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## SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found a report of complaints made to The Nugget of the treatment accorded passengers of the Stratton at the hands of the Northwest mounted police at Selwyn. The Nugget regrets exceedingly that any ground for such complaint should exist. The police force has been the one feature of the government that merited and received the unstinted praise both of the public and the press. This praise has been won by the uniformly high character of the individual members of the force, and any deterioration thereof is in the nature of a public misfortune.

It is not just, however, to pass judgment upon the mounted police as a whole, simply for the reason that one or two members of the force have been derelict in their duty. The public will expect an unprejudiced investigation into the matter and prompt punishment dealt to the offenders, should they deserve the same.

## STREET LIGHTING.

A crying necessity of the hour is some practical method of lighting the streets of Dawson during the long dark nights now at hand. For more than two years Dawson has been possessed of sufficient metropolitan pretensions to demand a number of public improvements at the hands of the government.

There being absolutely nothing in the shape of a municipal organization, the only resource left was the federal authorities represented in the Yukon council. As a consequence, little has been done in the way of securing local improvement, aside from the efforts of private firms and individuals to whom is largely due the fact that Dawson does not present at night time a veritable uninhabited appearance. A walk down First or Second avenues of an evening tells the whole story in so far as street lighting is concerned. Some of our enterprising business men have displayed sufficient public spirit to illuminate the fronts of their buildings, while others, lacking either in public spirit, or from reasons of economy, have failed to do so. Hence, we have a resultant patchwork of light and darkness.

There are places in the city where pedestrians are placed in imminent peril. Notably at the corner of Second avenue and First street is this the case. The sidewalk on the left side of Second avenue is fully six feet above the ground and comes to an abrupt end at the street corner, the steps leading to the ground being placed at the side instead of at the end. Several instances are already known of parties falling headlong to the ground at this place, and it is by no means the only one of

the kind that occurs in the city.

While such nuisances should certainly not exist they merely serve to accentuate the fact that some method of lighting the main thoroughfares at night is imperative.

## A DILEMMA.

For some time past our genial contemporary, the News, has devoted quite a large portion of its space to the exploitation of certain disagreements existing between two gentlemen of the city, Messrs. Woodworth and Girouard. It appears that our contemporary has no interest in the matter other than to supply an aching void in its news columns and to protect an apparent shortage in plate matter. It does not occur to us that the affair originally was of any particular moment to the public, so that the only good which has resulted from the argument, in so far as we are able to see is the fact that both gentlemen have been furnished with considerable advertising, possibly free of charge or possibly at so much per line. It is interesting, however, during a brief cessation of hostilities (although we understand that diplomatic relations are still strained) to consider the evidence and to determine as nearly as possible the exact status of the belligerents. We confess to a sincere feeling of regret that the battle, while resplendent with pyrotechnics, has thus far been conducted at long range. It has placed us painfully in mind of similar contests waged for long periods of time between holders or would-be holders of championship belts. There has been altogether too large a quantity of smoke and too little flame. One thing, however, is quite evident, there is no doubt left in the minds of those who have followed the argument as to the opinion which these gentlemen entertain of each other.

Mr. Girouard, apparently, is a gentleman of plainness of speech. He believes in speaking right out in meeting when the spirit moves him to do so. So, in this instance, with a most engaging ingenuousness, he informs Mr. Woodworth and incidentally the public at large that he (Mr. Woodworth) is a "liar." He does not smoothe over the dose with any of those sugared coatings which usually are the accompaniment of bitter prescriptions, but comes out plainly, and undoubtedly speaks his mind. Mr. Woodworth, however, denies the soft impeachment and in language somewhat more diplomatic than that used by Mr. Girouard, but nevertheless unmistakable in its meaning, gives us to understand that Mr. Girouard, if not given to actual prevarication, is at least somewhat careless in handling the truth.

Now we submit to all unprejudiced minds that with the affair in its present unsettled condition, the public is left in a most unsatisfactory dilemma. A very large number of people, having every confidence in the veracity of Mr. Girouard, will be constrained to believe that the gentleman, in making his reflections concerning Mr. Woodworth, is conforming himself absolutely to facts. An equally large number, knowing Mr. Woodworth to be a gentleman of strict probity, will be forced to give credence to his implied, if not expressed imputations concerning Mr. Girouard. While a still larger number, having personal acquaintance with both gentlemen and knowing both to be men of honesty and integrity, must needs concede that

each is speaking the truth concerning the other, and hence will come irrevocably to the conclusion that neither one is any more careful in his handling of facts than he should be.

We repeat, therefore, that the public has been left in a most unpleasant dilemma, which we suggest to the gentlemen concerned can be relieved by only one method, viz., coffee and pistols for two

## TOO BRAZEN.

The brazen manner in which the soiled denizens of Fourth avenue are permitted to flaunt their degradation in the very eyes of respectable people calls for severe censure. Dawson has reached a point in its growth where such exhibitions should not be allowed. The presence in our city of so large a number of ladies and children is sufficient to call for some action which will prevent these parasites upon the community from proclaiming themselves and soliciting patronage as they have been suffered to do in the past.

