

WHITE PASS CONFIDENT

Knocking Out Lower River Business

White Pass freight tariff is low to render such competition available. The only fear is that the trading companies operating ocean steamers from San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver may north large quantities of supplies and dispose of them to Dawson interior merchants at such low prices that retailers would not import small individual shipments over White Pass. It is thought, however, that the possibility of such a lighter of merchandise is remote.

Crowder's Report

New Orleans, April 16.—On admission to the Daily Nugget.

The Ladue

Quartz Mill

IS NOW IN OPERATION.

We have made a large number of tests and are ready to make others.

We have the best plant money will buy and guarantee all our work in this mill and also in the

Assay Office

EMPIRE HOTEL

JAS. F. MACDONALD, Prop. and Mgr. Every thing New, Elegantly Furnished Well Heated. BAR Attached.

Rochester Bar

Billy Baird, Prop. Cor. 2nd Ave and King St.

Reopened Fairview Cafe and Lunch Counter

Open Day and Night. THOS. AUREN, PROPRIETOR.



Steam ...Hose

Seamless Hydraulic Hose

From 2 to 6 inch. This hose will stand a heavy pressure. We also have a large stock of conveying hose 10 and 12 inches at very low prices. Call and be convinced.

McLennan, McFeely & Co., Ltd.

sions of the British officers in charge Col. Crowder will report the British camp as Port Chalmette a violation of the neutrality laws, being a continuous supply depot for the British army.

Fierce Duel

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, April 16.—A savage duel with eighteen butcher knives which will probably be followed by two deaths took place last night in the kitchen of the Union League club. Emil Colten, a butcher, and Joel Kuntz, chief cook, cut each other till they were covered with wounds. The cause was Colten's discharge from the club. He claimed Kuntz was responsible for his dismissal.

Storm in Texas

Special to the Daily Nugget. Galveston, April 16.—Texas was visited by a fearful hail storm and great damage was done to berries, cotton and corn. At Alvin the loss to strawberries is \$50,000 with as much more at Webster, Dickinson and League City. Fayette county suffered greatly from hail. It is claimed hailstones over an inch in diameter fell in that locality.

Mine Accidents

Special to the Daily Nugget. Greenwood, April 16.—Geo. Johnson was killed by an explosion in the Mother Lode mine.

Capt. W. A. Howe, manager of the Waterloo mine at camp McKinney was killed by the fall of a bucket on his head.

Trouble Brewing

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, April 16.—Colombian insurgents have captured an American launch, killing one man. The matter has not been generally reported.

For Beet Sugar

Special to the Daily Nugget. Denver, April 16.—A syndicate has acquired 15,000 acres of land near here for beet growing and will erect sugar factories at Colorado Springs.

Strike Ended

Special to the Daily Nugget. Halifax, April 16.—The big strike of the Nova Scotia longshoremen has been amicably ended.

HOLBORN CAFE

R. L. HALL, PROPRIETOR. Business Lunch 11:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Dinner 4:30 to 9:00 p. m. OPEN ALL NIGHT.

FIRST AVENUE. Next J. P. McLennan's

REOPENED

"The Demonio of the North"

Eagle Cafe

THOMAS J. BRUCE, Proprietor

Shoff's Pile Ointment!

It's a wonder. Every box guaranteed.

PIONEER DRUG STORE

CONCESSION IS CANCELLED

Milne Tract on Hunker, Embracing Some of the Richest Ground on the Creek, to be Thrown Open May 1, but the Bulk Will Fall to Treadgold.

A notice was posted in the gold commissioner's office this morning which will bring joy to more than one miner in the Yukon, the cancellation of the infamous Milne concession on Hunker creek. The notice is as follows, is under date of today and bears the signature of T. Dufferin Pattullo, acting assistant gold commissioner: "In the matter of hydraulic lease No. 13 in favor of George Lawson Milne, M. D., of Victoria, B. C., of a tract of land described as being on the left limit of Hunker creek to the rear of and adjoining the Anderson concession on said creek, having a frontage of about two and one-half miles in a direct distance and a depth of about one mile as shown on the plan of survey thereof dated June 2, 1900, signed by Thomas Kains, D.L.S., and on record in the timber and mines branch in the department of the interior.

"Whereas the conditions of the above lease have not been complied with by the lessee, and proper notice in that behalf having been given to the lessee, notice is hereby given that on and after 15 days from this date, namely on May 1, 1902, the area referred to in lease No. 13 will be open to placer mining entry."

