

# TELEGRAPH TROUBLE

### Between W. P. & Y. R. R. and Dominion Lines Temporarily Quieted

### BUT NOT SATISFACTORILY ADJUSTED.

### Latter Contends That Transfers Should Be Made at Bennett

### AND FORMER AT WHITEHORSE

### Messages Carried by Steamer Not Satisfactory to Patrons—Each Line Blames the Other.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily. Messrs. R. S. Richards and L. F. Madrus, late arrivals, spun a tale of woe at the Nugget office today, which purported that the present telegraph system between here and Skagway is decomposed in various, divers and sundry places. Mr. Richards asserts that there is trouble between the White Pass and Dominion lines and that a message sent by him from Skagway to Dawson was forwarded by boat from Whitehorse to Dawson instead of being transferred to the Dominion telegraph line at that place. Mr. Madrus verifies Mr. Richards' statement. These gentlemen assert that there is lack of harmony between the White Pass & Yukon and the Dominion telegraph lines, and that the former insists on having all transfers made at Whitehorse, while the latter contends that such changes from one line to the other be made at Bennett, and that the W. P. & Y. Co. instead of conforming with the requests of the latter company is forwarding its messages for Dawson by boat from Whitehorse.

Messrs. Richards and Madrus claim to be able to substantiate that the above is true and that they have been materially injured where profit would otherwise have accrued had the telegrams on which they prepaid \$3.75 per ten words came straight through by wire instead of being forwarded from Whitehorse by boat.

Mr. J. H. Rogers, agent for the White Pass & Yukon Route, was seen this morning relative to the above. He said:

"The gentlemen mentioned probably have grounds for a kick, as there were two days last week on which telegrams were forwarded by our company from Whitehorse to Dawson by steamers; and those thus sent on the Canadian were late in arriving owing to that steamer's bad luck on the way down. "The blame for this state of affairs," continued Mr. Rogers, "is all due to the action of the Dominion line, which wants us to take our business off our own line at Bennett and turn it over to them when we prefer to hold it until it reaches Whitehorse, at which place we desire to make the transfer. However, the Dominion line is now accepting the business we turn over to it at Whitehorse, and from now on no trouble nor delay need be feared by the patrons of the Dawson-Skagway system."

Manager Clegg, of the Dominion line, was not in his office when the Nugget man called, but Operator McKenzie, when asked concerning the matter said:

"Our company has established the transfer point at Bennett and has provided a force there to handle the business, while at Whitehorse our facilities for handling the business turned over by the other line are inadequate. Yet our line has never refused to take the business offered it at Whitehorse and it is a rank injustice to patrons for the W. P. & Y. R. to charge full rates at Skagway and then forward the messages from Whitehorse by boat. "Our regular transfer station is at Bennett and there is where we are prepared to handle the business, but lately I see that many messages are being turned over to our line at Whitehorse. You see the railroad company wants as much out of it as possible and that is why it wants to hold the business to the end of its own line."

### Freight Stacking Up.

The railroad confidently expects that by tonight all the freight here, except

that brought by the last steamer, the Teez, will have been cleared out and over the summit. But Whitehorse is pretty well packed with freight. Secretary Young went over to Whitehorse to effect an arrangement which it is believed will immediately relieve the congestion there. He will return this evening. All the mining machinery has already gone in, and this has amounted this season to over three thousand tons. This probably is nearly all the mining machinery ordered for Dawson by this route, and the shippers showed wisdom in not delaying starting it until the last moment. The principal freight going in now is hay and feed, potatoes and general merchandise.—Alaskan.

### Board of Trade.

The trustees of the Board of Trade held a regular weekly meeting last night at which Promoter L. D. Kinney was present and spoke at length of his proposition to build a railroad from Skagway via Dyea, Chilkoot pass and Dawson to Eagle City, after which the trustees adopted the following resolution.

