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ASSAY OFFICE

According to Mr. Te Roller, Local Manager of the S-Y. T. Co.,

WILL SETTLE GOLD DUST PROBLEM.

He is Thoroughly Posted on the Subject.

BAD MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE.

Does Not Believe the Contemplated Reduction Would Have Worked Injury to Miners.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mr. Te Roller was seen yesterday to late for publication in the interviews published in Friday's paper relative to the gold dust problem, which has assumed its original phase owing to the withdrawal of the A. C. Co. from the agreement of a reduction of the accepted value of dust from \$16 to \$15 an ounce. Mr. Te Roller said, when asked what action the S-Y. T. Co. would take on the subject:

"My opinion has not changed, but I still firmly believe that to abandon the circulation of dust would be the greatest good to the greatest number, while I recognize that a radical and ill-considered change might work a hardship upon many.

"I united in the movement to change the standard of dust value from \$16 to \$15 because it appeared to have unanimous support, and to me it seemed a step in the right direction for the ultimate abandonment of its use and certainly nearer its real value.

"We have been accused by some of the miners that we advocate this change from an entirely selfish standpoint. This is erroneous, and I do not believe that many of the miners take so narrow a view of it.

"Our business interests require that in arriving at the total cost of goods laid down, we must consider the cost of dust exchange as we would consider the cost for duty, freight, depreciation by damage to goods, etc.

"I agree with Mr. Heron that we cannot act arbitrarily and I am quite willing to do as the majority consider best.

But in selling the goods we shall have to figure accordingly as to whether dust is worth \$15, \$16 or \$16.50.

"I believe the use of dust should be abandoned as far as practicable for the following reasons:

"First—While there are conditions and times in the infancy of a mining camp that circulation of gold dust as a medium of exchange is justifiable and expedient, and consequently the apparent violation of law overlooked and allowed, these conditions and times, to my mind are passed here, or at least could easily be remedied.

"Second—While it may be to the interest of some merchants and houses of amusement, and some miners who are not so fortunate as to have high grade dust, the majority of the merchants, miners, and the community in general would suffer by being compelled to pay \$16 for the average commercial dust.

"Third—The average miner is less careful with his assets when he has it in the shape of dust in a poke and more apt to spend it than if he had real money, worth 100 cents to the dollar.

"Fourth—Dust that is worth \$16 is not in circulation. As a rule this is converted into currency and purchases made with it, instead of with commercial dust.

"Fifth—Miners as a rule do not use Gold Run, Dominion, or Sulphur creek gold as a circulating medium, except when they are compelled and have no currency. We know of people who offer to exchange dust from above named creeks in exchange for commercial dust of low value if the desired premium is paid.

"Sixth—The value of commercial dust cannot be regulated and so long as it is in use the unscrupulous will tamper with it.

"And thus the value constantly depreciates, while the best grades of dust are withheld from circulation and either retained or converted into currency."

"What solution would you offer?" was asked Mr. Te Roller.

"This subject is a very important one, and like all other public questions involving the interests of different elements in a community—a very perplexing question to answer. While we recognize the dust as a medium of exchange on the creeks can be considered a great convenience and a benefit at least to owners of low grade dust, we believe if the matter were properly handled it might be improved.

"Every one now feels very hopeful that the royalty is soon to be reduced, rumors also encourage the hope that a government assay office will be established. Looking at it purely from a Dawson or Yukon territory standpoint and not considering what it might be to the interest of Pacific coast cities in the United States, or the interest of transportation companies who are reaching for the gold traffic out, or the interest of merchants and banks who might have the advantage of placing an arbitrary value upon dust, but purely and simply in the interest of the public of the Yukon territory at large, I feel the following measures by the government might ultimately solve the question to the best interest of all concerned.

"The government to consider the royalty and assay office question in connection with each other.

"If a royalty is justifiable, which I believe it is, and the government should consider a 2 per cent royalty sufficient and say 1 per cent revenue to cover costs of assaying, making a total of 3 per cent, then prohibit the exportation of gold and prohibit the use of dust as a medium of exchange, thus giving every man the actual value for his dust and also prevent anyone from avoiding the payment of royalty."

Steamer Clara Attached.

This forenoon an attachment was placed upon the steamer Clara for \$426.20, by James Dean, who brings suit against the Yukon Navigation Co. and F. De Journal, the owner and manager of the little steamer for the amount named.

Mr. Dean sets forth that the sum stated is due to him for material furnished and carpenter work done on the steamer in question, and that he has been otherwise unable to effect a settlement.

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ABIDING FAITH

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AND IN ALL BUSINESS PURSUITS.

Unrest Which Nome Created Has Forever Passed Away.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS GOOD.

No Established Industries Are Offered for Sale—Substantial Improvements Indicate Confidence.

