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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1900.

ABOUT CONCESSIONS.

As published some time ago in the Nugget a new regulation has recently gone into effect respecting the granting of hydraulic concessions. The new ruling requires that the applicant shall not only demonstrate that the ground asked for is not suited for purposes of ordinary placer mining but he must also show that no ground in the immediate vicinity is being successfully worked as placer ground.

This regulation, if its provisions are closely adhered to should serve pretty effectually to solve the concession question for the future. Under the provisions of the new law it will be practically impossible for a concession to be granted on any creek, or hillsides adjacent to any creek in this district.

The question arises, however, as to the status of concessions granted under the old laws.

Ordinarily speaking it would scarcely be expected that the courts would interfere with anything in the nature of vested rights. There are, however, circumstances surrounding the concessions granted so widely in the Yukon territory during the past three years, which would indicate that many of them have been granted in defiance of the laws under which they were applied for. If, for instance, ground several miles in extent has been granted as a concession, upon the oath of the applicant that such ground was totally unfit for placer mining, and it subsequently develops that the ground is well suited for ordinary placer purposes, it appears to us that a well defined point of law exists which the courts would certainly consider very seriously. The only way which the matter can be finally determined is through the trial of a test case in the courts.

Someone who has staked on ground covered by a concession grant would do the public a distinct service by appealing to the courts and securing a decision as to the legality of concessions which have been proven to carry gold in sufficient quantity to warrant working by ordinary placer means.

CONCERNING FIRES.

The arrival of a new fire engine this week adds materially to the facilities which Dawson possesses for fighting our worst enemy. As conditions now are there should be little or no danger of a repetition of the disasters from fire which have happened to Dawson during the last three successive winters. In nearly every instance these fires have resulted directly or indirectly from the occupancy of buildings in the fire district by women of more or less questionable characters.

The determination on the part of the authorities to remove this menace to the safety of the entire city, is worthy the approval of all property owners. The returns which the owners of the buildings concerned received from such people by no means compensated them for the risk constantly involved, of having their property go up in smoke at any moment.

Moreover, owners of adjoining buildings devoted to more legitimate purposes were subjected to an equal amount of risk without even sharing in the

profits to which the extreme risks by rights entitled them.

Altogether, the public welfare has been well regarded in the order compelling the women to move. Dawson possesses too many fine business buildings now for any unnecessary chances to be taken. The business part of town

has been burned down often enough to warrant almost any means being taken which may serve to prevent further similar disasters.

With the present regulations in effect, and the added apparatus ready for use, the risk of disastrous conflagrations such as we have experienced during the last two winters is almost entirely removed.

It remains now for every property owner to take such precautions himself as will prevent as nearly as possible every unnecessary risk. Flues should be carefully examined and stove pipes replaced whenever they give evidence of having passed the stage of usefulness. After all, the best means of protecting the town from fire is to prevent fires from starting, and that can only be done through continual vigilance and watchfulness on the part of everyone who owns or occupies a building.

PROTECT THE GAME.

Reports are being brought down from the Upper Stewart country giving details of indiscriminate slaughter of game which should be given attention by the Dominion authorities. The country adjacent to the upper branches of the Stewart river is a natural game preserve. Moose and caribou are found there in such abundance that hunters are reported to have killed upwards of fifty of these noble animals in a single day. Returned prospectors state that game is being slaughtered merely for the fun of the thing and scores of carcasses which cannot be used or carried away are left in the spot where they were killed. It is certainly a shame that such a condition of affairs exists. The big game of the country is one of its most attractive features. Moose and caribou are not only important as furnishing a large portion of our meat supply but, they are the natural heritages of the legitimate prospector and should be protected for his benefit. We submit to the authorities that some means should be taken to restrain men who insist upon killing off our big game for the mere sake of killing. There is no excuse for such barbarity.

Will Have Hard Times.

From now until the close of navigation every day will witness the arrival in Dawson of many men who will experience difficulty in living through the winter or until work regularly opens on the various creeks, as there will be but a limited amount of winter work done in many localities. These men are coming in on scows in which capacity they are, of course, required. For the past ten days there have been notices conspicuously posted in Skagway which read: "Men wanted to go to Dawson on scows at \$5 per day and board."

