

## BANKER McMULLEN'S VIEWS.

Says Fifteen Dollars, Is Fair for Commercial Dust.

In Many Cases Ten Per Cent Is Lost in Assay—Best Dust Not Much in Circulation.

The proposal to accept gold dust at the rate of \$15 per ounce instead of \$16, which has been the prevailing rate here, has brought forward considerable discussion from parties interested on both sides of the question. With a view of securing as general expressions of opinion as possible the Nugget has from time to time published the views of leading business men and miners, the former almost invariably favoring the idea and the latter opposing it.

Mr. Thomas McMullen, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was asked his views upon the matter by a Nugget representative this morning.

"I have followed the discussion of the gold dust question with considerable interest," said Mr. McMullen.

"I have read many of the letters which have appeared in the daily papers and while all of them seem to convey the sincere convictions of the writers, I must say that there appears to be a misconception in the minds of a great many people as to the actual value of gold dust and the method by which the same is determined.

"To illustrate the point, I have before me a series of assay certificates covering shipments of hundreds of thousands of ounces of gold dust to the various assay offices of the United States.

"In each of these the valuation of the dust is indicated at so much per ounce. These figures are misleading to the extent that the valuation marked on the certificates is found after the dust has been melted, all black sand, base metal, etc., having been removed in the melting process. The loss thus caused from melting runs from 1 1/2 per cent to as high as 6 per cent, which means that the dust carries sand and other worthless substances for which a deduction of from 25 cents to \$1 per ounce must be made. This deduction must be made in receiving dust over the counter or the person who accepts the dust is the loser to that extent.

"Many people have the impression that after the black sand is removed from gold dust nothing but pure gold remains. This is entirely erroneous. For convenience a standard of '1000 fine' as it is called is assumed by which the purity of gold is determined. Absolutely pure gold assays 1000 fine and is worth \$20.67 per ounce. United States gold coins carry an alloy of 10 per cent copper and are worth \$18.60 per ounce. Commercial dust sent out from Dawson seldom brings as much as \$15.50, which gives it a purity in the neighborhood of 750. That is to say, a portion of such dust, approximating 25 per cent, has practically no value.

"In a single melt of 400 ounces a loss of 10 ounces after melting is not infrequent, which will furnish some idea of the proportion of base metal carried.

"I consider that \$15 is a fair valuation at which to accept the average dust used in Dawson as a circulating medium. It is a noticeable fact that the higher grade dust does not get into the channels of trade, but is sent out for assay either by the miner direct or through the local banking houses. The only claim owners who will be affected, therefore, are those whose claims produce a low grade of gold, and certainly they should not expect to get the same value as is received from a higher grade of gold. The average assay value of gold in circulation as a medium of exchange in 1898 was about \$15.30 to \$15.50 per ounce. These figures were arrived at by test assays of dust by some of the trading companies and banks as well as accepting the Seattle assay office certificates. It is well known that in 1898 there was much less adulteration of dust than occurs at the present time. In my opinion the merchants of Dawson could better afford to discount their prices from 2 per cent to 3 per cent for currency rather than accept commercial dust even at \$15 per ounce.

"I noticed," concluded Mr. McMullen, "a statement in a local paper from a claim owner who says that he can sell his dust for \$15.60 currency and wants to know if he is to lose 60 cents an ounce on his dust hereafter. The thing for him to do is to continue selling for \$15.60 and make his purchases in currency. He will find that he can make better bargains for his goods even than though he were paying his bills in gold dust at \$16 per ounce.

**Nome's First Divorce Case.**  
Nome's first divorce suit was filed this morning in the district court.

Mrs. M. J. Beaumont wants to be legally separated from T. H. Beaumont on grounds of desertion, abuse and criminal intimacy with another woman. The complaint filed goes into detail to substantiate allegations on these heads and tells a tale of marital infidelity that would make the angels weep.

