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### TRYING TO EXPLAIN.

The Liberal press of Canada is raising a great howl over the letters of Miss Shaw, correspondent for the London Times. It will be remembered that Miss Shaw spent some weeks in Dawson investigating affairs for her paper and from expressions with which the lady is credited, some interesting developments were expected. The result of Miss Shaw's communications was a strong leader in the Times denouncing the administration of affairs in this district. The influence and power of the Times is such that its statements naturally carry with them the utmost weight. For this reason the Canadian Liberal papers are outdoing themselves in attempts to discredit what Miss Shaw has to say.

The following from the Vancouver World of October 12 will prove interesting reading to the men who spent from two to eight days waiting for a chance to record a claim:

"With regard to the undermanning, this is especially true of the postoffice and the record office. In recording a claim, naturally, some time must be spent, and a statement made by a gentleman in this city recently that it took half an hour to get through eight men, while intended by him as a charge against the officials, is really showing that they are doing good, very good, work. Any person who has ever done business in an office of this kind and character knows that the searches that have to be made, the papers that have to be drawn up, the affidavits that have to be taken, the other matters of detail will, we think, agree with us that eight claims recorded and all the papers finished in half an hour is good work. Especially is this the case in a place where there are so many crooked stakers as there are in the Klondike district. That good work has been done all through is manifested by the fact that 20,000 claims have been recorded since the first Tuesday in July."

Then again the World's very clever explanation of the famous "side door" at the gold commissioner's office will prove very entertaining to the men who contributed five and ten dollars to secure admission.

Now, this continued reference to the "side door" in the gold commissioner's office requires some little explanation. In the gold commissioner's office are located not only the recording office but the offices of the commissioner, the law office of the crown, the mining inspector, and with them the respective secretaries. These are all separate businesses. All can be approached from the front door direct, but in that way there is necessitated a trip through the recording office. By the side door a person having business with the commissioner can approach the stairs leading to his office directly, without passing through the recorder's office. That this door should sometimes be used by people, while others are waiting in line outside to record a claim, is very reasonable. There are only two doors to the building. At the front door, which leads directly to the recording office, there are often hundreds of people waiting. A policeman stands there to see that those wishing to record claims take their proper turn in entering the building. The side door is marked private but there is no guard there. It is very doubtful if a single case can be authenticated where a bribe was given to any one for the purpose of being allowed to enter the side door.

For further information on this point the reader is referred to the following

quotation from the NUGGET of August 27. The words are those of John Donnelly who was endeavoring to record a claim on Bear creek.

"From the 15th to the 20th (of August) I waited in front of the door trying to get in but could not do so and then went back to the claim and continued prospecting until August 24th. I then returned to Dawson and this time by paying the guard \$4 I succeeded in getting inside."

Comment is unnecessary.

### RESULTS.

In the last issue of the NUGGET was recorded the advent of the new gold commissioner, Mr. L. E. Senkler. That the successful termination of a struggle covering a period of five months is gratifying to this paper need not be said. It has not been the custom of the NUGGET in the past nor will the custom now be inaugurated of boasting over the accomplishment of our objects. This paper, during the entire period of its existence has endeavored to confine itself to a presentation of facts uncolored by spectacular display. That these facts have often been of a sensational nature has been no fault of ours. We have taken the situation as we found it and absolutely unhampered by outside influences have laid before the public the true condition of affairs as they were found to exist. In its entire career this paper has not been actuated for one moment by any feeling of personal animosity. Its attitude upon all questions has been determined from the broad standpoint of public policy. It is not exaggerating the matter one whit to say that in the early summer a sort of reign of terror existed in Dawson. A great many circumstances could be mentioned which led up to the existence of this feeling. It is sufficient in this place, however, to say that dissatisfaction over the mining regulations, combined with the growing conviction that affairs in the gold commissioner's office were far from being as they should be, was leading to a general feeling of discouragement among bona fide miners and prospectors.

It has been the endeavor of this paper by giving publicity to the facts, leaving idle rumors and speculations aside, to assist in bringing about a change for the better. We congratulate the mining community as well as ourselves that in a considerable measure the longed-for results have been accomplished.

### SOCIABILITY AND FRATERNITY.

There is one thing which is gradually being developed in Dawson, and that is sociability. If ever there was a place on earth where man needed the congeniality, the fraternity and the sociability of his fellow man, it is way up here in the frozen north, on long winter evenings, with labor of the day suspended, unaccompanied by the influences of those who may have been termed friends, and in the solitude of the Klondike home, left to his own thoughts which must most naturally, as in the glowing embers he gazes, see constantly reflected the faces of those left behind. Divest man of his social side, take away from him, regardless of his character or influence, that which contributes to his feelings, his sentiment or his passions, and he will become a hopeless drivelling idiot or a raving maniac. Hence the growing tendency towards the social entertainments now so much in vogue and constantly coming forward should be encouraged.

With all the nicety and tact possible draw out the many latent talents of your fellow man, and all will feel better for the exchange of mental enjoyment, be it in the shape of conversation, recitation, song, wit or repartee. Dawson is full of it. Encourage sociability and fraternity.

### SERVING TWO MASTERS.

The Miner-Sun combination in the double role of miners' friend and government apologist will have an extremely difficult engagement to play. That God and mammon cannot both be faithfully served by the same individual is just as true and applicable today in the Yukon territory as when the same truth was

first placed by divine inspiration in the pages of scripture.

