

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1902.

GOVERNOR'S ASSISTANCE

Will be Asked by City Council

Effort to be Made to Secure a Government Assay Office in Dawson.

Liberals, supporters of the government who believe in the omnipotence and hypnotic influence Commissioner possesses at Ottawa. The city council also considers that the governor has only to say "Open sesame" and what is desired is as good as accomplished. Through his influence the council is going to endeavor to secure the establishment of an assay office at Dawson and it is proposed to corral the fines which pour into the police court coffers in a more or less continuous stream. Both very laudable undertakings and worthy of success. There is no question but what a government assay office in Dawson would be of incalculable benefit to the miner and it is equally true that the city is entitled to the fines collected as a penalty for the infraction of the city ordinances.

The matter came up at the council meeting Monday upon a motion by Alderman Adair that the mayor be instructed to wire Commissioner Ross at Ottawa requesting him to use his utmost endeavors in securing the passage of an order in council under sections 928, under the criminal code, granting the city all fines collected for the infraction of the criminal code. Subsequently, Alderman Adair introduced another motion to the effect that the commissioner be wired to use his influence in procuring the establishment of a government assay office at Dawson.

Over the Divide

By Ed. Hering.

Within a few days sluicing will commence on Dominion, Gold Run and Sulphur, and the long-expected cleanup will be with us. Sluice boxes are being strung out and everything is in shape for a big output. On Dominion there is more dirt out than ever before, not excepting the winter of '98 and spring of '99, when almost every claim on the creek was let out on lays. While the dirt in the dumps is not of exceedingly great richness, yet the quantity is so much greater and the cost of mining it so much less that the results will be much more satisfactory to the claim owners.

From 22 above upper to 34 below lower almost every claim has dirt dumps and from 34 below to 90 below there is almost a continuous line of dumps now on the hillside and then on the creeks, and often on both. The largest dumps are those of the French syndicate on 9 above lower, closely followed by those of Paul Thornley on 9a above lower, J. P. Kelly on 22 below upper, Louie Pond on 31 below upper, and Sullivan and McGonigle on 21a below upper.

The operators of summer ground are preparing for gigantic operations and in addition to the ground not worked this winter almost every claim will continue work and the creek will be a busy one indeed. The different roadhouses and stores are renovating and preparing for a busy season. At Caribou a number of new buildings are going up.

Dr. Bell, the popular physician and dentist, has built up a business in the drug line that compels him to either live on the roof himself or build larger quarters, so the Dominion Drug Store is the sign over a neatly constructed 1 1/2-story frame building nicely fitted up with red-wood counters, neat shelving loaded with drugs, patent medicines and toilet articles, and presenting a very metropolitan appearance. Dr. Bell has a large consignment of drugs as well as a soda fountain and ice cream sundry plant ordered to arrive on the first boat.

"Gold Bottom Jerry," known to every freighter and traveler on Hunker as one of the best cooks that ever operated a hotel on Hunker creek, has built a two-story log hotel at Caribou. Mr. Jerry will cater principally to the short order trade and will have every delicacy from terrapin and frogs' legs to sourdough hot cakes always on hand.

The Acme Grocery Co. have built an annex to their store and will also

operate their lower Dominion branch on 34 below lower.

Messrs. Willis and Walsh, the tobacconists and barbers, have added two card rooms and put a glass front to their already pleasant quarters. They will carry a full line of fruits and berries during the summer.

A village is springing up at 7 below lower around the N. A. T. and T. Company's branch.

Miss Lou Piercy is operating the Lower Dominion Hotel, a fine two-story building fitted up with every modern convenience and a well-stocked bar in connection.

Dr. Shoff, the Dawson druggist, will open a branch store and several other business men are figuring on building here.

Lower Dominion, that is from 74 to 145 below lower, will be actively worked this summer. Mr. F. W. Morrison has bought the Joslyn ditch and water right, has his dam completed and will rapidly push the ditch and flume from 34 to 88 below lower, opening up a string of hill-sides in that vicinity claimed to be good shallow ground.

Donnovanville is starting out as a real live town and the population is increasing rapidly. Already two babies have brought happiness to adjoining claims. Both children are girls and the proud fathers are Messrs. Achille Letourneau and Thos. Chenard of 7 and 8 below lower. Dr. Bell reports both children and mothers doing well. But Capt. Donovan, mayor of the village, is so proud of his growing city that he had to go to Dawson for treatment.

BATEMAN LIBEL CASE

A Vancouver Man Sued for Damages

Said He Was Injured by Toronto Mail and Empire—Gets \$800.

Toronto, April 2.—The libel suit of Lee La Trobe Bateman of Vancouver against the Mail and Empire of Toronto for \$10,000 damages was heard before Mr. Justice Ferguson and a jury in Civil Assizes Wednesday. It was given to the jury at 4.40 o'clock in the afternoon, and no verdict had been reached when the court adjourned for the day. The judge instructed the sheriff to keep the jury locked up until 10 o'clock in the evening if necessary. If they agreed before that hour they were to hand in a sealed verdict, to be opened in court this morning.

The plaintiff complained that the defendants published on Nov. 29, 1900, a despatch from Vancouver, B. C., in which the doings of Capt. Louis Bateman were chronicled, and which could have had reference to no one but himself. The particular paragraph about which he was concerned was as follows:—"The genuineness of Bateman's connections with various aristocratic people in England was known to many people here, so many refused to believe the stories of the peculiar character of Bateman's card-playing, and of his having been cashiered from the army for cheating at cards." The defendants denied publication, and claimed that if the article did appear it was true in substance and in fact; that it came as a despatch over the wires in the regular way, and was published in newspapers in New York and other American cities.

