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NO MORE TIMBER GRANTS ISSUED.

Information that May Alter Many Plans.

There Are no Chances for Securing Berths to Cut Cordwood or Saw or Cabin Logs, So Don't Abilly.

The jig is up apparently for many who were fondly hoping that if all else failed they could go out and cut logs and cordwood, for sale at Dawson prices. The look of blank amazement on the faces of hundreds of applicants returning from the office of the Timber Commissioner led the Nugget man to make a personal investigation. In an interview with that gentleman it was learned that instructions from Ottawa had been received forbidding the granting of any more permits, licenses or timber berths, thus effectively putting a stop to all thoughts of lumbering, unless one is already in on the ground floor. More than this, all cutting on the Klondike and Indian rivers, even by those with permits, must stop immediately by order of the timber agent himself. His object in this action, as stated by himself, is to protect the miner. If he allowed the promiscuous cutting of timber on those rivers everything would soon be floated down and the already difficult problem of timber for mines would become ten times more difficult.

Explaining the action of the authorities in shutting down on timber permits and licenses, Mr. Willison stated that if all the men were given licenses who have already applied for the same, the ground taken would be double that of the actual timber area of the district.

Applications for permits to cut from 150 to 500 cords of wood have been made by at least 2,500 people, while 1,200 more have applied for timber berths of from 1 to 5 miles in extent.

Mr. Willison has occupied his present position but a few days and is much exercised over the number of refusals he must needs make every hour and almost every minute. "I thought it was a good rush," said he; "but it has developed into a veritable timber rush. Twenty more saw mills must be here within two months and sixty more this year, by the terms of their grants."

This question was put by the Nugget man: "You profess to be desirous of preventing a monopoly of this timber by companies buying up the holdings of men securing grants. Now, are you not actually favoring a monopoly when you turn over to the few men now in possession the supplying of Dawson with fuel and timber without fear of competition from those outside the ring?"

Mr. Willison's answer was a question: "Would you, in my place, give everyone I have told you of permission to cut promiscuously over the country?"

A Six-Mile Reserve.

In an interview with Major Walsh Wednesday night it was learned that no timber berths will be granted from this on within a radius of six miles of Dawson. The Major's reason is to prevent anything like a corner in fuel or house logs. He remarks that there will undoubtedly be lots of poor people here who will be unable to pay fancy prices for their necessities, and that this six miles is open for them. The wisdom of this regulation is apparent to all. Within six miles may appear a long ways now, on the snow and ice of winter it is not really so.

Dominion Day.

Yesterday was celebrated by the Canadians in a patriotic manner. All the British flags there were in the city waved in the breeze all day long. In the evening the Dominion Club gave a banquet at the Regina Cafe, in honor of Dominion Day, at which all the government officials were honored guests. On July 1, 1864, by special act of the British Parliament, Canada was allowed to organize a separate government of the United States. Ever since then July 1st has been a day of celebration. An account of the banquet will appear in our next issue.

Accidental Shooting.

On May 25th, at head of Windy Arm, Fred Whitehead, Jr. of Keene, N. H., while out hunting in company with A. P. White, of Houghton, Mass., was killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver. He was leaning over to start a rock rolling down the hill, and his revolver dropped from his hamper and the hammer struck the rock, sending a bullet through his heart. He was buried under the auspices of the Masons.

Only a Fake.

The street rumor that men were being arrested for shooting moose and bringing in the meat is pronounced at police headquarters a canard out of whole cloth. No man has ever been arrested in this district for the foregoing offense. Indeed, the police declare that, owing to the food situation the closed season prescribed by the game laws of the Dominion have not yet been enforced here.

First Parties to Arrive from Teslin.

S. W. Kirvan, of Soo, Mich., representing the News of that place, arrived in the city this week, having come in over the Stikkeen route. He is a member of the Dr. Rogers and Everett party. Mr. Kirvan was unfortunate enough to lose his outfit and a clothing bag containing \$500 in cash by a wreck on Teslin river. He and

all others who tackled that trail are not much stuck on it. Packing from the Stikkeen to Lake Teslin was 40 cents a pound. About 1,500 people are yet on the route, and they will be lucky if they all get in before tea forms. The Hootalinqua is said to be a remarkably fine stream to run, being free of bars, rocks or rapids.

COURT NEWS.

What Transpired Before the Two Justices the Past Week.

The week has seen several important cases before Justices Stearns and Harper. T. Connelly was charged with intent to defraud in that he did use certain fraudulent dice in some saloon of the city. Case carried up.

John Poe was charged with wanting to use an axe on a companion's anatomy. Case carried up.

