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DAWSON, Y. T., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1901

PRICE 25 CENTS

ICE JAMMED AT FORTY MILE

Stopped Running at 5 O'Clock Yesterday and Unless Jam Breaks Ice Will Stop Here Tonight or Tomorrow—The River Clear at Hootalinqua—Nora on Way Down.

Old Klondikers are much puzzled by the sudden rise in the temperature in the past 24 hours and are wondering what effect it will have on the flow of the river. Saturday morning at 9 o'clock the lowest point of the mercury during the preceding 24 hours was 16 below zero, while today it is 21 above and the mid-Chinook breeze is blowing from the south. The change seems to have had some effect in the ice in the river. For this morning open channels from six to 10 and 12 feet wide are seen running here and there through the floes, whereas two days ago the mass was perfectly compact. From word received this morning by men from points both up and down the river it is difficult to prophesy all the next 24 hours will develop. The Eagle river is open, but at Forty Mile it jammed at 5 o'clock last night and still holds. Though the jam is broken and the water is running, it is still not unlikely that Dawson may again view an open river yet this season. Taking an average of three days an hour for the current the ice at Hootalinqua would reach here within five days or less—ad if the weather should remain warm during the present week the welcome sound of the steamer Nora may be heard by Saturday or Friday, and possible later, she having reported at Five Fingers this morning at 8:25. "The consensus of opinion along the water front is that everything depends upon the Fortynile jam. If it holds no thought of further navigation need be entertained, but if it should break here will doubtless be another summer in this week. The Nora has very mail, but whether any from the north or not is not known. No mail has been received from any of

When on Dominion

STOP AT THE—
Gold Run Hotel.
J. R. FOWLE, Prop.
ALL MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.
STEAM TRANSFER & STORAGE CO.
FREIGHTERS
DAILY STAGE TO GRAND FORKS
DOUBLE SERVICE
New Ladies Bureau, 10 a. m. and 5 p. m.
New Ladies Grand Forks, 10 a. m. and 5 p. m.
First Class Stable 9. Grand Forks 24

Minister in Luck.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church Thursday prevailed on Rev. J. Wright to leave the neighborhood of the church for a short time and when he returned he found they had transformed his living room in the rear into a very cozy retreat by the addition of new furniture, carpets, etc. The reverend gentleman was very much surprised and pleased at the change—Whitehorse Star.

First appearance of W. W. Bittner at the Auditorium (Old Savoy) tonight.

SEE CUMMINGS AS THE MAN FROM MEXICO AT NEW SAVOY.

"DEL MONTE"

J. W. Marchbank, Proprietor.
Drinks and Cigars - 25 Cents
Only First-Class Goods Carried in Stock.
First Street - Opp. Yukon Dock

Metaline Bushed Sheaves.

These Sheaves are specially adapted for use in the mines. They are run without the use of Oil or Grease and are the
Only Self Lubricating Sheave on the Market.
Sizes, 4, 6, 8 and 10 inches.

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FOR RENT—A three-room furnished house. Apply at Gandolfo's, corner of 1st and 2nd Sts.
W. W. Bittner in "Niobe" Monday night at Auditorium (Old Savoy)

SELF-ROBBERY NEXT IN ORDER

Police Have Little Faith in Reported Hold-ups.

The carnival of innocent hold-ups which are of about semi-weekly report goes merrily on, and yet none of the victims appear to lose anything but the short space of time alleged to be consumed by the action. The truth of the matter is that the police and few if any others have any faith in the wily-washy stories told by the alleged victims who, after the matter is investigated, are found to have lost nothing in the affair. The same sort of stories were numerous two years ago this winter when a "long and a short man" were operating quite extensively. One young man who had been entrusted with a sum of money claimed to have lost by being held-up and robbed. His story was this case and he himself was arrested. He confessed that it was all a fake, and told the story to clear himself. After he had been sentenced to three months at hard labor it was noticed the "long and short" pair went out of business.

The man who has been entrusted with another's money is now about due to be held up and robbed of it, but he must be able to show the police a better account of the affair than has yet been put up before his story will be accepted as true. He will do well to take a partner in his enterprise and have himself put in the unenviable position of repairs as stories unsupported by corroborating evidence are not convincing.

GOLD DUST AT \$14 PER OUNCE

Is Rate of Valuation Fixed by Dance Hall Girls.

