

JOSEPH LADUE ARRIVES IN DAWSON.

The Founder of the Town Meets With a Hearty Welcome.

The Holdings of the Ladue Company Will be Increased and Mining Properties Developed Changes in Officers.

Mr. Joseph Ladue, well known as the founder of Dawson, arrived on Saturday last on the steamer Rideout. Mr. Ladue came from New York in company with Mr. Botsford, the secretary and treasurer of the company. The latter gentleman came on to Dawson immediately and Mr. Ladue remained at St. Michaels awaiting the arrival of freight from below.

A large amount of general merchandise was brought up for the company's Dawson store and a still larger shipment is now enroute. It is the intention of Mr. Ladue to increase the company's store and warehouse room very materially. The store will be extended back to Second street and additions will be made to the warehouses as rapidly as required. The placer mining properties owned by the Ladue company will be developed this winter. They have also a quartz mill enroute to Dawson. In addition to mines now held it is the intention to add to their properties by purchase. In regard to changes in the personnel of the company's representatives here, it may be stated that Mr. Thomas W. White who has been acting as foreman of the mill will hereafter act as general manager of the company's mill properties vice Judge Botsford whose services with the company terminated on August 27th. Mr. W. H. Lyon is to be the general manager of the store. Mr. W. H. Torney will act as superintendent of the warehouse. Mr. Botsford, as is well known, is the secretary and treasurer of the company and acts in a general executive capacity.

Mr. Ladue expressed himself as being much pleased with the growth and stability now manifest in Dawson. The changes which have taken place during the past year are very marked but are only what he had anticipated from the outlook last year.

Since Mr. Ladue's arrival nearly all the old timers in Dawson have called to pay their respects to the original founder of the town. Among them were a number of Indians, many of whom Mr. Ladue numbers among his old acquaintances.

An Informal Reception.

Outside of the capitals of the world there never was such a gathering of newspaper people as in Dawson. Every important newspaper of the world has been or is at the present moment represented here. Saturday night there was an informal "gathering of the clans" the occasion being the arrival from New York of Ellen Archard Cooper, heavy writer for the American press association, and Mrs. A. McDonald, of the New York Tribune. All those present at the informal gathering were Judge Gippsill, of Fargo, N. D., Mr. W. H. Smith, of Dawson, Mr. Hutchinson also of the N. Y. Tribune, Mr. Rutledge, of the great publishing firm of Rutledge & Sons, London, and last but not least the representatives of the local press. While the occasion was strictly informal it may not be without interest to note that champagne comes high in Dawson.

A Letter to Laurier.

The miners' committee, appointed by mass meeting, has merged into the Miners' Association, but before doing so we are pleased to learn they took a most positive stand against the misuse of official opportunities, as witnessed in Dawson. We understand they have written quite strongly to Sir Wilfred Laurier, asking for a commission of inquiry into the way in which officials have performed their duties here. We understand further, that the letter contained something in the nature of definite charges or rather suggestions as to the course which should be taken by the inquiry. If however upright officials to have their houses swept and in order that they may not become contaminated with others.

Suicide on the Linda.

Leonard Winbott, the purser of the steamboat Linda, which left this port on Sunday for St. Michaels, committed suicide Monday by taking morphine. Several hours before the boat reached Forty-mile it was found out what he had done, and every effort was made to prevent his falling into the sleep which knows no awakening. Emetics were administered and the poisoned man was walked between two men from end to end of the deck, but all in vain, for he died on Monday night, about 10 o'clock, while the Linda was tied up at Forty-mile.

Leonard Winbott was a young Londoner, 25 years of age, and left London for San Francisco only this summer. His father is still in London and is secretary of the Alaska Exploration Co.'s London office. No cause is known for his action except it was a case of the sudden unsettling of the mind.

Capt. Worth Arrested.

Capt. Worth of the steamer May West was arrested last week by U. S. Customs Inspector Roth and Frank Canton, U. S. marshal. It seems that the May West was lying at Circle City, when possession of the boat was demanded of the captain by Wm. E. Williams one of the owners. Williams had a power of attorney to take possession at Circle but the captain refused to comply with his demand. What matters were in this stage, during the absence of Mr. Williams, Capt. Worth had the lines east end and headed for Dawson. Shortly afterward the Gustin pulled out, having on board Mr. Williams and the officers.

named above. The Gustin being the faster boat overtook the May West and Capt. Worth was then arrested and taken in charge by the officers. The charge is embezzlement and refusing to turn over the ship's books to the proper authorities.

An Honest Plan.

E. J. McCormick, proprietor of the Portland restaurant lost a roll of bills yesterday containing \$300, which was subsequently picked up by his neighbor and competitor, Mr. Draper, and returned to its owner. Honesty of this character is in these degenerate days refreshing.

