

MORAL TIDE IS FLOODING

And in a Short Time Dawson Will Be Purged

Of a Large Amount of Sin, Iniquity and General Looseness—One-Eyed Riley Must Work or Move.

That all indications point to a "spring cleaning" such as has never before been witnessed in the broad northland is now apparent. The officers feel that the time is ripe for the advent of a moral wave which, when it recedes, will leave in its wake an air and atmosphere of a much purer quality than that which now pervades this country. The fiat has gone forth and what is more, it will be rigidly obeyed for the reason that long experience and observation have taught the residents of Dawson and the Yukon that no idle orders ever emanate from the police department of the Dominion government.

Already the vanguard orders have been issued notifying lewd women to vacate from within the confines of the city by May 1st. Open gambling has been considered with the result that by June 1st it must be discontinued, and when that is done the small army of "boosters" and hangers on around gaming tables must needs seek pastures new, go honestly to work or they will be provided with the same by the government in its wood yard.

Dave Allen—"One-Eyed Riley"—has been notified to secure honorable employment or get out of the Yukon within one week, and many others of his ilk are on the list and must work or move on. It is also said that many couples unmarried but who are now living together quietly as man and wife must either sacrifice themselves on the altar of conventionality by having the marriage ceremony performed or answer to the law which forbids the leading of such life. When this law is enforced there will be one of two things: wholesale splitting up of alleged families or a boom in the matrimonial market.

THE BIG STAMPEDE.

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Another thing about creek fractions which it is well for stamperders to bear in mind, is the fact that the base line of the creek upon which a claim has been staked has absolutely nothing to do with the base line of the claim itself.

The minister of the interior has declared that the base line of the claim is established by the location stakes, and that the side lines must run at right angles to this base line so established and not at right angles to the base line of the creek unless the two coincide.

This decision throws open to location a very large number of small gore-shaped fractions on creeks long since staked and supposedly vacant of all ground open to location.

Eureka creek is largely an objective point for a large number of stamperders who are under the impression that the creek was rightly named, and that good things are waiting for those who are fleet of foot and have a sharp ax. No. 57 Gold Run was among the claims recently thrown open for location and would have been looked upon with eyes of covetousness by several hundred stamperders had it not been reserved at the eleventh hour, so to speak, by reason of an application for compensation by some one who knew a good thing, and took advantage of his right under the law which allows those who have bought ground at government sales, for which, owing to errors, or other good and sufficient causes, the government cannot give a title to, to apply for other ground by way of compensation for his loss. Under that law the gold commissioner has no choice but to withdraw from location privileges, such ground as is applied for under that section. That privilege of compensation will cease when the hands of the clock point to the midnight hour tonight, however, and no further compensation in that way, at least, can be made.

It does not by any means follow that because a compensation applicant files an application for a certain piece of ground in lieu of the one he purchased, but did not get, that he will be granted the claim asked for. That is a matter which has to be looked into and decided upon later. Stamperders upon returning from the present excursion must not become filled with bitterness of spirit or wax wroth if grants are not forthcoming upon the filing of applications, because, as a Nugget representative was informed at the gold commis-

sioner's office this morning, there will be no time to issue these grants at the time on account of the great number.

The applications will be taken and the grants will be issued later if everything is in regular form and the applicants are entitled to them.

In accordance with the great number of stamperders, and the number of claims for which grants will be asked, there is very little doubt but what the number of legal entanglements which will arise will be in proportion to and keep pace with the applications.

To such a fine point of nice calculation has the matter of time been reduced by intending stamperders that during the past ten days, hundreds have been keeping a very close watch on the barracks 12 o'clock gun, and watches have been nicely regulated to correspond with it to the second.

A few days since there was a case in the gold commissioner's court, where six men told the truth when they swore to having staked a claim, each for himself during a certain hour, and each of the six produced his watch to prove the truth of his assertions with respect to the time. The watches corresponded to the gun time exactly.

That the race is not always to the swift may be demonstrated in the coming race for the recorder's window, where, of course, cognizance can not be taken of seconds of time, and through this there is a very good chance that much litigation may be started.

The awarding of a claim to one out of several applicants who each swear to having staked the ground at a certain time, is a matter requiring very nice discrimination in which other circumstances besides the exact time will almost surely have to be taken into account.

There is another stampede on today besides the one for crown lands purchased at the recent sales, and this morning lined up before the recorder's window there were about 30 tired but determined stamperders all awaiting an opportunity of paying the recording fee and acquiring there the right to "have and to hold," the fruits of their labor in claim staking on a Hunker tributary Saturday.

This tributary is known as Eighty pup, and will be remembered as being the scene of the discovery of the mastodon and uscuth remains now being exhibited in the city, and while the stamperders who applied for grants today designate their prospective property as placer mining claims, there is a faint suspicion in the minds of man, that the real intent is to mine for relics of a forgotten age, in the form of mastodon bones.

At all events, Eighty pup has been stamperded, and it is said not a piece of ground big enough to bury a dog with rabies is left for those who come after the stamperders.

All the means of conveyance which the city affords have been exhausted and they are supposedly inadequate to the demands.

Teams have hired for as much as \$60 for a day, and the man who owns a bicycle is having no lack of opportunity to loan it to friends who are ambitious to become claim owners by right of successful stampeding.

Many familiar faces from about town are missing today, and while it is not definitely known that their destination is an unclaimed patch of ground supposed to conceal within its frozen depths gold in large quantities, such is the information somewhat loudly whispered when questions concerning their whereabouts are asked.

The handsome faces of Jim Post and Messrs. O'Brien and Jackson are missing from the precincts of the Savoy today, likewise the genial mixer of stimulating drinks is absent from his usual place behind the bar, and it is said of them about town that they have gone to plant initial stakes where they will do the most good.

