

### IMPORTANT ORDER ISSUED

At Ottawa Relating to Matters of Claim Staking.

Most Liberal Measure Yet Promulgated—Abandoning Worthless Claim Does Not Forfeit Right.

As stated in the Nugget yesterday an order was received at the gold commissioner's office, giving to the free miner the right to abandon a claim for which he has received entry and stake and record another claim on the same creek, river or gulch, providing he can produce evidence and show by work performed that the abandoned claim will not pay to work. The order is dated at Ottawa, the 21st of January and is as follows:

Whereas it is represented that it would be in the public interest to permit a free miner to abandon a placer mining claim for which he has received entry under the regulations governing placer mining in the Yukon territory and to obtain entry for another claim on the same river, gulch or creek.

Whereas, section 35 of the same regulations provides that no free miner shall receive a grant for more than one placer mining claim in a mining district, the boundaries of which shall be defined by the mining recorder, but the same miner may also hold a hill claim acquired by him under the regulations in connection with the river, creek, or gulch claim and may hold any number of claims by purchase.

Therefore, his excellency by and with the advice of the queen's privy council for Canada is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that a free miner may at any time abandon a placer mining claim for which he has received entry, by giving notice of his intentions to do so to the mining recorder provided he can show by his own evidence, corroborated by the mining inspector that sufficient work has been done on the claim to prove that the ground which he wishes to abandon cannot be profitably worked by the ordinary placer mining methods. These conditions complied with he may obtain entry for another claim on the same river, creek or gulch.

His excellency is further pleased, with the view of encouraging prospecting, that new discoveries may be made, to order that the said section 35 is rescinded and the following substituted: "No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek, or gulch, except a hill claim by purchase, as provided by section 34 of these regulations or unless he has abandoned the claim for which he has received entry and such abandonment has been duly recorded. A free miner may hold any number of claims by purchase."

### FEBRUARY WEATHER

This Year Was Much Colder Than That of Last.

During the months of January and February just passed Dawson experienced the severest weather ever record-

### The Nugget

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ed in this part of the country. The comparative table for the month of January of this year and last published last month, showed a difference on the 15th, the coldest day of each year, of 11 degrees, and the degrees below zero added together for each month shows January, 1900, to be 821 and January, 1901, to be 1001, giving January, 1901, 180 degrees more of cold than the same month of last, with an average degree for January, 1900, of 26.5 and this year 32.3.

February averages .01 of a degree colder than January being 32.4, while for last year February was comparatively mild, with the exception of a few days when the thermometer went as low as 45, but the average was only 19.5.

The degrees below zero added together gives February of this year 907 degrees and of last year 573 degrees. Several days last year the thermometer went above zero and taking the sum of the degrees above away from the degrees below brings the degrees below to 350, giving February of this year 357 degrees more than last year. The comparative table for February of 1900 and 1901 is as follows:

Feb. 1901.	Be.	Feb. 1900.	Ab. Be.
1	29	1	4
2	27	2	2
3	24	3	4
4	18	4	5
5	2.5	5	3.5
6	8.5	6	17
7	1	7	3
8	32.5	8	4.5
9	45	9	2.5
10	45.5	10	14.5
11	46	11	25
12	45	12	25
13	45	13	28
14	44	14	33
15	48	15	43
16	46	16	45
17	48.5	17	45
18	47	18	38
19	42	19	41
20	38	20	45
21	35.5	21	44.5
22	34.5	22	42.5
23	28.5	23	30
24	35	24	2
25	34	25	2
26	21	26	6
27	17	27	23
28	12	28	33

### IT WAS A DRAW.

Al Smith and Colorado Kid Scrap Ten Rounds.

Al Smith and the Colorado Kid met in the roped arena at the Club gymnasium last night in a ten-round go. Slavin acted as referee. The bout was to be judged by agreement of the principals upon the showing made by the men, a decision to be given accordingly should both men stay in the ring until the end of the tenth. Smith when stripped for the fray showed up fully 20 pounds lighter than his dusky opponent.

As call of time both men went to work, Smith keeping out of the way of the colored boy by quick drops and side steps, but receiving some jarring blows, one of which brought him to the floor in the first round. In the second Colorado, thinking he could finish his man rushed from the call of time, landing heavily but getting severely jolted by straight arm blows from Smith whose rapid work elicited hearty applause from the onlookers. It soon became apparent, however, that Smith was outclassed, he evidently realizing the same, as in subsequent rounds he continually dropped to the floor to escape punishment, but in doing so took advantage of every opening to get in his work with right and left and occasionally with both together.

By these tactics he was enabled to stay the full ten rounds, at the end of which time Slavin declared the go a draw, stating that while the Colorado Kid had the best of the go, with weight in his favor, the other man showed superior skill. During the course of the bout the Colorado Kid challenged Caribou Sinclair, saying that he would meet him for \$500 a side. It is expected a match will be pulled off between the men.

