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## A BAD FEATURE.

There are sins of omission as well as sins of commission to be charged up against the legislative architects who framed the ponderous structure known as the placer mining regulations for the Yukon territory. Not only have they displayed the utmost energy and zeal in doing certain things which ought to have been left undone, but they have also been equally energetic and zealous in leaving undone important matters which by all means should have been done.

For instance, in the matter of claim representation there are several features of the law which should be substantially modified in order to insure equity to all parties concerned. As the law is interpreted at the present time a fractional owner in a claim may shirk his share in the representation work and the full burden be thrown upon his co-owners or the claim revert to the crown for lack of representation.

One man may own a two-thirds interest in a claim and in the event he fails to materialize to perform his portion of the work or pay his share of the representation fee, the owner of the remaining third must undertake the entire responsibility for representing the ground or lose his interest. The interpretation thus placed upon the law would not work so great a hardship were any specific means of redress provided for the co owner thus mulcted. But at the present time he is left with no claim or lien against delinquent parties which is recognized by the law. He has left only the option of suing and standing his chances for a judgment upon grounds of equity, but we are informed that thus far no precedent upon this particular point has been established.

It would appear that in such cases some equitable ruling might be made which would relieve the man who is honestly desirous of complying with the letter of the law, from a hardship so apparent. If parties who are interested with him in ownership of a claim fail to comply with their just share of the requirements of the law, and he is compelled for self protection to do the work of all, he should be protected, at least, to the extent of a lien against the share of the co-owners.

We understand that cases involving the point are of everyday occurrence. We submit, therefore, than an early decision covering the matter is most desirable.

## UP TO DATE JOURNALISM.

At 2 p. m. yesterday afternoon the steamer City of Seattle reached the dock at Skagway bringing with her news from the outside world as late as Feb. 22, or to be more explicit, news less than four days old.

As everyone in Dawson is now aware the war news thus brought was most

important, being the account of the first engagement resulting in any considerable loss to either side for some weeks. The Nugget's Skagway correspondent had been on the dock several hours awaiting the appearance of the steamer before she arrived.

At 2:45 the dispatches began arriving and at 3:15 p. m. the last of three messages was received and delivered at the Nugget. Forty minutes later, or at 3:55 p. m., exactly one hour and fifty-five minutes after the boat touched at Skagway the Nugget's salesmen were on the streets, crying the news of the battle which resulted in the loss of 800 troops. Some forty minutes afterward our esteemed contemporary the Daily News, which so often in terms eloquent, and then again in terms pathetic, and sometimes even in terms bordering upon the melodramatic and not infrequently in terms approaching the tragic, has expounded and expatiated upon its wonderfully elaborate telegraphic service; which has told us of race horses chartered to cover the distance between the wharf at Skagway and the telegraph office; which has caused us to hold our breath in wondering admiration at tales of record breaking rides on bicycles when horses or railroad trains could not be had; which has devoted columns upon columns of space to the good work of assuring the rest of us how little we know about the newspaper business—forty minutes later, to again take up the thread of the story, our esteemed contemporary, the Daily News, came out on the street, and so far as anyone could tell from its columns no battle had been fought—it was another case of the dispatch which never came.

The mail service has been conducted during the present winter season in a most creditable manner. The mail has arrived and departed almost with the promptness and regularity of a railroad schedule. This merely illustrates the difference between conducting the system on a practical, well managed basis and allowing it to run itself. As long as we can be within four days' reach of outside telegraphic communication and can receive letters within ten and twelve days of mailing at Seattle and Vancouver, the word isolation will have little or no significance to us. Within another twelve months it is quite within the range of possibility that through telegraphic communication will be established along the entire length of the Yukon river and down through British Columbia into the States without any reliance whatever being placed upon forwarding messages by boat. It would appear that both the Canadian and American governments possess unbounded confidence in the future of the Yukon valley. The plans they are perfecting are altogether too elaborate for a country of mushroom growth.