Justice was meted out to Charles Staples who for the next six months will labor with his hands instead of his head. It appears that some months ago Mrs. A. R. Crane engaged the said Staples to pack, haul and boat her outfit over the passes and down to Dawson. He proved to be quite a competent and obliging fellow and the lady left him in charge at the lakes and proceeded ahead with just her baggage. She arrived at Dawson and so did Staples after the lapse of a few weeks. Imagine the lady's chagrin when he told her the outfit was wrecked in Thirty-mile river and everything lost. The lady was skeptical but unlike many of her sex in like circumstances she did nothing but proceeded to saw wood on the jump. Perseverance was at last rewarded and she soon found that in some mysterious manner some of her goods had reached Dawson—probably underground—anyway the police were called in and soon recovered every article supposed to be lying on the cold damp bottom of Thirty-mile. Mr. Staples will be given ample time to ponder over the problem of who next to defraud a determined lady who persists in disbelieving his statements of fact.

Of petty drunks there have been about forty the past week. It only costs an ounce to get drunk and the police are disposed to regard the offense lightly when not coupled with any aggravating circumstances. Indeed in many cases the intoxicated individual is simply taken to the station for his own good and to see that his gold sack is properly cared for.

Several charges of petty theft were made during the week which upon investigation proved to be nothing but the usual partnership disputes over property being divided up.

A serious charge of misappropriation has been introduced against F. Dawson by O. W. Jackson. It appears that Dawson was a "lay" man on claim No. 9 above discovery on Bonanza, the property of Mrs. J. J. Healey. It is charged that he has misappropriated \$1,100 in gold dust and the case comes up before Justice Harper at 2 o'clock Saturday.

A case of infraction of the customs laws comes up before Justice Stearns Saturday. O. W. Winstead is accused of making a false entry of his goods and of having quantities of whiskey concealed all through the sacks.

Messrs. Schwartz and Ward are in trouble for using crooked dice. Their cases will come up later.

Judge McGuire will try O. Schafer for assault upon a partner.

Two Scows Wrecked.

Thirty-mile river has added another to its already long list of victims. On Wednesday, June 24th, two large scows heavily loaded with outfits and general merchandise, were wrecked on Casey's rock, about nine miles from the head of Thirty-mile.

From F. M. Tronczak, of Seattle, who saw the wreck, the particulars were learned. The scows were in charge of H. A. Stewart, of the Stewart Bros., who made a successful trip into Dawson last fall. Mr. Stewart went out over the ice and was returning with 30 tons of merchandise, with the intention of engaging in a general trading business. The banks were strewn with great quantities of wreckage, and little, if any of the cargo of the scows was secured.

An outfit belonging to Miss Della Kelly, of Seattle, was on the scows. Miss Kelly came from Bennett on the Steamer Willie Irving and has not yet learned if any of her outfit is saved.

Murder On Stikkeen River.

On April 13th, Jos. C. Claus was arrested on the trail between Lake Teslin and Glenora for the murder of Henry Swans and Richard Knight, all of Vancouver. When they left Vancouver in February, the three were companions. While on the Stikkeen river Claus shot one of the men and killed the other with an axe and buried the bodies in a crack in the ice. Taking horse and outfit and the valuables of his companions he proceeded on till he was arrested. He was tried at Telegraph Creek and sentenced to be hung. He admitted the killing, but set up the plea of self-defense. The fact that he had \$500 belonging to the men on his person was evidence to the contrary.

Hello, Mike.

Mike Kelly of Seattle, Fred Berner, of Auburn Wash., and Mrs. L. V. Vincent, of Chicago, arrived Wednesday night. All the old-timers know Mike, who has made three trips into the country, and a story told by one of his friends aptly illustrates this fact. From the time the party started from Dyea it was "Hello, Mike"

from nearly everyone they met, and Mike always had a pleasant word for reply. When the party landed at McCormick's old trading post, above Big Fingers, they found a party of five asleep near by, and Mike, with his customary thoughtfulness, cautioned his friends to go "aisy." Hearing that voice which none can mistake, one of the sleepers suddenly raised up and after rubbing his eyes, exclaimed: "Well, I'll be— if there ain't Mike Kelly."

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ALL STAKED AND STAKED AGAIN.

That's What the "Nugget" Man Found On Big Creek.

No Discovery Made, Yet the Creek is Staked From Mouth to Source, and in Both Directions From Two Prospect Holes.

A representative of the Nugget has just returned from a trip across the divide covering the more important creeks entering the Indian river. Prospectors are swarming over the hills and creeks in that district by the hundreds and if there is any undiscovered gold in that part of the country, the possibilities are that it will come to light during the present season.

Last week a stampee occurred on what has been called Big Creek, which comes into Indian river about eight miles below Eureka. There are three different parties working on the creek for a discovery, but thus far no gold of any value has as yet been brought to light.

Notwithstanding this fact, as soon as it became known that holes were being sunk, parties of stakers began swarming over the creek. The first stakes were driven about 2 miles from the mouth, at the point where the first prospect hole was being sunk. From this hole the creek is staked a distance of nearly twenty miles.