The Monte Carlo Theater.

The Monte Carlo theater has made something of a departure from its old bills. The performance is now distinctly feminine—several popular young ladies having been added to the roll of singers, who prove such an attraction in this "Eveless Eden." The irrepressible Richard Gardner is preparing to house the theater in for winter.

The Bills are Good.

It seems to be the opinion in some circles that the Yukon bills now in circulation in Dawson do not have the same standing on the outside as other Canadian bank notes. The Nugget is informed that these "Yukon" bills are issued under the same laws governing the ordinary Canadian currency. They pass current at any Canadian bank, and we are told have been taken at a slight premium in San Francisco by parties desiring to hold them as keepsakes.

George Bennington Commits Suicide.

ST. MICHAELS, AUG. 8, '98.

EDITOR NUGGET?

Dear Sir.—George Bennington committed suicide here near the Hotel Fort Garry on last Saturday August 8th, by shooting himself in the head with a gun through the head, the ball entering through the mouth. The military authorities took charge of the remains and a jury was empaneled which rendered a verdict of suicide. He was first mate of the river steamer Klondike, and held similar positions on the Mississippi before coming here. The deceased was about 35 years old and leaves no family, as far as known. No cause is known as to why he took his life. The body was interred at St. Michaels.

Yours truly,

J. H. JAMES.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

For being "D. & D." Ed. Possey (colored) paid the sum of \$10 and costs.

Four common drunks contributed their mite to the funds to escape contributing their mite.

J. Koszepski assaulted Mr. Wilson, whose injured feelings were much elated by seeing his assailant dig up \$20 and costs.

E. Piquet imbibed so much of the exhilarating "hootch," so that his noise added to his offense and "D. & D." cost him \$15 and costs.

Four firms were fined \$2 and costs for maintaining a nuisance. The small fine netted as well as a larger one in hurrying up the clearing of their premises.

The case against J. Borland for the theft of a tent was dismissed. The tent in question was left at Borland's stand to sell, and turned up missing. The evidence was that the tent was left at the owner's site.

C. A. Wilde is the man who took an armload of cutlery from the Rock Island and sold it. His friend's name was Atkinson and when the dealer demanded a receipt from the thief before he would accept the cutlery, Wilde signed Atkinson's name to it. Wilde was sentenced to six months, if caught in the country after September 1st. Atkinson gets one month.

The new jail is nearing completion, and is ready for occupancy almost anything but for one thing—these are not bolts, hinges, locks or windows in town suitable in the smallest degree for the purposes needed. The police doctor is anxious for the completion of the new quarters, for in the crowded state of the old jail it is impossible to maintain sanitary conditions. Six of the 24 cells are fitted with steel between double walls of wood and will be the murderers' cells. A cage for drunks has been put in, with a capacity of upwards of eight. There is ample room in the jail, outside of the cells, for tables, etc., for working prisoners.

RIVER NEWS.

The Rock Island was built in Seattle and represents another new company, the Rock Island & Alaska Mining Co. She brought up 120 passengers and about 30 tons of freight.

The Linda, the first boat up of the Alaska Exploration Company, has got back with her cargo which she left on a bar at Circle city on her first trip. The company's new warehouses are now well filled.

The Seattle-Yukon Trading Co. have reached here from St. Michaels with their two boats the Seattle No. 3 and the Seattle No. 1. The president of the company, Mr. W. D. Wood, of Seattle, also the superintendent of the lines, came on the boats. Mr. Wood is a gentleman who has acquired a national reputation for indomitable energy and courage. He resigned his office last year as mayor of Seattle to personally superintend the projects of his company. It being late in the season and failing to get up the river before the freeze-up, Mr. Wood deliberately started out with dog teams over the ice, past Fort Yukon and Circle city, past Forty-mile, past Dawson and on over the frozen lakes and passes to Seattle. Such courageous energy merits and cannot but win success.

The California-Yukon Trading Co., San Francisco, has succeeded in reaching Dawson with its first boat the Rideout. They lost one barge on Behring sea but brought the other one to Dawson making a total of 300 tons of freight they placed on our wharves in one trip. The Rideout left St. Michaels with 130 passengers, many of them for way points. President Kimball informs us that the company has established wharves and warehouses at the mouth of the river and will do the same here. As an illustration of the cost of navigating the Yukon we may mention that though the Rideout is quite economical on fuel the cost of wood on the trip up the river was upwards of \$3000. The company's ocean boat, the Morgan City, has been chartered by the government of the United States for the transportation of troops and supplies to the seat of war. Other arrangements have been made so that the company has ocean transportation for its patrons.

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