

WAITERS ON GAMING TABLES

Amenable to Law Governing Games and Gaming.

New and Interesting Point Brought Out in Major Perry's Court—Wm. Malone Pays \$10 for a Skate.

A large number of those who, in legal parlance, have no peaceful calling or profession, but in the main part support themselves by gaming, appeared before Major Perry in police court yesterday and paid the usual fine of \$50 and costs, the total in each case being \$56.

Wm. Malone, whose hair has been powdered by the snows of not less than 60 winters, was in court this morning on the charge of having indulged too freely in the fluid extract of rye with the result that he became boisterous and noisy at the Aurora saloon, last night, when a policeman gathered him in and escorted him to the guard house. William plead guilty, but in effect said in extenuation that he had been out of town for some time and his interior realms not being innured to Dawson whisky, the few drinks he took proved too much for him, and he supposed he had been pretty drunk. He was given the option of paying \$10 and the costs of the court, total \$15, or of donating seven days at hard labor on the royal woodpile. After due deliberation he chose the former, and the fine being paid, he re-entered the world a free, but sadder and wiser man.

J. G. Jeffords plead not guilty to the charge of having no peaceful calling or profession and of supporting himself in the main by gaming, and the trial of his case brought to the attention of the court certain features connected with gambling houses which have hitherto been overlooked. Several constables corroborated the testimony of Corporal Frank Smith, that Jeffords is a habitué of the Aurora gambling room; that he frequently occupies a stool at a blackjack table and has been seen keeping cases at a faro table. In his own testimony Jeffords admitted sometimes taking a seat at the various tables, but said that he is not employed by the management of the games. On the contrary, he said he is employed by Tom Chisholm to wait on the gaming tables from the bar, take their orders and carry the same to them, but that is the only way in which he is connected with the business of gambling. The court, while accepting this testimony and admitting that Jeffords was employed only as a waiter on gaming tables, held that the defendant is guilty of earning his support from a source of illegal practices, and therefore stands in line for conviction, the ruling being that, while defendant may not be connected with the games as owner, manager, dealer, lookout, casekeeper or booster, yet being dependent on the games for a livelihood, he is amenable to the law relating to games and gaming. The court cited as precedents examples that a person who is employed in a house of ill fame in the capacity of cook, is subject to arrest and fine for being an inmate of a house conducted for immoral purposes. Jeffords was allowed to go pending sentence, although he was assured of his conviction according to the law and his own evidence. The court instructed Corporal Smith to ferret out and bring before him all persons employed about gambling houses, in the same capacity as is Jeffords.

Mining Laws.

In this issue of the Daily Nugget is concluded the report of the Board of Trade committee on mines and mining, which committee performed its work faithfully and with great care, and to them is the mining populace greatly indebted for the many improvements suggested, and which suggestions can not fail in being productive of allevi-

ating some, at least of the many evils now embodied in the laws regulating the mining industry, the one pursuit of the Dawson district. Messrs. Condon and Tozier are to be congratulated on their report as submitted, even if it should be much changed before its final adoption. In order that the report as submitted and published may be fully understood, the reader should compare it with the mining law as now in force and effect, copies of which law may be procured at the office of the gold commissioner.

For New Telephone Service.

Realizing the need of a first class telephone system in the city of Dawson and on the various creeks, Mr. Jack Wiley and associates have applied to the Yukon council for an exclusive franchise to construct and operate such system, the application having been made at the meeting of the council yesterday. That Dawson needs such a telephone service as the promoters of the new company propose giving goes without saying; and that a first class system should be provided at one-half the cost to the patrons now charged is also apparent, the rates charged at present being practically prohibitory, and making the service, owing to its small patronage, of little or no value. With a good system, and the new company proposes supplying the very best and at one-half the rates now charged, there is no reason why there should not be 200 or more instruments used in the city instead of less than 50, as is now the case.

Mr. Wiley is an electrical engineer of years' experience. He has been more or less connected with telephone systems all his life and is in a position to know and supply the needs in that particular line. Dawson now has an electric light plant which is the equal of that of any similar sized city on the American continent. Why should she not have a telephone service commensurate with her other improvements and needs, and at prices which will make it possible for the majority of people to use and profit by it? Knowing existing conditions and the pressing needs of the city for such a system, there is little doubt but that the application for a franchise will receive the favorable consideration of the council at an early date.

