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### THE DAILY NUGGET.

With this issue the publication of the Daily Klondike Nugget is inaugurated. The proprietors have determined upon issuing a daily for the simple reason that they believe the field is here which justifies them in so doing. The Daily Nugget will be a newspaper pure and simple. The news will be handled when it is news, and all the news, both local and telegraphic, will be found in the columns of the daily. Discussion of live questions is invited through these pages, but correspondents are requested to be as brief as possible. Our aim shall be to keep in close touch with all matters of public interest in Dawson and to treat the same from an unprejudiced and unbiased standpoint. Independent of all strings or influences, the Nugget has no axes to grind and no favors to ask, aside from the patronage to which its efforts along the line of live, active journalism may entitle it.

### WAR IS ON.

All is not well in the ranks of the elect. The temper that long has been brewing has at length broken loose. J. W. Willison, until within a short time ago crown timber agent, has turned the vials of his wrath less upon the Liberal party and incidentally upon the head of the commissioner of the Yukon territory.

There is no doubt of Mr. Willison's earnestness, and what is still more to the point, there is little doubt as to the truth of a great deal of what he has to say.

"I am a man," says Mr. Willison, who is thoroughly disgusted with the Liberal party and their miserable attempts at reform in this country.

**THE LIBERAL PARTY HAS LOST ONE SUPPORTER AND ONE VOTER IN ME.** I am a miner, and as such I despise Mr. Ogilvie and his policy."

Thus it will be seen that open rebellion has at length begun against the party and the men who have labored so assiduously during the past two years to throttle the Yukon territory in its very infancy.

Twelve months ago the excuse was offered, if excuse it may be termed, that the government at Ottawa had been ill-advised. That it was in total or almost total ignorance of the actual conditions existing in the Yukon territory and that as soon as it came to a realization of the real situation, radical measures for the relief of this overburdened country would be immediately forthcoming.

But alas, the lapse of time has brought only renewed grievances. So closely have the reins been drawn, so restricted are the opportunities left open to the miner, but for whose efforts and sacrifices there would have been no gold

discovery in the Yukon, that men are now selling their rights (?) as free miners—something that ought not to be offered for sale at any price—men are selling their rights, we repeat, for the paltry sum of \$50. It is time that some one in the Yukon territory sounded the slogan of war upon the political party that is responsible for the existence of such conditions. There is a shadow of hope at least in the prospect of an overturning in Dominion politics. But so long as the present regime is in power there will be little likelihood of redress.

The fact that there is in Dawson a demand for refined, high class entertainment was amply demonstrated at the Palace Grand last night. The music was of a character that appealed to the finer and nobler sentiments of everyone whose good fortune it was to be in attendance. The contrast between an evening spent in listening to the strains of classic music and one devoted to the ordinary forms of public entertainment in Dawson is a very marked one. Dawson will be a better town as a result of such entertainment as was given last night. The Nugget congratulates the management on their success and hopes that succeeding programs will be as well patronized as the initial one.

Intending Nomads should not overlook the fact that the season at which work can be done at Nome is comparatively a very brief one. When the summer is over it is a case of cease work in so far as the beach is concerned and there is little likelihood of any considerable amount of work being done on the creeks during the close season. To make his stake at Nome, therefore, a man under ordinary circumstances must figure only on the open season of from three to four months. There are a number of features of the Nome proposition which detract largely from its attractiveness.

The thousands of people who were supposed to have their minds made up to reach Nome over the ice during the present winter will undoubtedly diminish into very much smaller numbers. Eighteen hundred miles of ice travel in the middle of an Arctic winter will involve hardships and privations from which the stoutest heart may well shrink. If any considerable number of ambitious cheechakos start from Skagway en route to Nome during the present winter it is altogether probable that the large majority of them will be content to abide in Dawson, until navigation opens if indeed they are enabled to reach this point.

No decisive movements of the troops in Africa can be expected until after the arrival of Lord Roberts, who is now en route. The full gravity of the situation is realized in London as clearly as it is in Capetown or at the front. The Boers will not be conquered until by the force of overwhelmingly superior strength they are literally swept off the face of the earth.

