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AN OPEN LETTER.

Dawson, Y. T., Nov. 3, 1899.
 To the Hon. Wm. Ogilvie, Yukon Commissioner, Dawson, Y. T.
 Honored Sir—We bespeak your ear for a few words on public affairs. In the seclusion of your council, we nor the general public have a voice. Your public acts, excepting when they take mandatory form, are locked from us until resultant evils or occasional good attract public attention. It is not our intention, however, in this letter to protest against the painful secrecy maintained by yourself or council upon legislative matters which vitally affect us all. We wish simply to apprise you that a certain contemplated act of yourself and advisers is by the multiplicity of our citizens considered and believed to be discriminatory, unjust and sumptuary. We refer to the pending legislation spoken of by Mr. Justice Dugas, in our local columns, whereby you premeditate providing a circulation for your flattering apologist, the Sun; a circulation which, if left to public approbation or favor would be forever wanting. We would urge you to consider that while the public concede your right to prolong the miserable existence of the Sun by bestowing upon it the government's patronage, you will be exceeding your duties to that hiring paper, and will still further estrange this people by carrying out your evident design of compelling the general public to patronize an organ they despise, and to contribute to the coffers of a periodical they have long wished dead.

To enact that no public notice shall be considered legal by our courts unless published in a newspaper whose chief aim in life and excuse for existence seems to be to fawn around you as a cur expecting a bone, is to debase those courts to the level of a subscription agent for that periodical. To arbitrarily declare the public shall have no choice but must support it financially, is adding insult to injury, and is a sumptuary measure which nothing can justify but extreme necessity. It would be as if you were endeavoring to compel them to advertise in a paper devoted to an injury of their business.

We would still further point out that the object of the publication of legal notices is that they may meet the eye of the general public, and more particularly the individuals concerned in the case. This object is defeated by publishing them in an obscure journal which, like a leaden dollar, refuses to circulate. We would submit to you that upon a certain occasion when the government wished to dispose of its lots, a month's publication of the notice in the official organ failed to secure a bidder on the day of sale, or to apprise the public that such a sale was to take

place. You will remember that after two insertions in these columns the sale was a general object of public discussion from the mouth of the Klondike to Australia creek.

Leaving these things for your consideration, we beg to subscribe ourselves
 Your Most Obedient Servant,

THE NUGGET.

THANK YOU.

We are pleased to acknowledge the host of congratulations which have poured upon us unsolicited anent the special issue of The Nugget, which was given out to our subscribers on Wednesday last.

The appreciation bestowed upon our efforts to reduce a series of special articles by the best writers, covering everything in this strange northern land which a Klondiker would like to tell to his absent family, is most gratifying to us, and proves us to be in close touch with our readers and able to furnish them what they want. Every subject was covered, from geological formations of the golden drifts to the birds which nest on the Yukon flats. The history of the Alaskan peninsula, from the invasion of the Russians to the last Klondike stampede was dealt with in concise and readable form. As we rest from our labors it is a distinct pleasure to know that our efforts have been appreciated; that our patrons are well pleased at this, the only concise and complete book of information on the Klondike yet published. All of the articles and poems are original in Dawson, and some of them betray no mean order of merit. Our friends have been pleased to think that when it is considered the pages and pages of illustrations are an entire home product in a land not far from the frigid one, etched out on zinc by the slow, expensive and laborious process which alone is available, that they are distinctly a meritorious production deserving of the highest encomiums.

Gentlemen of the Klondike, we thank you for your words of encouragement, and our pride shall always be in producing better and better issues, deserving of the patronage which has always been ours.

INJURIOUS FALSEHOODS.

Our contemporary, the News, is doing more to continue that abnoxious royalty regulation than everything else on the Klondike combined. Scarcely an issue appears without a colossal story of claims running in \$50 pans, until we are reminded of Mr. Ogilvie's report to his government in 1896-7, which report was the original cause of the iniquitous tax. Whenever the News needs a space-filler, an article of this nature is "dug up." By changing the name of the creek a new item is made of it. Scarcely a creek today but has thus been exploited by our untruthful contemporary, that unreliable sheet neglecting always to explain why such a claim as it describes is selling for from \$20,000 to \$50,000, when by the News' figures it will dig in one season at least \$6,000,000.

When Mr. Ogilvie reports to Ottawa that the royalty of 10 per cent is working satisfactorily, and that the claims on every creek can pay it, his best support would be a series of these News clippings—and are probably used for that very purpose. When The Nugget representatives were in Ottawa last winter with an appeal for a reduction of

the royalty, they were almost struck speechless to find their arguments answered by voluminous clippings from the Dawson papers—the Miner and Sun—showing the unparalleled richness of our streams. It certainly could not be very laborious for a miner to secure a single pan of dirt from his claim, no matter how hard it was frozen; and when that pan of dirt was declared by the local papers to run from \$50 to \$250 in gold dust, there was no reason we could advance why such riches should not contribute 10 per cent to the government.

As a matter of fact, a claim in the Klondike country which will yield \$1 to the bucket is a "rafa avis;" a gem in a mountain of pebbles; a white blackbird—indeed is a fortune to its possessor. Then why is an unreliable local journal to be allowed to fill up its space with such stories of fabulous wealth on every stream? In the first place they are untrue, and in the second place designed to work irreparable injury to the hard working miners. We have been down a shaft a hundred feet deep in one of the good claims of the district and found an inch of a rusty looking pay streak. Every foot of the shaft was slow, expensive and unprofitable work, and we should have been disseminating an unmitigated falsehood had we written a glowing article upon the \$10 pans which we saw, without also mentioning the hundreds of buckets of dirt which cost a dollar to take out, and which didn't contain enough gold to distress you if inserted under the eyelids. Such stuff as the News is publishing is trash. It is damaging to the district and misleading to purchasers. It is inimical to the true interests of the country, and if true would justify a royalty of 20 per cent instead of 10, as it is at present.

