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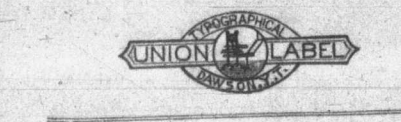
LETTERS. And Small Packages can be sent to the Creeks by our carriers on the following days: Every Tuesday and Friday to Eldorado, Bonanza, Hunker, Dominion, Gold Run.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1902.

\$50 Reward.

We will pay a reward of \$50 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any one stealing copies of the Daily or Semi-Weekly Nugget from business houses or private residences, where same have been left by our carriers.

KLONDIKE NUGGET.



AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium—"David Harum." Orpheum—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

A STEP TAKEN.

The determination reached last evening at the board of trade rooms to reduce the rate at which gold dust is accepted to \$15 was a step in the direction of placing business entirely upon a currency basis. In view of the fact that the export duty of two and one-half per cent. is soon to go into effect, the old rate of \$16 per oz. is no longer possible. Should the merchants continue accepting dust at that rate, the commercial article in being exchanged for currency would suffer a depreciation of \$1.60 per oz., a margin that is altogether too large. The effect of the new arrangement will be to force all dust-carrying a valuation of more than \$15 per oz. out of circulation and substituting currency therefore. Eventually this should bring about the complete retirement of dust, which is the end, ultimately, that everyone wishes to attain.

This action will work no hardship upon the miners and will in the end, the Nugget fully believes, meet their approval.

In accepting dust at \$15, or preferably currency, the merchant will be able to sell at a closer margin than formerly, and the consumer will receive the benefit. Competition for trade will keep prices of commodities down to where they belong, while competition for the purchase of dust will insure the miner a fair price for his product.

When the new arrangement has been in effect a few weeks we feel satisfied that everyone will agree that definite progress has been made toward the settlement of a problem which for three years has been a source of vexation and annoyance in the business world.

Preparations are on foot for the observance of the 24th day of May, which hereafter will be celebrated in Canada in honor both of the late Queen Victoria and of King Edward. Dawson has never yet failed to give a good account of herself on such occasions and the Nugget hopes to see the coming celebration as successful as any that have occurred in the past.

The Sun is greatly worried for fear that J. Pierpont Morgan is about to steal the Dominion of Canada—body, soul and pantaloons. If the Sun would worry a little more about the actual concession steals that are going on right under its nose, and less about things it knows nothing of, the result would be better all around. H. Morgan attempts the bold schemes he is credited with, the

government may be relied upon to cope with the situation. In the meantime there are matters nearer home which our contemporary would do well to give some consideration. The Sun always exhibits remarkable bravery when discussing events that are happening over 4,000 miles away. The Sun might profitably display its courage in dealing with abuses that affect the locality in which it is published.

The Stampeder, devoted to the interests of Bonanza City, is the latest aspirant for public favor from a journalistic point of view. The Stampeder is an 8 page weekly paper, edited by A. Lindsley Smith, with Mrs. Belle Dormer acting as general manager. The first issue, just from the press, is filled with brightness and life, and bears the imprint of experience and ability.

One quartz mine started on a paying basis is all that is required to boom the Klondike as it never has been boomed. Prospects are all right in their way, but a real, genuine mine is what the country wants.

The authorities are making a commendable campaign for cleanliness. Disease lurks in all the unsightly accumulations of garbage lying about the city. They should all be removed to the river before the ice breaks.

Just wait 'til Barney comes marching home again.

Charged With Forgery.

Boston, March 29.—As the outcome of a prolonged conference between police officials, the two sons of Mrs. Julia B. French, who was recently found dead in her Black Bay residence, and their attorney, the arrest of Alfred R. Kehew, who lives in Cambridge, was made tonight. Kehew is charged with forging the name of Mrs. French in September, 1900, to a certificate of transfer of 100 shares of Massachusetts Central stock, valued at \$1,500. He was employed in the office of a law firm which once did considerable work for Mrs. French and certain transactions in which Kehew is said to have taken part now require explanation in administering Mrs. French's estate. Kehew was committed to the city prison but later secured bail. He will be arraigned tomorrow.

Six Day Fetes.

Madrid, March 29.—The fetes to be held upon the occasion of the crowning of Alfonso XIII. as king of Spain will commence May 12 with a grand review of 10,000 troops at Camp Carabanchel. There will be a gala operatic performance and a concert May 16. The actual ceremony of administering the oath to Alfonso will occur in the chamber of deputies May 18. Upon this occasion Alfonso will for the first time wear the uniform of a captain-general in the Spanish army. There will be popular and municipal festivities, bull fights, horse races, balls and receptions during the six days from May 12 to May 18.

Dinner a la carte—Northern Cafe.

Honah, Sah!

Washington, April 25.—Senator Monro of Mississippi was arrested here this morning on complaint of Car Conductor Shaner, who alleges assault.

