

Stroller's Column.

The recent failure of a number of flying deadbeats to get beyond the limits of the telegraph, consequently of their creditors and the officers, led into prominence the need of a safer and surer system of exit from the country—a manner of outwitting the far-reaching capias.

To attempt to get out by the upper river is to be overhauled at Whitehorse and returned in the custody of an officer and be looked upon by other travelers as a possible horse thief.

To attempt to escape in a small boat down the river is usually attended with unsatisfactory results as the Ginzbergs and one Urman can bear witness. At either Fortymile or Eagle the house of detention is probably devoid of even a bathroom and is not to say nothing of electric lights and call bells, and it must be very unpleasant for the class of people who attempt to leave the country on the quiet to be forced to get up with such accommodations as are usual in the small town jails which in this country were constructed primarily for obstreperous Indians.

As the Stroller has a great many friends among the leading thieves of the country he is interested in having some way devised by which they can leave the country and defy pursuit and give capias fiends the merry laugh.

The flying machine seems to be the only feasible solution to the problem but it is annoying to many people in Dawson year after year when they have their trunks packed in waiting for some genius to construct a flying machine.

Santos Dumont has made a stagger of a capias beater but it is doubtful if he could start with a man from Dawson and land him just over the international boundary line before all his creditors would be there to welcome him on his arrival. If Santos can make his machine work successfully he ought to be able to make a good thing out of it by locating in Dawson. He could charge all the way from one hundred to several thousand dollars per thief helped out.

By making arrangement beforehand Santos could call at any hour of the night and take a passenger from a window of the upper story of a hotel and all the departing boarder need leave behind would be such of the furniture as he didn't need and respects. For such an opportunity the Ginzbergs would probably pay \$1000 per capita while Santos would have probably given \$500 at least. On parties of over excursion rates could be given.

An enterprise of this kind was tried in Dawson we would frequently see such notices as this:

NOTICE TO THIEVES.
The cloud rider 'Fly-by-Night' will leave four days hence and will have four days and three a. m. for American territory. Passage may be obtained on application, but cash must accompany the order. We can take passengers from vacant lots, rear windows or out of open boats on the river. Safe delivery is guaranteed. Passengers must take their own luggage. The charge for fare is regulated by the amount of goods the passenger takes with him. Every thing extra 25 cents of baggage charged extra. No dogs taken. In case of sickness sit close to the wall and let 'er go.

It is possible that the Stroller will soon be able to help his friends who are thieves and deadbeats to get out of the country without paying their honest debts for as soon as Santos Dumont perfects his machine the Stroller will write him and explain the possibilities and advantages of Dawson as the Canadian terminus of an aerial route.

From the way double-headed legislation is coming on these days there is a growing belief that the day is not far distant when Dawson will be the home of the poor blind pig. The hands appear to be tightening and the blind pig days of Dawson may be a reality instead of a joke.

Many people go to see a blind pig out of sympathy, and sympathy soon turns to habit.

Being of a very sympathetic nature the Stroller has visited and attempted to console blind-pigs at irregular intervals all the way from the Klondike of Florida to Medicine Hat in the Northwest Territories, and he has found them in all sorts of disguises. In Wisconsin, Iowa and Kansas he has purchased Wabasha mineral water and found it a fair article of rye. In Atlanta, Georgia, he has laid a 10 cent piece on an end of a board that was on a pivot.

Some unseen hand would move the board and from the invisible would appear a fiery brand of hand-made mountain tan. There were several

ladies in the party in Atlanta who heard of the blind pig and expressed a desire to see the poor little thing, but their husbands prevailed on them to refrain. One lady thought it would be an act of mercy if the owner would kill the poor little thing and put it out of its misery.

Kansans are probably the shrewdest blind pig operators on earth on the principle that necessity is invention's ma. More Babcock fire extinguishers are sold in Kansas than in any other country and yet their contents will burn like kerosene. It is the pride of the majority of the voters of Kansas that it is a prohibition state.

The Stroller hopes the sanhedrin will check itself before it drives the Yukon to blind pigs as he knows that after their establishment it will be impossible for him to be seen coming out of a grocery store without creating talk among the neighbors.

Some person spilled a dozen eggs on the Third avenue sidewalk yesterday and when the Stroller passed that way later in the day he thought to himself that if the hen away back on the outside which produced those eggs could but gaze on the wreck she would be overtaken with a consuming melancholy.

Six years ago the Stroller essayed to embark in the chicken business. He started in with six hens and came out with lice after every visit to his hen house. One of his hens yearned to be a parent and made a specialty of setting. When her eggs were removed she would go out in the yard and spread herself all over a croquet ball but she never succeeded in producing a full set.

The setting hen is not a sociable creature. On the contrary she is filled with hatred for every living thing and many were the mementos the Stroller's chronic setting hen took from the back of his hand when he went after the croquet ball to play a game with a neighbor.

