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INORDINATE GREED.

Inordinate greed invariably meets with disaster. The man whose selfishness leads him to inflict all manner of injuries upon his fellows for the sake of mere gain is absolutely certain to fail in his intention in the long run.

So it has proven in the case of the Dominion government in its treatment of the Yukon territory. The prevailing motive in the entire history of Yukon legislation has been greed. When the news of the original gold discovery was made public in Canada an opening was seen by the powers behind the throne in the Liberal government to replenish the somewhat depleted governmental exchequer. The exaggerated reports that were sent out from time to time of the fabulous wealth of the district explain, if they do not justify the action of the government in endeavoring to hold for itself a large share of the country's wealth.

Friends and apologists of the government freely stated that the laws so bitterly complained of would all be changed and injustices would all be rectified as soon as it was made clear to the authorities at Ottawa that they had been acting under a misapprehension. Time went on. Explanations were made. The whole situation has been repeatedly laid before the government, and more particularly brought to the notice of the minister of the interior upon whose recommendation all our regulations have been made, but without avail. Instead of redress, added burdens have been forthcoming, until it has come to pass in the Yukon territory that the prospector, the man whose efforts contribute so largely to the development of a new mining country has been completely and effectually wiped out of existence in the Yukon territory.

In yesterday's Daily Nugget it was clearly shown how this sowing of the wind is resulting already in harvesting the whirlwind.

The Dominion revenues from miners' licenses and claim renewals have fallen tremendously, in fact have practically melted away. Think of it. During a period of 45 days the revenue from the above named sources has decreased more than \$12,000 from the amount realized during the same period last year. The figures quoted in yesterday's Daily Nugget are commended to supporters of the Siftonian regime in the hope that they will be enabled to draw satisfaction from a perusal thereof.

THE GOLD FEVER.

The gold fever is no respecter of persons. Like the dew of heaven it falls with absolute impartiality upon the just and unjust alike. Its germs once planted in the system, take root and thrive so vigorously that it dominates

its victim like an all consuming passion for drink.

Thousands of men, perhaps hundreds of thousands, are preparing now to join the mad rush to Cape Nome during the approaching summer. What they know about the country has been learned for the most part from newspaper stories published in the cities which anticipate a rich harvest from the business of outfitting the throngs who intend making their way Nomewards.

It is proverbial, and a proverb that is worthy of repetition—that men are easily led to believe the thing they wish to believe. For this reason the alluring stories that are sent broadcast of wealth to be had for the picking up of the same, find ready listeners.

There are several peculiarities of the Cape Nome country that are never prominently mentioned by the Nome "boomer." It is generally agreed that the country is practically devoid of timber, which means a scarcity of fuel and a dependence for the same upon coal or oil shipped from below. It is claimed that the beach diggings which will pay for working extend for an unlimited number of miles, but so far as accurate information at hand extends, the known stretch of beach diggings that has been prospected and proven rich is comparatively small.

By all accounts which have been received from responsible parties the creek carrying rich pay are very few and were entirely covered by location long before the opening of navigation last summer. Thus far no information has been received of the discovery of new creeks of any consequence.

Two points, however, which every intending Nomad should particularly consider are (1) the shortness of the season for washing on the beach and (2) the inhospitable nature of the climate making winter residence at Nome extremely unpleasant and expensive as well. The period of 90 days during which we understand that beach rocking can be conducted must be made to pay a very good average if the miner is compensated in any degree for his labor. If when the season closes he has not enough to maintain him during the succeeding nine months, he cannot consider that Nome has done exceedingly well by him.

We apprehend that the proportion of disappointed gold hunters will be larger at Nome next summer even than was the case in Dawson during the rush of '98.

The variety stage business has furnished the rocks upon which many an aspirant for fame and fortune in Dawson has been wrecked. Like every other business a man cannot expect to master it until he has had the necessary experience. The trouble has been in Dawson that in gaining the experience most of our novices in the stage business have reached the end of their sack.

A Mean Reply.

About 10:30 o'clock this morning when the sun was making a mighty effort to permeate this section of the country with his rays, one of the few efforts made by Old Sol for several months, the man who always has a remark to make on the weather met the mean man on the barracks sidewalk.

"Good morning," said the weather observer, "this sunshine looks very much like spring."

"Yes," said the mean man as he drew his neck further down into his overcoat and slapped his hands on his body, "it looks and feels a d—d

sight like spring. Why, if that sun shines another half hour you will see daisies in bloom."

DAWSON IN A BUSINESS WAY.

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Captain Healy of the N. A. T. & T. Co. replied:

"Business is better now than I anticipated. For the first time in the history of the country provisions are plentiful. My company carries a stock 25 per cent larger than it did a year ago. We are able to supply the people of the Yukon with every essential commodity. Our stock is so great that it is sufficient to feed and clothe every inhabitant, even if all the rest of the merchandise in the territory was destroyed by fire. Money is very tight just at present. I attribute this state of affairs to the fact that mine owner exhausted their capital in purchasing mining machinery from which they will not realize returns till next spring."

"Is it true that your company is selling tickets for Nome?" was asked of Captain Healy.

"Yes," replied the manager, "we have sold quite a number. Only yesterday three people secured their passage."

"What is the price?"

"One hundred and fifty dollars and two hundred," was the answer.

Mr. Fulda of the A. E. Co. said: "We are doing a more extensive business now than we transacted a year ago; but probably because our stock is much larger. I expect a fair trade next spring. The summer is too far ahead to consider. As yet I have not estimated what effect the rush to Nome will have, and I am not prepared to venture an opinion."

Mr. Ames of the Ames Mercantile Company when questioned as to the condition of his business, smilingly answered the reporter's question by saying, "business is better with us than it ever was, because we are selling cheaper than we ever did."

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. B. Hill is registered at the McDonald.

H. P. Heacock of 22 Eldorado is in town on business.

Seth Powell of 76 below Bonanza is in the Metropolis.

Archie Thorburn, a miner on Eldorado, is visiting the city.

C. E. Severance left this morning for a short visit up the creeks.

H. McDonald of 14 below on Bonanza, is a guest at the Hotel McDonald.

Fred Terry, after spending several days in the city, has returned to his lay on Dominion.

Mrs. J. L. Sale has been confined to her home for several days with a severe cold. She is now improving.

Walter Lyons, manager of the Ladue saw mill, went to steamboat slough today to inspect some timber for his company.

William Kelly, bookkeeper and timekeeper at No. 17 Eldorado, is visiting Dawson. He is stopping at the Green Tree building.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the Estate of Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, late of the Parish of Stranden, in the Kingdom of Norway, miner, deceased.

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