

FROM A LIBERAL STANDPOINT

A Grit Undertakes to Tell What His Party Should Do.

Thinks the Good Time is Soon Coming When Reforms Will Be Granted.

Dawson, Y. T., March 30, 1900.
To the Editor of the Daily Klondike Nugget.

Dear Sir: I have noticed frequently that you publish in the columns of your paper letters which are written by residents of this city, affecting matters of public concern. If you please, I shall avail myself of this privilege; for wish to write in reference to certain things which should interest a considerable portion of the Canadian residents of Dawson.

It may be well to state, as a commencement, that I am a Liberal in politics, and it is to persons of such affiliations that I desire to address myself. Everyone who is at all conversant with the governmental affairs of this territory, is aware that its development has been retarded by unwise legislation; and those who have consideration for the welfare of the country, earnestly hope that the conditions which have resulted by reason of the enforcement of these ill-advised laws will be speedily remedied. It is of no avail now to attempt to fix the responsibility for the enactment of oppressive regulations on any particular person or party. In my opinion the government at Ottawa has been induced to pass such legislation as prevails here, by the representations of persons whom it considered trustworthy; and, likewise, I believe that those gentlemen in whom it reposed confidence, exerted their honest efforts, and offered what they considered to be proper and good advice. I contend that the evils of which we now complain are not the result of dishonest motives; but may be attributed to the suggestions of men who were not accustomed to deal with such resources as this country produces. The fact is evident that as rapidly as the government at Ottawa discovered the incompetency of its advisers the latter were replaced by more desirable men. At the present time the local officials are doing as well as can be expected of them, in view of the laws which circumscribe their conduct. The orders which have been issued recently from Ottawa clearly indicate that the federal government is anxious and willing to rectify mistakes which it has unwittingly occasioned.

That local conditions should be improved is conceded; but different views are entertained as to the manner in which the relief may be obtained. The Conservatives and people generally, I regret to say, look for no reform from the Liberal officials at Ottawa. Many of the oppressive regulations have been in force so long and some of the mistakes of the federal government have been so egregious that the major portion of the residents of the Yukon impute dishonest motives to the powers that be. To eradicate such false ideas is the duty of the Liberal party. We cannot hope to convert rock-ribbed Conservatives; but we can easily win favor with the masses of the people.

Everyone of ordinary intelligence knows that at the present time it is easier to secure a reform through the agency of the Liberal party than the Conservative party; for the former is in power. If we can lead the people to believe that we will favor remedial legislation respecting Yukon affairs, then they will associate themselves with us. We can win their confidence not by mere promises, but by earnest action. Let the liberals of the territory urge the council to exert every effort to secure for the people representation in that legislative body; let the members of the council strenuously advocate the right of Yukon representatives in the Dominion house of parliament; and I have no fear of the result of the elections. As soon as the people understand that we will favor their interests, they will readily take advantage of the opportunity to seek redress through the party in power; they will send to Ottawa a gentleman in sympathy without political preferences.

Because a few Conservatives are crying about reform, we should not be induced to oppose it. On the contrary, let us not only advocate reform, but display by immediate action our undoubted power to accomplish it. The people will not be blinded to the good that we can do; and they will be eager to tender us a practically unanimous support.

On the other hand, if we attempt to thwart the popular will, we shall merely delay progressive movement. Ulti-

mately, the people will accomplish their purpose, and let it not be said that they did so in spite of us. Join hands with the commoner. Now has come that "tide in the affairs of men, which, if taken at the flood, will lead to victory."

A GRIT.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

In the case of George Tyler, plaintiff, vs. W. E. Thompson, defendant, an appeal has been taken by the defendant to the minister of the interior from the decision, which was recently rendered in the action by Commissioner Senkler. The suit involved the title to creek claim No. 56a above discovery on Sulphur creek; and the judgment of the local court was in favor of the plaintiff.