Mrs. Beaumont says she was married to T. H. Beaumont in Rotterdam, Holland, June 5, 1889. The first three years appear to have passed without incident save that soon after marriage the husband "began treating the plaintiff in a cruel and inhuman manner." The first specific act of violence alleged took place aboard a steamer between San Francisco and Juneau, March 1, 1892, when Beaumont, she says, beat her about the head and shoulder.

The two came down the Yukon river to Fort Yukon, and on February 25, 1894, there was another domestic outbreak which culminated in the husband, so the complaint says, taking their child Louise, 2 1/4 years old, and sending it down the river in care of natives. A period covering about three years then elapsed during which Mrs. Beaumont seems to have no cause to complain, and at the end of that time Beaumont went to San Francisco to be gone six months.

At the end of a year and a half or in July, 1899, he came back and with him was a woman, "Mabel Doe," whom Beaumont introduced to his wife as a daughter by a former marriage. Mrs. Beaumont, however, learned through other sources, so she says, that "Mabel Doe" was really Beaumont's mistress instead of his daughter and in August, 18, she finally separated from her faithless spouse.

There are three children in the union, Louise, Henry and George. The oldest is seven years of age and the youngest three.—Nome News.

**Teddy Lewis on a Vacation.**

E. G. Lewis, formerly in the employ of the A. C. Co., was a passenger south on the Centennial. Lewis was accompanied on his trip by Bessie Pierce, a well-known vaudeville artist with whom Lewis became infatuated. Many of his former acquaintances regret "Teddy's" abrupt departure, he having previous to his flight borrowed all the money he could in order to make the pathway of himself and Bessie more easy when they shall have reached the effete "outside."—Nome News.

**Frank Golden Sandbagged.**

Some time since the Nugget mentioned a report of Frank J. Golden, formerly of this city, having been sandbagged at Nome. The following account of his misfortune is from the Nome News of August 7:

"Frank Golden, who used to run the Yukon bakery in Dawson, but who is now a resident of Nome, had an experience Saturday night with a couple of thugs which left him minus \$700 and with a sore head. Golden was coming down the alley from the California bakery just back of the Beau Mercantile Co., about 12 o'clock Saturday night, when two men met him, one passing on either side. There next thing that Golden knew was about a half hour later when he found himself lying in the mud in the alley, his pocketbook gone and a welt left by a sandbag across the top of his head.

**Natural Gas Wells Run Dry.**

Ten years ago the daily capacity of the natural gas wells in the Findlay, O., fields was 200,000,000 feet. Now it is down to a few million feet, and the pressure is so low that the supply is almost useless. This year will mark the passing of natural gas as a fuel in all of northwestern Ohio. The big pipe lines which carried gas to Toledo, Tiffin, Sandusky, Norwalk and many smaller places are fast being abandoned and the pipes taken up. The pump stations of the Northwestern Natural Gas Company are shut down, as are those of the city of Toledo, which cost the municipality \$1,500,000. The gas would have lasted many years longer if in the early years of its discovery it had not been wasted. The famous Krag well, probably the greatest gas producer ever opened up, was allowed to burn unconfined for months at a time, millions of feet going to waste daily. All through the natural gas belt, in the early days of the craze, the streets were lit by great torches, the flames from which sometimes flared up 30 feet into the air.—Chicago Tribune.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

A new department at the Northern Annex. Liquors at wholesale.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Ladies see the brussels squares that have arrived for Brimstone & Stewart. c12

Whiskies at wholesale at the Northern Annex. Rosenthal & Field, props.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

### BRIEF MENTION.

Louis E. Thompson, of Adams Hill, is registered at the Fairview.

The trial of Mrs. Manson has been set for hearing in the territorial court Sept. 24th.

At the coroner's inquest held on the body of A. H. Smith yesterday a verdict of suicide was returned.

Mr. Hillman, a former Dominion creek miner who has been prospecting the lower river country for two months past, has returned to Dawson.

The civil action between P. C. Wade and Alex McDonald, involving the payment of \$7500 as the unpaid half of a \$15,000 retaining fee, absorbed the attention of the court this morning.

