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SKAGWAY TOWNSITE CASE

Negotiations Between Property Holders and Moore Interests Reach Successful Conclusion—All Contests Against Moore's Title Will Be Withdrawn—Easy Terms to Be Made.

Skagway, Aug. 31.—Negotiations looking toward a settlement of the Skagway townsite litigation are practically settled. Everything has been accomplished excepting the actual signing of the terms of agreement which have been made.

When Moore obtains his patent he is to deed the property to the individual claimants, the consideration being a cash payment of 25 per cent of the value of the property according to the values fixed by the last city assessment. The remaining payments are to be made on easy terms at low rates of interest.

MILNE'S TITLE IS O. K.

The statement published in our contemporary yesterday afternoon that Ottawa had confirmed the issue of grants to locations made on the Milne concession prior to December 31st last, including the claims disposed of at the commission's sale last November, seems to be altogether erroneous, and is based upon a private letter to Dr. Milne from the secretary of the minister of the interior, a copy of which was sent in official course to Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell. This letter was in reply to one written to the department by Dr. Milne from Victoria last June, inquiring as to the stampede reported in the newspapers to ground was in his concession.

and the department replied to Dr. Milne accordingly. Dr. Milne contends that his rights were established long before that date; that they date from August, 1900, when the lease was granted by Commissioner Ogilvie, and from which date he has paid the government. This morning he appeared before the gold commissioner's court with his legal adviser, Public Administrator Congdon, and laid the letter in question before Mr. Senkler. Mr. Congdon pointed out that this private letter could in no way affect the rights which had been granted to Dr. Milne, and Mr. Senkler, after reading the letter, said decisively:

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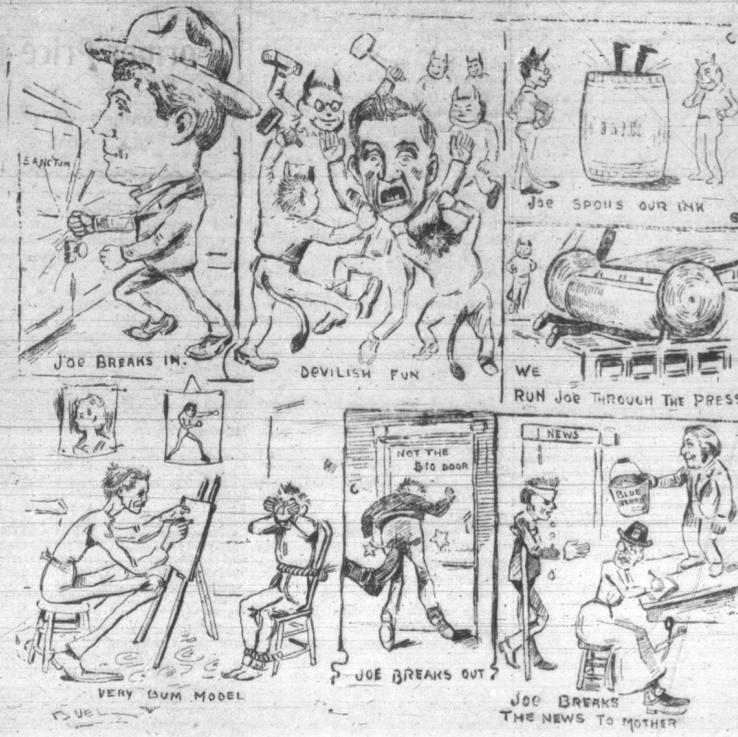
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HOW JOE PUT THINGS TO RIGHT IN THE NUGGET OFFICE.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. STEAMERS ARE LOADED

Ocean Vessels Benefitted by Cut Rates in the Yukon.

Skagway, Aug. 31.—The salt water steamers plying between here and Sound ports are reaping a great benefit as the result of the rate war on the Yukon. The Dolphin and Queen sail this evening with practically every berth taken. Fully 200 are still enroute from Dawson.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. GOLD ARRIVES FROM ATLIN

Litigation Still a Bar to Extensive Work.

