukon Commissioner.

RESENT HIS INTERFERENCE; CHALLENGE LEGAL ACTION.

Are Willing to Submit Their Dispute to the Courts.

A Spokesman for the Abused People Tells the Commissioner's Secretary a Few Strong Facts—Major Walsh's Promise Reverted To—Land Was Dedicated to the Miners.

Commissioner Ogilvie got his ultimatum yesterday from the people of West Dawson. They are protesting their difficulty with Mr. Townsite Johnson. The notice was served upon the official by proxy, owing to his absence from the city.

"But Major Walsh had no right to make the promises he did," said the doctor.

"Then," aptly rejoined the West Dawson man, "we want to see it determined in the courts; for, if it be so, then it would be no security for us to acknowledge the authority of Mr. Ogilvie, for it could as consistently be refused in turn by his successor."

After considerable more talk of the kind Mr. Boehme left, and Mr. Ogilvie will be informed upon his return that his interference in the affair is resented and resisted.

Mr. Boehme is one of the several men who was invited by Major Walsh to settle at West Dawson, with his positive statement that if the ground was ever disposed of by the government they should have the first opportunity to buy and at the usual government prices. Mr. Boehme and the others are perfectly willing to go into court with Mr. Johnson and test his claims to the land, and until he consents they have a right not only to refuse to buy their land from him, but to resent the interference of an official who seeks to aid in the scheme.

Doings in the Gulches.

Mr. Anderson, of the Hunker concession is pushing his preliminary work. Four cabins, including one to be used for an office, have been constructed opposite Henry gulch, and two more are to be put up there. Some sluicing has been done at that point, too, and about \$1700 taken out. Some of the machinery which lately arrived from the outside has already been hauled to the concession from the Klondike, having been towed up stream on a barge.

ings shall deposit a sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of removing the tailings when the ground they occupy is needed, or that he pay to the owner of the ground used such damages as the gold commissioner shall elect to be just.

Later—On Monday, Messrs. Pulver and Pelletier decided to go ahead with their project anyhow, and turned on the first stream thrown by a hydraulic pump in the Yukon. The effect was thoroughly satisfactory; dirt and stones succumbed readily to the pressure and the experiment seemed in every way satisfactory. At present the tailings are being deposited on the hillside claim.

Thomas Ryan found a rarely fine nugget on the pup at 7 Victoria gulch the other day. It is three inches long, one inch in width and is worth \$72; its most interesting feature, however, is in the fact that it retains the appearance it possessed when molten, and looks for the world like so much hot lead poured into wet sand.

Frank Buteau has taken issue with Commissioner Senkler on his practice of granting permits to people to take water from Bonanza creek to use in sluicing hill claims, and at 10 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning he will explain to the official how it is injuring creek claim owners and how no law can be found to justify the action. Mr. Buteau has protested the application of some miners at 51 below Bonanza for 200 inches of water, and in addition to the other claims set forth above, he will show that the creek doesn't carry a quarter of the water asked for.

EAGLE IS NOW A "DRY" TOWN.

Col. Ray Closed Up All the Saloons There Last Week.

Also Extends the Limits of the Military Reservation—Carpenters Win Their Strike—Soldiers Become Famous.

Musician Robert Wilson, a member of Company L, Seventh Infantry, and which arrived at Eagle from the United States last week, arrived in Dawson on Monday on his way to the states, having been mustered out of the service by reason of expiration of his enlistment. He will at once re-enlist in the service upon his arrival there and go out to Manila to fight the Filipinos. Wilson is a Wisconsin boy with a record of eleven years in the United States army, and his state has reason to be proud of him.

In a talk with a Nugget man, Wilson said that three companies of soldiers which lately arrived at Eagle and Wear are E, F, and L, and belong to the Seventh artillery. Companies E and F, commanded by Captain Farnsworth and Captain F. Booth respectively, will be located at Wear, Company L, commanded by Captain W. K. Wright, is at Eagle; other men will be stationed at St. Michael and Nome. The men are all under enlistment for a term of three years and many of them have seen service in Cuba. All the command is made up exclusively of young men, some of them being "mere kids," as Mr. Wilson put it. Each company consists of 112 men. Lieut. Richardson and his command of Sour Doughs, left Eagle with the arrival of the cheecharkos and will be sent to Manila upon their arrival at San Francisco.

Colonel Ray, who commands the new troops, made his power felt immediately upon arriving at Eagle by closing up every saloon in the place and putting a guard over it. None of the places were licensed, the new license law not yet having been put into effect there. The experience is a new one for the old sour doughs and they don't like it a bit.

A late issue of the NUGGET stated that the second important act of the colonel was to reduce the wages of the carpenters and laborers employed upon the new barracks, at which the men struck. Asked the outcome of the affair, Mr. Wilson said the men won and are getting the old scale of wages again. The barracks will be two stories in height, will be heated by steam and possess many comforts. The officers and their ladies are now living in log cabins, but after the sawmill plant taken by the soldiery has been put in operation, new houses will be constructed of lumber for them.

