

BLACK COULD NOT DENY IT

Treadgold Has to Do His Assessment Work the Same as Any Other Miner—How Mr. Black Trifled With the Facts at the Clarke Meeting.

The article in yesterday's Nugget headed: "This is one on Mr. Black," and charging him with a wilful distortion of the facts in regard to the Treadgold deposit, was attempted to be answered at the opposition meeting in A. B. hall last night by Mr. Black, but as will be shown later on, he made a sad failure of it. The meeting was presided over by Jeff Davison, who was so often the chairman at the meetings during the municipal campaign but who had never before put in an appearance at any of the meetings during the present one. He said the press and the public seemed to be unanimous in deploring the bad order which had prevailed at some of the former meetings during the campaign for the election of a member of parliament, and he expressed a hope that nothing of the kind would occur while he sat in the chair. He said he should endeavor to keep the speakers strictly to the question and pointed out that it was not wise to hoot and hiss during a speaker's remarks, as such action was not likely to give any standing to the party from which they emanated. He made an efficient chairman, but was not called upon to interfere very often, as there were only three speakers for Ross to nine or ten of the party that does "hoot and hiss." The meeting was opened by Moses McGregor, who charged the government with making its laborers pay board on Sundays, and concluded: "If you vote for Mr. Ross it is just a case of sprinkling a little Florida water on a mass of corruption," which remarkable figure of speech brought down the house and Moses retired amid the laughter. R. P. McLennan was the first of the supporters of Mr. Ross to speak, but he had scarcely uttered a sentence before he was interrupted, and the interruptions continued throughout his brief address. He said that to vote for Mr. Clarke would be like a man throwing his wife and children into the street in weather like this because he had a spite against his mother-in-law. A vote for Clarke meant a vote for mere spite and he wished to impress upon the audience that the matter was too serious to be treated in such a trivial way, the best interests of the country were at stake, and everyone in receipt of a fair salary, could only hope to protect those interests by voting for Mr. Ross. At this point Mr. McLennan was again interrupted, and the chairman insisted upon order. Mr. McLennan proceeded to say that it was no laughing matter, although they seemed to desire to treat it as such. He then went on to speak of the great amount of good for the country Mr. Ross had been able to accomplish in so short a time, and said that shortly Mr. Ross would take the place of Mr. Sifton (cheers) and be in a position to do a great deal more for this country in which he had already shown so deep an interest. If Mr. Ross went to some other constituency to be elected for the position of minister of the interior the Yukon would lose all the prestige attaching to it. Mr. Ross, he said, could obtain from the government, as a member of parliament, all his platform called for, and that was what Mr. Clarke could not do, said they all knew it. J. W. Stansfield said he was a Ross man up to last week, and in the early stages of the campaign had been arguing for that candidate. A voice: What about the job from the government you didn't get? Mr. Stansfield spoke no more, but read a prepared speech. He read it hurriedly, and "time" was repeatedly called by the audience and at length by the chairman. It was complimentary to Mr. Ross, but was reckless in its sweeping assertions of all government officials, probably for the reason suggested by the audience. James McKinnon was the next talker for Clarke, and was followed by A. D. Field, also for Clarke, who spoke on the lines of the late Cato platform. Then came George Black, who read a full description of his candidate as Junction Joe, Dewster Joe, Yellow Malamute, and so on, and attacked the newspapers generally, even the News. He read selections from the Nugget article of yesterday charging him with wilfully distorting the facts in regard to Mr. Treadgold having deposited funds to meet his representation work. He read that the money had been so deposited and had been returned long before the last order in council in the Treadgold matter, "but what odds is it," he asked, "what day or what month it was." The money was paid in, and the money was returned. As a matter of fact the sum was \$7000 instead of \$6000. Mr. Black then read from the Winnipeg Tribune, and told his story of the two little frogs, without which no campaign oration by Mr. Black would be complete. F. T. Congdon followed Mr. Black, and again, as he did at the Forks meeting, called upon Mr. Stansfield to take back his cowardly sweeping accusations against the public service, or to give the names of those he referred to. He was hastily checked, and Mr. Stansfield, who attempted to interrupt, perhaps to apologize, was hooted down. Mr. Congdon then returned to the statements of Mr. Black as to Treadgold's position at the present time in regard to representation work on his claims. It had been held by the gold commissioner, he said, that Mr. Treadgold was not called upon for representation work upon his claims. But he, the speaker, had been called upon for an opinion upon the subject, and he did not think that anyone could read that grant and not see that Mr. Treadgold had to do the same representation work on every claim he held outside of the grant just the same as any other miner. Mr. Black, who was a lawyer, could not fail to be of this opinion. His written opinion had been sent to the minister at Ottawa, and the minister had overruled the authority here and decided that Mr. Treadgold had to do his representation work just as any other claim owner. (Cheers.) C. M. Woodworth made his first speech for Clarke during the campaign, and said that he had made several mistakes since he was before that convention as a candidate, and he talked on and on without saying much until the audience called "time," "time," and a man in the front row declared that Mr. Woodworth was "exhausted with the exhaustion of his own verbosity." A J. Prudhomme said as the other speakers for the opposition had left out all mention of Mr. Ross, it became his duty to take up that



THE MINER: "WRONG AGAIN, BEDDOE."