A notice of appeal has also been filed in the case of Peter Werbus and Michael Bede, plaintiffs, vs. J. Vincent, defendant, which action involved the hillside claim, right limit, opposite 78 below on Bonanza. The appellants are the plaintiffs against whom judgment was rendered by Commissioner Senkler.

The action of Eckardt, Bowen, Belcher, and Meekson, plaintiffs, vs. Ernest de Champain and Frank D. Demers, defendants, was tried yesterday. The suit involves the title to creek claim No. 10 above the mouth of Gold Bottom. This morning the following decision was rendered in the case:

"From the evidence adduced in the case I must find that the representation work was done on this claim for the year commencing December 16th, 1898, to December 16th, 1899. The claim would not, therefore, be open for relocation upon the 31st of October, 1899. I must therefore, hold that the defendants' location is invalid and should be cancelled. At the same time, I consider that the plaintiffs are at fault in not seeing that some notice was placed on file to show that the claim had been represented. It was owing to this neglect that the defendants received grants for the property. Therefore, before renewals are issued to the owners, under the original location, they must pay to the defendants the sum of \$30 they paid for the grants issued to them."

Commissioner Senkler also decided the case of Hoyer et al. vs. Corsa et al., which involves the title to creek claim No. 69 below on Hunker. The text of the decision is as follows:

"The plaintiffs relocated respectively the upper and lower halves of the above claim on November 28th, 1899. It appears from the evidence that the claim was recorded by the original locator on November 1st, 1897. The claim was first renewed on April 4th, 1899, upon an affidavit filed by one Pelletier. Pelletier's affidavit was accepted owing to the laymen having refused to make an affidavit as to the representation work done upon the claim. On August 9th, 1899, the defendant, George Corsa, applied for a renewal of the claim from November 1st, 1899. Corsa swears that he asked the assistant gold commissioner to be allowed renewal upon the affidavit already filed. This affidavit showing that two months' work had been done on the claim since November 1st, 1898. He was thereupon allowed to renew the claim, and was assured that no more work was necessary for the year ending November 1st, 1899. Only two months' work had been done; but it appearing by the evidence that the work actually done was somewhat more than what was stated on the affidavit, and there being ample time after August 9th to complete the three months' work had Corsa been told it was necessary to do so, it would be most unfair to now go into the question of whether the work was sufficient or not. If the rights of the plaintiffs had intervened before August 9th last, it would then have been a different matter; but the relocation did not take place for more than three months after the renewal grant had been issued. The fact of the claim being renewed on August 9th last without a second affidavit being filed, is consistent with Mr. Corsa's story. I believe that his statement is correct, and owing to the affidavit having been accepted and a renewal grant issued thereon prior to the plaintiff's staking, I cannot go into the sufficiency of the representation work as set out in the affidavit referred to. The plaintiffs' case is dismissed."

In Dawson's Front Door.

From the mail carriers who arrived shortly before midnight it is learned that the most water encountered by the mail on the trip in was at the mouth of the Klondike, where it is pouring over the ice of the Yukon to a depth of from four inches to nearly two feet. The carriers who bring the mail into Dawson only accompany it from a short distance up the river, but the word that was passed along from one relay to the next is that for well equipped light loads the trail is yet in such condition as to permit of fairly good time being made, although it is not now to be compared with what it was three weeks ago.

As the most water with the carriers have to contend is practically in Dawson's front door, the difficulty can be easily obviated by the use either of vehicles or flat bottomed boats for crossing that particular place. Mr. Davies, who has charge of mail transportation at this end of the route is authority for the statement that rapid service will be continued so long as it is possible for men and dogs to make headway over the ice and trails.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. St. Laurent is visiting the city. Gust Chisholm is spending a few days in town.

George E. Ames is registered at the Fairview.

George Stenger came to Dawson from the creeks yesterday.

R. Reister is in the city attending to some matters of business.

Mrs. H. E. Ashelby is among the guests at the Fairview.

Tony Peters has been discharged from St. Mary's hospital as convalescent.

