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NOTHING AT NOME

Writes Jules Soyen, Who Left Dawson for There Last February.

ONLY FOUR PAYING CLAIMS EXIST

In the Entire District, of Which Two Are on Snow Gulch

AND TWO ON ANVIL CREEK.

Only Business Men Booming Country—Advises Miners to Stay in the Klondike.

The following letter was received in yesterday's mail by F. Renaud, of Gay gulch and Dominion. It was written by Jules Soyen, who left Dawson the 17th of February bound for Nome, arriving at that place the last of March. It is published at the request of Mr. Soyen, who desires that a true statement of the conditions of that camp may be learned, as many of his friends have evidenced their intention of proceeding down the river:

My Dear Friend F. Renaud: We arrived here on the 31st of March and are very much disappointed to find Nome is not what it has been represented. We have seen Jim Lemay and Vic Lord, you ought to know them, they came down here last summer. I assure

you they have discouraged us; they tell us there is but four paying claims in all this country, two on Snow gulch and two more on Anvil creek.

The best of the beach is all worked out now. A man can make from \$3 to \$5 a day, but it will all be worked out before the arrival of the first steambot. The country is all staked for 150 to 200 miles from here. There is not much work going on as it is too difficult to prospect in the winter. No wood is obtainable except such as drifts up on the beach and it is always blowing.

There is nothing whatever at Cape York, although people have been stampeding all winter without finding anything, and staking townsites. The business men naturally are booming the country, but the laboring men are loud in their denunciation. It is with much sorrow that we think of you who staked us for this enterprise and that we cannot give you better news. You will take our advice and stay in Dawson, as we firmly believe there is nothing here.

Show this letter to all the boys on Gay gulch and my three brothers and to all on 12 above lower on Dominion and also to Louis Gay, who is at McDougal's butcher shop. Your friend, JULES SOYEN.

Enclosed in the letter was a note by Soyen to Louis Gay advising him to stay in Dawson, and stating that the writer in all probability would return to Dawson unless better prospects were found. A Gandette also wrote to the same effect, advising his friend Poissant of the discouraging prospects at Nome.

Constable Booth Fired.

For conduct unbecoming in a member of the N. W. M. P. force, it is now "ex-Constable" Booth, also "ex-Policeman" Booth, that young man having been this morning not only dismissed from the service, but also sentenced to 15 days at hard labor. The offence for which the constable was dismissed in disgrace might have been condoned had it been the first, but it was not, hence the severity of the sentence.

Timely Rains.

Reports from the various creeks are to the effect that considerable rain has fallen within the past week, much more than in the immediate locality of Dawson, and that in consequence the supply of water, which was very short, has been very materially increased. Stamping has been again started on many claims where it had become necessary to shut down for want of water.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

Fresh eggs just arrived. Mohr & Wilkens.

YUKON COUNCIL.

First Open Meeting Is Springly Attended by the Public.

THE COUNCIL'S PUBLIC BOW.

Many Communications Are Received and Acted Upon.

GONDOLFO'S FRUIT PETITION.

Transportation of Insane Arranged—Minutes of the Meeting.

Viewed from either a dramatic or spectacular standpoint the first open meeting held by the Yukon council was not a drawing card, and the public, with its ever keen discernment in such matters proved the soundness of its judgment when it failed to appear en masse at the court room last evening. Of course the meeting marks a new era in the conduct of public affairs, but its dawn was not heralded by pomp or ostentation. The members of the council were not arrayed in purple or fine linen for the momentous occasion of their debut in public sight and hearing as an official body.

Councilman Senkler wore his golf stockings as upon every day occasions, and it looked odd to see Judge Dugas in the court room sitting at the barristers' table without his black robe on. In fact, the council went about its business very quietly and without any reference to the world whose eyes were upon them. The council ignored the tact of publicity completely and the handful of people who had come to the meeting out of curiosity soon dwindled down to the representatives of the press, who against their wills and desires were chained to the spot, and Joe Clarke, the irrepressible, and it was whispered among the newspaper men that Joe's sole reason for remaining was to rest in peace and quiet as a preliminary to the climb to the dome which he was intent upon later in the evening.

The councilmen were all present with the exception of Legal Adviser Clement. The measure most heavily charged with public interest which came before the council was contained in a petition from Mr. Gandolfo respecting the licensing of auctioneers, peddlers and hawkers. This petition was passed to its third reading and was discussed in a desultory manner, chiefly regarding articles which may be disposed of in the manner suggested, exempt from license requirements, and the amount of cost of such licenses. The petition was finally left for future consideration without a decision being reached concerning either particular.

Attorney Robertson was present during the discussion of the proposed measure and asked permission to address the council on the subject, but Commissioner Ogilvie objected, and Judge Dugas said he did not think it wise to encourage the habit.

Numerous communications were received and considered; Judge Dugas asked if any steps had been taken to secure the transportation of the insane patients to the outside, and Councilman Ogilvie stated that he had arranged with the field force and the N. W. M. P. to attend to the matter. The field force will take the insane patients out with them, and a member of the police force who is accustomed to the care of the patients will be sent to assist in their care. Communications from two women had been received, tendering their services to the council as attendants upon the female insane on their outward journey. One of these tenders was for \$10 per day and expenses, both going and coming, and the other asked but \$5 per day, together with expenses

both ways. The tenders were referred to the finance committee.

