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NOTICE.

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A JUST DECISION.

A decision respecting payment of wages upon the discharge of an employe was rendered in the police court yesterday which employers and employees alike would do well to bear in mind.

The decision dealt with a written contract wherein a mineowner agreed to employ the complainant in the case until the cleanup at a certain stipulated wage, payment to be made at the time of the cleanup.

It appeared in the evidence that some difficulty having arisen the complainant was discharged and his employer, taking refuge behind the contract, refused payment of accrued wages until the cleanup.

At the trial of the case judgment was given for the complainant, it being held by the magistrate that the contract in so far as the time for payment of wages was concerned terminated with the discharge of the complainant, and that the wages earned up until that time became immediately due.

Similar decisions have been handed down before, but, ordinarily there has been nothing in the nature of a written contract between the parties.

While, undoubtedly, cases will occur where the application of such a decision will tend to work a hardship upon the employer, it must be conceded that in so far as the general principle is concerned, the judgment is right and equitable. If it were possible to employ men on a bedrock basis and then discharge them at pleasure, leaving them to wait months for payment of wages, an untold amount of hardships would result. In many cases the wages would never be paid, for the simple reason that the arrival of the cleanup season would find that many of the parties had left the country, or in some other manner had been placed in such a position as to be unable to press their claims.

A knowledge of the position which the local courts have taken in the matter ought to prevent resort to the courts in future cases involving similar points.

THE REAL REASON.

The exodus which it now appears very clearly is certain to take place from Dawson to Nome in the early spring, will be fraught with very important results, affecting the future of this camp. Of these we believe the most important will be the object lessons which will be forced upon the attention of the Dominion government. If the local representatives of the federal government are not aware that men are being literally driven out of this country by reason of laws as narrow minded and vicious as those which Kruger has been trying to force upon the Uitlanders in South Africa, it is simply because they voluntarily blind themselves to facts which are patent to every other man in the territory.

When men by the hundreds begin making preparations months in advance to rush in a body out of a country as rich as the territory adjacent to Dawson is known to be, there must be some exceedingly co ent reason which can be advanced in explanation. In so far as the country to which they are going is concerned, its wealth and the opportunities it may afford to the individual miner, are still matters very largely of speculation. Some other reason, therefore, than the belief that there is more gold at Nome than there is in the Klondike must be advanced to account for the coming stampede.

We cannot escape the conviction that the real influence which is working day by day toward the depopulation of this territory, is the system of regulations, the effect of which has been to destroy all incentive for individual effort and to leave a general feeling of gloom among men who have risked their all in getting into this country.

When, therefore, the fact is forced upon the attention of the government that its laws, inspired solely through motives of prejudice and greed are having a retroactive effect and must eventually, if continued, absolutely throttle the country, a change may be expected. The government wants revenue out of the Yukon territory, but it cannot expect to derive a dollar unless it makes it an object for men to come into the country and exert themselves in the development of its resources. When the receipts dwindle away, as in fact they already have begun to do, an awakening will take place in Ottawa somewhat akin to that which happened in the case of Saul of Tarsus.

The Semi-Weekly Nugget is meeting with continually growing favor on the creeks. Eight pages of bright, newsy matter are contained in each issue of the Semi-Weekly, which reaches nearly every claim upon which work is being done in the entire district. City patrons who do not care to purchase a paper every day will find all the news, both local and telegraphic, in the two issues of the Semi-Weekly, which is on sale at all news stands.

In spite of the approaching Nome stampede the daily recorder of transfers at the gold commissioner's office shows that a good deal of trading in mining properties is going on. Several large transactions involving considerations of many thousands of dollars have occurred recently and other similar deals are known to be in process of development. It seems to be generally conceded that splendid opportunities for investment are now offered.

The organization of a Theosophical Society in Dawson demonstrates quite clearly that there are some people in the Klondike who find time for considerations other than the pursuit of the elusive gold dust Very shortly we will be organizing sewing-circles and debating clubs. It is quite plain that the march of progress can not be turned aside from the Yukon.

Trustees Did Not Meet.

There was no meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade last night owing to the fact that there was not a quorum present; however, as there was no business of importance demanding attention, no interests will suffer through the apathy of the members. Next Wednesday a meeting of the full board will be held in its rooms and it is important that every member be present. As the committee on mines and mining will submit its report at that meeting it is urged that the mine owners and laymen make it a point to attend on that particular occasion.

A Musical Entertainment.

A high class entertainment will be given in the First Methodist church of Dawson on Thursday evening, February 8th, at 8 o'clock. A splendid program has been prepared. Mr. Boyle of the Dawson Choral Society, Mr. Chisholm and other prominent soloists and musicians, have kindly consented to take part.

The Dawson public may confidently expect an excellent musical entertainment. The proceeds will be devoted to the purpose of securing an organ for the church and in view of the object of the affair a large audience is anticipated. The price of tickets is $1.

O'BRIEN OUT-MUSHED.

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did not have much hope of overtaking his man this side of Fortymile.

On their return to Dawson O'Brien was taken to the guard house and locked up. As he wanted time to collect his thoughts and calmly size up the situation in which he found himself, he requested that his friends be not notified of his return to the city until this morning. O'Brien was formerly in the employ of the Cattle Syndicate of this city and is very well known. He has many friends and it is probable that they will rally to his support and that he will not be required to remain in jail over tonight.

Great credit is due Constable Allmark for the success with which his night chase was crowned, and for returning with his man in such almost incredibly short time.

O'Brien's partner, not caring to continue the trip alone, returned by easy stages, reaching here this afternoon.

Appealed His Case.

J. W. Murphy of claim 43 below on Sulphur, against whom a decision was rendered yesterday in police court, in favor of Joseph Smith for $60 due as wages, has retained Attorney McCaul and appealed the case to the superior court, having given satisfactory bonds in the lower court. The result of the trial will be anxiously awaited, involving as the case does, the points of law usually brought up in disputes of the masters and servants sort.

Notice.

SKAGWAY, Jan. 27.

To the Daily Klondike Nugget:

You are authorized to offer the sum of $1,000 reward for the return of Fred Clayson, dead or alive. Supposed to have been murdered between Minto and Hutchiku on Christmas day Please insert this notice in your paper two weeks —c12

(Signed) WILL CLAYSON.

FIRE! J. L. Sale & Co., now at branch store, 2nd Ave., next to Palmer Bros.

Send your express packages by Nugget Express. Leaves next Saturday —c2

Notice to Next of Kin

In the matter of the Estate of Karl Olaus Karlsen Odegaard, late of the Parish of Stranden, in the Kingdom of Norway, miner, deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming to be next of kin of the said Karl Olaus Karlsen Odegaard, who died in or about the months of July or August, A D. 1897, at Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, or having, or pretending to have, any interest in the estate of the said Karl Olaus Karlsen Odegaard, deceased, are required to give notice thereof to The Ottawa Trust and Depesit Company [Limited], administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A D 1900.

Dated, at the City of Ottawa, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1899

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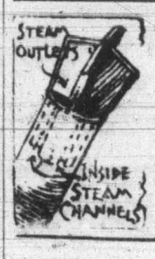

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