It is an insult to the intelligence of the men of this district to assume that they can be misled from an understanding of the real situation. There can be no sincerity back of the utterances of the parties to such an unholy alliance as was effected by the transfer of the Sun to the Miner people.

The Miner-Sun published in the downtown office lives, moves and has its being by reason of the revenue it is enabled to extract from the government in the capacity of official organ. The Miner-Sun which has its domicile near the barracks affects very strongly the espousal of the cause of the hard-working and horny-handed son of toil. It would be an exceptionally easy task to effect a mixture of oil and water compared with the difficulties attendant upon an attempt to reconcile these two radically divergent policies.

If the downtown Miner-Sun is to retain the favor of its chief patrons it must stand out boldly against the attacks of its up-town co-partner in iniquity and vice versa. Your capacity in the line of finesse, gentlemen, will never be more strongly called upon than in the emergency which now confronts you. You must advance some exceedingly plausible stories if you desire the people of Dawson and vicinity to accept any of your utterances with any degree of seriousness.

The old timer is shaking his head and wondering what is going to happen next. The balmy spring weather that has prevailed for the past few days has knocked all his prophecies and calculations sky high. That the wind could have the audacity to blow at all in this remote corner of the earth is a very considerable piece of presumption in itself. But when the strongest breeze that has been known to murmur through the spruce boughs in years has the supreme audacity to be a warm, snow melting affair, then indeed it is time to call a halt and demand an investigation. It may be that this good year of our Lord 1898 has been selected for another general overturning of affairs and it is very possible that before Christmas arrives, we shall see palm trees and banana groves adorning the valleys of the Yukon as they are popularly supposed to have done some 12000 years ago. At all events it is noticeable among the old Sour Doughs that they are quite reticent when asked to predict concerning future weather developments. Evidently the Cheechaco has had some effect on the climate.

The record made by the N. W. M. P. boys in advancing the mail which left Dawson Dec. 1, is worthy of more than passing notice. From Dawson to Stewart river in one day is a record of which the boys may well be proud. It speaks most highly not only of the individuals concerned but as well of the esprit de corps that pervades the workings of the entire organization. The result of such a perfect system carried out under control of the N. W. M. P. will be that mail communication between Dawson and the coast will be reduced to about 10 days. No greater boon can be given to the people of Dawson and vicinity than to be able to send and receive mail in such short time. We congratulate Col. Steele on the efficacy of the department of which he is the head.

UNWEPT and unsung with none so poor to do him reverence, G. B. Swinehart has disappeared from the Dawson newspaper world. If Swinehart ever again embarks upon the fortuitous sea of journalism his first act should be to employ a guardian. If ever a man was endowed with the faculty of planting his foot in his mouth every time he opened it that man is G. B. Swinehart.

In the absence of a general street lighting system in Dawson, enterprising and up to date business houses are placing lamps in front of their establishments at their own expense. Such public spirit is appreciated by citizens

who use the streets at night time. There is no reason why Dawson with its present size and volume of business should have its streets in darkness after the few hours of daylight are gone. May the good work continue until the whole length of First avenue is well lighted and pedestrians may see their way clear to walk the streets after dark without risk to life or limb.

The matter of establishing a public school in Dawson has been brought to the attention of the Yukon council and referred to a committee for investigation and recommendation. It is to be hoped that no unnecessary delays will be met in attending to this important matter. The children of school age in Dawson should by all means be given the same opportunities which are afforded in other portions of Canada. The school season is rapidly advancing and hence it is incumbent upon the authorities to act as expeditiously as possible.

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are the very latest.

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TABLETS, PENS, PENCILS,

KLONDIKE MAPS, CASH BOXES,

Bill of Sale Blanks, Document Envelopes, Deeds, Feather Dusters, Letter Files, etc.

## THE "NUGGET"

Three doors north of N. A. T. & T. Co.

### BENEFIT FOR

#### An Entertaining Good Show

How a Gentleman Found His Wife His Friends All  
 On last Tuesday to little Margie Willie and George the Monte Carlo regretted that the visitor known as have so unbecomingly peculiar time, for, the walks were in slush and running pour from the e feature most, dis whole forming many who were c tie girl's benefit t it was good-size little benefactor little Margie her enthusiasm of th whatever might ent.

The program sketches, duffin volunteers who most willingly a who had done so enjoyable amuse The evening's appropriate scen and a rendition productions. M song was highl Noble, although was at his very l rose and fell fro train, and the as his numbers. I comedian, was a eason under m Annie, in char showed their ear ford sang "Hea charmingly. M form when givi ing in which he jesuar.

Then came th the Margie, th simply re-entw isting in the b childish grace mental and ch her number. C princess upon a pretty little to her breast a to her by adm denominated rained upon t auditorium. The second p a characterist George Newma Two handsome to them as sou W. Howard pr en sketch, en companied by numerous rec in her singin ment closed w Fred N. Tracy and even whe ence refused t obliged with destined to b audiences.

Lost in Dawson is n are many and ble that with fines of a tow gear entirely for a matter o happen right and friends a of time in s whereabouts In this con certain gentl for some reas guess work, y the larger pa many of the not so obscu be that as it entertaining It appears missed short occurred rec nothing part after such a tivities shou to his cabin happened in only did the that night l his whereab Finally a his mind a woked the se any with a sound of al made, and solicitous to prospect Visions of were floati seachers a Co. advertis