

# THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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HONORABLE WILLIAM O'GILVIE,  
Hon. Judge Dugas, Hon. J. E. Girouard,  
Col. S. B. Steele and Council.

To You, Gentlemen of the Territorial Government, in behalf of Thousands of Men, the "Nugget" Earnestly Presents this Letter!

Honorable Sirs.—It will undoubtedly be admitted by you, gentlemen, who sit here with legislative as well as executive power in your own hands, that at least the respectful prayers of your petitioners should have as respectful attention and as careful consideration as is possible for persons called to and appointed to fill responsible positions to grant. It will be here be as fully admitted that many of our citizens are in sore distress at the present time, as is evidenced by the frequent appeals made to your official (and we have no doubt private) charity by the organization of relief committees of citizens and by private individuals desiring to relieve the necessities of the unfortunate. It will also, we think, be as fully granted that the powers in you vested were never intended to be either arbitrary, oppressive or such as would create a specific hardship upon any class of citizens who have come so far from home into this country to seek their fortunes, and to assist in the development of a country which has produced so much revenue for your own and the home government.

It will be more fully admitted that it is believed that you, sirs, have endeavored to rectify many of the obstinate oppressions, exactions and impositions of your predecessors, and that you have endeavored to give to the people in the Yukon Territory a better and purer government than was in existence prior to your assuming the reins of office.

The Nugget is in a position to know the sentiment very generally prevailing among the people contiguous to Dawson, and knows that it reflects the great body of men who are today toiling and struggling in either the realization or expectation of hope of reward in what may be revealed to them by their own efforts in another earth, and therefore, it desires to place before you, and for your prompt consideration, believing that having given the subject-matter this consideration, you will at once remedy one of the greatest impositions, exactions and unjust discriminations ever imposed upon a community.

Your citizens have always been a peaceful, law-abiding people in general, despite the presence of police and soldiers, for whom no law-respecting citizen need ever have the slightest fear, therefore in all earnestness it is asked of you that you, as soon as possible, remove this injustice, which is proving intolerable, and must be classed only in the time of a "graft." Your revenues are not increased by a taxing by a continuance of the "graft" we shall allude to but it is simply the increasing of the revenues of an individual or individuals at the expense of and working of a hardship upon the many.

You, gentlemen, promptly suspended the unjust and commonly known "dog" ordinance, when suggested to you by this paper, as publishing public sentiment, and while it cut off the "rake" participated in along the line of the few who derived revenue therefrom and threw an able-bodied colored gentleman out of a job, it resulted in a blessing from the many, and earned for yourselves, we can tell you, a more appreciative sentiment than has ever gone forth towards those in authority in this particular territory, and none within our knowledge have since such suspension been taken to the hospital or died from the effects of hydrophobia.

We now ask you to as promptly suspend a more intolerable imposition and extortion than any dog ordinance could ever be, and that is the power granted by you to "The Pioneer Trunkway Co." a company "without a train" which daily taxes the necessities of the miners and insolently holds up every passer-by with a load without, we believe, the slightest shadow of reason, or upon anything that will ever stand the test of any law of justice in the land. We ask you to simply look at the poor worn fellows, pulling away at their laden sleighs, as they haul their necessities to God knows cheerless and comfortless cabins, at best, on their legs and chins, and put the inter-rogation, do you believe it right, equitable or just that these poor men, anxiety and care written in every line of their countenances, as they are held up by insolent, allied, hired checkers, weighers and tollkeepers seated in well heated and comfortable "office" buildings, and probably their last dollar on God's earth taken away from them to sustain the coffers of this most consummate of all "grafts."

We submit to you, gentlemen, that you should not obtain the sentiment of the people in the carpeted offices of the city office buildings, but only from the man toiling in the ditches and on the hillside with pick, pan and shovel in hand or standing at his windlass these cold mornings. It is that man who, on coming to Dawson for his beer, flour and beans, must meet the officious hired man of this "Trunkway company" without a train, and yield up to him another assessment on the price of his necessities.