Skagway, Aug. 31.—The first shipment of this season's output from the Atlin district arrived last night, consisting of \$40,000 in gold bars, the Bank of Commerce and Bank of Halifax being the consignees. Fifteen miners arrived on the same boat which carried the gold. They state little has been done this season in hydraulic mining on account of prolonged litigation. The principal strike this year has been made in the benches adjoining Boulder creek, which have proven to be generally good, averaging an ounce to the shovel. They were not worked last season.

Mrs. Lottie Weisman, a Dominion claim owner, has gone outside for the winter.

Superintendent of Public Works J. C. Tache has returned to Whitehorse.

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THE HARDWARE MAN

DOUGLAS EDWARDS

Quite Badly Injured by an Electrical Shock This Morning.

WAS IN THE POSTOFFICE VAULT

Had an Incandescent Electric Light in His Hand.

WIRES BECAME CROSSED.

Telegraph and Electric Light Wires Came Together, Causing Him to Receive Shock.

Mr. Douglas Edwards the well-known and popular chief clerk in the postoffice had a narrow escape from an accident which might have cost him his life, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. The results were serious enough to cause three stitches to be taken in a deep gash on his head, a bruised face and his right hand severely burned.

Mr. Edwards started into the vault to get some papers and took with him the electric light, which is suspended from the ceiling just in front of the vault and which is used to light it. He had his hand on the brass fixings just above the bulb and as he stepped upon the metal plate just at the entrance of the vault a current of electricity shot through him which doubled him up in a second and threw him with considerable force to the floor. In falling he struck against the edge of the door putting a deep gash in the top of his head and slightly bruising his face. His hand was burned a little by the current but not seriously. He was dazed by the shock and the fall but quickly revived and walked to the doctor's office where his wounds were dressed. "Dug" is considerably "stacked up like" but his wounds are not serious enough to confine him to his rooms.

The trouble seems to have been caused by the electric light and the telegraph lines in some manner getting crossed, which has been the source of considerable trouble all day. When the telegraph office opened this morning it was found that one of the relay

instruments had been burned out of all shape and it was necessary to replace it with a new one. There was also a flame issuing from the circuit wire which threatened disaster to all of the instruments and had it been stronger there would have been danger of its setting the building on fire. The wire was quickly disconnected and three linemen were sent out to discover and repair the breakage, but up to 12 o'clock this afternoon it had not been found.

As a result of the accident the telegraph line has been compelled to go out of business for today until the cause of the trouble has been discovered and repaired for if the wire should be connected and the current of electricity sent through it, there would be a possibility of placing in jeopardy the lives of the linemen who are at work repairing the break.

In order to make a thorough search every pole on the line will have to be climbed, as there is such a network of wires that it is impossible to discover a break from the ground, so that it will take considerable time to locate the source of the trouble. There is a possibility of the bolt having struck the telegraph offices up the line with as much if not greater force than it did here in which case considerable damage might be done. As no word has been received today a message is awaited with some anxiety.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Will be Held Monday Night at Library Rooms.

A public meeting will be held at the Public Library room on Third avenue and Harper street Monday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing four members of the board of control to fill the vacancies of Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Fysh, Dr. Hardman and Mr. Ritchie, all of whom have either left or intend leaving in the near future for the outside where they will spend the winter.

The new by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the library, which has been carefully prepared by the laws committee, Messrs. Ritchie, Galpin and Prudhomme, will also be submitted to the meeting for consideration and approval.

The subject of fortnightly entertainments such as were held last winter in the interests of the library will be brought up for discussion and committees will in all probability be appointed to arrange for the first entertainment which it is hoped to give in a short time. The meeting is one of importance and no doubt will be very interesting and should be largely attended. It is to be a public meeting and everyone is cordially invited to be present.

THE FIRST STAMP MILL

Geo. M. Munger Brings Heavy Shipment of Machinery Which Includes a Stamp Mill for Testing Quartz—He Will Undertake Systematic Prospecting—Has Confidence for the Future.