As stated in a previous issue, the outfit also includes a number of agricultural implements, and the command will be employed next year in experimenting with the soil of the vicinity. The large flat near Circle has been chosen as the site for the proposed experiments, and no better place could be found. The outfit includes 30 horses, 20 mules, nine yoke of oxen and 24 cows, and it is proposed to raise tame hay for them on the flat referred to.

Mr. Wilson stated further that Colonel Ray has established a military reservation 100 miles square at Eagle, but the reliability of this is doubted.

Gov. Brady Banqueted.

John Brady, governor of Alaska, was banqueted on Wednesday night by a number of Klondike officials, including Commissioner Ogilvie, Gold Commissioner Senkler, Comptroller Lithgow, Timber Agent Goselin, Secretary Brown and others. Several happy addresses were made concerning the relations of the two governments, that of Gov. Brady being especially well received. The boundary question, acquisition of the Philippines by the United States and other prominent questions were discussed.

Dogs Sold at Auction.

An auction sale of dogs taken up by Mr. Beale, the official hogle man, was held at the pound on Saturday before a large and select audience. Thirty-five dogs were disposed of at an average price of \$17, the cheapest one being \$2 and dear at that—while the prize dog of the herd brought \$55. The collection included dogs of all kinds, ages, color and previous condition of servitude. It is estimated that the receipts of the sale will not any more than cover the costs of taking up and keeping the dogs.

Drowning at Sixty-Mile.

Smith & Hobbs were in receipt Monday of a letter notifying them of the drowning of Eli Watkins, their head sawyer, at Sixty Mile. In company with J. A. McPhee and John Singgrass, two other employes of the mill, Watkins had crossed over to the post, and at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon they started back to the mill. McPhee, the letter said, persisted in standing up in the canoe, and by this he eventually tipped the craft over. Watkins could not swim, and he disappeared forever at once. The others clung to the boat and were picked up.

The dead man was about 45 years of age, and leaves a family at Snohomish, Wash. He was a first-class fellow, and Messrs. Smith & Hobbs are greatly grieved over his death.

Dr. Brown is now located in his old office in the A. C. block. New and complete equipment, moderate charges and work warranted.



but it will be none the less effective for all that. On Monday the residents of West Dawson expected to receive from the commissioner an answer to their protest against his threat to appoint arbitrators to dispose of their disputes, and Mr. F. A. Boehme, one of the foremost of the men, called at the office in their behalf.

Dr. Brown, the secretary, received Mr. Boehme pleasantly, and informed him that the commissioner had gone to Forty Mile, owing to which there would be no official answer to the protest for a few days.

"But I can tell you what he is going to do about it," volunteered the doctor.

"What is it?" Mr. Boehme inquired.

"He is going to appoint arbitrators," the doctor replied, laconically.

"Does Mr. Ogilvie know that Mr. Johnson owns the land?" asked the unabashed West Dawsonite.

"Yes, he knows it," was the doctor's reply.

"Well," returned Mr. Boehme, "I know the sentiment of the people of West Dawson, and I speak for them when I say that if Mr. Johnson owns the land his disputes with the West Dawson people is between him and them, and does not concern a third party. The place to settle the dispute is in the court, and they are ready to stand the test. They were granted the ground for residence purposes by Major Walsh, and they propose to hold on to their own."

D. W. Morrissey, a Seattle man, left for home on Sunday, and safely encased in his inside pocket was a check for \$10,000 which he received on Friday from Messrs. Gilmore, Hogan and Johnson in exchange for his bench claim at No. 32 below, left limit, Bonanza. Mr. Morrissey staked his claim late last summer and proved its value, besides well earning his good fortune, by sinking a shaft 100 feet deep into the frozen ground.

The introduction into the country of machinery for hydraulicking has brought a new question before Gold Commissioner Senkler for solution. Late developments have shown that much of the wealth of the country lies in the hillsides, and they will probably be among the first properties experimented with hydraulic machines. Naturally a place must be provided for the tailings, and as they will be of considerable dimensions it becomes a serious question where they shall be placed. The first practical steps toward hydraulicking were recently taken by Leroy Pelletier and already he has met with opposition from Capt. Healy, who refuses to allow the tailings from above to be deposited on his creek claim. This proved a serious obstacle to Mr. Pelletier's project and he has temporarily suspended operations. A gentleman who has given the subject some thought advances the suggestion that the commission might dispose of the contested cases by providing that the person owning the tail-

Dawson's Pleasure Resort.

Geo. Lion's villa at West Dawson is becoming a favorite resort for pleasure seekers and those people who desire rest after the heat and dust of the day in town. The lawn is now in a flourishing condition and furnishes an attractive foreground for the villa itself which commands one of the most beautiful views to be obtained anywhere in the vicinity of Dawson. The bowling alley attached to the villa is gaining daily in favor and the balls are kept rolling almost continuously. A ferry boat now runs day and night between Dawson and the villa, taking passengers for the moderate fee of 25 cents for the round trip. Behind the bar Lion keeps nothing but the best, and all who cross the river in search of recreation and refreshment will find both at the Villa de Lion.

Victim of Typhoid.

Robert Jessop died at St. Mary's hospital on Sunday from the effects of typhoid fever. He was 45 years of age, and came from Brantford, Ontario, where he leaves a family. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

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