On every hand in Dawson are apparent evidences of prosperity far in excess of those seen one year ago at which time people were leary and a general feeling of unrest and lack of confidence pervaded the business atmosphere. At that time the very air was pregnant with stories of fabulous riches having been discovered in inexhaustible extent at Nome, to which place four-fifths of the residents of Dawson then confidently asserted they would go in the spring. At that time people who owned property were afraid to hold it if given a chance to sell, and people who did not own property were reluctant in purchasing at any price, for, they reasoned, "Everyone is going to Nome in the spring and owls, bats and Indians will have Dawson to themselves."

It is no wonder that under such circumstances a spirit of lack of confidence should prevail. When spring came a large number of residents of Dawson made good their promises and left for Nome regardless of the hard luck stories that had been watted up the river from that camp. It is useless to dwell upon the experience of those people at Nome. It is sufficient to say that many of them are back and many others will come as soon as they can raise the price of the trip. In the meantime, Dawson has blossomed as the rose regardless of adverse laws and bad internal conditions. Her mines, the backbone of the country, are still the pride of the world and are destined to remain so for years to come. Based on prospects now in sight a general impression has taken root that Dawson has that on which to build for the future. Confidence which a year ago was tottering is now firm and daily growing firmer. No business industries in the city are for sale for the reason that owners are confident in their possessions. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested, not in makeshifts, but in substantial improvements which will still be substantial a score of years hence. On every hand is heard congratulation regarding the present brilliant outlook which points to future mining, mercantile and general business prosperity.

Hay Will Be Needed.

A freighter remarked this morning that the fear that the Dawson hay market is being overstocked is wholly without grounds and that next spring will see a greater scarcity of hay here than did last.

"While there is," said he, "fully

three times as much feed in town, or will be by the close of navigation, as there was at a corresponding time last year, the fact must not be overlooked that there are more than three times as many horses here, and they are the kind of horses that eat lots of hay, while last year much of the stock here was of the cayuse kind. Again, it must be remembered that last spring nearly all the horses here were as poor as snakes, which was proof that they did not have sufficient feed.

"There is not any danger of the local hay market being overstocked this winter and if there was another 1000 tons of it here it would be all the better for the stockowners in the Yukon."

The New Court House.

The plans and specifications for the proposed new courthouse are out, and in possession of Judge Craig.

The building will probably be erected in the near vicinity of the present courthouse, but will present a far different aspect when complete, and will be one more long step in the progress of new Dawson.

It will be a frame building of two stories, surmounted by a cupola, similar to the one topping the now nearly completed postoffice building at Third street and Third avenue. The ground floor will be largely taken up by two spacious court rooms and the necessary offices for the sheriff, clerk and other usual purposes. And in addition to the judges' chambers, upstairs there will be bedrooms, kitchen, parlor, etc., comprising all the usual and necessary rooms and conveniences for the comfortable housing of the official staff connected with the building. The structure will be altogether modern in all its appointments and, according to the architect's plans, the exterior view will be a very handsome building. It will face the river and be one of the first buildings to meet the eye of the incoming traveler from points above.

The Bar Association will meet this afternoon to consider and discuss the plans.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

From the appearance of those in the front row in police court this morning, yesterday was "drunken Friday." The number was not large, but there was every evidence of that deep, dark brown taste that follows in the wake of over-indulgence without squeezing a little lemon in it.

J. J. Fowler had partaken of the brand that caused him to want to treat people—a very laudable feeling to harbor. Fowler invited Constable Spence to take something and when the officer declined, the public-spirited man told him to go to—well, Spence is fairly well satisfied with the mundane sphere, so declined to accept the offer, and not liking such requests, placed Fowler under arrest. He was fined \$5 and costs, but found that gold dust is not legal tender with the government at any price. An officer was detailed to escort him to a broker where the necessary exchange was made and the debt was liquidated.

Edward Shelley had no gold dust to be refused, having expended it all in the cultivation of a lurid jag which caused him to become a disturbing tack in the great bouthel of humanity. He was assessed \$5 and costs or five days' exercise.

Patrick McKnight had been up against the well-known and popular slumber brand and had sought to woo balm sleep on the sidewalk. When disturbed by the officer he had acted "unnice" and said naughty things. "Then dollars and costs or ten days," was the decree in his case, and unless appearances are deceitful, the latter goes.

A 14-year old boy named Tomlinson was up on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. J. Goldberg, who testified that the boy had made faces and grimaces at her and her daughter Rebecca, the latter being 5 years of age. In his own behalf the boy said the woman had called him a "dirty dog catcher" and that in reply he had assumed an Uncle Isaac attitude and said "Veil, vat ole it?" and that it was his attitude and demeanor that had insulted Mrs. Goldberg. Magistrate McDonnell cautioned the late deputy dog catcher to be more circumspect in his future demeanor and dismissed the case.

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