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KLONDIKE NUGGET

From Friday's Daily IS NEEDED HERE.

In a telegram which appeared in the Nugget last evening under a Victoria date line the fact is expressed that Commissioner Ross may conclude to remain on the outside. It would, perhaps, be nothing more than natural that the commissioner should arrive at such a conclusion. The heavy load of grief which has come upon him so suddenly and unexpectedly is a sufficient cause. If he returns to Dawson he must be constantly reminded of the circumstances leading up to the deplorable tragedy, while under the influence of new scenes and new conditions the poignancy of his grief will gradually be lessened.

Nevertheless, the Nugget cannot help from expressing the hope that Commissioner Ross may reach the conclusion that his duty lies toward Dawson. The people of this territory have just become sufficiently acquainted with his sterling qualities to feel satisfied that the task of administering their affairs while under his direction is in safe and trustworthy hands.

The work which the commissioner has outlined to be accomplished during the next two years means everything to the future of the territory and as has been well said by the legal adviser there is no one in the entire Dominion of Canada who can step in at this particular juncture and fill his place.

While, therefore, the heartfelt sympathy of every person in the territory goes out to the grief-stricken commissioner in this time of his sore bereavement, we believe it to be the unanimous hope of our people that he will return to Dawson when the sad mission on which he is now gone is completed.

It has been said that there is relief for sorrow in hard and constant work and certainly no field is open to Commissioner Ross for more continuous occupation than is presented to him in the manifold duties of his office as chief executive of this territory.

THE QUALITY OF MERCY.

The notorious "Kid" West has been pardoned, and in his case the quality of mercy must have been strained to the breaking point before any satisfactory reason for such official action could be arrived at. The only possible reason that can be assumed for it, is that the officials of the state of Washington took the representations of the officials of Dawson, too literally.

The notorious "Kid" was serving a five year sentence in Walla Walla penitentiary for a crime committed in Seattle. In a conversation he alluded to his previous connection with George O'Brien, then under arrest for the crime of which he was found guilty and executed last Friday. In order that no possible evidence might be overlooked, the Yukon government applied for and obtained from the state of Washington, leave to bring the "Kid" to Dawson as a witness at the trial. His testimony was not in any sense important to the prosecution, and but for similar evidence being given by another witness would have been needless from the fact that West was not a reputable witness. He is a dragged out of the very worst description; one who glories in recounting his deeds of

STROLLER'S COLUMN.

A few days ago the "who" "null" Stroller penetrated the climate as far as Whitehorse and from treatment accorded him there he judged that it was a good thing for him that he did not go on to Seattle. The trip up on the elegant steamer Clifford Sifton was one continuous picnic, but it was after reaching Whitehorse, where a man from Dawson is considered legitimate prey, that the Stroller found to his sorrow that he is not in touch with modern methods.

"Have you any gold dust?" The question was asked by a cold storage policeman who stood at the end of the gang plank and collared the Stroller as he left the boat. On being answered in the negative the man with the stripes on his pants tightened his grip on the Stroller's neck and said: "Then I will run you in as a vagrant."

Just then a broker whom the Stroller had known in years past appeared on the scene and explained to the policeman that he had better not insist on an arrest for vagrancy on the grounds that a man is not always

According to the interview published in the News of Wednesday evening, Holmwood undertook the job of hanging O'Brien "in a spirit of frolic" and incidentally to pocket a few dollars.

It is the motive which prompted the man and his thirst for notoriety which merits condemnation, and how, under the circumstances, any newspaper could undertake to applaud and praise his conduct is past comprehension. It is one thing for an officer of the law in the performance of his sworn duty to undertake the execution of a criminal. He is justified in so doing, for the law and the courts command him.

But in the present instance the circumstances were entirely different. The fellow who bid for the privilege of killing O'Brien openly boasts that he did it "for a frolic," and a newspaper which makes claims to decency approves and applauds him.

WADE ON HYDRAULICS.

Crown Prosecutor Wade gave a very interesting talk to the representative of his home newspaper, the Winnipeg Free Press, on the conditions that obtain in the Yukon and the progressive changes in its mining methods. When he says, however, that "hydraulic mining has also come to the front" and goes on to describe how "hydraulic mining is now being employed to very great advantage," his statement is liable to be in conflict with the report of the government mining expert to report upon the concessions that were granted strictly for hydraulic purposes.

He says that there is not a single mine in the whole camp operated by the hydraulic method. If this is substantiated by his report some of the concessionaires who have succeeded in tying up huge tracts of auriferous gravel—even those who have or are working patches of their holdings by the old method—ought to forfeit their rights on the ground that they have not complied with the express condition upon which they were granted, namely to be worked by hydraulic methods. It is a well understood rule that hydraulic concessions shall not be granted over grounds that can be profitably worked by ordinary methods, and many of the concessions of which complaint is made were granted in ignorance of the conditions of the ground covered by them.

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COLLARED FOR A VAG.

"broke" when he has not gold dust. The Stroller added that he had a few dollars in cash in his pockets and the policeman released him.

"Come with me to my office," said the broker, and on reaching it he said, "you owe me \$5 for getting you away from that policeman."

The money was paid and ten minutes later the broker and policeman met on a street corner when the former was seen to hand the latter \$25.

During the forenoon a man who looked like a honest miner approached the Stroller with a hand sack story. He said he was from the Klondike and all the pleasure he had experienced here was in reading the Stroller's column. It had cheered him during the long winter evenings in his cabin on his claim and it was indeed a pleasure for him to meet and grasp the hand of him who had afforded him such happiness. He was on his way to the outside and was short of cash, but had a gold bar of pure Hunker gold mined from his own claim. It weighed \$85, but he would show his appreciation of the pleasure afforded him by the Stroller in the past and let him have it for \$50. The deal was consummated and when the bar was offered for sale Tuesday of this week at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Manager Willis suggested that it be taken to the McDonald Iron Works as he is not engaged in the purchase of brass.

Having taken the precaution to provide himself with a round trip ticket that bore the letters "D. H." the Stroller managed to get back to Dawson without making the trip on a log.

The seven ages are the Aztec, Silurian, Devonian, Reptilian, Mammothian, Carboniferous and the Age of Man. It is now in order to add to these the Age of Woman as the present is the age when woman is distinctly in the lead.

The recent month of July was more than one-third gone when a certain

Dawson woman started for the outside, leaving behind her the partner of her joys and sorrows. She returned to Dawson this week, having been absent only 45 days, but in that time, like the busy little bee of which we read in Appleton's third eclectic reader, she improved each shining hour. After reaching Seattle it was a case of Presto! change. A divorce from the husband left in Dawson was applied for and obtained. On what grounds is not known, but as he is a cook by trade it was probably coffee grounds.

An applicant for hubby's position was in waiting, a marriage ceremony took place and in less than seven weeks after leaving No. 7 in Dawson this 20th century woman returned with No. 2 and up to the hour of this paper going to press they are as happy as clams at slack tide. What would love do if dowie'd die?

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