Of Interest to Shippers.

The Northern Commercial Co. is now prepared to make contracts for shipments from coast ports to Dawson and will be pleased to quote rates on large consignments to bona fide importers. For full particulars, rates, etc., see the Northern Commercial Co., shipping department.

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MINER MUST PAY THE TAX

Merchants so Decided Last Night

Bills After May 1st. Paid in Gold Dust Will be Subject to Addition of Export Tax.

The first meeting of the board of trade to be held in almost if not quite a year was that of last night, being called in special session by Secretary Clayton for the purpose of taking some united action in regard to the export tax which is presumed to go into effect May 1. The meeting was thoroughly representative of the mercantile interests, those upon whom, by reason of last winter's contracts, being payable at the old rates without the tax having been taken into consideration, it will at present fall the heaviest. Among those present were President E. A. Mizner, in the chair, H. Te. Roller, Dr. Cooke, A. B. Palmer, Col. Reichenbach, Wm. White, K. C., P. R. Ritchie, Mr. Elderton, R. P. McLennan, E. B. Condon, J. P. McLennan, Charles Bossuyt, L. A. Troughton, A. D. Williams, H. T. Wills, Wm. Barrett, T. G. Wilson, Wm. Fairbanks, T. A. McGowan, Harry Jones, Mayor Macaulay, Thos. Adair, D. H. McKinnon, G. M. Allen, Dr. Cattö, Col. McGregor and Alex. Macfarlane.

Mr. Mizner in calling the meeting to order stated the purpose for which the call, which was read by Secretary Clayton, had been issued; that it was to deal with and take some united stand with reference to the export tax of 2 1/2 per cent. which matters now stood would fall heavily upon the merchants unless some steps were taken to protect themselves. Wm. Barrett offered a resolution, as follows, which he considered would cover the situation:

"Whereas, The government has proposed that the royalty on gold dust be collected in the form of an export tax and that the rate be reduced from 5 to 2 1/2 per cent., and

"Whereas, It has given notice of its intention to put this law in force on the 1st day of May, 1902; and

"Whereas, The proposed regulation is considered beneficial to the miners and the country at large; and

"Whereas, Many of the miners have contracted with many of the merchants in Dawson to furnish supplies which are to be paid for in gold dust; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That said merchants in collecting such outstanding accounts receive the same in gold dust, provided the said export tax of 2 1/2 per cent. be added thereto, and that notice be given by said merchants to their customers, and through the press immediately of this resolution."

The motion was seconded by T. G. Wilson, but before being put, A. D. Williams secured the floor and proceeded to take several kinds of falls out of the resolution. He pointed out that while the miner had had it handed to him continuously for the past five years, the merchant had been taxed in that time but twice. Surely it would be an injustice to the miner if his bill for supplies were increased by 2 1/2 per cent. when he came to settle. The merchant might stand it once, and particularly after such enormous prices as they in the past had received. Fluctuating prices on various commodities were quoted to show that it was the miner who got it in the neck every time.

By way of reply, Dr. Cooke, of the Ladue Company, said that facts are sometimes not always as they appear. It is true that last summer he had sold hams as low as 22 and even 18 cents, but it was on account of a large amount having arrived in such condition that they would not keep over winter and they had to be disposed of or would have proven a total loss. The same hams had cost 18 cents in Vancouver—24 1/2 laid down in Dawson—and were consequently sold at a loss. At 35 cents it would appear the merchant was making a large profit, which he was not, and the speaker did not believe there was a mercantile house in the city that had made a net profit during the year of over 10 per cent. In regard to the 2 1/2 per cent. export tax he did not consider the merchant should be called upon to bear it. An illustration was used showing where a miner under the old regulations upon an output of \$100,000 would pay \$5,000 in royalty, under the export tax it would amount to but little over one-

quarter of that amount, it requiring from one-half to three-fourths of his output to meet his expenses and upon which he would escape paying royalty should his creditors not insist upon adding it to their bills when settlement was being made. He does not think the government ever intended the merchant and working miner should pay the tax which is what it amounts to as it now stands.

A. B. Palmer agreed fully with Dr. Cooke and R. P. McLennan on being called upon stated the discussion had assumed a somewhat different phase from what he had anticipated.

P. R. Ritchie does not see why the small miner should be called upon to pay the tax and suggested it be collected by the merchants on their bills only from those whose outputs exceeded the old \$5000 exemption.

Col. Reichenbach failed to see how the resolution as presented would do any good. In the contracts between the miner and merchant it rests entirely with the former as to whether or not he will pay the tax on the dust with which he settles his bills. He can not be made to pay it, the colonel thinks.

R. P. McLennan—"I don't know of any merchant who has made specific contracts to accept gold dust in payment for supplies. As far as I am concerned I know we have not. I do accept dust but I insist upon it being clean and coming from the claim where the goods are sold. I think the best plan tonight is to wipe out the use of dust entirely." (Hear, hear.)

