

### CREEK AND BENCH CLAIM BOUNDARIES

Are Decided by Whichever Regulations They Were Staked Under.

An Important Interview With the New Gold Commissioner—Fractions are Not to Be Opened at All.

The new gold commissioner, Mr. Senkler, was waited upon by a NUGGET representative on Wednesday. A card was sent in with a request for an interview and the scribe fancied he detected a quiet grin upon the face of the courteous inquiry clerk when he returned with the information that the knight of the pencil would have to wait. For nearly two hours and a half the man of printers' "copy" cooled his toes in the outer office while the wood ruster maliciously let the distant fire down to its last spark. One by one the windows were closed, and in the outer darkness and cold the scribe had ample time to moralize upon the immensity of the joy of waiting upon the gracious pleasure of the newly great. However, as the matter in hand was considered of vast importance to our readers, the copy maker determined to get the interview even if it took two days and a half instead of two hours and a half. Our readers will see that since it clears up much uncertainty it is well worth the discomforts and loss of time in securing it.

The scribe was received pleasantly and with apologies for the delay. "Mr. Senkler, will you kindly inform the readers of the NUGGET whether you have brought in anything in the nature of new mining regulations?"

"No, I have here as you see a long letter of instructions, but nothing in the nature of changed regulations."

"Will you state what your decision will be in the much talked of creek and bench claim boundary disputes?"

Mr. Senkler talked freely and intelligently upon this matter and the results are laid before our readers. The 1897 regulations give the boundaries of creek claims as "from base to base of hill or bench." All creek claims staked under those laws will be governed by them irrespective of what changes may have been made in the regulations since then, excepting that in the case of abandonment the relocation will bring the claim under whatever regulation is in force at that time. The 1898 regulations provide a boundary of creek claims "from rim-rock to rim-rock." Claims staked while those regulations are in force will be allowed the unreasonable privileges allowed them thereby. Absurd as this law is readily seen to be and notwithstanding the almost unmountable difficulties in the way of finding a rim-rock boundary, it is to be enforced. Mr. Senkler's position in the matter is clear and positive. "The minister of the interior said to me before leaving for Dawson 'Whatever the difficulties may be up there, remember that I am responsible for those regulations.' You will see that I am only here to follow and carry out the regulations; not to change them, even for better ones. A man who has located under certain regulations and has acquired his rights from those regulations cannot be interfered with by any change in those regulations afterwards unless the subsequent regulations state particularly that they shall so apply."

"How will your decision work over on Dominion where government surveyors have put four stakes to the creek claims? The stakes on one side did not come to either the base of hill or benches while of course it is not known where the rim-rock is. The benchmen have staked down to those official creek claim stakes and it will work a hardship if they are compelled to give up a good slice of their claims."

Mr. Senkler replied: "Because a surveyor goes and puts down stakes it does not interfere with a man's rights whatever they may be."

"Then the creek man can claim beyond the stakes if the regulations allow him more ground than the stakes enclose?"

"I have to abide by the regulations."

"Won't it work a hardship on the benchmen?"

"Yes, it will work a hardship."

"Will you kindly tell the readers of the NUGGET what disposition of fractional claims you propose to make?"

"Fractions cannot be located nor recorded. This office is in receipt of instructions from Ottawa to the effect that all fractions shall be reserved to the crown in lieu of alternate claims. Until other instructions are sent, either annulling or modifying that letter, no fractions can be staked nor recorded."

"Mr. Senkler there is a question in which we are all mightily interested. Will you review any of Mr. Thomas Fawcett's decisions?"

"No, I have no power to review any decision he may have made. The only appeal is to Ottawa."

"When Mr. Ogilvie first came here he decried the fact that the disorder of the records prevented them being made public. He said by January 1st he could safely promise they would be properly entered into books to which the public would have access. Has this been done?"

"No: It is being done and clerks are working nights to complete the work but it will take at least four months more. The immense amount of work on those books will render them much

too valuable for them to be placed in the hands of every inquirer to be quickly worn out and torn to pieces."

"Then, practically, the public records will never be public?"

"There will be a clerk all the time to refer to the books and give whatever information is wanted."

"Mr. Senkler, why fare the lawyers allowed the privilege of coming to this office and seeing the books, etc., and not the laymen?"

"Lawyers are no more than anyone else here."

"But, they are seen coming in and out freely?"

"It may be that some have taken advantage of acquaintance to check their way in but they will not be given any privileges over and above anyone else."

The matter of Mr. Senkler being in Dawson a month before taking his seat was brought up and Mr. Senkler explained that an injustice had been done him. He had to familiarize himself with the routine of the office before assuming control, and had been in that office during his whole time in Dawson, so that things had been practically under his eye.