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CARNAGE EXCEEDING DIRE.

Threatened by a Baker Who Is Also a Butcher—A Bright Red Circle Drawn Around the Moon—No Serious Damage Resulted.

The Monte Carlo office building this morning was the scene of a pyrotechnic display of curs words, recriminations and threats that made several bystanders shudder and wonder what was coming next. George S. Baker is not only one of the huskiest fellows in the territory but also enjoys the distinction of being a top-notch butcher. He has been working for several months for the Dawson Stock and Abattoir Company and for some reason has been unable to settle with his employer. A few weeks ago he brought suit against the company and the matter was begun yesterday, Congdon & Akman appearing for the plaintiff. Only a portion of the evidence was taken when an enlargement was asked and granted in order to get some testimony at the time it was available. Baker it is said has been drinking heavily for several days and the delay in bringing his case to court and obtaining judgment has preyed on his mind that he has become slightly demented. This morning he appeared at the office of his attorneys and expressed a desire to secure a certain contract which had been used in the case and put in as evidence. He was informed by Mr. Akman that as the matter was still pending and the paper he wished being court it would be impossible to get it for him at the present time. That Baker flew into a rage, shouting out a torrent of abuse and threatening to get a gun and indulge in his favorite game of slaughtering. He threatened to kill several of the men who were of no account and finally becoming alarmed a crowd of men gathered around him and he was escorted down the street and assistance had to be procured as Baker changed his mind about going to the barracks. A regular rough and tumble struggle was indulged in on the sidewalk and the result was the breaking of the constables' finally got a pair of handcuffs on one of Baker's wrists which brought him to his senses and caused him to march along. He was taken to the barracks and is now under the care of Assistant Surgeon Thompson. No charge will of course be preferred against him by those who have assailed his mental condition in a hilly realized by the gentlemen who have only the unfortunate fellow's best interests at heart. There is a pathetic side to Baker's condition which will tend to make his actions all the more excusable and anything but creditable to those with whom he had been connected. Since coming to the Yukon Baker has become quite deaf, an ail-

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

Two others before his lordship this morning charged with drunk and disorderly were C. L. Woodworth and John Lochner. The former denied the allegation and wanted an enlargement to prove his assertions. At the time of his arrest he was peaceable and quiet.

Ten minutes before I had been commencing with Mr. Donaghy and Mr. Congdon and if I had been drunk I certainly would have known it." Sergeant Smith saw the defendant at 10 o'clock and he certainly was drunk at that time. As he was entitled to an adjournment if desired, he had his lordship granted it upon his depositing of \$20 cash bail. The case will again come up Monday morning.

John Lochner, the other who had looked too long upon the wine when it was red, also declared he was neither drunk nor disorderly. Corporal Egan had made the arrest about 3 in the morning. He had danced off about \$30 in one of the dance halls and was having a good time when the arrest of another and the accompanying crowd that gathered attracted his attention. He inquired what the arrest was being made for and some one replied carelessly, "Oh, for nothing at all." That was John's cue and he began abusing the police on general principle, becoming quite noisy about it and making some very reckless statements in regard to his own experience with the police. Egan gathered him in and deposited him in the lockup.

A peculiar feature in the Lochner case was the appearance of J. W. Stansfield, who happened to observe the arrest and what preceded it. Mr. Stansfield has a delightful east of Temple Bar accent and he was fearful that that justice of which all Britain's sons are so justly proud would not be doled out to the unfortunate Lochner and so had voluntarily trotted to the court house with the thermometer at 50 below to appear in his behalf. He had seen the arrest and the cause leading up to it and he did not consider there was any justification for the act on the part of the corporal. "This is not Russia and we are not Russian subjects," said he.

Lochner according to the belief of Sergeant Smith has a screw loose in his sky piece. He has given the police considerable trouble and seems to have the idea that he is their particular object of persecution. His lordship took into consideration that fact and dismissed the charge informing the accused that he did so as he believed him to be the victim of hallucinations and slightly demented.

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REDUCTION OF FEES. I shall advocate the reduction of fees, which, I think, may now be safely done without impairing the revenues.—James Hamilton Ross.

TREADGOLD IS SILENT

Files No Protest as to Water Rights

Many Applications Being Received for Water Grants, Many Protests Filed.

In regard to the oft-repeated claim of the opposition party that Treadgold has a monopoly of all the water of the Klondike river, the records show that three rights to water from that stream have been granted, and that in not one of these cases was there any protest entered on the part of Mr. Treadgold.