As the Stroller was paying rent on the time he allowed his hen to set on a doorknob in the hope that she would hatch out a house. But she didn't.

After awhile she got a far-away look in her eyes and the Stroller knew the end was near. At that time she was setting on a flower pot trying to hatch out a conservatory. Her breath came hot and quick, but still she stayed with the flower pot. At length she got so weak her pecks would not break the skin on the Stroller's hand and he knew she was dying. The end came peacefully and one morning both the hen and flower pot were cold.

The other five hens, seeing that the incubator of the flock was no more, apparently lost courage and took to wandering around among the neighbor's chickens in the hope of contracting cholera. They eventually found it and one by one they went to join the speckled hen which in her yearning for motherhood wore out all her under feathers and finally her life.

The committee having in charge the Fourth of July fund is nothing if not generous as it has voted to turn the "overs," \$425, into the treasury of a local order. The action of the committee was doubtless prompted by a sudden attack of enlargement of the heart that men are apt to experience when handling public money.

The Stroller is in favor of the people generally of the city of Dawson assisting the society in question in entertaining its guests and it is possible that a public meeting would vote the Fourth of July and Dominion Day "overs" to that purpose, but the manner in which it was done will not receive public approval and will operate against the next soliciting committee that attempts to raise funds for the purpose of sports.

The Stroller does not believe the order in question will accept the funds proffered, preferring rather to raise any amount needed solely on its own merits.

Twenty-one years ago the Stroller was treasurer of a Dicken's society. For a few months it flourished but finally contracted internal apathy and died, leaving \$17 in the treasury. But the Stroller did not presume to take the liberty of donating that \$17 to any local order. No indeed. He has it yet and it is subject to the call of the defunct Dicken's society. That is, the original \$17 are not on hand, but the Stroller is good for the amount when it is called for.

We can not be too careful in the handling of public funds.

I just laughed till I cried—
O! the lesson pa taught me!
I was laughing at pa
Till it happened he caught me.
—Philadelphia Press.

Frank Gardner, who arrived yesterday on the Sarah from Rampart, had his fill of the Koyukuk. He does not deny that there is good ground there, but for a man looking for work at wages or a small trader who wishes to open a store it is the worst camp in the north to go to. Gardner is well known in Dawson and he brings some interesting information concerning former residents of this city who are now located in Coldfoot and vicinity. To a Nugget man he said yesterday:

"The Koyukuk is a splendid place to stay away from. There is some good ground there and no one can deny that, but there are a whole lot of claims staked that a man could not make his salt at. There is not a dollar in the camp and everybody who has any credit is in debt to the company store. Saloons and little stores are starving to death for want of some one to buy their goods who can pay cash for them, and all those small fry will get out of the country as soon as they can. All the Dawson chaps who went in last fall and winter are on the hike. Not one of them has made a bean. Wally Brown is with George Rice at Bettles. Both are broke and are coming out as soon as they can. There is no business here. Billy Thomas came down the Koyukuk on a log and the last heard of him he was headed for Nome. Tom Rockwell and George Noble are running a saloon at Coldfoot but have no whiskey of nothing else to sell. F. X. Gowans, the last I heard of him, was still in jail. Shortly before I left Coldfoot he made a very funny attempt to escape. His scheme was to tunnel under the foundation of the log cabin where he was confined and which is used as a jail. He had only worked at his tunnel a short time until the deputy marshal became aware of what was going on, but instead of stopping him let him proceed to the end. Gowans scratched away every night carefully hiding away the dirt as best he could. Finally it was completed and as he broke through into the free air he was suddenly confronted by a gun and told to get back into his hole. When searched later he was found to have a belt of sandwiches strapped around him, thus providing for an emergency in case rustling proved poor when he got outside. Edith Montrose, the variety singer who used to be here, has a claim on Emma creek which she expects to work this summer. May Walker is still in Coldfoot and so is Maud West.

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STEER CLEAR OF KOYUKUK

Says F. Gardner Who Must Now Contribute to the City Revenue

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Going Out.
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Fulda left last night on the steamer Sarah for St. Michael, en route to their San Francisco home. As a pioneer business man Mr. Fulda is one of Dawson's landmarks and will be missed greatly. There is a possibility that he may return to Dawson later on and engage in business, in which event he will get the general glad hand.

For Sale.
All the property of Turner & Whittemore will be sold at public auction at claim No. 65 below discovery on Hunker Creek on July 24th, 1902, at 2 o'clock p.m., consisting of one 40-horse power boiler, one 6-inch centrifugal pump, one 14-horse power horizontal engine, one saw and arbor, a complete outfit of mining tools, groceries and cooking outfit, stoves and ranges; also four interests in mining claims on Hunker and Last Chance creeks. For further information, see undersigned at No. 65 below Hunker. T. J. Hartley, auctioneer.

TRANSIENT TRADERS

Must Now Contribute to the City Revenue

Council Passes a Bylaw Requiring the Payment of a License Fee of \$500.

