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ANOTHER FAKE

The News Endeavors to Create
a New Stampede to
the Tanana.

ABLY SUSTAINS ITS REPUTATION

For Falsification and Invention
of Rumors.

WHAT MR. T. C. HEALY SAYS.

Received a Letter Four Months Old
and Attaches no Importance
to the Alleged Strike.

The Daily News, the reputation of which paper for unreliability has been the subject for so much unfavorable comment and censure in Dawson, added to its illfame last night by the publication of a fake story about an alleged strike said to have occurred in the Tanana district.

The News' fake writer outdid himself last night, endeavoring to create a stampede to the lower country on a tissue of exaggerations and absolute falsehood for which there is not the slightest foundation.

After introducing the story by saying that Mr. T. C. Healy is the only man in Dawson who knows the facts, and that he refuses to tell them the News goes on to say that according to the report "from as reliable source as possible," \$14 has been found on bedrock and above bedrock the yield is \$2.50 per pan. Bedrock, it was stated, is only six feet deep and water abundant. Inspired then by his own imaginative creation, the News romancer branches off into another vein. After telling that Mr. Healy refused absolutely to disclose the contents of the letter telling of the strike, the News continues as follows:

"The letter goes on to state that great excitement prevails in the vicinity of the find, but there is a lack of tools for working purposes. Shovels were selling at \$100 each, and gold pans at \$50." To give a finishing touch to his purely imaginative picture the News fairy tale writer winds up his story by gravely predicting a stampede to the new country "eclipsing that to Nome."

The actual facts in the case as ascertained from Mr. Healy by a Nugget representative on Monday night are as follows:

In the last mail Mr. Healy received a letter from a former employee, written from the Tanana country and dated August 16 last—over four months ago. The writer addressed the letter to Nome, thinking Mr. Healy was at that place. Mr. Healy was then in San Francisco to which place the letter was forwarded and after following him about from place to place finally reached Dawson with last Saturday's mail.

The letter stated that a strike had been made, the value of which was not yet known, but from indications would prove good.

"I do not attach any importance to the information," said Mr. Healy, "as the strike, if one was made, occurred four months ago and if anything extraordinary had been found news of it

would have reached Dawson long ago. There is absolutely nothing in the letter to warrant anyone to leave Dawson, for, to my personal knowledge, at least 100 men have gone into the same district since the letter was written and if anything big was discovered it has long ago been taken up. But, as I said before, news of the strike would have reached Dawson while the letter was following me about had it amounted to anything."

Mr. Healy was seen again last night by a representative of the paper and questioned respecting the accuracy of the rumor published in the News of last night.

"I cannot," said Mr. Healy, "too forcibly express my condemnation of the article to which you refer. There is absolutely nothing upon which to base such a story and the whole thing is a tissue of exaggerations and falsehood. It looks to me like a deliberate attempt to create a stampede out of Dawson which at this time of year and in the total absence of reliable information about the so-called strike, I consider little less than criminal."

"Matters in Dawson are sufficiently quiet at the present time, without any attempt being made to induce people to leave the town upon a wild goose chase, which could result only in hardship and disappointment."

There is the sum and substance of the entire matter upon which the News bases its sensational and senseless attempt to create another foolish stampede out of Dawson. The public should take due notice that the entire story in last night's News is without foundation in fact, made up of a tissue of imagination and wholly and entirely unreliable and untrustworthy.

Building Ice Roads

The work of making possible for teams and freight the trail along the river and over the cutoffs between Dawson and Whitehorse is, according to Division Superintendent George Pulham, of the C. D. Co., mail contractors, considerable more of an undertaking than many people supposed. Last year Mr. Pulham says his company spent \$9000 making a passable trail between Dawson and Bennett, and this year nearly that amount will be required to make the route good between Dawson and Whitehorse.

Knowing that the C. D. Co. must put the trail in condition for the handling of the mail, other concerns and individuals who have winter freight to handle hang back until, at enormous expense and exposure, the C. D. Co. has rendered the route traversable, then the outsiders get in and gain by the fruit of the labor of others. For this reason Mr. Pulham advances the suggestion that the government should assist in putting winter roads on the Yukon in condition for travel, as the government has as much use for good roads at all times as any one institution in the district.

Mr. Pulham says that when the river first closed the trail as followed along the shore ice was very much better than at present, owing to the fact that the water has gone down and the ice having become brittle has broken up to such an extent as to render travel very laborious. A large force of men is still at work under the direction of the assistant division superintendent of the mail route, and it is expected that by the 10th of January the entire route from Dawson to Whitehorse will be in first-class shape for heavy and rapid travel.

Society's Salutary Effect.

The fact that there exists in Dawson a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is the means of saving many a dog from wearing a bruised and beaten back and is also probably the means of contrary leaders occasionally missing well-merited and deserved correction.