There is a great rush just now for water rights, and no less than thirteen have been issued by the mining recorder during the present month. Every day there have been three or four applications filed, and in many instances protests have been filed also. The bitterest conflict seems to be on Adams gulch, where nearly every application sent in is being protested.

The same may be said of Gold Run, from where there are also many applications and protests. Another scene of conflict is the lake on 254 Dominion, for the water from which there are three applications on file and protests from all the neighboring claim owners.

Quite a number of applications for water rights are being received from the miners on Lower Sulphur, which shows that active operations are intended in that district.

Druggists Registering. Under an ordinance passed at the last meeting of the Yukon council all the druggists have to be registered and pay a fee of \$25 for such registration. Dr. Brown, the territorial secretary, received the fees of three this afternoon.

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BUDGET OF SKAGWAY NEWS

Steamer Dolphin Arrives With Passengers for Dawson—New Military Commander—Another Monograph on the Boundary Question.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Skagway, Nov. 28.—The steamer Dolphin arrived at noon yesterday. She had a very rough trip up but stood it splendidly. She brought the following passengers for Dawson: J. M. Pool, J. Stewart, J. Sayse, L. A. Hanson and wife. The Cottage City and Dirigo are due tomorrow. Major W. L. Pitscher has arrived at Skagway to take command of the troops of South Eastern Alaska. A letter to Deputy Collector C. L. Andrews from Thos. Willing Balch, the author of the celebrated monograph on the Alaskan boundary, states that a second and larger monograph is ready for the press. Balch is just back from Europe and says he has conclusive proof that the American contention is right. New evidence partly in the nature of maps has been secured at foreign capitals. He has also obtained other material from the same sources. He acknowledges his indebtedness to Collector Andrews for important data. Thanksgiving Day was celebrated yesterday by religious services, dinners, dances and athletic contests. The cold snap has struck Skagway and the water pipes are bursting all over the city.

GUSHER WILL BE CAPPED.

Government Will Take Action Immediately. Tenders for Doing the Work Will Be Called for and No Time to Be Lost—Four Sluiceways Running.

Acting Commissioner Wood this afternoon decided that for the protection of mining property on Bonanza and Eldorado the gusher on 3a Eldorado must be capped, and contracts will at once be called for to do the work. Government Mining Engineer Beaudette has estimated the "pressure of the flow," and places it at about 351 pounds to the square foot. From this he believes that it will not be necessary to sink the shaft but only fifty feet. At about this depth therefore a platform will be put in, and the pipe started. The dimensions of this pipe have not been decided upon. When the pipe is in place the shaft will be filled in, and this will take in the neighborhood of 370 cubic yards.

Rev. John Pringle, who came from the Forks this morning, says that the flow of the water has very much increased, and it is now quite four sluiceways.

The government has now at work some fifty to sixty men, but they are unable to cope with the stream because it freezes so rapidly. The only recourse seems to be to cap the flow, and this will be done as soon as possible.

All work has been abandoned down to No. 11 lower Bonanza. All the shafts are flooded and all the dumps surrounded by ice.

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OPENED NOV. 27th. I shall advocate an assay office operated in conjunction with the quartz mill where ore may be tested free of charge.—James Hamilton Ross.

STAMPEDE TO ARIZONA

Number Leave Dawson With Dog Team

Diggings Shallow and Only Four Feet to Bedrock—Fifty Cents to Pan.

About fifteen men with dog teams left here this morning on a stampede to the new discovery on Arizona creek, which was recorded yesterday afternoon by George Palmer and Jerry E. Drapeau. This creek is about 125 miles up the Klondike, and the sworn statements of the discoverers in regard to it is as follows: "On Aug. 15 we proceeded from Dawson to prospect on the above named creek, which is situated on the left limit of the south fork of the Klondike river and about ten miles above Josephine creek. "We reached Arizona creek on or about Aug. 21 and prospected continuously there until Oct. 1st. We sank in the neighborhood of twenty holes to bed rock, some of which were more than four feet in depth. We found color in every shaft, the greatest amount in one pan being 50 cents. "We located and staked a discovery claim on the said creek on Nov. 28, about half a mile from the mouth, and at the point where we found the best prospect."

Still Out of Business. The telegraph line which has been down south of Atlin for the past two days is still out of business. Between here and Skagway the wire is up and in working order, but there is no direct communication with Vancouver. How long it will be before through business will be accepted is not known.

ASK FOR SCHOOL. Miners of Lower Dominion Send in Petition. A petition has been received by Acting Commissioner Wood from the miners of lower Dominion, asking for the establishment of a school there. The petitioners claim that there are about ten children of school age in the district.

The matter has been referred to Superintendent of Schools Ross and upon a favorable report from him a same promptitude the government has shown in reference to the school question on other creeks.

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