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## FUNNY SIGHTS TO BE SEEN.

### Thoughts Which a Stroll Along the Front Will Develop.

#### What Commissioner Ogilvie Really Meant When He Said He Was Going to Clear the Water Front.

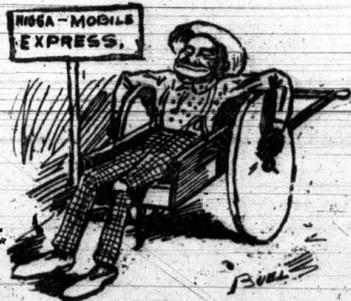
The Nugget has discovered a new form of amusement, and after trying it successfully on the artist and reporter the other day, it feels safe in recommending it to the public. It consists



WILLIE AND HIS FRIEND.

of a stroll along the water front at most any hour of the day with the mind composed to the detection and enjoyment of the ludicrous. One will be surprised at the vast number of strange and funny sights which will pass the vision under a proper condition of the receptive faculties.

The first object which attracted The Nugget men the other day was the cub bear mascot at the fire station. Though but a late acquisition to the force, Barney has endeared himself to the boys by his baby ways and they wouldn't trade him for the best claim on Bear creek. Barney shows a strong affection for Assistant Chief Stewart, and is especially amiable toward him at meal times. He has learned many pretty tricks, one of which is to shake hands with the governor whenever that official looks in on his tours of observation. Barney's home is in the iron oil barrel used for a stove last winter, but he evidently feels just as much at home at the top of a pole erected for him by the thoughtful fireboys, for he spends much of his



time there. Asked his age the other day, one of the boys said he was "barely" two months old, at which Barney crawled into the stove, the wind suddenly sprung up and there was every indication of a squall.

As the artist cast his eagle eye along the street in a sou-sou-east direction, he was struck by the original manner in which Commissioner Ogilvie had "cleared the water front." As far as the eye could see, not one of the old landmarks remained, but in their stead were almost solid blocks of warehouses, docks, rafts, lumber, baled hay, machinery, freight of all kinds, tin cans, gum boots, etc., etc. The artist took time to transmit his impressions to paper and a fac simile will be found accompanying these reflections. It is respectfully referred to Abe Spring, Dr. Bourke and a few others who, last

winter, had the temerity to doubt that Mr. Ogilvie would carry out his threat of clearing the water front. It may be necessary to explain that the main figure in the perspective is the King of the Water Front. It may appear that the artist has drawn him too large, but the artist says he is trying to illustrate how big the gentleman appears to think himself when standing on his salvage grounds. The artist also threw in a few banners stretched across the street with an idea of conveying the impression, as he put it that this is the "banner" town along the Yukon. That's what the artist styles a pun so it will be seen that it is not necessary to be a wit in order to be an artist.

The artist also appeared to be immensely pleased at the sight of two boat bathhouses standing high and dry in the center of the beach but he was mildly reproved by the scribe who told him he wouldn't think it so funny if he was the bath house man instead of an artist and had to carry water all the way from the river.

Going on a little further The Nugget men came across a long nosed, bewhiskered man standing on a platform and engaged in operating a pump. Every few moments people would come up catch a pailfull of the water and drop a quarter into the ready hand of the man with the long nose and the whiskers. The artist forgot to look for anything funny in this and was soon deeply ab-



THE CLEARED WATER FRONT.

sorbed in a mathematical problem. What he claimed to make out was that if the people came fast enough to take all the water pumped the man with the long nose and whiskers would make 5 cents for every stroke of the arm which would net him \$200 per minute \$12,000 per hour and \$144,000 per day of 12 hours. "Say, mister," said the artist, "I'll trade you my claim on Eldorado for your well." The man with the nose and whiskers lost four strokes in order to expectorate and say, "What number? It'll have to be pretty good." Captain Jack's place is right by this well, and a residence in Dawson without a visit to it is as incomplete as a production of Hamlet with the melancholy Dane eliminated. It's every sort of a place, a new style of curiosity shop, where the genial captain can entertain you in a social way or fill any want from baled hay to ice cream. The captain is telling a good story on a fellow



THE BANNER TOWN.

who stopped there the other day and whom the captain showed two pieces of a battered and distorted bullet that had been removed from the skull of a moose.

After examining the particles minutely and with the manner of a connoisseur, the caller drawled, "They are pretty fair specimens, but I think there is some lead in them."