A young German scientific enthusiast of Seattle, who accompanied Prince Luigi's expedition to Mount St. Elias, demonstrated that a man may subsist on Alaskan moss. A German would rather prove "scientific truth" than to open a gold mine.—Seattle Times.

The difference between the "Alaska rush" to the Klondike in "boom days" and the "Alaska rush" of today is loaded steamers to the limit both ways instead of one.—Seattle Times.

The medical fraternity are opposing the "horseless" carriage. They say its continued use tends to automobiliousness.—Seattle Times.

Sport on the Quiet.

On last Monday night at Brand's gymnasium was given an interesting athletic entertainment by the members of the club. There were fully 60 people present. The first event was a two-bout wrestling contest between C. F. Krelling and H. L. Stull. The first fall was won by Krelling in 7½ minutes, the second, however, was earned by Stull in 7 minutes. This was followed by a clever three round go, with Ben Howard and George Hall as the principals, ending in a draw, with honors even. On next Wednesday, the 8th, a team match will struggle with the basket ball, another with hand ball, then an exhibition of club swinging will be given for members only.

The man who claims it is 10 below zero and the fellow who insists it is 10 above can settle their differences by a visit to Cribbs & Rogers' drug store. Mr. Rogers has brought in with him the only absolutely accurate thermometer to be found in town. It is of the spirit pin point variety and Mr. Cribbs proposes to keep a daily record, so temperature fiends can now have an authority to refer to.

Regular Nugget Express teams are now leaving Dawson for all the creeks every Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. C. Small is registered at the Hotel McDonald.

A. J. Kroenert, of Gold Hill, is a visitor to Dawson.

W. S. Stevens, of Grand Forks, is a guest at the Fairview.

Frank McGregor, a mine owner on Magnet gulch, is visiting the city.

Ed. Ensel, who is interested in Bonanza property, is visiting Dawson.

A. H. Jewell, a miner on Hunker creek, is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. Harry Woolrich is confined to her apartments in the Regina, because of a slight illness.

Mr. F. Shout has gone to Gold Run for the purpose of working his hillside claim, located on that creek.

I. F. Brown and wife, F. C. Blair, C. E. Vennington, and W. Leak, are registered at the Hotel McDonald.

Mr. Freeman and Mrs. Kornell were united in marriage recently by Father Gendreau at the Catholic church.

John Calhoun has returned to Dawson, after spending two months in prospecting a bench claim on Hunker.

Joe Cook came in from the Dome road house on Tuesday morning, having made one of the record trips of the season.

Tom Lloyd retired from the Green Tree business on Wednesday, and has assumed the management of No. 17 Eldorado.

D. R. McDonald, a miner on Dominion, was brought to Dawson Tuesday, and confined to the Good Samaritan hospital. He is suffering from typhoid fever.

The many friends of Claude Kelly were glad to see him down town last week, looking as strong and good natured as ever, having fully recovered from his recent illness.

James Reynolds, a layman on No. 12 below lower discovery, Dominion, is in town. He is waiting for the trail to become sufficiently hard to enable him to transport some mining machinery.

Messrs. Orr & Tukey, the bustling freighters, are hard at work making preparations for the coming season. They have 50 head of stock in fine condition and all the accessories necessary for the successful handling of a large business. W. D. Scroggy is managing the enterprise.

EXPRESS SERVICE—To any claim on the creeks. Messengers leave Wednesday and Saturday mornings for Eldorado and Bonanza. Every Wednesday morning for Hunker, Sulphur and Dominion. Nugget Express. Office Boyle's wharf.

You can get stationery in big variety at the Pioneer Drug Store. E. Shoff, chemist.

The Nugget Express has established an office at 28 below upper, Dominion. Orders for expressage on the creeks or to the outside may be left at any branch office or given to messengers.

Candles, \$3.25 per box, at Mohr & Wilkens'.

A Dawson Emporium.

When Galileo said the world moved he uttered a truth which has been recognized by all intelligent men, and nowhere is this truism impressed more strongly upon the mind than right here in Dawson. Two years ago who would have thought that every luxury obtainable in a great city would be found in this far northern country, and yet today such is a fact. A visit to the new department stores of the N. A. T. & T. Co. will evidence the truth of the assertion. There in magnificent profusion can be seen elegant brass bedsteads, from the child's delicately porcelain crib to the most expensive productions of Eastern factories. Clocks in all varieties, even to the eight-day regulator; mantel and boudoir clocks, imported from France; first class mirrors, round and elliptical, magnificently bordered in golden frames; side-boards, costing from \$100 to \$2000. Lamps, silver and gold chased. Musical instruments of all kinds. Cut glass tableware, exquisitely decorated punch bowls, Japanese vases, ebony toilet sets, with sterling silver decorations; silverware in endless varieties; hand painted chinaware, Persian rugs, Brussels and Aixminster carpets, ingrain and matting, as well as portieres, draperies and velvet upholstered goods. It seems almost incredible that such luxuries as these can be purchased here, but a visit to the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s store will not only prove the fact, but the visitor will be astonished by the immense assortment of these very goods.

STORAGE—Boyle's wharf, under the management of the Nugget Express.

Beer, ale, porter and wines served to table guests on Sunday at Cafe Royal.

As a treat, take your best girl to dine at the Cafe Royal. She will be sure to like it.

Mackinaw suits \$4 at Mohr & Wilkens'.

The Nugget Express will start a dog team for Cape Nome and intermediate points after the freeze-up. Letters and small packages may be left at office on Boyle's wharf.

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