About ten miles from the mouth Messrs. J. D. McKee, A. M. Ross, M. E. Olesen and R. H. Strafford are sinking the second hole. From here the creek is staked in both directions. The result of this confusion will be, undoubtedly, that all of the present staking will be invalidated. It is stated by men who are at work on the creek that as many as fifteen and twenty claims were staked by the same person. The real prospectors who are sinking the creek in a business-like way are much incensed at this and declare their intentions to invoke the strong arm of the law to prevent any record being made of claims thus staked.

Eureka Creek is giving evidence of good value. Claims formerly offered at an insignificant figure are now held at \$4,000 and \$5,000, notwithstanding the present downward tendency in the market. On No. 12 above, on the left fork, a nugget, weighing 110 was recently found, and pans netting up to 15 cents are common.

A large amount of work will be done on Sulphur and Dominion during the approaching fall and winter. These creeks being established themselves as being far above the average as gold producers. Large offers have been made for some of the better known claims on Sulphur, though few have been prospected enough as yet to determine their value definitely. On several claims where holes have been sunk, good colors can be picked off the dump.

It is a difficult matter at the present time to get supplies into Dominion and Sulphur, owing to the distance from Dawson. A few pack trains are being taken over, but for the most part the men who are there will come into town when grub is scarce and remain until winter. The natural sled route from Dawson to Sulphur is via Haunker. This route is comparatively short and but few hills of any consequence occur.

Up to the time of going to press there is no news about the war between America and Spain any later than our last issue, except the landing of some troops by the United States at Guantanamo, and the drawing in of the line of vessels around Santiago de Cuba. The blockade of Havana is still vigilantly held and it is confidently believed that the Don's last day in Cuba is not far distant. It is hoped here that the decisive engagement of the war has already taken place, though in this distant place we are not yet aware of it.

Quite a Clean-up.

R. J. Gandolfo, a pioneer in nearly every placer or quartz mining camp in the country, and who arrived on the 19th with 15,000 pounds of candles, oranges, lemons, etc., brought the first bananas, cucumbers and ripe tomatoes to Dawson. The bananas brought \$1.00 and the cucumbers \$5.00 each, and at \$5.00 a pound the tomatoes were snapped up as soon as placed on sale.

At wholesale the oranges brought \$40.00 and the lemons \$75.00 per box. Mr. Gandolfo's far-sightedness in bringing in to the country the luxuries so much in demand will enable him to make a greater clean-up than many a man who has devoted his attention to mining the past winter.

A Fine Cafe.

Ever since Dawson was founded, and until this summer, the restaurant question has been a serious one. Now, however, the list is well represented, from the cheap lunch counter to the finest of cafes. Recognizing the urgent need of a first-class eating house, where any taste could be satisfied, and where parties and banquets could be held, Mr. F. C. Healy fitted up elegant quarters just north of the N. A. T. & C. Co.'s store and last week opened the Regina Club Cafe. It has been popular from the start. With nice tables and chairs, clean linen and dishes, and the best the market affords, to say nothing of having the best chef in the city, the Regina Club Cafe receives the patronage of all those in the city who are particular about their cuisine. The favor in which it is held is best proven by the fact that the Dominion Club selected it for holding their banquet Friday evening.

\$5,000 or \$6,000 will be taken in dust at \$15.00 an ounce and coin paid for it in San Francisco. Apply to C. G. Debnay, A. C. Co.

Public religious services will be held Sunday, June 23d, in the new hospital building on government reserve, in rear of Episcopal Church, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Father Judge will hold services on Sunday, in temporary quarters, south of St. Mary's Hospital.

The Presbyterians will hold regular Sunday services at the usual hours, 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., in the new hospital building.

Usual Sunday services will occur in St. Paul's Church. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Rev. J. J. Larsen, superintendent of the M. E. Mission of Alaska, arrived in Dawson this week, and has arranged to hold services in Pioneer Hall to-morrow. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Scandinavian services will be held at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. Evening service at 8 o'clock.

Should Publish the Law.

The public is ignorant of the laws and rulings in force in this country. The population is made up from every quarter of the globe (except China and Japan), and none, even the old timers, know just what the law is. Would it not be wise for the administration, through the heads of each department, to state in concise form the laws and orders bearing upon the subjects most concerning the mass of the people? The columns of the newspapers are the best mediums through which to make these things known.

A Good Sale.

Cap. Alice sold his quarter interest in No. 12 Eldorado this week for \$22,500. He immediately took 15 or 20 men and proceeded to his claim on Bonanza, No. 5 above, and will put the whole force to development work.

Horse Feed Scarce.

The feed supply for horses is becoming an important problem in Dawson. Horses are arriving every day without feed, and many are now being fed on flour. Of the hundreds of idle men here some of them can make good money hunting up hay to cut for the winter.

The steamer W. K. Morwin will leave for Michikiluk Monday, July 14th, at 7 p. m. See display ad for fare, etc.

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