### GARbled REPORT.

Police Court Demoralized by a "Mixologist."

The police court report as published in an un-reliable sheet yesterday evening was worthy of a place in the public museum.

The report started in with Samuel Comfort up on the charge of assaulting C. Crosby, a sun-burned female resident of Fourth avenue, with a razor, and a few lines further on it had the same dusky damsel under the name of "Captain Crosby" in the magistrate's chair dispensing justice.

The statement was also made by the Evening Unreliable that "Constable

Schnell" had been fined \$5 for dumping garbage on the river bank when the man fined for that act was Constant Schnell. The statement is a great injustice to Constable Schnell who was here last year, but who is now on the outside.

As this news was all published in the Nugget of Thursday, it would seem that with that paper in addition to the police court records from which to copy, the always-a-day-behind-sheet would get things straight. Its police court reporter should apply for a job as mixologist at some oil of joy store.

Mr. Mizner Returns. Edgar A. Mizner, manager of the A. C. Co., returned last evening from a trip over the creeks in the interests of the company. He covered Bonanza, Eldorado, Dominion and Gold Run in his travels, on all of which creeks he reports that extensive operations are under way. Mr. Mizner is particularly well pleased with the condition of affairs on Gold Run, which creek he is satisfied will be numbered among the banner producers of the year.

### CHINESE STARVING.

(Continued from Page 1.) is a small estimate of the number of official retainers who are with the court. Of course great quantities of provisions have been sent from other provinces for the use of the court, but these have been insufficient for the 25,000 persons, all of whom get full rations at the expense of the starving people.

The government has been doing what it could to relieve the sufferings but its efforts have been marked by little success, because food in sufficient quantities for distribution cannot be obtained. The population of Shan Si is 12,000,000 and Shens Si 9,000,000.

Art Is Life. Art is air to man. If he had not it he would die but after years of false learning gained harshly he asks often: "Of what use is art?" And then the only reply that one may wish to make to him is "Nothing. Art has the charm of intility." Now, may not one try to be without the sophistry that is in a reply like that? Art is to a young mother that I know the only useful thing in the world.

When one asks her son's age, she looks at his face as one looks at a clock to see the time, and says, "Four years," demurely. Demurely because the child is a prodigy. His little friends have not his memory. He assembles ideas with great ease, finds an entire alphabet in a box of blocks and sets in order and a light in his eyes and a flush that tell his ardor to study books and pictures.

His mother wishes that he were similar to the cobbler's little boy, with china blue eyes, a mouth lost in cheeks and the appearance of the stupidist health. Her son makes the physician assume the gravest attitude and say: "He should not see pictures nor books. He should not think. He has too many ideas already. Can't you bring him up as if he were a little Newfoundland dog?"

The physician thinks this is easy to do. He has no idea of the psychology of a 4-year-old boy. And then he is not very learned about Newfoundland dogs. I knew one who, at five months of age dreamed all night and passed from laughter to tears with painful swiftness. He filled my room with expressions of the wildest thoughts. Is this the way in which the 4-year-old boy should be reared?

Manhattan does not become him. He enjoys it too much. There are too many forms and colors, too many things to be understood. Manhattan turns his brain. In July his mother brought him to the interior of the state, in a warm valley where he saw only grass and cows. He drank milk and relished the spectacle of the aromatic herbs that made it. In November, on his return here, he was brown and almost chubby.

He had the color of a 29-cent doll. But it did not last longer than a week. Manhattan regained its influence over him. He became again nervous, delicate, too refined. Mental Manhattan impelled him as it impels all men, to think and to work. He would not sleep nor eat. The physician said, "He has nothing. Make him eat, make him eat!" His mother tried in vain.

Santa Claus brought to him a big box of soldiers. They excited him extremely. He had in playing with them near the window that he selected in order that the sun of Austerlitz might illuminate their maneuvers, the forehead and the pose of a little Napoleon. His mother said that they were capable of leading him into a battle and hid them one evening in her cedar closet.

In their place, near his bed, she substituted a 59-cent farm house. There were sheep, cows, horses, curly headed trees. There were the farmer and his wife. The farmer carried a sickle and

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his wife a rake. She wore a straw hat and a red skirt. The little boy saw her when he opened his eyes and kissed her. He saw the house, so small that the farmer's wife could not have stood in it. But it had a door by which the little boy knew that it was a house.

He pressed the wooden figures with his little fists, smeared the paint that is on them with his kisses, called them both their names, said that the trees were pines, to the great astonishment of his mother, who realized that cone-shaped trees must necessarily be pines and called him "treasure" for having discovered that, and finally he remembered the grass and the cows of the valley in July to November. He asked for milk and drank it. He was yesterday almost chubby, with rosy cheeks and an insatiable appetite. His mother said: "I conceded that art is the only useful thing in the world, since it has made my pale little boy similar to a 29-cent doll."

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