Following are extracts from the minutes of the meeting as officially prepared:

A petition was received from H. L. Douglas calling attention to some needed sidewalk construction between First and Second streets and an obstruction at the crossing of First street and Third avenue. Referred to the public works committee.

Communications were presented in behalf of two indigent patients who ask for assistance to get out of the country.

A communication was presented from J. D. McGregor, chief license inspector, asking for instructions in respect to a license fee in West Dawson. No action.

A communication was presented to Mr. Justice Dugas in respect to the payment for the construction of a fence near the courthouse. Referred to the finance committee to consider as to whether such accounts should be met by the local or federal funds.

A communication was presented from the rector of St. Paul's church containing a resolution of the congregation of that church respecting the widening of Mission street, and the proposition the council had made to the bishop respecting a change in the site for the church. Action was postponed pending a reply from the rector to a communication of the commissioner in answer to this communication containing the resolution.

A communication was submitted from the manager of the Dawson City Water & Power Company, Ltd., offering to place the hydrants at prominent places through the city, and to negotiate with the council for the supply of water for fire protection purposes for the city. Referred to the board of fire commissioners.

A communication was presented from the chairman of the board of assessors asking for an amendment to the assessment ordinance to allow the assessors an extension of the time for the completion of the assessment roll.

Mr. Justice Dugas asked what arrangements had been made in respect to the transportation of the insane prisoners. The commissioner reported that arrangements had been made to send these prisoners out under guard of the Yukon Garrison, a policeman familiar with the management of the patients to be in charge of them during transportation.

ABOUT THE NEW DISCOVERY.

One More Chance to Win Gold in Dawson.

Everywhere men are trying to uncover new gold deposits. They go to Nome, the Koyukuk, to the far off headwaters of the Tanana and other remote places, and in so doing walk right over the best of unstaked ground at home.

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The easiest and quickest way to win gold is to save it and you can do this by buying your clothing, furnishing goods, hats and shoes from Ward, Hough & Co., 111 Front street. They are going out of this line of business and have arranged to clear their entire stock by July 5th. Meantime goods are going quickly because they are being sold at very low figures. Ward, Hough & Co., are selling off their goods at so much of a reduction in price that anyone who has been about in town at all looking at goods will at once recognize a chance to save money.

On the first page of this paper, left hand column, see our display advertisement, giving you the prices of some few of the bargains we offer. It does not signify to quote figures unless you can see the quality of the goods you are getting for your money.

We assure you our goods are all new and our entire stock came from the outside this spring. We have no old chestnuts or rubbish to offer and positively assert that we can save you money if you will but give us a chance. Remember the number, 111 Front street. Look for the large red sign.

SOGGS GUILTY.

Jury Returns Verdict "Guilty as Charged," Recommending Mercy.

LITTLE SURPRISE AT THE FINDING.

Attorneys Argue Case During the Whole Forenoon.

MR. NOEL'S ABLE PLEA

Crown Prosecutor Wade Is Wittily Sarcastic in His Argument Before the Jury.

The jury in the Soggs attempted murder case has returned a verdict of guilty as charged with a strong recommendation of mercy.

When the afternoon session of court commenced yesterday, the prisoner was placed on the stand in his own defense, and then began one of the most tiresome incidents of an already wearisome case. Mr. Soggs persisted in relating verbatim all the details having the remotest connection with the case—every conversation he had held with anyone of the 26 laymen or owners of claim 34, was told of, notwithstanding the frequent objections raised by Prosecutor Wade and the oft-repeated instructions of the court to stick to facts and leave out conversations excepting where they had a direct bearing on the case.

No new direct evidence was given by the prisoner and nothing which could in any way improve his case was said, beyond the establishing of the fact in his own words—a fact pretty clearly demonstrated previously namely, that at the time of the shooting, and just previous to it, he was, to quote the prisoner's words, "frightened almost to death."

When the prisoner came to relate the actual story of the shooting he did so in exactly the same way as it has already been told by preceding witnesses. Speaking of what took place when he arrived at the sluice boxes where Rogers was, he said after Rogers had asked him what he was "rubber-necking" around there for and told him to hush out of this or take a bath, "Rogers, please don't talk to me. I used the word please so as not to anger him. Mr. Rogers made a lunge at me, and grabbed at me, and I stepped over the sluice boxes to keep away from him. I am given to walking with my hands in my pockets, and I put them in my pockets then. My gun was there. Then I must have lost what little sense I thought I had, and pulled the gun and shot."

The prisoner stated that he was of a very nervous temperament, and was frightened almost into a state of insanity. That he was nervous was evident from his efforts to control himself while on the stand. He moved about

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\$25 Suits are selling for \$14.50
\$7 Pants are selling for \$4.50
\$6 Hats are selling for \$3.50
\$6.50 Shoes are selling for \$4.50
Golf Hose are selling for \$1.25
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