We ask you, therefore, with you rat promptly suspend this "graft." With you, honorable sirs, hearken to the petition of thousands of men and relieve them of this burden, while they delve and place upon the dumps that which is to pay you a handsome royalty in the clean-up. Will you do this, gentlemen, and particularly, when in your own language of the grant, said: "that the Council desires you (Messrs. Henning & O'Brien) to fully understand that the Council grants you nothing more than it may legally have to have the power to do."

We await your action, gentlemen, and honorable sirs, that we may convey to thousands of your most worthy citizens the glad intelligence that the Council of the Yukon Territory has exercised a due regard for the rights, justice and interests of the many, as against the financial betterment of the few interested in a "graft," which today is causing more intense hatred and ill-feeling than anything ever occurring in this territory. Will you do this, honorable sirs, and draw closer to you in respect, admiration and contentment a people who have been estranged toward official power? Will you grant this petition? We patiently await your answer.

**Salvation Army Dinner.**  
The Christmas dinner given by the Salvation Army of Dawson to the worthy poor and destitute was a pronounced success in every particular. The occasion was the opening and dedication of what is now to be known as the Salvation Army Shelter. After much hard work expended by Ensign McGill and his staff of officers and men, the buildings under course of construction and to which the poor and needy fellows who have through circumstances unfortunately left the pangs of hunger or want of a place to be protected from the cold may turn, knowing the outstretched hand of welcome will ever be extended, were completed on Monday last and Christmas day chosen as the auspicious time to dedicate them.

A free dinner was decided upon, and nobly the Salvation Army ladies and lasses did their duty and labor of love. The Nigger office was selected as one of the places for the distribution of tickets and the supply was wholly exhausted. At 5 p. m. these gathered at the Army barracks about 300 persons, together with the relief committee of citizens and press representatives. An inspection of the new shelter was accorded the Nigger men, and to say that everything is in comfortable condition amply covers it. A large reading room is provided, and adjoining this room are the banks, 21 of which are almost ready for use. It is the intention of the officers as speedily as possible to add a bath and fumigating room, and later a laundry where men may obtain needed lavatory accommodations and preserve absolute cleanliness, which is next to godliness. After an inspection of the premises, all were invited to the barracks adjoining where a veritable feast was prepared for the hungry stomachs there to partake, and there was no lack of either quantity or quality. Tender roast beef, beef pie, potatoes, rich gravy, plum pudding, tea and coffee constituted the bill of fare and none ever sat down to more perfectly cooked, more palatable food than was served at that dinner. During the dinner Col. O. V. Davis took the platform and invited Ensign McGill before him presented him with a cash warrant from the Elks' Club of Dawson for \$100, to which the Ensign happily responded.

Dinner completed all were invited to Fraternity hall, where a sort of social session was organized with Mr. Thos. A. McGowan in the chair, who introduced the speakers called upon in happy vein. Short and appropriate addresses were made by Ensign McGill, Col. O. V. Davis, Hon. Thomas Fackert, Dr. W. Semple, Captain Joslin, Mr. Anderson, J. L. Gillson and others, while Ensign McGill and Morris and Captain Glass entertained with instrumental music and song.

It is a noble work this little organization is doing and their non-sectarian, humane work deserves the hearty support of every one who can in any way assist the Army in its efforts. None who enjoyed the open free handed liberalty of these good people will ever forget their Christmas dinner in less on the Klondike extended by the Salvation Army.

**At the Monte Carlo.**  
Nothing could attest the popularity of the Monte Carlo theatre under the management of Mr. Fred N. Tracy more than the crowded houses which are nightly greeting the most excellent performances which are being furnished the lovers of good amusements.

Monday night saw a complete change of program with the old favorite Dick Maurettus and his wife upon the boards of this favorite theatre. The building is now lighted throughout by electricity and which add so much to the comfort and pleasure of attendants. Mr. A. Schwartz has been added to the company and in his negro representations makes an important addition. The dancing of Miss Maud West continues to improve rather than otherwise, and her turn-calls forth applause that shows this popular little lady to have a strong hold on public favor. Daisy D'Alva is popular too in

her songs and dances. Mr. Tracy has won for himself the strongest position in amusement loving circles, not only by the sympathetic and cultivated voice with which nature has endowed him, but by his own presence upon the stage and in stage direction. The illustrated views and pictures of the projectoscope are a strong attraction and are changed every night. Mr. Tracy is winning large successes in his management and patrons of the Monte Carlo will see a good show there this week.

