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WORTHY OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

By a gradual but certain process of evolution the public service in Dawson has been improved and extended until the sour dough who came into the country two years ago is scarcely able to recognize any trace of the system, or rather lack of system, which then prevailed. The Nugget is much more pleased and just as ready to acknowledge capacity in those who are charged with the responsibility of conducting public affairs as it ever was to condemn negligence and incapacity.

The improvements which have been made in the postal service, as will be seen by referring to another column of this paper, have been most important. The service as now conducted is a credit to the government, to the contractors and to Postmaster Hartman and his staff as well. The air of system and method which now prevails at the gold commissioner's office is in striking contrast with the ancient order of affairs, and the transaction of business there does not differ materially from the transaction of business in similar offices in other parts of the Dominion.

We are well convinced that a genuine desire exists among the Dawson officials to improve the efficiency of their various departments and to their credit be it said, most of them are on record as being opposed to the regulations which have worked so ruinously in this country.

The Nugget has never had any quarrel with an official for the mere reason of his being an official. We have censured where we thought that censure was due, and we take pleasure in giving credit where it is manifest that the same has been earned.

The news brought from Nome by the two men who arrived yesterday is in line with the theory which has all along been advanced by the Nugget, in that there is nothing at that place to justify the hardships hundreds are undergoing to reach there and will endure after their arrival. Many persons did well at Nome last fall, and many will do well the coming season, but it does not stand to reason that sufficient new discoveries will be made to enable all who are going to secure rich claims, and no one will deny but that new discoveries are the hope for that country the coming season, the old ground being practically worked out. There is certainly nothing to justify the present proportions of the Nome excitement, and many who are now en route will painfully realize that this is true when it is too late to retrace the heedless step taken in haste and without consideration.

Although nothing has yet been done in the matter, so far as the people of this portion of the country are informed, it is very probable that the United

States government will make Nome a sub port of entry, and that a deputy U. S. customs collector will be located there as soon as it is possible for him to arrive after the opening of navigation. Until such office is created and established ready for business no steamer from Dawson or any other British port can "sail direct for Nome." Until Nome is made a sub port of entry all craft from foreign ports will be required to call at St. Michael and enter and take a customs inspector on board for the time she is at Nome, and until her return to St. Michael to clear for Dawson or any port in her own country.

So far as we know "Soapy" Smith was one of America's toughest products; but he was a gentleman in comparison with that man who partook of another's hospitality and two years later tells him that while partaking of that hospitality he kept his eye open lest he be robbed. No one will deny but that "Soapy" was a reproach to the God who gave him the breath of life; but he was a gentleman—a prince among men—when compared with that man who boasts prowess to himself in accepting hospitality at the hands of one whom he took for a thief. And this man might have been a major. Ye Gods! A major to whom the instincts of a gentleman would be as wholly foreign as is the plan of salvation to a malamute dog.

Attention Knights of Pythias.

All brothers are requested to meet in McDonald hall, Thursday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock, to organize a lodge here, or perfect an organization that shall represent the Knights of Pythias.

D. B. OLSON, Chairman.
F. W. CLAYTON, Secretary.

CAPTAIN HEALY RETIRES.

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had a population of 50,000 people. From Idaho he went to Montana, where he followed mining and trading. He was sheriff of Choteau county, Montana, for three successive terms, where his pronounced character, quick decision and fearlessness made him the leading man in the history of the territory. He left Montana in '85 and started for Alaska, touching at different points on the coast prospecting and trading with the Indians, and founded Dyea in '86 and Chitoot in '89, with trading posts in both places.

In 1891 he organized the North American Trading & Transportation Company, and brought up the Yukon the steamer Ware in 1892, wintering at Nulato the following season. He then established Fort Cudahy in 1893 and in 1895 erected a trading post at Circle City, and founded Healy at St. Michaels. Arriving in Dawson in 1897, Capt. Healy established the present immense business of the company and which he has managed entirely up to the present time.

Mr. J. J. Delaney, the present manager of the company has been associated with Cudahy & Co., of Chicago, the principal owners of the N. A. T. & T. Co. for a number of years and has been a trusted and confidential employee of the company. He is a married man and the father of four children, who, with his wife, are living in Chicago.

Mr. Delaney was asked if he contemplated any change in the policy of the company. "No," he answered. "I intend to make an effort to sell goods and lots of them, but other than that I do not know as I shall make any particular change."