Mr. W. J. Douglas, general manager of the Mail and Empire, was called as a witness for the plaintiff. He declined to answer the majority of the questions put by Mr. Osler or to produce a file of the paper. He claimed that he would not care to incriminate himself by giving any information about the Mail and Empire or the despatch in question. Publication of the article was proved, however, by the testimony of Mr. W. H. Bunting, one of the editors. He did not enjoy the same privilege as Mr. Douglas, and Judge Ferguson told him to answer the questions of counsel. He admitted that a copy of the Mail and Empire produced as an exhibit, and containing the alleged libel, had been published by the defendants on Nov. 29, 1900.

Mr. Clarke called no witnesses for the defense, but put in a copy of the paper, dated Dec. 22, 1900, in which an apology to Mr. Bateman had been published. This had not been acceptable to the plaintiff, and he had continued the action. The judge held that the filing of this apology as an exhibit constituted a defense, and told Mr. Clarke to address the jury first. The latter was followed by Mr. Osler, each of them reviewing the evidence briefly.

Mr. Justice Ferguson, in charging the jury, defined libel, and said he was forbidden to say whether or not the article was libellous. There was no doubt about publication, and if there was libel they should assess a reasonable amount of damages. They should read the despatch as a whole. The defendants had repeated their alleged libel in their statement of defense, and had produced nothing to show that the assertions therein contained were true.

A verdict of \$800 and costs was returned.

OFF FOR CORONATION

Sergt. Marshall Started Last Night

Remainder of Police Delegation, Corporal and Five Men, to Start Soon.

On two hours notice Sergeant Marshal, Judge Macaulay's goodlooking court orderly, started on the stage yesterday evening for London to attend the coronation of King Edward as one of a delegation of seven members from the Northwest Mounted Police of the Yukon district. The delegation is to consist of one sergeant, one corporal and five men. Major Wood has the selection of those who will go from Dawson but the selection of those from outside posts will be conferred by the major on the officers commanding.

The other delegate from the Dawson post will be Constable Wright. The corporal will be selected from Whitehorse and the other four men from the various posts throughout the district.

It is a safe bet that from no corner of the king's vast domains will be sent a delegation of finer or more patriotic soldiers than will be the delegation of police from the Yukon, and those who are chosen to go are to be envied by their comrades.

Nuch Excitement.

Grangeville, Idaho, April 4.—Four men arrived here today from Thunder Mountain, making a record-breaking trip for pedestrians. They report the camp as wildly excited. It is impossible to retain men in the Dewey properties, as everybody wants to prospect for himself. As a result the mill is shut down and only six men are working in the mine. The camp is swarming with representatives of capital and more are coming every day. The latest stampede was to Indian creek, twenty miles south. The snow there is six feet deep and only snow locations are being staked. Slain-owners are advancing their prices, and the camp expects a phenomenal influx. This party came out in five days and made the round trip in ten days.

More Weavers Go Out.

Providence, R. I., April 5.—The weavers at the Moessup, Conn., plant of the American Woollen Company, to the number of 125, struck today in sympathy with the Olneyville, R. I., strikers. This extension of the strike brings a total of eleven plants in the combine under the ban of the union. There are now about 3,700 looms idle because of the trouble and about 4,000 weavers are out.

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Salaries Payable in Pelts.

Probably few people know that the original name of the State of Tennessee was Franklin or that in 1788 the salaries of the officers of this commonwealth were paid in pelts, but the following is a correct copy of the law:

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Franklin, and it is hereby enacted, by authority of the same, that from and after the 1st day of January, 1788, the salaries of the commonwealth be as follows, to wit:

"His Excellency, the Governor, per annum, 100 deer skins.

"His Honor, the Chief Justice, 500 deer skins.

"The secretary to his Excellency, the Governor, 500 raccoon skins.

"County clerk, 300 beaver skins.

"Clerk of the House of Commons, 200 raccoon skins.

"Members of the Assembly, per diem, three raccoon skins.

"Justice's fee for serving a warrant, one mink skin."

"At that time the State of Franklin extended to the east bank of the Mississippi river and on the west bank was that great unknown forest region of Louisiana. It was then a "terra incognita," save a few canoe landings and Indian trading posts on the river banks. It was known as the district of Louisiana, and in 1805 was made the Territory of Louisiana.

The State of Franklin, which became Tennessee in 1796, was almost as little known. The now great city of Memphis was a mere trading post, and was not laid out as a village until 1820.

Pelts were as plentiful in those days as pennies, and much better distributed for purposes of currency and barter. The pioneers were perhaps as happy and as well contented as is the average citizen now. — Arkansas Gazette.

Reprisals by Albanians.

Constantinople, April 5.—Advices received here from Uskup, European Turkey, announce that a number of Albanians recently surrounded the government offices at Ipek, took all the officials prisoners and then telegraphed to the Yildiz palace here, demanding the release of the Albanians who are detained in custody at Constantinople.

Two battalions of Turkish infantry have been dispatched to Ipek.

Ask Heavy Damages.

Washington, April 5.—Papers were filed today before the Spanish treaty claims commission on behalf of the Spanish-American Abattoir Company by Blymer, Hobbs and Clark of New York against the United States, to recover \$700,000 on account of the franchise granted by the Spanish au-

thorities to the company giving them the exclusive right to engage in the stock yards and packing house industry at Havana, Cienfuegos and Santiago, Cuba. The papers state that the franchise was granted the Spanish-American company in competition with Armour & Co. At the time of the insurrection, it is set forth, all operations were suspended, since which time, it is claimed, the grant has been of no value.

The right of action to this suit, it is claimed, comes outside the opinion of the attorney general on franchises granted by the Spanish authorities, the words contemplated "not being in operation or having ever operated," which, it is alleged, put the claim within the terms of the treaty of Paris.

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