Among other things brought up was the removal of clerks. He informed the scribe that in many departments the clerks in control were the only men who could disentangle the mess in which the records were found. No changes could be made there at present.

Another matter discussed was bedrock flume companies, which will be found treated elsewhere in our pages.

With thanks for the courtesy of the new gold commissioner—such a marked change for the better—the scribe retired.

### NO NEARER A SOLUTION.

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graph. The men at Tagish and other points are all under orders to forward whatever mail comes their way and are on the alert to do so.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 10th.—The Italian anarchist, Luigi Lucchesi, who assassinated the Empress Elizabeth of Austria, was placed on trial here today. The court was crowded and the prisoner strongly guarded but there was no excitement. The result of the trial is regarded as certain conviction. Lucchesi bowed politely to the court and public and answered the preliminary questions through an interpreter in a clear, strong voice. The public prosecutor, in reciting the circumstances of the crime said that there was no clear evidence that Lucchesi had accomplices, except in the fact of the prisoners' silence on certain points, which, as he, in his declaration, had not spared himself, could not be intended to shield accomplices. LATER, Lucchesi was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for life.

LONDON, Nov. 9th.—The annual banquet of the Lord Mayor of London took place this evening with 850 guests present. Admiral Sir William Kennedy and Lord Wolsley in responding to the toasts of "Army" and "Navy" took occasion to state that these forces were in a perfect state of preparation to meet any power disputing Great Britain's just claims. Lord Salisbury began his speech by saying that a succession of events abroad had occasioned grave anxiety to the ministry for a year past. He alluded to the murder of the Empress of Austria for the purpose of announcing that Great Britain had accepted an invitation to take part in a conference which would be called to determine upon the measures which it is possible to take in order to blot out anarchy. The speaker referred to this form of crime as "this horrible, monstrous affliction of humanity." Referring to the present French crisis he said: "We had quite recently to consider whether the question of European war was not very near. But with great interest and consideration the result has turned out happily through the great judgment and common sense displayed by France under circumstances of unusual difficulty which, I think, have relieved Europe of a very dangerous and threatening storm. While matters were in suspense the government, of course, had to take precautions that it be not taken unawares. These precautions had not suddenly ceased but it was impossible to stop them at a moment's notice." Further on he said: "The Czar has invited a congress to provide for the disarmament of the world; but, while we offer our heartiest tribute to his motives, an are willing to assist and sympathize in every way until the happy day when his aspirations are crowned with success, we must still provide precautions needful to counterbalance the dangers surrounding us." On another important point he said: "The appearance of America as a factor in Asiatic and European events is certainly a cause of much disquiet. No one can deny its appearance and it is a grave and serious event which may not conduce to the interests of peace, though in any event, I think it is likely to conduce to the interests of Great Britain." (Applause.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 16th.—A very severe race war is in progress. A thousand white men are on guard in the streets tonight and a number of casualties are reported. The occasion was the gradual seizure of the city by the blacks and was precipitated by an editorial by Alex. Manley a negro newspaper publisher. A mass-meeting of whites determined upon white rule for the city and proceeded with rifles to ruin and gut the newspaper office. A manifesto calls for the discharge of all colored labor everywhere.

LONDON, Nov. 9th.—The Lord Mayor's show was blessed with fine weather. In the procession was a car representing the English-speaking race. The latter displayed, among other things, Britannia and Columbia seated side by side while the American flag was borne by an

English sailor and the British flag was borne by an American sailor.

VICTORIA, Nov. 9th.—"Billy" Lloyd, Fred Hutchinson and other Yukon old-timers partook of a "Pioneers" dinner at the Oriental hotel last evening.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The supreme court room of the United States was badly wrecked today by an explosion of gas. Many valuable records in the vaults underneath are destroyed forever.

Port Townsend, Nov. 7.—According to reports brought down by the City of Topeka, 400 men and 250 head of horses are in distress at Lake Linderman. Most of the crowd are on their way out from the interior and Dawson having reached the lake on the last boat of the season from the Klondike metropolis. They made a late start but everything went well until Linderman was reached, when a heavy snow storm occurred, more than four feet falling on both the Chilcoot and White passes, which put a stop to all travel over those two routes. Owing to the heavy snowfall coming earlier than expected the supply of provisions at Linderman is scarce and it is doubtful if there are sufficient supplies on hand to feed such a large number for any length of time. A pack train of 250 horses and just crossed the divide before the storm and there being no feed on that side, they are sure to perish, while some of their packs must be lost.