Speaking of signs, a trip like this will develop as choice a line as one



BETTER THAN EL DorADO.

could find anywhere. One sign on a tent reads: "Roland of Maine, Cock-tail George." On another tent the observer is informed that it is the domicile of Wild Bill, and inquiry developed the fact that the gentleman inside is really named William Wild. "The Eldorado Bottling Works and Laundry



ANY OLD THING FOR SALE.

Co." is an odd combination of enterprise described by one sign, but it is not up to the following, which will be found on one of the stores near the bridge:

Pistols, Guns, Painless Corn Cure, Gum Boots, Tallow, Pictures, Dog Feed.

These are not near all the funny things one may see and hear during a stroll over the ground referred to, but the reader would probably prefer to have a few left for discovery by himself.

#### Harvest Home in the Yukon.

A novel incident in Yukon history occurred on Monday afternoon of this week. Upon the invitation of Mr. J. A. Acklin, who owns the gardens on the sunny side of the Klondike river at the upper ferry, Commissioner Ogilvie and a number of other government officials were present at and took part in the harvesting of the trial cereals raised by Mr. Acklin. The wheat, oats and barley gathered is for the most part well matured; the straw is about three feet in height and the grain well matured. The heads are well filled and samples shown to The Nugget would fill the farmer of the grain belt below us with envy. Truly the resources of the Yukon are great! The gardens are beautiful with mignonette, gay summer poppies and other flowers and will repay a walk to see them. Mr. Acklin has 11 different varieties in full bloom and he boasts of 14 kinds of succulent vegetables all ready for the table. A dainty luncheon was partaken of and the menu and table decorations were well chosen and artistic.

Among those present were: Commissioner Ogilvie, Gold Commissioner E. C. Senkler, Timber Agent Gosselin, Comptroller J. T. Lithgow, Attorney H. E. Ridley, and Messrs. Stevenson, McLeod and Reid, of Ottawa.

Ladies' tailor-made suits, very cheap, at McLennan's, opposite Pioneer Drug Store. Reduced rates at the Cafe Royal.

## CHIEF ALLEN ARRESTED.

### Defendant in a Sensational Action Brought by Nellie James.

#### He is Charged With Assaulting and Robbing Her—The Chief Says It Is a Job and Will Do Battle.

W. J. Allen, the new chief of the fire department, was made the defendant in two criminal actions of a serious nature on Monday. He is charged with having, on July 2, 1898, made an assault upon the complainant, Nellie James, and that while so doing, the complainant meanwhile being in great fear for her life, he stole from her \$300 in currency and gold dust to the value of \$700. A second charge preferred was that of stealing from the complainant a coat or sack valued at \$25 and which at the time was in a boat at the foot of Second street. In this instance all the legal verbosity with which the profession abounds was employed to make the charge appear serious, and the alleged theft is described as having been committed "knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully, fraudulently and feloniously." The information was sworn to before Colonel Steele, and the chief placed under arrest during the afternoon. Tom Chisholm and Mike Sullivan at once went to the rescue and secured release of the accused on bonds.

The circumstances of the case are such as to justify one in expecting sensational developments at the examination, which is set for Wednesday at 10 o'clock. A reporter called upon the chief Tuesday and asked for his side of the story. "I don't wish to arm the enemy by describing my policy of defense," said the official in reply, "except to say that I deny the charges in toto. I brought Nellie James into the country last summer; she was poor and I took pity on her. How, then, could she have had \$700 in gold dust and \$300 in currency only a month later? Even if she had, why did she not have me arrested before? It is only a job to do me up and get me out of my position."

This and much more the chief said, from which it appears that he has not much respect for his accuser. Miss James, also relates some choice reminiscences about her former friend, and she may attempt to entertain the court with their recital.

As is generally known, Nellie is a dancing girl, fair of form and winsome in manner; but she evidently has a lot of reserve force and temper that doesn't appear to those who nightly seek her company in the dance.

#### B. A. C. to Leave Us.

Klondike City lost one of its principal business institutions this week, the British American Corporation transferring its stock, building and lots to the N. A. T. & T. Co., and withdrawing from business here. The deal was made by the manager, F. G. H. Bowker, who came from Vancouver for the purpose. He also leased the company's steamer Lightning to the C. D. Co. for the balance of the season. The B. A. C. is principally a mining company, and in the future will devote itself principally to the development of the copper deposit at White Horse. They will sell their steamboats when opportunity is presented.

Beer, ale, porter and wines served to table guests on Sunday at Cafe Royal.

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