Whereas, The Board of Trade of Dawson have heard with great interest the address of Mr. L. D. Kinney upon the prospect of a competing line of railroad to Dawson via Chilkoot pass, and

Whereas, It will be of the greatest advantage to the Yukon valley to have a competing line of road, thereby reducing the cost of supplies and thus increasing the area of profitable mining ground, and

Whereas, We believe that the Yukon valley is the most extensive gold bearing area on earth and that its richness is only suggested as yet, and that the gold production will continue to increase for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend the thanks of the board to Mr. Kinney for his address and express the hope that his efforts to promote a new line of railroad to the great Yukon valley may be crowned with success.

### Creek News Items.

Winfield Reese, of 31 hill, left for the outside this week.

Mr. Bradley, of 31 hill sold his interests to Mr. McKay, who will work the claim this winter.

The Elby roadhouse will give semi-monthly dances this winter, the second of the series to come off Saturday evening.

There has been a general closing down of summer work on Bonanza and Eldorado this week.

The latest quartz strike is that just above Victoria gulch. On July 14th last Emile F. Corthay staked a quartz claim between the heads of Victoria and 7 pup, and about 1500 feet below the ridge between Victoria and Gay gulches. Since July Corthay and his partners John Stewart and F. R. Chute, have been exposing the ledge, which has been corsscut every 50 feet for over 500 feet. At one place they went down a distance of 18 feet, the wall being almost vertical for that distance. The ledge is six feet wide with three feet of mica schist and other soft material on either side making the ledge as far as has been investigated about 12 feet from wall to wall. The ledge has been traced from the head of Victoria to the mouth of Eldorado, and some 14 claims have been staked. G. B. McMillan, a mining expert, who is here in the interests of J. Wesley Allison, of 13 Wall street, New York, says there is no question but that the boys have a genuine ledge; he said it would take several days to determine whether it were a true fissure vein on account of being entirely under ground. A number of specimens can be seen containing free gold; some pieces weighing from \$10 to \$15. A number of pans were taken out of the soft material on both sides of the ledge, all showing more or less gold, some pans going as high as \$1.

### Hay Shortage.

On his way to the outside Allan R. Joy grew confidential with a newspaper reporter at Skagway to whom he revealed the statement that there are 1200 horses in the Klondike and not more than half enough hay to winter them. He also ventured the opinion that this country needs more heavy mining machinery, but thought from the amount he saw coming in that the supply would be greatly increased by the time navigation closes. Mr. Joy was on his way to Maine, where he will spend the winter with his family.

### Sidewalk Asked For.

There is a lengthy petition with many names attached, which will soon be ready for the consideration of the Yukon council. It is a prayer for a sidewalk on Mission street, beyond the school house. What occurred there yesterday afternoon goes to show that a sidewalk is needed. A team loaded with logs was going up Mission street, and when near the school house the bottom seemed to drop completely out of the road, and the wagon went to the hubs, and the horses to their bodies. In trying to pull the wagon out it was pulled in two, and the logs had to be hauled out one at a time at the end of a chain.

# VERY MODERN

### Will Be the New Post Office Building Now Almost Completed.

### MAIL, CUSTOMS AND TELEGRAPH

### Service, Besides Other Departments, Will Find Homes

### IN THE NEW EDIFICE SOON.

### There Will Be Nearly Two Thousand Boxes in the Post Office—Registrar's and Land Office.

The new postoffice building is nearing completion, and probably during the first week in the coming month will be occupied by the postoffice, the telegraph office, the customs office, the crown lands office and the registrar.

This morning a Nugget representative went through the building and found much to interest.

To begin at the bottom, the basement is being fitted with two large wood furnaces which will furnish hot air, delivered through pipes to the rooms above, for heating purposes. Considerable difficulty has been met with in this part of the construction, owing to the marshy nature of the ground, and it was found necessary to sink a huge metallic covered case as a foundation for the furnaces.

The floor above will, of course, be the main one of the building. Here will be the post and telegraph offices. The former will occupy the main part of the room, facing on Third avenue. It will contain a total of 870 lock boxes, 100 large lock drawers for newspapers and 65 other drawers intended for the use of the larger mercantile houses, and 800 call boxes, giving a total of 1775 boxes and drawers combined.