T. A. McGowan said that while none of the N. C. contracts had specified dust, yet it was an implied understanding that dust would be accepted in payment.

H. Te. Roller in speaking to the resolution said he hoped it would pass. Everyone for years has been making a desperate effort to have the royalty reduced and now that the government has done so it can hardly be expected to defer its enforcement until everyone's convenience was suited. If the change had been made last fall before the winter contracts were entered into it would have been much better, but now if an effort is made to have its enforcement deferred until next fall, the large miner will raise an awful howl. As to the payment of last winter's bills in dust, his company expects to receive it, but it must be dust upon which there is no mortgage, and as it now stands the government has a claim of 2 1/2 per cent. on all the gold mined.

Before the resolution was put to a vote Mr. Wilson suggested that as long as the merchants were the only ones interested in the matter they alone should be allowed to vote. The question was finally put and the resolution was carried without a dissenting vote. Its passage means that on and after May 1 when payment in gold dust is tendered on bills that have been run prior to that date, the merchant will add to the amount due 2 1/2 per cent. of such sum to allow for the export tax which he will have to pay when he ships his gold out of the country. Due notice will be immediately given all creditors so they may take advantage of the few days yet remaining in April and by settling their bills at once thus escape the tax.

Rockefeller's Condition

New York, April 5.—John D. Rockefeller has returned to Lakewood to seek relief from the pangs of dyspepsia amid the odor of the pines.

Mr. Rockefeller wields the power of a monarch yet is himself the abject slave of a rebellious stomach. He commands the services of thousands of men; he has millions and millions of dollars, palaces, yachts, stables, and yet the smallest details of his life are commanded by a doctor, and he is forced to walk and work and deprive himself in arbitrary ways that would be irksome to the humblest of his workmen.

Until recently, when by the loss of every hair on his head, Mr. Rockefeller was warned of greater dangers, he has been content to treat his doctor as he did his lawyers, clerks and secretaries—see them when he needed advice or information and trust to his own judgment in following it. But now it is said Mr. Rockefeller is in such a serious condition that a doctor has become a virtual member of his household, and supervises directly his whole routine of life. It has been known for several years that Mr. Rockefeller was a dyspeptic.

Work, work, work! The incessant drag upon body and mind and soul which were making Mr. Rockefeller the richest man in the world, demanded the penalty.

His stomach troubles overtook him in 1891. In a few weeks the millionaire lost forty pounds in weight. He applied then to his physician and was ordered into a suit of overalls. He

went to his country place and spent the four summer months at labor beside his men. Mr. Rockefeller came back to his city work in good health again but he was still forced to diet. Year after year he has repeated this program, but year by year the variety of food which he may take has become more restricted. For months now it has been known that Mr. Rockefeller is obliged to live on nothing but stale bread and boiled skim milk. Mr. Rockefeller may not smoke. He must not worry, because of the bad effects of worry on the nerves of the stomach, and he must not sit up later than 9 p.m.

The Dog Wouldn't Be Sold

Stamford, Conn., March 25.—Wm. Kirkby of Fairfield avenue is the owner of the dog, which is an eight-months old son of the blue-blooded Scotch collies, Gallop and Mermaid. The collie was sold the other day to a Bridgeport dog fancier for a round sum. He is intelligent and remarkably well developed. He resisted all attempts to lead him away from Mr. Kirkby's kennel and it was necessary for the purchaser to carry him off the grounds bodily.

The new owner was a corpulent man and when he reached the railroad station dragging the collie after him he was puffing heavily. The man boarded the baggage car of the 10.55 p. m. accommodation train, took a seat near the half-closed door of the car and began to fan

himself while he held the dog with one hand. The train had been in motion several minutes and was moving at a twenty-five-mile clip when the collie with a series of loud yelps jumped up, slipped the rather loose collar from his neck and leaped out through the half-closed door into the darkness, leaving the astonished Bridgeporter holding to a length of rope.

Yesterday morning Mr. Kirkby was awakened by a whining and scratching at his door. Going out he was surprised to find the collie lamed and bleeding, but apparently overjoyed at being back home. One of the animal's paws was crushed and he was cut and bruised, but he barked joyously at sight of his master. Mr. Kirkby has prevailed upon the Bridgeporter man to take back the purchase money. He will not part with the collie now for any sum.

Priest Asphyxiated.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Albany, N. Y., April 25.—Rev. Emmanuel Zedenek, of the Polish Roman Catholic church, of this place, was asphyxiated this morning by illuminating gas.

Handsome decorated tea sets. Cheap. Ames Mercantile Co.

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Ottawa, April 25.—Wm. H. Morgan, an Ottawa accountant, is mysteriously missing.

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