## Ford and the Colorado Kid.

A ten-round go is announced for next Thursday evening at Ford's gymnasium. The Colorado Kid and Bert Ford will don the mitts and a fast go is assured, as both gentlemen have earned an enviable reputation as foot racers. There will be also several four round goes and wrestling matches between the members of the club. An interesting time is assured.

## Theosophists.

The Yukon theosophists will present their friends with another literary treat at its regular weekly meeting tomorrow evening in its hall over the Juneau

hardware store on Second avenue, when the moulding power of thought will be fully dilated upon by one of its advanced students and most proficient occultists. This thoughtful theme will doubtless attract as large an audience as usual, but the club is amply prepared to accommodate all visitors. The meetings are free to all, and all serious thinkers are invited.

## BARRACKS HOLD-UP.

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of whom held a gun as big as the hind leg of a horse; that he was made to disgorge the money entrusted to him for the purchase of evaporated potatoes and other Klondike delicacies. The above is about the substance of La Plante's story when he returned to the roadhouse. Evidently the account was not swallowed with that degree of aptitude noticed at strawberry festivals, with the result that Sergeant J. J. Wilson of the N. W. M. P., was conferred with. That officer in his quiet way started out to do the "Old Sleuth" role, with the result that he soon had sufficient evidence to warrant him in taking La Plante into custody. At the preliminary hearing held by Major Perry this morning the sergeant proved by Miss Josie Meyers, a habitue of the Palace Grand, that at the time on the night of the 20th when La Plante claimed to have been robbed on the barracks sidewalk he was drinking wine with the aforesaid Miss Meyers in a box at the Palace Grand; that he had previous to entering the box taken several "rounds" at the bar, and that after going to the box La Plante had purchased five bottles of wine, some of which had been spilled and the remainder drank. It was also brought out by the sergeant that in addition to spending what money he had with him on that particular night, La Plante had borrowed and spent additional money. It was further proven that La Plante turned up at the Travelers' Rest at 3 o'clock next morning showing visible traces of dissipation, but that he said nothing there of having been robbed. In his own behalf the accused man had little to say further than that the money spent by him at the Palace Grand was his own. He was held to answer to the territorial court, and not being able to provide the required bond, was committed to the guard house.

## Fraternal Resolutions.

To the Knights of Pythias of Dawson, Y. T.:

Your committee reports as follows: Whereas, Divine Providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Scott Lindsay, and

Whereas, We feel that our order together with this community, has lost a faithful and loyal friend; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family and friends of our deceased brother our most heartfelt and sincere sympathies in their loss, which we fully recognize as our mutual loss; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the members of his family and published in the daily papers, and also that they be spread in full upon the records of our organization. Respectfully submitted in "F. C. & B."

F. W. CLAYTON,  
J. L. TIMMINS,  
CHAS. E. POWELL,  
Committee.

Dawson, Feb. 26, 1900.

## W. G. Lloyd Injured.

Yesterday evening, W. G. Lloyd, a teamster, while driving from Hunker creek towards Dawson, was thrown from his sled, as the latter slipped off of the main road and he was painfully injured. He is now confined in the Good Samaritan hospital. His injuries are internal, but are not believed to be serious.

## Half Way House Sold.

Mr. Irving has sold the Halfway roadhouse, located about 16 miles from Dawson on the ridge road, to James Flanery. The latter has employed Mr. Charles Donnelly, who for the past year has been connected with the Regina hotel, to assume the management of the roadhouse. Mr. Irving will start in a

few days for Cape Nome. Mrs. Irving will leave for the new gold camp on the first steamboat.

## Weather Report.

Last night the minimum temperature was 5.5 degrees above zero.

At 9 o'clock this morning, the thermometer registered 6 degrees above, since which time there have been no material variations.

## A Social Success.

The social dance given at McDonald hall on last Saturday evening, was a very successful affair. A large number of persons were present. The program consisted of 18 numbers. Prof. James Duffy acted in the capacity of manager, and the guests enjoyed a most pleasant time.

For gentle slumber try the Fairveiv.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

When in town, stop at the Regina.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

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## A Boon to Miners.

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