PORTLAND, ORE, Nov. 10.—Practically complete returns from 24 out of 34 counties in the state of Washington give the following for congressmen: Jones, Rep., 28,000; Cushman, Rep., 27,750; Lewis, fusion, 25,888; Jones, fusion, 22,926.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.—Chairman Babcock of the Republican congressional committee believes today that the Republican majority in the next house will reach 20.

SEATTLE, Nov. 10.—Late returns show that the Republican majority in the legislature on a joint ballot will be 20.

### Off for the Outside.

On Sunday, January 15th, Mr. B. W. Semple representing the KLONDIKE NUGGET will leave Dawson for Seattle on a business trip, in connection with this paper, visiting San Francisco, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Detroit, Buffalo, Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, thence returning to Dawson via Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg, transacting matters of importance at the latter places—particularly at Ottawa.

A specially-selected dog team has been secured, and "rush" time will be made night and day, probably establishing a record for the outward trip. Mr. Semple will go via Nugget Express and will carry letters, or transfer any commissions at the above places for those desiring such and will return to Dawson about the latter part of March over the ice. There will be room for two passengers on the trip outward, and anyone contemplating going should communicate at once with the Nugget Express office in the Phoenix, or at the KLONDIKE NUGGET office.

### Official Temperatures.

The official weather reports for the week ending Wednesday, January 4 as follows:

	Lowest	Highest	Wind per Hour.
Thursday	-37.7	-38.6	2.7
Friday	-40.2	-38.9	0.6
Saturday	-41.2	-39.2	1.4
Sunday	-41.2	-24.0	3.4
Monday	-33.4	-23.5	0.4
Tuesday	-33.7	-30.0	0.3
Wednesday	-34.6	-30.8	0.04

### The Council Censured.

An important meeting was held at the Miners' Institute on Wednesday night last. The committee of the Miners' Association met delegates from the principal creeks and finally decided on the recommendations to be made to the government regarding mining regulations. A complete list will be published in our next issue. A vote of censure on the Yukon Council was carried unanimously for having empowered certain persons to extort toll from miners freighting up the creeks and it was resolved to request the government to fulfill their duty of building trails up the creeks. Those present were Geo. J. C. Armstrong, chairman, Col. McGregor, W. H. Bard, Nels Peterson, Bob Lowrie, John Van Inderstine, W. Menzies, Dr. McDougal, John Walsh, Andrew Hancker, John Wilson and John Cameron.

The Nugget Express dog team, which left Sunday noon for the outside is making good time. Two letters have been received from Mr. Walter Watrous, one dated at Ensey creek, the other at Sixty-mile. He reports Dr. Yemans, of the Empire line, one of the passengers, as enquiring from the principal creeks and finally Mr. E. C. Allen, manager of the Nugget Express, expects to receive letters from every station which will give in detail an accurate account of the condition of the trail, stocks of provisions, etc.

### Whiskey Free.

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### Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desires to publicly acknowledge the most efficient work rendered by the Dawson Volunteer Fire Department at the fire occurring on Wednesday last in the Aurora building, and to thank sincerely Chief Lester for his management thereof, and his men for their prompt work, and particularly Mr. P. H. Dundon, captain of the chemical company. The service rendered by the department probably saved me \$25,000, and no fire department anywhere could excel in efficiency and discipline. THOS. CHISHOLM, Proprietor Aurora.

### Constantly Improving.

There are many who venture into the restaurant business, make a grand stand play at opening, but gradually taper off in quality and quantity as business progresses. Everything served at the Pullman is strictly first class or it don't go. The highest quality and best service is where the Pullman always excels. 202 Front street.

### The Tivoli and "Melbourne" Closed.

The Tivoli theatre closed its doors on Thursday evening to the public, and on Friday Mr. Rei, the proprietor, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. This also included the "Melbourne" hotel, the hotel portion of which was run by Mrs. Nels Humphreys. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell on Friday assumed charge of the hotel, and would not permit gentlemen to visit the third floor, occupied by ladies, which caused considerable of a row among the roomers, some of whom were ordered out, and the heat below turned off to aid in the evacuation.

### The Monte Carlo Theatre.

The Monte Carlo theater is spreading itself this week, as usual. Fred N. Tracy has commenced a line of sketch work showing himself skilled in much more than singing. His singing, from a peculiar quality called sympathy, has popularized him with the masses. Among the new faces this week are Nellie LaMore and Florence Broeze. The old favorites are still to be seen, Dick Maurelius and wife, Schwartz, Newman, Daley D'Aura, Helen Arthur and Norille. Blanche Lambert is as popular as ever and is a dainty little song and dance artist and is gaining ground daily. The moving pictures and stereopticon views must not be forgotten in mentioning the attractions of this popular place. Nothing is being spared by the management to interest the public and many a metropolitan show cannot boast either so numerous artists nor such a high order of talent.

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