The transient trader, the ubiquitous scowman who has been the bane of the existence of many of the merchants in the city, had an awful crimp put in his future operations last night by the action of the city council in passing the long contemplated transient trader bylaw. The ordinance is one that was agreed upon months ago, but on account of its conflicting with one similar that was already on the statutes the latter had to be repealed before the present one could come into effect a desire that Yukon council met last week. From the opening of navigation to the present time all the scows and small boats bringing in goods have escaped paying any tax and it is estimated the city has lost several thousand dollars in revenue which could have been collected had it been possible to have passed the bylaw last spring.

Alderman Adair is father of the bill and after it had gone through its several readings last night and finally been passed, a look of supreme contentment spread over his face as he remarked, "The best bill we ever passed." Hereafter transient traders will be required to pay a license of \$500 which will effectively shut out the small fry who are in the habit of dropping in in the spring and picking up the cream of the business. The law which is now in full force and effect is as follows:

No transient trader or other person who occupies premises in the city of Dawson for a temporary period, and whose name has not been duly entered on the assessment roll of the city in respect of income or personal property for the then current year, and who may offer goods or merchandise of any description for sale by auction, or in any other manner, conducted by himself or by his agent or by a licensed auctioneer, or otherwise, shall carry on his trade or business or offer goods or merchandise for sale in the city in manner aforesaid, without having obtained a license so to do; provided always, that this bylaw shall not affect, apply to or restrict the sale of or the being sold or disposed of within the stock of an insolvent estate which is in any transient trader who occupies premises in the city, and is not engaged upon the assessment roll, or who may be entered for the first time upon the assessment roll of the city, in respect of income or personal property and who may offer goods or merchandise of any description for sale by auction, or in any other manner, conducted by himself or by his agent or otherwise, shall carry on his trade or business, or offer goods or merchandise for sale in the city of Dawson in manner aforesaid without having paid the license fee hereinafter mentioned before commencing to trade; provided always that this bylaw shall not affect, apply to or restrict the sale of the stock of an insolvent estate, which is being sold or disposed of within the city, if the insolvent carried on his business therewith in the city of Dawson at the time of the issue of an attachment or the execution of an assignment.

The word "premises" wherever it occurs in the two preceding sections shall extend to and include scows, boats and vessels of any kind.

The words "transient trader," wherever the same occur in sections 1 and 2 of this bylaw, shall extend to and include any person commencing in the city the business in the said sections mentioned, who has not resided continuously in said city for a period of at least three months next preceding the time of the commencement by him of such business therein.

The sum to be paid for a license required under this bylaw shall be \$500 for each license, and the sum so paid for a license shall be credited to the trader paying the same upon and on account of taxes for the unexpired portion of the then current year as well as any subsequent taxes, should such trader remain in the city a sufficient time for taxes to

become due and payable by him and in any other event to be taken and used by the city of Dawson as a portion of the license fund of such city.

The license required under this bylaw shall be issued by the city clerk upon payment to the city treasurer of the sum of \$500 by the person applying for such license.

Wanderer Returns.
Geo. W. Vogel, the popular circus layon agent for the Nugget on Bonanza and Eldorado, returned this morning from an eight months visit to the outside, a portion of which time was spent at his old home in Minnesota. He also spent considerable time in California and along the Pacific coast. His brother John came from the outside last summer and looked after his paper route while he was absent. George, if appearances are not misleading, has had a most enjoyable trip.

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SEVERAL SMALL CASES
Heard by Magistrate Wroughton Today

Native Daughter Sarah Hawkins Declines to Say Where She Obtained Whisky.

In the police court this morning the first case called was that of Langdon vs. Miller, the latter being owner of the steamer Eldorado and part owner in the Five Fingers coal mines. The suit is for \$300 alleged to be due for labor at the mines and on the boat. As there was a likelihood of this case and several other similar ones being settled out of court, hearing of it was postponed until this afternoon. Langdon objected to the postponement and said it was a dodge to get a chance for removing the cargo from the boat, but as it is already attached by the sheriff, the court explained that the cargo could not be molested.

Robertson & Co. left a wagon, the tongue of which protruded nearly half way across Third avenue, standing in front of their place of business yesterday and when a member of the firm explained to Magistrate Wroughton this morning that it was only there to be loaded, the charge of obstructing the street was dismissed.

Sarah Hawkins, the native daughter of the forest who possesses an abnormal appetite for the fermented fluid extract of cereal and who on Sunday last was rooyced drunk on Dugan street, was again in court this morning, having been remanded yesterday. It was thought by the police that Sarah could be persuaded to tell where she obtained the whisky, but on this subject she was mum as an oyster. Sarah is not a "squarer" and when sentenced to ten days imprisonment she took it with the stoicism that is characteristic of her race. The fact that she permitted herself to be wooed and won by a white man cuts no ice with Sarah when it comes to standing pat.

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