The question that for some time has been agitating Dawson dance hall circles resulted in definite action being taken Saturday night or early Sunday morning when, after business hours, a meeting of representatives from the various dance halls was held in the back room of the Exchange. The meeting was regularly called to order, a president and other officers duly chosen and the object of the meeting stated by Sugar Plum Marie. The length of time the girls should work, the pay they are to receive for the same and the medium of exchange to be taken in pay were among the questions discussed. After an hour or two being spent in the airing of individual opinion someone introduced the following set of resolutions which adopted:

Whereas, Our wage rate has been reduced by the proprietors to \$50 per week, and

Whereas, That stipulated sum has been paid to us in gold dust for which our employers paid \$14.50, we accepting it at \$16 per ounce, and

Whereas, Notwithstanding that all self-respecting proprietors allow one hour for supper, certain ones of our sisterhood have been fined within the past \$5 for taking more than 40 minutes for supper, therefore be it

Resolved, That hereafter we will accept our salaries in gold dust at \$14 per ounce so long as it costs the proprietors \$14.50. And be it further

Resolved, That if that time is allowed for lunch and if that time is exceeded that the offender be fined only in proportion to her wages covering the specified time of absence. And be it further

Resolved, That we stand pat.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted after which the meeting put off its furs and faded into the dappled gray of early morn.

Men Were All Right.

The three men who passed down river early Saturday morning, their boat being frozen in the moving ice, and who afterwards were rescued by Moosehide Indians, were but little the worse for their exposure after being fed and thoroughly warmed. Their names and where they came from were not learned.

Private Dances.

Beginning Wednesday evening a number of private dancing assemblies will be held weekly in the A. B. hall from now until St. Andrews hall takes place. The purpose will be principally for practice in some of the Scotch dances and Caledonian quadrilles.

Only the best brands of case goods served. Drinks and cigars 25c. Pete McDonald, Bank saloon.

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THE YUKON'S MILKY WAY

A West Dawson Dairyman Contributes Lactal Fluid.

A West Dawson dairyman who has been accustomed to make two daily trips to Dawson with lactal fluid had a narrow escape from drowning Saturday evening. When in about the centre of the river on his way to Dawson his boat was caught between two large cakes of ice in such a way as to upset it, throwing the owner and several gallons of milk into the river water. The man managed to save himself by scrambling onto a cake of ice which he steered toward the shore with one of the boat oars he retained in his hands, landing in the neighborhood of St. Mary's hospital. The boat and milk can continued down the river. The dairyman is still on this side. He buys milk to supply his customers and in the meantime wonders how his partner and cows are getting along on the opposite side of the river.

TEAM DRIVER'S LEG BROKEN

By His Wagon Upsetting on a B-low Bonanza.

Ira Eastman a driver of one of Orr & Tukey's teams, met with a serious accident this afternoon at 18 below on Bonanza. As has been before mentioned the Bonanza is in very bad condition in places and it was when driving over one of these bad places in the road that the heavily loaded wagon tipped over and a part of the load fell on Eastman breaking his leg.

The full particulars of the accident have not as yet been learned so that it is not known whether or not he sustained any other injury.

RICH FIND ON BISHOP

Which Empties into Indian River Below Montana.

The Indian river district is becoming noted this year for its stampede and new discoveries. First came Montana creek, then Conglomerated, Stove, McKinnon and other creeks and on Friday last still another new one was added to the list. Bishop creek is the latest. It is a tributary of Indian river entering on the left limit three miles below Montana and two miles above McKinnon. The discovery was made early last week and within a few hours the creek was staked from its mouth to the summit. The creek is about four miles long, discovery being located approximately by two miles from the mouth. In sinking their first hole the discoverers went through 29 feet of muck and struck pay almost on top of the gravel. They put in but two feet and finding 10 cents to the pan has been in to record without waiting to reach bedrock. They recorded Friday, were allowed a discovery and returned to the claim the following day with the intention of finishing the hole to bedrock. They are very enthusiastic over their discovery and are confident bedrock will show some astonishing results. Sixty claims have been staked above discovery and 20 below.

Don't forget the grand opening of the Auditorium (Old Savoy) Monday night.

DEMAND FOR LABOR

Extensive Operations Will Be Carried on Until Spring.

A gentleman of Dawson who lately made a business tour of a number of the creeks is authority for the statement that more men by fully one-half will be employed on the creeks this winter than were last. Nearly every claim on Hunker the entire length of the creek, aside from the concessions, will be operated this winter as will also those on all pups and tributaries. The same conditions will prevail on Dominion, while Gold Run will also be the scene of considerable activity. Eldorado is active to its entire length. On Bonanza but little winter work will be done especially on the creek claims or on Chechako hill. A number of other hills and benches, however, will be operated.

Present indications are that there will be fewer idle men in Dawson from now until spring than during any winter in the history of the country.

DAWSON SHORT ON CHANGE

Very Little Small Money Now in Circulation.

At no time in the history of Dawson has there been such a dearth of change, silver money and small bills, as at present. A local tonorial artist says that four-fifths of his customers last Saturday tendered bills and usually \$5, \$10 or \$20, in payment of their shaves. The saloonmen also find it hard to keep sufficient change on hand to accommodate their customers. Just what has become of all the small currency is not known, but there appears to be but very little of it in circulation in Dawson at the present time.