MINING REPORT.

(Continued from yesterday.)

Alteration of clause 39 as posted in the office of the gold commissioner on the 9th day of December, 1899, so that the same shall read as follows:

Adoption of the following: Any co-owner making default in the payment of his share of the cost of representation for the commutation fee in lieu thereof after receiving a notice certifying the amount due by him if such amount be correct, be personally liable therefor to his co-owner and his interest in the claim upon which such labor has been performed or payment has been made, shall be and become forfeited to his co-owner, provided, however, that the co-owner shall first post notice of such default in the office of the gold commissioner for a period of 90 days from the date for the renewal of the claim and shall cause such notice to be published semi-monthly in a newspaper published in the town of Dawson, Yukon territory.

Adoption of clause 40.
Adopt form: "I" certificate of assignment of placer mining claims, except that portion relating to royalty.

39. Any free miner having duly located and recorded a claim shall be entitled to hold it for a period of one year from the recording of the same, and thence from year to year by re-recording the same; provided, however, that during each year and each succeeding year such free miner shall do, or cause to be done, work on the claim itself to the value of \$200 dollars and shall satisfy the mining recorder that such work has been done by an affidavit of the free miner, corroborated by two reliable and disinterested witnesses setting out a detailed statement of the work done, and shall obtain from the mining recorder a certificate of such work having been done, for which a fee of \$2 will be charged.

Provided, that all work done outside of a mining claim with intent to work the same shall, if work has direct relation, and in direct proximity of the claim, be deemed, if to the satisfaction of a responsible government officer,

to be work done on the claim for the purpose of this section.

And the cost of survey of a claim when the same has been made by a Dominion land surveyor shall be deemed work performed upon the claim for the purpose of representation.

Provided, further, that any free miner or company of free miners, holding adjoining claims not exceeding eight in number may, notwithstanding anything in the regulations to the contrary, work the same in partnership under the provisions of the regulations upon filing a notice of their intention with the mining recorder and upon obtaining a certificate from him, for which a fee of \$2 will be charged. This certificate will entitle the holders thereof to perform on any one or more of such claims all the work required to entitle him or them to a certificate of work for each claim as held by him or them. If such work shall not be done, or if such certificate shall not be so obtained and recorded in each and every year, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to relocation.

The holder of a claim may at his option, in lieu of the work required to be done thereon each year, pay to the mining recorder, in whose office the claim is recorded, the sum of \$200 for each of the first three years, but for the fourth and succeeding years the sum of \$400 must be paid in lieu of work done on the location or in connection therewith, as provided by the regulations. A certificate from the mining recorder that such payment has been made shall relieve the person making it from the necessity of doing any work during the year.

If at the end of the year the annual amount of work has not been performed, nor the commutation fee paid, as above stated, the sum of \$250 shall be charged against the claim, and said amount shall constitute a lien on the claim, and no transfer of title to such claim shall be recorded until the said amount of \$250 shall have been paid to the mining recorder.

If the lien is not discharged by payment, at the expiration of three months from the end of the year, the claim shall revert to the crown, and shall be open for relocation.

Any amounts received in lieu of assessment work shall form part of the consolidated revenue.

Another Concession.

Another concession is to be granted by the government at Ottawa. The mining ground is situated on lower Dominion, and consists of hillside and bench properties on the left limit. Recently, Commissioner Ogilvie ordered notices to be posted around town asking for tenders.

Bids will be received up to March 5th, 1900, for a hydraulic mining concession commencing opposite the left limit of creek claim No. 21 below lower discovery on Dominion, extending down the creek one mile along the boundary lines of the creek claims, and one mile back from said creek claims. The tenders must be forwarded to the secretary of the interior at Ottawa and may be transmitted by wire if an accepted check for the amount of the tender has been deposited in the gold commissioner's office, or in the office of Commissioner Ogilvie here. The government reserves the privilege of rejecting the highest or any tender.

Weather Report.

Last night the thermometer at the barracks registered 3 degrees below zero.

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