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NOTICE

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SHOULD REQUIRE BONDS.

We desire to direct the attention of our local legislative and judicial functionaries to a peculiar condition which exists in this territory, whereby laws, in themselves right and just, have become susceptible of gross abuse. It is an old time saying that it is better that ten guilty should escape than that one innocent man should unjustly suffer. However this may be, of one thing we are absolutely positive, to wit: the Dawson authorities should be pretty well convinced that a man is guilty of some crime before he is brought back to town, after completing half the distance between Dawson and the coast. The case of Waymire recently arrested and brought back to Dawson while en route to Skagway is in point.

The prosecuting witness, so far as the report of the case shows, laid a charge against the accused of stealing a robe. Waymire, who was well on his way to the coast, was intercepted by telegraph and returned to Dawson. At his trial in the police court the complaint was found to be without foundation and the case dismissed. The point we desire to raise in the matter is this: Are irresponsible parties to be allowed to lay charges of the nature spoken of without furnishing bonds or other evidence of ability to compensate the accused for damages suffered in case his innocence is established.

A man brought back, as was the case with Waymire, must certainly have suffered to the extent of several hundred dollars, to say nothing of injury to his reputation. We are of the opinion that as evidence of good faith on the part of the prosecution, bonds should be required. The Nugget is not acquainted with either of the parties in the case cited, and has no interest therein. We cannot, however, escape the conviction that an injustice has been done an innocent man, and we see opportunities for the occurrence of similar incidents, which would be obviated if some such action as suggested were taken.

CLOGGED COURT BUSINESS.

Leading lights in the learned fraternity of Dawson inform us that the civil court business has become clogged to such an extent that cases now being filed may not reach a hearing within 12 months.

The amount and variety of work required of one judge is altogether too much. There is on the docket already a sufficient amount of business to furnish at least three judges with all the work they might desire to do for months to come.

This condition might easily be foreseen in Ottawa. The numerous changes which have been made in the mining

regulations with the necessarily resultant disputes as to ownership of claims, have brought about an endless amount of litigation which keeps the gold commissioner's court busy, and growing out of the same causes so many cases have been brought in the upper court, that the wheels of justice are practically at a standstill, so far as the settlement of civil business is concerned.

This condition of affairs is a very happy one for the delinquent debtor who sees in the blockade of court business the opportunity to postpone indefinitely the payment of his obligations. It is not very pleasant, however, for the creditor, who sees ahead an almost endless wait before he can expect his claims to be adjusted.

From the standpoint of the public at large the condition of affairs is bad. Ottawa should be informed very sharply and urged to relieve the situation.

When the returns are all in there is a very good prospect that the Boer war will be entitled to consideration as one of the great conflicts of history. Eight thousand men killed is the record to the present time and it must be remembered that for the most part the Boers thus far have been fighting outside their own territory. Unless some settlement is agreed upon, the number of lives lost in the struggle will reach several times over the number noted above, before the end is reached. England is fully awake to the seriousness of the conflict. She is straining every nerve and mustering all her available men. The loyalty of the empire is being tested now as it never was tested before. But there seems no doubt that every call made on the colonists will meet with a hearty response.

England's strength and glory is in her navy. It is as the "mistress of the seas" that she has forged the front, it being her boast for years that in so far as naval strength is concerned she could combat almost any coalition of civilized powers that might be formed against her. Unfortunately, her mighty battleships in the present war can be used for transport purposes only, and she is compelled to rely entirely upon her army. The Boers possess no navy and no seaport and consequently the millions upon millions of money invested in her navy might as well be still lying in the public treasury in so far as defeating the Boers thereby is concerned.

The council has dispersed the matter of permitting dance house and variety women to occupy rooms over theaters and dance halls. The position which the members of the council occupy is in accord with the sentiment of Dawson's most representative business men and property owners. The Nugget as previously expressed its views in the matter. We believe that an ordinance on the lines proposed will very materially lessen the danger from fire in the business district. Public sentiment will uphold the council in passing the proposed ordinance.

The Daily Klondike Nugget has taken with the public of Dawson in a manner most gratifying to the publishers. Watch for improvements.

Move Into Town.

There are no better, more competent and obliging people in the city or on the edge of the city of Dawson than

are to be found at the office of the Dominion telegraph. Manager Clegg is all that he should be, and he has associated with him as assistants men of the same stamp as himself. But just why the office is located away up south of the barracks is a conundrum.

No one could ask or expect that the telegraph office be moved even north of the bridge, leading to the barracks from the business portion of the city, but it would be a great accommodation to nine-tenths of the company's patrons if it was located even in the neighborhood of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and gold commissioner's office. Besides accommodating all its down town officials it would also be more convenient for nearly all the officials, while at the same time the denizens of Klondike City and Louse Town would not be greatly discommoded, as when they have business at the telegraph office, if they ever do, they probably come to visit the city.

There is no denying the fact but that nine-tenths of the cash patrons of the Dominion telegraph would be greatly commoded by the removal of the office a few hundred yards further into the city.

HEALY IS STILL MANAGER.

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shall become perfectly well again. My visit to the States will be on business connected with company affairs."

As the representative of the Nugget turned to leave, the captain stopped him with the query:

"How is the newspaper business?"

"Good," replied the reporter.

"Nome is the place for you fellows," volunteered the captain. "There will be a world of people at the diggings next spring, and that will be the country in which to make money. There will be a chance for all at Nome."

Just at this point in the discourse, a comely lady customer approached the gallant captain with a question and he hastily dismissed the press representative.

New Postoffice Building.

Some time ago a decree from the Canadian postal department went forth to the effect that Dawson is to be given a new postoffice, the quarters to be commodious and commensurate with the demands of the thriving city. The plans for such a building were forwarded to Ottawa some time ago, and are expected back properly approved, by every mail. The sum of \$6,000 will probably be allowed for the building, which will be constructed of wood and iron two stories high. The exterior of the building will be fire proof. It has been definitely decided that the new postoffice will be located on Third street and it will probably be at the southwest corner of Third street and Third avenue, or diagonally across for the art gallery of Lars & Ducloux. As soon as the approved plans are returned arrangements will be made for the construction of the building on which work will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

Another Mail Soon.

Two sleds heavily laden with mail passed Selwyn coming this way at an early hour yesterday morning. It is due to arrive here tomorrow night or early on Saturday. As there are two loads of it, the weight is probably up to the limit, 700 pounds. The last mail received was 680 pounds, in which were 16,000 letters. A large mail left here for the outside yesterday morning.

The Down Town Bank.

The business of the down town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will until further notice, be transacted at the main office near the barracks. The books and records of the branch were removed to the main office before the fire.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the Estate of Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, late of the Parish of Stranden, in the Kingdom of Norway, miner, deceased.

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Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company (Limited), administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900, their names, addresses and descriptions, and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day the undersigned administrators, will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

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