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THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

The opening of the Orpheum theater on Monday night was a grand success. The entertainment was good, and the large audience displayed marked appreciation. In the boxes the wine flowed freely till daylight, and most of the fairies cashed enough percentage checks to mollify, for the present, their avaricious creditors. Life on the rialto has assumed a more pleasant aspect now; paste has been discarded for more substantial nutriment, and in a short time hence those jewels and valuables which have been in pawn for the past six weeks, will decorate again the persons of the rightful owners.

Sweet charity—the cardinal virtue that surviveth in heaven—is not a stranger to the people of Dawson. Three benefit performances have been given during the last three weeks; and each netted substantial results. Considering the profits derived from these and the amount realized from the Catholic fair, which was held during Christmas week, it is not inaccurate to say that very nearly \$15,000 has been devoted to charitable purposes during the present year by the residents of the city and the adjoining district. There is probably no town of similar size in the world that can equal this enviable record. Within the past two months, it has been proven that no worthy cause will lack the assistance of Dawson's generous citizens.

There are ladies in Dawson who seek for bargains with the same eagerness which they used to display at the bargain day sales outside. The Stroller chanced into a local meat market one evening this week. A nicely dressed lady was examining the display of frozen steaks, chops, etc., with a critical eye. Finally after a 10 minute survey of the situation she inquired of the clerk as to the price of a pound of pork chops.

"Seventy-five cents," answered the Knight of the Knife.

"And," said the lady, "what is the price of mutton chops?"

"Same price," answered the clerk.

"Well, you may give me a half pound of each," said the customer.

The butcher placed a couple of small pork chops on the scales and proceeded to saw an equal number of mutton chops from a leg of mutton. As he placed the mutton on the scales the lady remarked, "That mutton looks a little stringy. I think you may give me all pork." The accommodating knife manipulator removed the offending mutton and replaced it with two additional pork chops.

As he took the chops from the scale preparatory to wrapping them up, the lady evidently experienced a change of heart.

"That pork," said she, "is altogether too fat. I can't afford to pay 75 cents per pound for meat that is half fat. You had better give me all mutton."

By this time several more customers were in the store, but the butcher, after replacing the original mutton chops on the scales took down the leg of mutton and sawed off two more chops to complete the order. As he hastily weighed the meat the lady happened to glance at a pile of cariboo steaks lying on the counter.

"How much is this cariboo?" she inquired.

"Seventy cents a pound," answered the butcher with an audible tremor in his voice.

"That is better," said the lady, "you may give me a pound of cariboo, instead of the mutton; I always was fond of game."

With a look of a man going to his doom, the butcher made the desired transfer.

"Thank you very much," said the lady, "you are very kind," and she handed him a twenty-five cent piece, three dimes and three nickels. "Here

is your money," she continued, with a most engaging smile, "good evening." The butcher almost fainted, but being a butcher he could not. He thereupon contented himself with saying several things which the Stroller never says except sometimes.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 23 degrees below zero; and at 10 o'clock this morning no variations had occurred.

At noon the official thermometer registered 21.5 degrees below.

Lubec potatoes, fresh eggs and Rex bacon. Royal Grocery, 2d ave.

When in town, stop at the Regina. Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

The choicest goods and the cheapest prices. Royal Grocery, 2d ave.

A Boon to Miners.

The greatest saving for steam thawing plants is effected by the applying to a steam pipe a covering of corrugated asbestos. The air chamber made by the corrugations acts as a perfect conductor and fall 50 per cent less fuel is needed to keep up the required heat of steam. It is in use on all the large plants on Bonanza. The A. E. Co. is introducing the corrugated asbestos—a great improvement over all other styles of pipe covering.

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Public Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ellen Acker and Charles George Johnson have purchased from the government the 76.34 acres known as the Arken-ground, and that therefore they are entitled to all the surface rights thereon.

All persons who have squatted these acres by notified that they must settle with the named proprietors of the ground before the 1st day of April, 1900, for any part of the ground occupied by them on the lines of the agreement entered into by the said proprietors with the Government, communication of which agreement can be had either at the Queen Timber Office or at the office of S. M. Grant Agent, Room "D" A. C. Co's Bldg.

Squatters failing to settle with the said proprietors before the said date will render themselves liable to ejectment.

Dawson, 17th of February, 1900.
(Signed) F. X. GUSSELLIN,
Crown Timber & Land Agent.

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