That these people have to exist must be granted, and with that it must be admitted that some place must be provided for them to stay. The original idea of confining them to one quarter of the city must meet the approval of a majority of people who believe in applying practical means to the solution of the question. But they should not only be compelled to remain within the district allotted to them, but they should also be so enclosed as to permit of ladies passing upon our public thoroughfares without being compelled to have their attention forced upon these outcasts of society.

As it is at the present time the red sign is flung unblushingly to the breeze and the occupants of the Fourth avenue cribs boldly solicit patronage for their dens in the full glare of the public sight. They should be fenced in so tightly that knowledge of their location would not be so offensively forced upon the attention of the passer-by, or at least should be compelled to remain closely indoors.

Prostitution is one of the evils to the removal of which students of sociology have vainly given their attention for years. Undoubtedly it will remain an unsolved problem till time ends, but it can be governed and controlled and its offensiveness lessened by the application of a few practical measures. Some of these measures, as noted above, are needed in Dawson and needed very badly.

## GOD HELP US.

When the editorial columns of a paper are devoted to the dissemination of literature pertaining to the best methods in vogue for the turning of spit-curls, we cry help.

On last Saturday the News published an article headed "Curly Hair." Spare us. We are not, neither are the majority of men interested in spit-curls; but through this cloud of despair there is a bright gleam of hope. We glance at the next editorial and behold, here is an interesting and charming dissertation on the new moon. We take it all back, oh, gentle News; that is clever; there really is a new moon, and you are a perfect lady.

Dawson's townsite presents a very peculiar appearance. The greater portion of the flat which constitutes the town proper is still unoccupied, while on the outskirts and located on the side hills

are hundreds of cabins, whose occupants constitute the great mass of householders of the town. These outside cabins were originally built for the reason that a general belief prevailed in the early stages of Dawson's growth that the flat, owing to its marshy nature, would never be suitable for the location of residences. The successful draining of the marsh has made the entire townsite available for building purposes. The difficulty which now stands in the way of having the townsite covered with dwellings is the price at which real estate is held. There is room for a large residential population on the townsite in addition to all the ground that ever will be required for commercial purposes. The townsite company and other large holders of town real estate should see that it is to their advantage to place the price of lots at a figure which will justify the ordinary citizen in purchasing a lot and building a house thereon.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Harry Davis, accused of aggravated assault upon Paul Remert, was held for trial in the territorial court.

W. H. Wrenn has been appointed receiver to take charge of the partnership affairs of Marymont and Klemberg.

The hearing of Joseph Selix, accused of receiving stolen property, took place before Major Perry on Saturday. The prisoner was bound over for trial in the territorial court.

The Roman Catholics of Dawson have had manufactured, by a local firm of jewelers, a rosary comprised of nuggets, whose worth aggregates \$350. It will be exhibited by the Catholics of Dawson at the Paris exposition.

The church bazaar is to be enlivened by a gipsy drill in which 12 little girls take part. In preparation for the event the girls are practicing under the direction of the energetic Mrs. Hill, of the postoffice stamp department.

Some time ago John O'Gara was convicted in the police court by Inspector Cartwright of the crime of assault, committed upon the person of Eva O'Gara, the wife of the accused. The prisoner appealed, and at his hearing in the territorial court on Saturday he was discharged.

Again on Thursday night the "Entre Nous" club gathered its members in jovial conclave and danced away the hours till morning. The members are reaching a point in acquaintanceship which adds an enjoyable social feature to the gatherings. The hall was crowded, the ladies' and gentlemen's ante-rooms being well patronized by conversationalists.

On last Friday evening Mrs. Chas. Bush, wife of engineer Bush of the fire department, had a very narrow escape from being drowned in the Yukon. She had been visiting a friend in West Dawson, and returning home, she crossed the river 'soon' after dark. Near the Dawson bank, the owners of the Yukoner have cut the ice around the boat to save her from injury. Mrs. Bush unconsciously walked into the open water at this place. Her cries for help attracted assistance, and she was rescued. On Saturday she had recovered completely from the effects of her accident.

## Vice-President Hobart Ill.

Special to The Klondike Nugget.  
Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Nov. 6.—Vice-president Hobart of the United States is dangerously ill. Within the past 24 hours, he has become much worse. His doctors have issued a bulletin, which is most discouraging. They do not expect their patient to recover. His death is hourly expected, and his family and friends are patiently awaiting the end.

Men wanted to prospect good ground for lay on the same, and grub furnished free until pay is located. Call on M. I. Stevens, Room 3, A. C. Co. office building.

Contract for freighting now. Orr & Tukey will treat you right.

The Nugget Express has made a special rate of 50 cents for carrying the Nugget's special illustrated edition to the coast. The first dog team will start as soon as the ice will permit.

An excellent lunch is served gratis at the Cafe Royal annex every day.

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