The lock boxes when in place will present a very handsome appearance, as they will set against each other in a way to present a solid front of brass and plate glass.

The boxes will be of the usual size; the top of the front where the lock is being of brass with the letters D. C. (standing for Dominion of Canada), raised, and the lower part being of plate glass bearing the box's number in red and black letters.

There will be two general delivery windows, and the office has a vault six by eight feet in size, for the accommodation of valuables. The walls of this are of brick, and two feet in thickness. On the other side of the room is the public telegraph office, where messages are received and delivered, but the operating room is upstairs, there being an elevator provided to carry messages to and from the lower room.

At the rear of the main room is the private office of the postmaster, behind this is an annex which forms an examining warehouse or appraising room for the customs house.

On the next floor are ten offices for use by the telegraph operators, the customs offices, crown lands offices and the registrar. The vault walls have been continued up from below and on the upper floor the registrar and crown lands office will each be provided with a vault.

Above this floor is the attic, where the cells, numbering 370, of the telegraph lines will be kept, and the room in the corner facing the street corner has not yet received assignment to any particular use, though it will probably be used by a caretaker. The clocks for which this room has been pierced have not yet been ordered, and their appearance there is altogether a matter to be left to the future.

### Dredgers for Stewart River.

"The great industry of the Stewart and similar tributaries of the Yukon is going to be dredging for gold," said Dr. Smiley, of Montreal, and Dr. White, of London, Eng., agreed with him. Both gentlemen, says the Alaskan, are engaged in dredging propositions on the Stewart river. Dr. Smiley has a concession of 110 miles on the

river from its mouth, from the Canadian government, and Dr. White has a concession of about 30 miles adjoining above that of Dr. Smiley. Both are endeavoring to the outcome of the great financial enterprises.

Dr. Smiley has only been prospecting on his concession, and is well satisfied with the results. Dr. White has gone a step further and has had a crude miniature dredge in operation. He considers the result of this dredging wonderfully encouraging. The product has run from one to 15 cents to the pan.

There are, he says, 150 pans to the cubic yards, and, as the dredges they will put in will be of a capacity of 2500 cubic yards per day the immense profits can readily be estimated. One of these large dredges only takes 13 men to work, and the machinery, with this number of men, will handle as much material in 24 hours as 2000 men could do.

Both gentlemen are so thoroughly convinced of the paying possibilities of the enterprise that they are hurrying east to get in the dredges and will probably take in much of the machinery over the ice to save time.

### Will Marry Tonight.

Mr. William Hemstead, a well-known and popular young business man, is all smiles today and for a very good reason. One of the late steamers from the river brought to the city a young lady from California, Miss Emma Kirsch, and this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. James Younkens, Rev. Dr. Grant, will perform the ceremony that will make Mr. Hemstead and Miss Kirsch man and wife. That their bark may glide down the matrimonial sea unrocked by the ripples of domestic infelicity is the wish of the Nugget and the groom's host of friends.

### Additional Jail Facilities.

Commensurate with the march of progress and air of general advancement which pervades the great Yukon country, the government is keeping up with the procession and, in contemplation of a lively winter, is adding to its jail facilities. The room formerly occupied as a guardroom has been fitted up with cells, the door which opened upon the alley having been logged up. What was previously a stockade in the rear of the big jail building has been enclosed and is being fitted up for a guard house and quartermaster's room. About 20 new cells are being added and in a few days that institution will be prepared to entertain all comers.

### Quagmire on a Street.

The condition of the upper part of Mission street is most deplorable and is now practically impassable. Yesterday a team bogged down on that thoroughfare and in extricating themselves tore a wagon literally to pieces. If something is not soon done to better the condition of that street it should be fenced up in order to prevent persons not familiar with its condition from attempting to travel it.

### 300 Wood Rafts.

A gentleman who has just returned from a trip up the Yukon is authority for the statement that there are 300 rafts of wood between Dawson and the mouth of Stewart river. This wood is all intended for the Dawson market and will be landed here within the next few days. Some of the rafts are small, having only a few cords, while others contain as much as 100 cords.