Interest in the various quartz properties throughout the territory, many of which are just entering upon their first stages of development, will receive a very great impetus through the arrival yesterday of the first stamp mill to be brought into the country for purposes of exploitation. The mill is a small one, it is true, but for the use it is intended it will serve equally as well as one of a hundred stamps. Very quietly and without any ostentatious show or flourish of trumpets Mr. George M. Munger and his representative, Captain Spencer, have secured interests in several different quartz ledges and these it is proposed to test in a most thorough manner. Mr. Munger is from Chicago, where his name is as familiar and well known as that of Armour or Field, and has ample means to successfully carry out any enterprise which he may undertake. In the shipment referred to are 12 boilers, seven steam hoists, a sawmill outfit and the stamp mill. Ten of the boilers will be placed on placer property in which the gentlemen are interested, one will be utilized by the sawmill and the other by the stamp mill. A Barleigh steam drill has also been ordered and will arrive before the close of navigation. The stamp mill is of a pattern new to most hard rock miners, which, however, in Colorado and other states has proven most satisfactory in its work. It's use is almost wholly for prospecting purposes yet it will do the work of any ordinary five-stamp mill. The innovation over the old gravity system of the arrangements of the stamps lies in the fact that instead of the ore being crushed by the mere weight of the stamp falling upon the die, the shoe is propelled downward by the force of steam, the stamp stem being nothing more than a piston which plays back and forth out of a small engine situated on the upper end of the battery where the coils are ordinarily placed. When in operation the stamp shoe rises and falls as the piston or steam moves in and out of the steam chest. The battery has a triple discharge and Tremaine, the inventor of the mill, claims for it a greater crushing capacity with but two stamps than in the old style battery of five. The stamps weigh but 300 pounds each as against 850 where gravity alone does the work. Mr. Munger was visited at his residence today by a representative of the Nugget and it was with the greatest reluctance that he consented to make any statement concerning his intentions.

piece of gold sticking to it to imagine he has a mine. He hasn't even a prospect; only a location. To make a prospect out of it requires months of hard labor and to then transform it into a mine means the expenditure of thousands of dollars in sinking shafts, running levels and crosscuts. Yes, I know just exactly where we shall put up this mill and I might add that it will be erected and put in operation just as soon as it can be hauled out there, but that I do not care to divulge to the public at present."

Mr. Munger is extremely conservative in his statements, impressing one as being a man of few words and having a particular aversion to extravagant ideas and long winded newspaper notoriety when there is nothing to back it up.

"Wait until we have done something and accomplish some results," said he, "and then I can talk to you more intelligently about Yukon quartz."

When the reporter made reference to an article recently appearing in an evening contemporary concerning a prospect hole now being sunk on a ledge which it was said would be worth \$5,000,000 if the vein held out at 100 feet depth, Mr. Munger only smiled and remarked:

"I wonder if the man who wrote that article has any conception of what constitutes a mine or what the meaning of the expression 'ore in sight' is."

To which the Nugget man ventured the opinion that a further acquaintance with the genus reporter as found in some of the Dawson papers would find them to be of a variety extremely glib.

William Fonder

WILLIAM FONDER

A Dawson Old Timer Drowned in Fish River.

William Fonder, who recently returned to Dawson from Nome brings news of the death of Arthur Howard who will be remembered by many old timers in Dawson. Howard was a printer who worked here during the summer of 1898 in the employ of the Yukon Sun as a compositor.

He joined the rush to Nome in the summer of 1899 where he has been since.

His death occurred while Howard was engaged in a freighting expedition up Fish river. He was swimming a horse across that river and was just ascending the bank which was very steep and losing his balance fell into the stream. The water was very swift and Howard was immediately carried into the current and drowned before his companions could effect a rescue.

His body was recovered and taken to Council City where it was interred. It is understood that Howard was interested in some valuable properties on Fish river for the development of which he had taken a lot of machinery to Council City.

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