**LOCAL BREVITIES.**  
No. 26, on Eldorado, was last week credited with another large nugget, this time weighing about \$110. This is the Stanley & Worden claim.

Greenleaf, the water front merchant, has made arrangements for opening a store at the mouth of the Yukon and has already a stock of goods on the way therefrom Dawson in the care of his partner.

The French ball to be given this (Wednesday) evening at the CHF House hall will be a novelty to Dawson. Ten specially engaged French French Maillie dancers will be there. It will likely be a hot time in the old town tonight.

In the case of the Yukon Medical Association vs. Dr. Merriam, the prosecuting witness, Dr. Edwards, and who is also president of the Association, failed to put in an appearance, and Magistrate Harper thereupon dismissed the case.

Spain's reluctance to evacuate Cuba has almost exhausted the patience of Oasin Jonathan. Admiral Sampson, still stationed in Cuban waters, has notified the Spaniards that December must and should positively end the occupancy of the Island.

Christmas services were celebrated at the Episcopal church by the Rev. Bowen. The church had been beautifully decorated with evergreens with a long banner stretched across on which was painted the pretty holly we only see here in pictures.

Major Walsh often made the remark before leaving Dawson that when his report was made at Ottawa the miners of the Klondike would be more than satisfied. He has suggested, among other things, that we should be at least allowed to elect half the members of the Yukon Council.

The Yukon Council adjourned on the last meeting of the week at a quorum. The main business now before the council is the consideration of the proposed ordinance. This is very voluminous and is proving slow work and is at the present time but half gone through.

Would-be prospectors on the upper Klondike are having more or less trouble in locating and distinguishing that stream from that creek and the middle fork.

A London dispatch to the *Mail and Empire* dated October 28, says: "The *Daily* edited by Percy Faine instead of Jerome K. Jerome, is devoting pages this week to the exposure of alleged Klondike 'Phos' and especially to the reported corruption of American Englishmen, who says: 'I would not wonder if the whole country is infected over to the Yukon than see such a shameful state of affairs under our flag.'

The masquerade at the Monte Carlo on Saturday night witnessed a novelty which was enjoyed by all. When the dancers in their beautiful and varied costumes formed upon the floor the light from an analyzing lens of a stereopticon, by the introduction of blue of colored miasma, a very surprising effect was had. Illuminated in a very peculiar way the blue dresses became more and more blue, the yellow became green and the red became purple. Other green faces the blue became black and each of the other colors varied as often as the lights.

The military celebrated Christmas with feasting and song at a Christmas dinner on Monday afternoon. In the absence of their own colonel, Col. Skeels, Colonel W. M. P. was present by request and delivered a neat little speech calling attention to the strange situation of affairs which had brought together a military and semi-military body in the closest relations and without friction, and engaged in the same duty—the preservation of one and the same order. A dash light picture was taken of the gathering, and afterwards the men turned out and a photo was taken of the sergeant's mess.

Frequently encouraging reports are coming in concerning Monte Carlo's "reef" which comes into Bougainville at 24 below. The beach opposite No. 3, owned by Mr. H. E. St. George, is being worked to its fullest capacity. There are several more encouraging reports. There are 15 men working on the lower half of this claim and in one hole in the southeast corner there has been uncovered 100 feet of pay gravel, with 13 inches to three feet of pay gravel. The 11 1/2 pans are being worked systematically, being worked so far and in 12 pans rocked out as high as \$2.80. These reports, authentic as they are, show up well for Monte Carlo.

The Phoenix masquerade on Friday night was the occasion of the gathering there of a dense throng. The costumes were handsome and their variety and number, and the fun was not less and furious until midnight. There were several valuable cash prizes awarded, the first prize being given to "Hyde" who wore a very neat Highland costume. The best dressed man was "Tom" who wore a very nice costume, and the best dressed woman was "Kitty" who wore a very nice costume. The best dressed gentleman's character and the best dressed Irish regalia was considered the most humorous character.