A. P. Matteson is also far from the maddening crowd.

O. S. Fanning, the obliging accountant of the A. C. Co.'s office, accompanied by Wm. King of the same institution has gone to gather in what he can find that looks good to him, and there is a peculiar springiness to the step of many other of the boys in the store which seems to confirm in a manner that they have been doing some speed practicing on their bicycles of late with this emergency in view, and the chances seem good that some of them will disappear temporarily this evening.

B. Sheppard of the A. E. Co.'s hardware department is missing, and Peter Vashon has not been seen today and it is averred that they are taking a little much needed exercise on the hills.

B. Baldwin, of the A. E. store, has been heard to remark that he will stampede this evening about the time the curfew should ring, on condition that some one will loan him a mule. So anxious is he to do this thing by the

aid of a long eared quadruped, that he don't even restrict the mule as to kicking.

Mr. Visared of the same store is expected to swell the stampeding multitude by his presence this evening.

Homer Bean, the well known sour dough who up to the present time has always fallen a victim to the staking habit on slight provocation, shakes his head decidedly when asked concerning his intentions in the present outlook, and says: "Nit. I know where there is a piece of ground 15 minutes walk from the Forks that is open to location, and I could have had it if I had been a mind to stake, but I won't."

"There is gold on all sides of this piece of ground, and on a bright day by the aid of a magnifying glass you can see gold in the air above it, but it is no use to me. If I staked it the gold would evaporate from the air above it, and slide off the bedrock onto an adjoining claim the first time I struck a pick in the ground, but whoever stakes it will get a good thing. I have staked and grub-staked and stampeded for years, and the best I ever got was the worst of it."

The employees of the Ames Mercantile Co., are admittedly conservative in their ideas regarding stamperders, and it was said this morning that no one had gone nor was going, but it is known of Jack Chisholm that he harbors a dog team which he has refused to lend, and his friends are keeping an eye on him, fearing the worst.

So the story of the stampede goes on, and might be told of nearly every house in town, as every one who can possibly get away has gone, or will go during the next 12 hours, and tonight it is thought there will be many hundred people less in town than there were last night.

Done Them One.

Saturday evening a man entered Clarke & Ryan's grocery store and ordered a can of syrup from Mr. Clarke. While Clarke was waiting on him he engaged Mr. Ryan in conversation in an undertone and when the syrup can was on the counter said aloud "all right," picked up the can and walked out. When Mr. Clarke asked Mr. Ryan what arrangement the man had made about paying for it, Mr. Ryan said "None at all," and could not remember what the man had said nor what he looked like. They are in hopes of seeing him again.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Which the Presbyterians Will Erect.

In the report of the board of managers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church for 1900 read at the last business meeting of the year, the following recommendation was submitted:

"In view of the manifest inadequate capacity of our present church building to accommodate all who desire to avail themselves of regular gospel ordinances, we recommend that this meeting take the necessary steps towards securing a suitable house of worship, by instructing the board of managers to proceed at once with preparing plans and estimates and adopting ways and means for the early erection of a new church, with a seating capacity of 600, and if by them deemed practicable after a canvass of the situation to proceed with the work."

The recommendation was approved and the board was given full power to act with the result that Dawson is to have a modern church building with a seating capacity of 600.

Subscription papers have been in circulation for some time past and the whole sum of \$10,000 for the erection and furnishing the building has been subscribed. Bids will be called for and the contract let immediately so that work may be commenced as quickly as possible.

The present church building will be moved onto the rear of the lot which is 100x200 feet, and will be used as a lecture and social hall.

The new building will occupy the site of the present one on Mission street and from both an exterior and interior view, according to the plans adopted will be a credit not only to those who have worked so hard for its accomplishment but to the community as well.

The interior fittings will be entirely of oak and among its chief attractions will be a new pipe organ which will be ordered from the outside.

Two furnaces will be installed in the basement and will radiate heat in proportion to the temperature so that the people sitting in any part of the building will be comfortable.

The Rev. Dr. Grant yesterday formally accepted the call tendered him a short time ago by the people of the church

and will soon be installed as its permanent pastor.

Accident on Chechako.

Tom McNamara and a man called Little Mike met with a serious accident on Williams and Stafford's claim on Chechako Hill yesterday. While being lowered into the drift, the cable which holds the cage slipped, dropping it a considerable distance. The extent of the injuries received could not be learned this afternoon, but it is understood that McNamara's back was injured, while Little Mike was very badly hurt.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

To sell oats, hams and flour for cash see S. Archibald.

Hay, oats and chopped feed. Meeker.

Beef, chechako, 33c by the side, at P. O. Market, Third street.

For choice meats go to the Denver Market.

Lined meal, 20c at Meeker's.

Dog Sale.

Notice is hereby given that all dogs which have been impounded for 30 days or over and are unclaimed on or before the 26th inst., will be sold at public auction at 2 p. m. on that date.

CONSTABLE E. BORROWS, c25 In Charge of Pound.

Up-river frozen fresh eggs. Meeker.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following survey, notice of which is published below, has been approved by Wm. Ogilvie, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, and unless protested within three months from the date of first publication of such approval in the Klondike Nugget newspaper, the boundaries of property as established by said survey shall constitute the true and unalterable boundaries of such property by virtue of an order in council passed at Ottawa the 2nd day of March, 1900.

Hillside claims adjoining the upper and lower half of creek claim No. 84 below discovery, right limit, Bonanza creek, in the Bonanza Mining Division of the Dawson Mining District, plans of which are deposited in the Gold Commissioner's Office at Dawson, Y. T., under receipt No. 45 by R. I. Jephson. First published February 25, 1901.

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