### Challenge Accepted.

Dawson, Y. T., Sept. 19, 1900.

To Editor Daily Nugget:

Sir—I see by an issue of the Daily News of Sept. 14 a challenge from Prof. Anderson for a mounted sword contest to take place in Dawson within 30 days. Now, I will meet Prof. Anderson at any time or place for any sum of money, the contest to be conducted under either the French or English rules governing such contests.

CAPT. BENJ. KIMBALL.

### First Campaign Meeting.

All candidates will be present at a meeting to be held on Monday night next, the 24th inst.

It has been found impossible to hold the joint meeting of the candidates for the Yukon council this week.

Messrs. Wilson, Prudhomme, O'Brien and Noel will hold forth on Monday evening when the status of each candidate will be defined.

Every elector will hear all sides on Monday evening.

### Is Winter Coming?

Considerable snow fell last night, but in the valley it melted almost as soon as it found the ground. The mountain sides were covered with the white mantle until after the middle of the day. Old timers do not agree in their weather predictions as some of them assert that winter has already set in, while others confidently assert that there will yet be two weeks of clear, bright weather, frost at night and warm sunshine throughout the day.

# PLACER GROUND

### Can No Longer Be Covered by Hydraulic Concessions.

### GOLD COMMISSIONER MUST BE SHOWN

### That Ground Is Worthless for Placer Mining Purposes

### BEFORE GRANTS WILL ISSUE.

### Gold Commissioner Given Power to Hear and Decide All Disputes Regarding Possession.

A most important regulation was posted in the gold commissioner's office today whereby securing of hydraulic concessions will be much more difficult in the future than has been the case heretofore. The important section of the regulation is as follows:

"His excellency is pleased by and with the advice of the Queen's privy council for Canada, to order, and it is hereby ordered that the said order in council of the 2d of March, 1900 shall be amended so as to provide that no application for a lease for hydraulic mining purposes shall be entertained for any tract which includes within its boundaries any placer, quartz or other mining claim acquired under the regulations in that behalf, or in the immediate vicinity of which placer, quartz or other mining claims have been discovered and are being profitably operated, and also that the gold commissioner shall, in addition to furnishing the reports above referred to, be required to furnish a certificate that the location applied for does not contain any such placer, quartz or other mining claim, nor have any such claims been granted in the immediate vicinity of such location."

Another very important order passed the privy council of Canada on August 25th, a copy of which has just been received at the gold commissioner's office here.

The digest of the order is that the gold commissioner is given authority to hear and determine all disputes with respect to entry having been granted two or more persons covering the same ground in whole or in part, and he is also given power to set aside any grant for a mining claim when it is shown by evidence that such grant has been fraud, misrepresentation or error, and to confirm any entry which is proven to have been made according to the regulations. Such cases determined by the gold commissioner, however, may be appealed to the minister of the interior who shall also have the right to hear the evidence adduced and to cancel or confirm such grant or entry.

### His Opinion.

Francis Douce, a famous antiquary, who died in 1834, bequeathed a box to the British museum trustees, stipulating that it should not be opened until 1900. At a recent meeting of the trustees the box was unsealed and unlocked by the curator of the museum. It contained nothing but fragments of paper, torn book covers and other rubbish, with a note from the donor saying that, in his opinion, "it would be wasting any more valuable or interesting objects to leave them to persons of the average intelligence and taste of the British museum trustees."

### Saved by a Little Girl.

O. C. Sigworth, an Indiana man, catching a black snake recently, grabbed it back of the head, when it wrapped around him and squeezed his arms close to his body. He was unable for some time to get the reptile uncoiled, but finally received assistance from a little girl, who was with him, who grasped the snake's tail and waded around Mr. Sigworth and uncoiled it. Mr. Sigworth says the bravery of the little girl no doubt saved his life, as the snake was slowly but surely squeezing the wind out of him.

### A Start in Business.

H. A. Weld, for a long time a valuable employee of the Ladue Co., has gone into business for himself on Third avenue. He has a finely fitted up store loaded with choice groceries. Mr. Weld has many friends who no doubt will be glad to hear of his enterprise.