The body recently found in the river some ten miles down the river was reviewed by the coroner's jury yesterday but no further information came to light concerning the man's identity or the manner of his death.

Murderer King seems in a fair way to be allowed to enter the next world, according to his wish expressed on one occasion, without the aid of spiritual advice. The Rev. Wright, now gone to the outside is the only clergyman who has ever inquired for or sought admittance to the prisoner's cell.

Mrs. Coolidge, who is interested in a large timber grant up the Yukon, where she has a large force of men employed, returned from that place on the Anglian this morning. While boarding the steamer from a small boat she had the misfortune to drop her pocketbook containing \$90 and several valuable papers into the river. As there was considerable silver in the pocketbook, it sank at once.

### The Old "Eagle Tree."

People of East Moriches are mourning the fact that the old historic "eagle tree" is now dead, and that in a few years it will probably disappear altogether. After weathering many a storm and withstanding several fierce fires, it has at last succumbed to the elements and is gradually disintegrating.

The tree was first occupied by a pair of eagles late in the last century. It was the last known resort of the great American bald headed eagle on Long Island. Each year after they first appeared in the old tree the eagles returned and built their nest and raised their young. When the Manor & Sag Harbor branch of the Long Island railroad was built only 100 yards from the tree the eagles abandoned it and sought a new retreat. But they did not seem to be pleased with their new quarters, and in 1886 or 1887 they returned and once more set up their home in the broad branches of the aged tree.

Those who came to Riverhead and Moriches would frequently see the white-feathered head of the eagle family soaring majestically over the country or else perched with dignity on the gnarled branches of the oak and keeping watch over his mate. About six years ago the family was broken up through the cruelty of a hunter, who wounded the eagle so badly that he afterward died, and his body was found at the foot of the tree which had been his home for so many years. Everyone felt a sense of personal loss, and it would have fared hard with the hunter had he appeared about this time.

After that a pair of ospreys took possession of the nest for awhile, but it soon fell apart.

J. Buell Terry, of East Moriches, owns the land upon which the tree stands. He says that the old tree has been marvelously hardy. It has, however, reached its last days, but Mr. Terry says that he will never allow it to be cut down.—New York Tribune.

Stetson hats, latest styles. Oak Hall.

Bicycle hose, a large variety. Oak Hall, opp. S.-Y. T. dock.

Cins and brandies by the bottle or case at Northern Annex.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

Mrs. Maggie Waruke has opened a first-class restaurant at the Hotel Metropole. Meals a la carte. c12

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

**GOOD TIMES THIS WINTER.**

A. S. Levine Believes Prosperity Follows Introduction of Machinery.

"We are going to see prosperous times this winter," said A. S. Levine yesterday to a Nugget man. "I realized that in the early part of the year and my deductions were based upon the result of close observation.

"You may have noted the immense shipment into this country of machinery this fall. That means the constant employment of more men this winter than have ever been at work at any season. Each one of those mammoth boilers will have to be fed by human hands, and the quantity of labor necessary to keep them running will aggregate an immense number. That is my belief, and in the purchase of goods for the Star Clothing House I have acted on that presumption.

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"The Star Clothing House will sell goods, and are now in fact selling staple articles at prices astonishingly low. Our policy is to do a big business at a close margin of profits. We will probably do more business in such articles as moccasins, fur caps, gloves and felt shoes, than any other concern in Dawson.

"We are selling hand sewed wax thread moccasins, the finest article to be had for money, for \$2.50 a pair. We have the largest stock of these goods in town. In fur caps we are selling a good serviceable warm cap for \$3.50, nearly one-third the price formerly obtained for the same article; and so on down the line with all our goods.

"We are carrying everything in the clothing line and can supply the miner with strong and warm clothing or the man around town with the swell apparel now in vogue in the large centers of the East. For underwear we have an assortment second to none in the city, heavy woollens, merinos, balbriggan, etc., all sizes and weights.

"As I said before," continued Mr. Levine, "we are going to see prosperous times this winter, and the Star Clothing House will do an immense business, as we have the goods and our prices are below competition."

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