

COMES BACK AT WILLISON.

Officials Assure Gov. Ogilvie That He Is a Good Fellow.

Willison's Outburst of Wrath Said to Be the Result of a Personal Grievance.

A Nugget reporter called yesterday on Mr. Ogilvie to learn what that gentleman had to remark on the article "Willison Speaks Out," in a recent issue of the Semi-Weekly Nugget. Mr. Ogilvie commenced by saying that on the day after the publication of the above article one of the officials told him that it was intended to draw up a statement repudiating Mr. Willison's statements as being their (the officials') views, and having the same published. To this Mr. Ogilvie objected, saying that he really did not think this course necessary, as it would only further give Mr. Willison the notoriety he seemed to seek. Mr. Ogilvie thanked them for their attitude and good opinion. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Ogilvie received yesterday the following letter given by courtesy to the Nugget:

Dawson, Jan. 6th, 1900.

To the Hon. Wm. Ogilvie, Commissioner for the Yukon Territory. Dear Sir: We, the undersigned civil servants in the employ of the government have noticed with regret in last night's issue of the Nugget the false and utterly uncalculated for attack upon you as the highest official and representative of the government of Canada by one J. W. Willison, a timber inspector.

We declare this accusation utterly false in so far as this man claims to represent our views, and he had no right whatever to speak in our behalf. We beg to remain, dear sir, respectively, your obedient servants.

This letter was signed by 42 of the officials of Dawson. Mr. Ogilvie showed the Nugget representative the original of this letter, and we may say that it was signed by the heads of all the official departments. When the letter was presented to Mr. Ogilvie he was asked to give its text to the press. Mr. Ogilvie replied as before, that he did not think that the matter was sufficiently important—that he was sure that the statements of Mr. Willison had altered no one's opinion of him either one way or the other. Upon this point being pressed, he gave the particulars to the Daily Nugget.

Together with the receipt of the above letter was a private letter from Mr. Clement denying any knowledge of Mr. Ogilvie's writing to Ottawa, saying that meals could be obtained in Dawson for 25 cents, etc. In the letter Mr. Clement says: "If you sent such a letter I never knew of it."

The reporter—Did you send such a letter, or any such information to Ottawa?

Mr. Ogilvie—No, I did not.

Q. What then, in your opinion, was Mr. Willison's object in making that and other statements.

A. I can only suggest that it was some form of petty spite. Mind, I am not saying anything against that gentleman, or any other who does not agree with or like the present administration. I, acting in the interests of the taxpayers of Canada did not feel justified in passing any expense which I felt really was unjust. Mr. Willison was, to use the general expression, "sore" at not getting what he thought he ought to get. Hence his remarks. As to my stating that meals could be obtained for 25 cents, that on the face of it is ridiculous, for it is well known that the allowance made for the lowest government servant for meals is \$75 and upwards, according to rank. This rate, which I myself fixed, is conclusive evidence.

Thanking Mr. Ogilvie for his courtesy, the Nugget man withdrew.

Improvements in the Fire Hall.

The Nugget man went to the uptown fire hall Monday to see the new chemical engine which just arrived over

the ice. This engine is one of the best of its kind and it is said that this pattern of chemical is instrumental in putting out 50 per cent of the fires in the United States. It will throw a stream of from a quarter to half inch 50 to 75 feet. It was purchased through the A. C. Co. The Nugget man was examining the side of the chemical when he received a terrific kick on the back of the head. Turning quickly, he found that he had been under the chute from the floor above. Two pair of legs were visible and the Nugget man had the satisfaction of seeing his assailant receive a swift jog on the neck by the knee of the man above him. Doubtless feeling "shocked" he let go, not remembering the fact that he had not quite completed the journey. Shortly—very shortly—after he sat down and said something not complimentary to this, Dawson's latest method of rapid transit. The Nugget man borrowed some court plaster and withdrew.

There was a fire scare in a cabin back of the Green Tree saloon on Sunday evening, but before any steps were taken to call the department the excitement and its cause had subsided.

The Hospitals.

Reports of the received and discharged patients at St. Mary's and Good Samaritan hospitals since Jan. 1st: St. Mary's—Present, 33 patients; received, 10; discharged, 5. Of the patients receiving treatment 27 are male and six females. Good Samaritan—Present, 20 patients; received, 4; discharged, 7.

Dr. Thomson at the Good Samaritan is now rapidly recovering from the typhoid fever and will be out in a few days.

A peculiar case is that of James Clune at St. Mary's. Clune has bulbar paralysis, which effects only the upper portion of the body. Clune can say "no" as well as any one, still it is the only sound he can make.

Tom Wilson, of Bakke & Wilson, will be taken to the St. Mary's today that he may be better treated. Tom has been down for several weeks.

The Masque Ball.

The grand masque ball to be given on Friday night at the Palace Grand promises to be the swell event of the season. The patronesses of the occasion will be Mesdames Starnes, Mahoney, Hammel and Kelly. Most elaborate preparations for the event are being made. Tickets can be secured at Sale & Co.'s, the jewelers.

A Narrow Escape.