GOOD ROADS IN SIGHT

Only a Few Inches of Snow Now Required.

The fall of snow today will do much towards making the roads in good sledding condition as in most places where they have been much traveled since the freeze up they are very smooth. Four or five inches of the "beautiful" would put them in as fine shape as they were at any time last winter.

A Deliberate Deed.

"What verdict did the coroner's jury bring in?" inquired a man who had seen the lynching.

"Suicide," answered Broncho Bob promptly. "He must have known perfectly well that stealing a horse in Crimson Gulch was bound to prove fatal."—Washington Star.

No Late News.

At 4:30 o'clock this evening no late news had been received regarding incoming mail either in canoes or the steamer Nora which passed Five Fingers early this morning.

In Temporary Retirement.

Mr. E. J. Fitzpatrick, the rustling "ad" solicitor and good looking member of the Nugget force, is confined to his room with a severe cold which threatens to develop a fever.

Don't fail to see "Niobe" at the Auditorium (Old Savoy) tonight.

COMMISSIONER JAS. H. ROSS

Receives a Multitude of Visitors Every Day at His Office.

Commissioner James H. Ross is probably the busiest man in Dawson. The commissioner's office is still in the old administration building formerly occupied as the Dawson post-office. At almost any moment in the day a visit to the ante room will discover from three to a half dozen people awaiting an audience with the commissioner, and it is not infrequently a larger number may be found.

Mr. Ross has the peculiar ability of reaching immediately the chief point in a given time than any other official in the public service. Whether in other service, whether in the uniform courtesy it is made clear at once that the Commissioner has a great deal of business to handle, and that his time is limited.

All manner of people upon every conceivable errand call at the office of the chief executive and the commissioner might remain until midnight each evening and still the train of visitors would not diminish. It is said of Mr. Ross that he can satisfactorily dispose of more people with a given time than any other official in the public service. Whether this be true or not it yet remains a fact that a continuous procession of people is headed toward his office during the day, and no criticisms have been heard as to the treatment they receive.

Kelly & Co., Leading Druggists.

THE MAN FROM MEXICO AT NEW SAVOY THIS WEEK.

SUDDEN RISE IN MERCURY

Materially Enlarges Period of Open Water in Yukon.

The sudden and extreme change in the weather, a moderation of nearly 40 degrees in 48 hours, has put a different altitude on the standing of the Yukon. While on Saturday the mercury at 16 degrees below zero it looked as though the river would close by the middle of this week, today with the mercury 24 above zero, it looks as though the date of closing is many days in the future. If the other side rivers are closed like the Klondike there is a possibility that, should the weather remain warm the Yukon will run entirely clear of ice.

Hallow'een Party.

A very pleasant children's party was given Hallow'een at the residence of Mr. Chas. McDonald, by his charming little daughter, Miss Constance. The usual youthful games were indulged in followed by light refreshments, all enjoying the pleasing hospitality of their young hostess.

Present were: Misses Marie, Lillie and Marguerite Thompson, Eliza McLennan, Eileen Bell, Gertrude Arnold, Myrtle Turner, Mamie Te Roller, Leslie and Mary McDonald, and Master Jack Arnold, Charlie Thompson, Gordon Ross, Clement Clark, Guy Congdon, Ross Hartnab Ryder Davis.

The Fuel Market.

An effort was made by a few dealers last week to advance the price of wood to \$14 per cord, but a good article is still obtainable at \$12. Dealers assert, however, that by Christmas wood will be selling at from \$16 to \$18.

A Compromise.

"Mister, said Meandering Mike, 'I have just heard your time was worth 50 cents a second.'
'What of it?'
'I was just going to stop you to ask you what time it is, but you kin give me 50 cents instead.'—Washington Star.

Consistent.

"I am afraid I can't pay you this month."
"But you said that last month," remonstrated the tailor.
"Well, you'll at least give me credit for having kept my word."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Usual Way.

Mrs. Newlywed—So your husband insisted that at least two of the pegs in the clothes closet belonged to him?
Mrs. Justioneed—Yes, but I brought him down a peg.

Send a copy of Goetzmar's Souvenir to outside friends. A complete pictorial history of Klondike. For sale at all news stands. Price \$3.50.

Tonight, grand opening of the Auditorium (Old Savoy).

DON'T FAIL TOO SEE DEL ADLPHIA AT NEW SAVOY.

THEY WANT THEIR MONEY

Canadian Bank of Commerce Asks Judgment in Justice Dugas' Court Against Lyonaise Syndicate for \$92,500—Syndicate Says Terms of Sale Were Not Fulfilled.

Mr. Justice Dugas sat in chambers today hearing a number of adjourned motions, rendering several judgments on motions argued last Monday, and otherwise assisting in giving the wheels of justice a few turns. It is supposed to be at a standstill during vacation.