If the Yukon territory were blessed with wise and equitable laws, no country on earth would furnish better opportunities for vigorous, self-reliant manhood to achieve success.

Despite the dining and cooking now seemingly going on between England and Germany, the former country has

by no means forgotten a certain little note of congratulation sent to the Transvaal a few years ago. The Jameson incident will rankle yet for a number of years.

Mining in the Klondike country, although, until the present time, confined almost exclusively to digging for placer gold, bears a very close resemblance in point of methods used and expense involved, to quartz mining. This fact means a much longer lease of life to Dawson than comes to the ordinary placer camp.

The latest freak of the wires is the report that the Fenians, 500,000 strong, are preparing for an invasion of Canada. It is very possible that the next governor of the Yukon territory will be an ex-New York police magistrate.

### The Free Library.

Dawson's free library and reading room which was formally opened to the public Tuesday night with suitable dedicatory services, is while not yet complete in every detail, proving beyond doubt that it is destined to be an eminent success, filling as it does a long felt want, by providing a large, clean, neat and comfortable room where an idle man may pass an idle hour and at the same time store his idle mind with useful knowledge. The big room is well heated and lighted, the seats are very comfortable and there are already in the library upwards of 300 volumes from which to select something of interest to read. Besides books, magazines and periodicals there will be kept on file all the local as well as outside papers. The room is opened at 10 o'clock every day and is kept open to the public until midnight. As evidence of its popularity it is but necessary to take a peep into the big and pleasant room and see every chair occupied with an intelligent class of men, old and young, who are there in preference to being in the gambling rooms up the street. As a public benefactor, the free library is Dawson's greatest institution.

### Will Give a Ball.

Dawson's very swell society will be on the tip toe of expectation during the present week preparing for a masquerade ball which will be given on the night of the 12th instant at the Palace Grand. It is proposed to make it the most elegant as well as exclusive social function of the season, a function with which all previous successes will fall into insignificance. The affair will be strictly one of invitation.

Major Perry instructed his court officers to call the attention of Corporal McPhail to the fact that all manner of filth rubbish and trash is being dumped on the north bank of the Klondike river contrary to the laws of health and sanitation.

Pocket ink stands, the very latest. Nugget office.

### Col. Steele's Removal.

Col. D. MacGregor received a letter by the last mail from the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, acknowledging the receipt of a communication and memorial in the matter of the removal of Lieut. Col. Steele from the Yukon territory. It is not stated, however, if he minister intends to take any further action in the matter or not. An order came from Mr. Sifton, it will be remembered with no explanation, removing Col. Steele from the Yukon. Col. Steele above all other officials in this territory had given most general satisfaction and was considered beyond reproach. His summarily removal, therefore, without any explanation seemed on the face of it a glaring outrage on this community which occasioned some demonstration on his behalf and the preparation of a monster memorial.

The outside press took the matter up and discussed it in lively style, and it is said by some that the matter has had some bearing on the recent elections in Manitoba; that it was the proverbial straw.

As regards the present management of the police force in the Yukon, how-

ever, we can safely say there is no complaint. Major Perry, who is in command, has proved to be an efficient officer and a gentleman.

Wrapping paper for sale cheap at office of Nugget Express.

The Salvation Army holds services in the new barracks, Second avenue, as follows: Tuesday, 8 p. m. (barracks time); Thursday, 8 p. m.; Saturday, 8 p. m.; Sunday, 3 and 7:30 p. m. Free reading room in same building; open every day. Also in the evenings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Our annual inventory has revealed lines of merchandise that we have been overlooking during the last four very busy months. Now they show up prominently [too much so] hence in goes the knife and slits the prices wide open, and your dollar does the work of two. This event, on top of the fact that we have nothing to offer but the best, and if not satisfactory we will refund the money, makes it a pretty interesting combination.

## W. H. Parsons & Co.

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Choice, \$3.

Ladies' natural wool ribbed combination suits, the "Oneita," regular price, \$6, at

\$4. per Suit

Ladies' black Cashmere and Derby ribbed hose, regular price, \$1.50.

\$1. per Pair

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