A few evenings since a dog driver attempted to chastise his leader at the corner of Third street and Third avenue, but with the first blow a dozen protests were raised, some called for the police and the irate driver made a hasty retreat up Third street and a host not upon the order of his going.

There is no doubt, however, the observation of Solomon concerning the sparing of the rod and the spoiling of the child is also applicable to dogs in many instances.

Suggestion Acted on

The suggestion in the Nugget of Tuesday's issue that the bridge leading to the barracks on First avenue be leveled down and put in passable condition has been acted upon, a force of men being at work on the bridge this morning.

Rapidly Improving

Major Z. T. Wood is said to have improved more rapidly during the past two days than at any period of his convalescence, and should no complications arise he will be wholly recovered within a few days.

Last Night's Hockey.

A match game of hockey was played last night between the teams of the N. W. M. P. and McLennan & McFeely's store. The first half of the game resulted in a score of 1 to 0 in favor of the police and the last half of 6 to 1 in favor of McLennan & McFeely, making the result of the entire game 6 to 2 against the police.

The play the entire evening was loose, no fine combinations being made by either team. In the first half it looked as though the police had a clear walk-over, but in the latter half the hardware men picked up and won easily. There was no rough playing, but there was woeeful lack of following tip in both teams. P. C. Stevenson refereed the game, the umpires being Smith and Tiffin.

The next game will be played Saturday night between the teams of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Civil Service.

He Ran Amuck

This morning while the stages of Orr & Tukey and Henry Honnen were coming down from the Forks a runaway wood team was passed just the other side of the grade leading around the bluff. One of the horses, a large gray, was kicking and plunging at a frightful rate and soon after the stages had passed the team the passengers in the rear stage, that of Orr & Tukey, looked back and saw coming toward them the large gray horse, his harness chains dangling and swinging from side to side, the animal still kicking and plunging wildly.

He passed the rear team and tried to get past the next but his harness caught in that of one of the stage horses, and after a short but exciting tussle he was subdued and returned to his owner.

The reason for the horse's wild kicking and bucking was afterwards ascertained to have been caused by the bite of a mad dog.

Several women who were passengers fainted through fright, as where the horse got fast to the stage team the grade is narrow and an upset over the bank to the river below seemed quite probable. The cool-headed nerve of the stage driver won the day, however, and no damage was done.

Case goods all descriptions for the holidays at the Pioneer.

Goetzman makes the crack photos of dog teams.

Choice fresh potatoes at Mecker's.

Fine watch repairing by Soggs & Vesco.

Private dining rooms at The Holborn.

Cyrus Noble whisky, Rochester.

Fresh carrots and turnips at Mecker's.

There will be a masked ball and supper at the Boulder house 33 below Bonanza on Christmas eve. Everybody is cordially invited.

HOP JOINT RAIDED

Constables Piper and Scofield
Secure Full Smoker's
Outfit.

FOUR PIPES AND PREPARED DOPE

Tom Lamar and Langdon Were
in the Cabin.

WHICH IS WELL FURNISHED

And Located in Rear of Seattle Restaurant Between First and Second Avenues.

Constables Piper and Scofield on Tuesday afternoon raided what has long been known to exist in Dawson, but the location of which has not formerly been assured. The result is that there are probably a number of "hop fiends" in town now who are thinking it is a long time between whiffs.

The joint raided is a cabin between First and Second avenues and immediately in the rear of the Seattle restaurant. It is nicely furnished and had four smoking bunks. The windows were covered with green-baise.

When the officers called, admission was at first refused them, but later the door was opened and they entered. Only two men were there at the time, Tom Lamar and another named Langdon. One of the men was smoking at the time. On looking around the police found three other pipes, making four in all, and all are of the regulation opium smoking size and style. A complete stock of both prepared and crude opium was found, also alcohol lamps, needles and the paraphernalia that goes to make up the equipment of a full-fledged hop joint, all of which was confiscated and is held by the police at the town station, but Corporal McPhail and his worthy aids have not fully decided on giving a snoker.

The laws of this country do not punish a man for smoking opium, but it takes his outfit away from him and the man who conducts a "hop joint" can be prosecuted for maintaining a nuisance.

Almost Rain.

For fully an hour this forenoon the atmosphere was heavy with a mist which was almost rain, but thus far the day has passed without a shower. Mercury has been raising all day and since yesterday afternoon, and a shower within the coming 24 hours is not an improbability.

Liberal Convention.

The Yukon Liberal Association will hold a meeting in the Board of Trade rooms at 8 p. m. on Friday. All members are requested to be present.

Elby House Dance.

One of a series of semi-monthly dancing parties is to be held Friday evening, December 21, at the Elby roadhouse, 30 below Bonanza. Big preparations are also being made for a dance to be held at the same place New Year's eve. The advent of the new century will be welcomed with a whoop and hurrah.

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