L. F. Cooke and John Quigg of Cheechako hill, are guests at the Fairview.

M. C. Nerness, of Grand Forks, is enjoying a few days' visit in the city.

Tom Cannon, of Eldorado, and J. P. Wallace, are stopping at the Fairview.

W. Inghram came to town yesterday. He reports the trail to be in bad condition.

Gil Edgar, of 18 below upper on Dominion, is enjoying a short vacation in the city.

Alex Altanen, of Cheechako hill, was entered at the Good Samaritan yesterday evening.

W. P. Murphy, of Seattle, is a recent arrival in Dawson. He is stopping at the Fairview.

Sam L. Stanley and wife, of 26 Eldorado, are visiting friends in the city. They are at the Fairview.

Gilmore Anderson, of Seattle, arrived in Dawson yesterday, nine days from Bennett. He rode a wheel the entire distance.

James Blair, who acted as first-mate on the steamboat St. Michaels last summer, arrived from Skagway this morning.

George P. Coffey, of the McDonald, Bonanza and Klondike Company, returned to Dawson today. He has been visiting in London, England.

Justice Dugas returned this morning from a trip to Dominion creek. He was accompanied by his son. The justice reports that times are lively on the creeks.

Mrs. J. L. Williams has received a letter from her husband, who left here for Nome on September 26th. The letter is dated October 23d, and says: "I have rocked out \$300. Next summer I shall use an engine, and expect to make \$50 per day."

Rush to Alaska.

A greater rush than ever to Alaska is indicated this season. In the last two years prospectors have been looking over the agricultural resources of the territory, and are convinced that they are about the same as those of Europe in the latitude of Finland, a region that raises wheat and barley for export. All the common vegetables have been harvested in Southeast Alaska. Wheat has been harvested there, and grass is abundant and nutritious. Excellent wild fruits are found, including raspberries and two kinds of currants. The hardier vegetables have been grown as far north as Dawson. Some investigators report that Alaska in time will mainly produce its own food supply.—Providence Journal.

Sunday Evening's Entertainment.

In the Pioneer hall, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, Capt. Jack Crawford will give one of his unique entertainments. He will recite his own quaint poems, tell thrilling stories of life in camp and field, deliver "Pony Bill's" cowboy sermon, and conclude with the rendition of the "Absent Minded Beggar," to which he has supplemented some original verses. The contributions, which are received during the recital of this poem, will be given to the Kipling fund. The price of general admission is 50 cents; reserved seats are \$1.

New Meat Market.

Mr. R. C. Deihl who but recently arrived from the outside with a stock of fresh beef, veal, eggs, etc., has opened a market on Second avenue, between Second and Third streets, and will retail his supply to the public.

Movements Suspended.

Vancouver, B. C., March 12.—No overland train has arrived here since Saturday, all traffic movements being temporarily suspended by the mud and snow slides in the interior districts, which have been of an unusually serious character. From Arrowhead yard a large gravel slide is reported. Ninety feet of the snowshed No. 6, east of the Glacier, has been destroyed by a snowslide, and one of the snow plow gangs, Edward Gallagher, is missing, and it is feared that he is buried beneath the avalanche of snow. Heavy snowslides are reported from the Selkirk mountains, carrying down tall trees and immense rocks, sweeping away the cut bank truss bridge, 150 feet long, between Bear creek and Sixmile river.

From Sandon comes the news of an

even more serious disaster, a landslide at noon demolishing six houses in the lower part of the town and burying one of the tenants, William McLeod, beneath the mass of debris, which crushed the houses as it they had been egg shells. Three other occupants of the dwelling, Mrs. H. Nash, Mrs. William Fogg and J. E. Lovatt, were seriously injured, half a dozen other sustaining less severe injuries.

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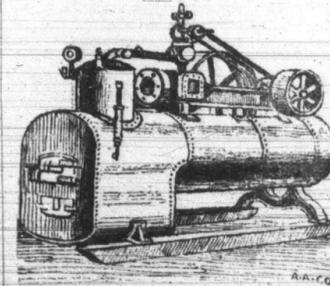
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