This card is catching hundreds, and it is but natural that it should, for the very plausible reason that \$5 and board looks big and is big in the eyes of those who heretofore have considered \$2 per day without board big pay. As ten days is the average time required to bring scows at the present stage of the water from Bennett to Dawson, the majority of these men will land here with only their salary, \$50, and that amount in Dawson does not go far in supporting an unemployed man, as many learned last fall to their sorrow and regret.

It will not do to take these men up as vagrants for the reason that they are coming in good faith, and, in many instances, believing that there is no doubt but that they can find employment. That hundreds will be grievously disappointed is a foregone conclusion, and that many will experience hardships is certain.

Notice.

Parties having freight en route to Dawson which they are anxious to get through before navigation closes, can learn something to their advantage by communicating with X. Y., Nugget office.

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POLICE COURT NEWS.

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Magistrate McDonnell was greeted by a full house this morning, all but two of the interested attendants being there on account of the various brands of bottled goods kept on sale at the Dawson paint stores.

Ole Tatley, in the effervescence incident to the boisterous brand, created a disturbance at the Olympic saloon and spent the greater part of last night at the barracks. It took \$10 and costs to square Ole with justice.

When John Milone was up six weeks ago charged with having been drunk he was let off on the plea that he had not previously touched a drop for three years. At that time his coat was torn and he looked seedy. This morning the rent in his coat gave evidences of growth and his appearance warranted the conclusion that the soap boycott so far as John is concerned, is still on. He was assessed \$20 and costs for being drunk in the Aurora saloon yesterday evening.

John Kinskey had gone up against the slumber brand with the usual result—Morpheus embraced him and, regardless of declining mercury, he went to sleep on the sidewalk. Kinskey, who is a Finlander, took it as a huge joke when he got off on payment of \$5 and costs.

Jack Warner also preferred the slumber brand and lay down to peaceful slumber on the river bank. If Jack could not drink any more rapidly than he can talk he would die of thirst even in a brewery, his impediment of speech being very great. He managed, however, to make a good plea for himself and when Magistrate McDonnell dismissed the case everybody felt like applauding the humane decree.

Thos. Manly had indulged in an entirely new brand, the effects of which cause a man to tear paper off walls. Thomas was dismantling the Hotel Northern and allowing the bare walls to stand out in bold relief when arrested. He liquidated a fine of \$10 and costs.

J. T. Connors, the most elderly man on the list, had been the gayest of them all. He had bought wine in a box at the Standard and, having no use for empty bottles, had tossed them down among the dancers. He acknowledged he had done so, and said he had become mad because he had bought wine for a girl and she had gone away and left him alone in the box after drinking his wine; and that is why he tossed bottles. A fine of \$20 and costs was imposed on the gay old Lothario.

William Winter, who all season has been employed by the N. A. T. & T. Co., as steward on its steamer John C. Barr, was arrested last night in company with Geo. W. Vine by Constable Piper with a sack containing 15 cans of crystalized eggs and seven jars of beef extract in their possession, the property having been taken by them from the steamer Barr which is lying at its company's dock. Manager Delaney, of the company, Capt. Abbott and Purser Frazier, of the Barr, each identified the goods. Both young men were bound over to the higher court in the sum of \$2000, and in default of bond, both are repining in jail.

Fire Protection Suggestions.

Although last night was the date for the regular meeting of the Board of Trade, no meeting took place owing to the absence of Mr. Joslin, Mr. McMullen and others, which left the board without a quorum.

Some informal discussion of public affairs took place between the members present, and some very interesting correspondence was read. One letter in particular, from Montgomery Beggs, of San Francisco, dealing with fire protection and insurance rates, was very much to the point, and contained many valuable suggestions. Chief among these was one regarding fire walls. These, the writer suggests could be built at not too heavy a cost, of red wood and asbestos, placed in alternated layers of three or four in thickness, and the whole covered with iron.

This combination, the writer, who is an acknowledged authority on fire protection, assures the Board will check a fire just as effectively as a brick wall, and can be built at a comparatively small cost.

His suggestions concerning the substitution of brick or terra cotta for ordinary stove pipes, has been made before, and is not at present practicable here by reason of scarcity of some of the material and therefore the expense is too great.

What he has to say about water service is good, but unfortunately impracticable under the existing state of affairs in that direction.

Attention Voters.

There will be a meeting of the ward committees of the O'Brien-Noel Club in the committee rooms, Monte Carlo building, tomorrow evening at 8 p. m. A full attendance is urgently requested. A. M. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

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