**ANOTHER TWENTY ROUND GO**  
Between "Chicago" Ed Posey and Thomas Magan of Chicago.

Referee James Donaldson Talks Most Plainly and Emphatically to Would-Be Fighters—An Unequal Match.

It is not to be wondered at that the announcement of a glove contest in Dawson is looked upon with suspicion, and lovers of the "manly art" of self-defense disgusted with the now frequently occurring advertised sports in this particular line. It is not wholly the fact that the public is invited to part with their money at good rates as a rule, only to be sent away with the mental assertion that positively "that is the last one they will ever attend" that causes this disgust.

The Nigger has no hesitation in saying that the promoters and promulgators of such contests as was witnessed at the Monte Carlo on Monday night last between Chicago Ed Posey, a colored man, and Thomas Magan, have no right to sign such meetings or bring the men together in the ring. While little Tommy Magan was a game man, he was wholly unequal to meeting such larger and more powerful an opponent as Posey. He was clearly outclassed from the moment the boxers entered the ring, and Magan, had the colored boy known how to fight, would have been put out in the second round, certainly not beyond the fourth. So pronounced was the difference between the two men that the referee, although deciding the contest in Posey's favor, declared all bets off, but awarded, properly, the fight to Posey.

Posey was first to take his place inside the ropes, and showed up to be in the pink of condition and was seconded by the Black Prince, Ed. Kelly and Walter Crisp. Magan appeared shortly after backed by Ed. Mahoney and Ed. Waynfre with H. Thompson as time-keeper. James Donaldson was made the referee and C. L. Meuro official time keeper.

Upon entering the ring Mr. Donaldson, conceded by all to be one of the fairest, squarest men in the country, took occasion to say that although objected to by some boxers that never would he stand for any "hippodroming" or unclean sport as the public had witnessed in the Cronin-Carroll contest, when he had at that time awarded the proceeds of the cash box to St. Mary's hospital, and received the commendation of the house in his well-aimed and pertinent remarks.

It was 11:45 when time was called and the principals were called to the center and directed to shake hands with instructions from the referee that clean breaks must be made, and the "glove" blow was barred.

**FIGHT BY ROUNDS.**

1. Both men up and sparring accepted most all of the ring. The colored man's height and reach clearly showing his advantage, although the little fellow showed up stockily built and well proportioned. Posey made one or two vicious swings with his right but missed, and showed himself to be a clever hand at ducking.

2. Was not fast and furious, but neither man showed that they had mastered the science of glove fighting. The little fellow because of his inability to reach his dusky antagonist, the colored man because of failing to follow up his advantages. The fighting in this round was close in, Posey landing some wicked blows on Magan's body changing the white flesh to pink. As the round closed cries of "Goul" were raised, but not allowed, and the rounds of Magan rushing into the ring were properly and severely reprimanded by the referee.

3. Uninteresting.

4. Both men came to the scratch, Magan showing his wind short, Posey smiling. Posey gave little Magan a terrific blow with his right which crowded Magan to the ropes, and broke the black man's hand, causing him to wince, but he continued to use that right when within reach of his adversary.

5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were devoted mostly to sparring, few exchanges being given in the sixth, when Posey landed on Magan's nose with a straight jab which peddled the "shark" off the little fellow's proboscis and brought the blood.

10 and 11 showed the men in good condition. Little Magan much improved in wind, but utterly ineffective in delivering punishment, although having some wide open opportunities. Some hot blows were given, the colored boy being the aggressor and forcing the fighting, delivering some hard punishment to his little plucky antagonist, who took his medicine bravely, but lost his temper completely, and in doing so also his head to a certain extent.

12. This finished the contest for Posey followed up his advantages here and started in to "do" his man, and seeking the opportunity got in a right counter upon the little man's jaw, which sent him to the floor, and was counted out by the referee reaching 30 before he could recover, and the fight was given to Posey, but as above stated Mr. Donaldson although having no right to do so, having given a decision, wanted the public to understand that the contest was an unequal one.

Soft gloves were used, but it is to be hoped that for the sake of fair honest, manly sport and contests that hereafter judgment will be used in signing any meeting to meet in battle with the gloves, and let Dawson have exhibitions of the nature that every admirer of the use of the buckskin mittens can appreciate.

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