The ubiquitous case, Belcher and McDonald though on appeal was again brought up on a motion to review the taxation of costs. Adjourning to Monday next.

In Campbell vs. the Yukon Fuel Co. an examination for discovery was ordered before Clerk McDonald for Wednesday, November 6.

Judgment was rendered in the case of Norwood and Clarke vs. Falconer et al. the matter coming up last Monday on an argument of a motion for judgment by the plaintiff. As was stated in a previous review of the case, the plaintiff's contention was to have 704 ounces of gold dust now deposited in court to be declared their own, dust taken from the claims which they had sold defendants and which was alleged was rightfully theirs by virtue of a certain agreement which had been entered into by parties concerned. The dispute was as to the exact terms of the agreement, plaintiffs claiming the gross output and defendants contending that the expenses of operating the property should first be deducted. His lordship held that the disposition of the dust was a matter to be adjudicated at the trial and dismissed the motion for judgment with costs. In rendering his decision his lordship again took occasion to speak of the needless verbosity of the evidence at the examination for discovery, he being compelled to wade through 75 pages of testimony in order to arrive at a conclusion. It was remarked that some witnesses evidently needed considerable squeezing in order to get their testimony out of them.

Final judgment was rendered in the case of Bonfield against Davis. The case is an old one, dating back to '88 and '89 and concerns the winding up of the partnership affairs of the firm which existed at that time. During the progress of the action a receiver was appointed by the court who took charge of certain chattels the property of the firm and sold the same, depositing the proceeds of the sale in court. Much of the contention arose over the division of the money. His lordship's decision is that the funds be equally divided, the costs of the injunction to go against the plaintiff and other costs to be borne equally. While rendering his decision Justice Dugas stated that the plaintiff in his examination before the court denied having made any arrangement with defendant so as to lease the premises in the name of the co-partnership, a statement that is contrary to the facts.

Marshbanks vs. McKay came up on an affidavit of defendant in which he stated as matters now stand in the case a great hardship was being worked upon him and he asked for speedy relief. The litigation arose over the management of the hillside claim adjoining the upper half, left limit, of 33 below lower on Dominion, in which the parties to the suit own an equal interest. A receiver was appointed for the property and in taking charge of it it is alleged he likewise seized a quantity of machinery the separate property of defendant and in which the firm had no interest. Such seizure is alleged as wrongfully committed and defendant desires such portion of the chattels taken in charge by the receiver that belongs to him personally be immediately released in order that he may use the same in the logging business during the present winter season. Counsel for plaintiff vigorously opposed being hurried to trial during vacation and the motion was enlarged until Thursday to enable the gentlemen to further consult with his client. Another case of the same title was likewise continued until Thursday.

Brown vs. Jeha again came up on a motion by defendant for security for costs of the action. Affidavits were read setting forth the fact that Brown had left the territory and was believed to have settled permanently in Whatcom, Washington, his former home. The defendant states he has a good defense to the action, but in view of the departure of plaintiff he objects to going on with the suit unless some security is given him for his costs in case of the termination being successful to his interests. Stands over till Monday.

Macaulay vs. V. Y. T. Co., a case also of long standing, is set down for trial on Tuesday, November 13, at 10:30.

Delage vs. N. A. T. & T. Co. stands over until Monday.

Another case which has come up with marked regularity every Thursday for several weeks is that of the Canadian Bank of Commerce vs. the Syndicate Lyonaise. At this morning's session his lordship again reiterated the statement made several times before that on account of his familiarity with the case and his close connection with the parties concerned he would not sit as the trial judge unless both parties insisted upon it. Counsel for plaintiff said he was ready to proceed and gave notice to put up security for \$57,000 otherwise he would ask for judgment. Counsel for defendant signified his willingness to proceed and the argument was begun. In opening the case Attorney Clarke stated that on June 22 Joe Barrett had sold to the defendant company several claims on Dominion for the sum of \$167,500, of which sum \$75,000 was paid in cash, the deferred payment of \$92,500 being secured by mortgage on the property sold. The mortgage contained severality conditions among them being one to the effect that in case a perfect title to 9 above lower could not be secured by the vendor, which was among the number of claims sold, the sum of \$35,000 was to be forfeited and that amount was to be credited upon the deferred payment. Another condition of the mortgage was concerning some 700 cords of wood, the plant on the claim, groceries, etc., of the total value of \$10,000. Plaintiff has deed and now possesses a good title to No. 9, ready to transfer it in common with the other claims. Defense claims misrepresentation in many particulars and an abatement of \$35,000 on account of the defective title to No. 9. His lordship reserved his decision.

Notice.

The management of the McDonald hotel will be grateful if the friends who so kindly assisted in removing goods to safety during the late fire will please report where same are stored. Call at office in hotel bar.

SEE THE OLIO OF SPECIALTIES AT THE NEW SAVOY.

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