C. T. Soirs who was formerly connected with the Palace Grand, left here on the morning of the 29th of December for Gold Bottom and but for the timely arrival of other travelers on the trail, would have met death by freezing. Mercury stood, reclined rather, at 58 below in Dawson that morning and when Mr. Soirs reached the Cliff roadhouse it was 60 below. Even then he did not feel cold, but shortly after leaving the Cliff house and continuing his journey he became very cold. A numbness pervaded his limbs, a pleasant sensation possessed him; he sat down feeling perfectly happy and contented. He saw visions in which were paraded before him friends of long ago; all the acts of his past life confronted him, but he was all the time insensible to feeling.

When he came to he was undressed and was being sponged and rubbed in roadhouse 37, Mrs. Lulu Elliott, proprietor, where every care and attention was shown him, and three days later he was sent to town, very little the worse for his experience. Mr. Soirs says that he is certain death by the frost route is without pain or suffering after the first stages are passed.

Record of Transfers.

Robert Evans to Robert Anderson, all 33 below Sulphur.
W. Piper to C. J. Milton, et al, 1/2, 35 and 35a below, Hunker, bench, third tier.
S. H. Feline to J. Emerson, 1-6 lower half 42 below, Hunker, hillside, right limit.
J. W. Morrison to C. J. Robinson, all upper half 31 Gold Run.

C. P. Hale to D. Sparks, all 2 on pup at 4 on 80 pup, Hunker.
D. Sparks to W. Rowland, 1/2, 2 on pup at 4 on 80 pup, Hunker.
S. W. Stewart to M. Leads, 6-54 hillside 14 Eldorado, lower half, left limit.
W. F. O'Connor to C. G. Bunker, 8-27 hillside 14 Eldorado, lower half, left limit.
C. G. Bunker to M. Leads, 8-27 hillside 14 Eldorado, lower half, left limit.
McDonald Bonanza-Klondike Ltd. to A. McDonald, all 6 below, Bonanza.
A. McDonald to A. Johnson, 1/2, 6 below, Bonanza.
A. Palmer to W. N. Greenleaf, all hillside upper half, left limit, No. 3 Mint.
D. Sparks to W. Rowland, 1/4, bench third tier, left limit pup at 4 on 80 pup, Hunker.
E. J. Watson to T. J. Breen, 1/2 of upper half, left limit, 50 below, Hunker.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. J. M. Pickle is visiting at the Forks.

Chas. Robinson is in from Gold Run on business.

Park Jewell and Steve Saunders are arrivals from Gold Run.

Sam Parker of American gulch, is in town on business.

Mrs. N. Brundage of Dominion creek is registered at the McDonald.

Dr. Thorne, who was reported as being ill with a severe cold, has quite a serious attack of typhoid fever.

Chas. E. Severance returned to the city today after two weeks spent at his claims, 10 and 11 above on Sulphur.

Edgar Mizner left for Bonanza, Sulphur and Dominion creeks this morning on an inspecting tour of his interests.

J. H. Huson, the commission man who left recently for the outside, telegraphs his son here of his safe arrival in Seattle.

Bob Swanson the wrestler has just won a fall from the typhoid fever, after a three weeks' bout at the Good Samaritan hospital.

W. J. Walther, manager of the Yukon Iron Works, started Sunday for the outside. He expects to return before the river breaks.

John Nelson of the Klondike hotel, after a long siege of sickness, is on the road to rapid recovery and will be out in a few days.

Humboldt Gates is enthusiastic over the way his Sulphur property is showing up, especially Nos. 8 and 18 below. He left today to see if he cannot rush the work now going on on these claims.

Two men named Le Fleur and Simmons arrived here a week ago from Skagway and left Saturday for Nome. They had only three dogs and no outfit other than a few pounds of provisions and a tent.

W. M. Cribbs of Cribbs & Rogers, druggists, left today for the Forks, where his firm conducts a large and flourishing branch store, which demands Mr. Cribbs' attention, and at which place he will spend the remainder of the winter.

Capt. Jack Connolly, who was to have left for the outside last Tuesday, but who was delayed, pending the sale of a valuable mining claim owned by him; will start for Skagway tomorrow. He will carry with him several copies of the first issue of the Daily Klondike Nugget.

The Last One.

The Nugget Express has one more thawing machine complete which will be sold at a bargain to close them all out. As an example of what they will do, we refer intending purchasers to Messrs. Bowey & Burns, on Cheechaco hill, who bought one of our 8-horse power thawers. They are running 12 points, and hoisting out of an 80 foot shaft, using 1/2 cord of wood in 24 hours and four sled loads of snow. We challenge any one to show a better record of work done to the horse power and wood and water used. The value of any machine is in the labor it will perform at the minimum cost. Our machines on that basis are worth double any other make, and yet we are selling for less.

Only one more bargain left.

New Hockey Court.

The A. C. Co.'s employees who are interested in hockey are making a new court on the river in front of the A. C. store. In size it will be 60 by 120 feet and it is the intention of the boys to put it up in first class shape and to maintain it as such.

They have received so many challenges that it was necessary to have a place to practice, hence the new court which will be in charge of the A. C. engineer.

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