So ends, it is to be hoped, one of the rottenest, most infamous and most iniquitous wrongs ever perpetrated upon a mining community. A little old history concerning this Milne concession is not out of place at this time, historical facts that are known to but few and which are of interest to the general public. The Anderson concession extends from near the mouth of the Hunker valley up stream two and one-half miles, or nearly to the mouth of Last Chance, covering the creek claims alone and extending from base to base. That which was given to Milne joined the Anderson tract on the left limit, extending from the base of the hill back one mile, taking in the hillsides and benches, Dago hill, Savoy hill, Henry gulch, and in fact some of the richest ground on Hunker. Among a few of the most infamous things connected with the Milne tract, is that some time previous to it being granted to him Messrs. Healey, Rutledge and Slavin applied for the identical same ground and were refused it for the reason that it was suitable for placer mining and as such could not be granted for hydraulic purposes. Then, too, Milne never had any slightest shadow of a title to the tract and held it only through the connivance of the department at Ottawa.

When Milne made application for a hydraulic concession the ground he applied for was situated on Hunker joining the Anderson concession on the lower end, extending to the end of the valley and thence down the Klondike as far as the mouth of Bear creek and he obtained a certificate from the commissioner for this tract with the exception of certain claims contained therein unsuitable for placer mining. The first intimation received in the local office that any substitution of tracts was in contemplation was in the nature of instructions received from the deputy minister of the interior by Mr. Ogilvie ordering a survey to be made of the ground adjoining the Anderson concession on the left limit from the mouth of Last Chance down and extending back in the hill one mile and that Milne be given that instead of the tract he had applied for and for which a certificate had been issued. Although no certificate for this ground was ever issued by the gold commissioner, yet the department at Ottawa accepted the certificate given for the other tract as covering the ground which the concessionaire for nearly two years has unlawfully held. Under the terms of the Milne lease his holding was subject to all placer claims located prior to the posting of the closing notice required by the regulations. The lease was executed in the fall of 1900, but it was not received in Dawson until December 31, the date upon which the closing notice was posted.

According to the regulations in force at that time every claim that reverted to the crown became vested in the minister of the interior who was empowered to dispose of them in any manner that he saw fit. Under those conditions the minister of the interior ordered an auction sale of certain mining claims which sale was held in November, 1900. Among the many disposed of were over 200 that fell within what was later designated as the Milne concession. The government accepted the purchasers' money both for the sale and the recording fee and issued grants to the various claims bought, giving them an absolute title in so far as title to placer claims can be given. Later when Milne was given possession of the tract he demanded of the gold commissioner that all the grants issued subsequent to his lease be cancelled which included those claims the government had sold at auction. His outrageous demands were at first heeded, but his persistence was finally rewarded by influencing the gold commissioner to cause to be written letters to each man who had purchased a claim at the auction informing them that the ground they held by virtue of their purchase was claimed by the Milne concession. What was the result? Many who did not care to engage in a lawsuit with a wealthy concessionaire gave up immediately, failed to do their assessment work and their claims for which they had paid out their good money fell first to Milne and now into the capacious maw of the Treadgold octopus. Others who were possessed of more spirit and backed by the advice of counsel did their representation work, applied for, insisted upon and finally obtained a certificate of work though a renewal certificate was refused. Money was deposited to pay for renewals and so the matter has rested until today. Those who have held on will undoubtedly get their claims and those who were bluffed out of their holdings have certainly a good action against the government for either damages or compensation.

From inquiry at the gold commissioner's office, the position the Treadgold concession occupies in the matter, the Milne concession being within the former is this: All the reverted claims, those which have been staked once before, go to Treadgold, while the virgin ground alone is left to the miner to be located. And this brings up an unique position in the Treadgold matter. In the original order in council the provision is made by which Treadgold may purchase any vacant virgin ground at the rate of \$10 an acre, exclusive of the minerals, then by a subsequent clause it is provided that where the minerals are asked for they may be included in the purchase of the surface rights. So it would seem if Treadgold chooses to exercise all the rights given him not even an inch of ground will be left to the miner, another case of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Beautiful Scenery. The five complete sets of scenes painted for the Orpheum theater by R. Davenport are attracting unusual attention among the theater-goers by reason of their surpassing beauty. In a center door chamber set and in a garden scene the colorings and tone are dazzling, the canvas presenting a richness of design that shows rare talent on the part of the artist. Mr. Davenport was for years a student at L'Ecole de Beaux Arts in Paris, where he mastered the art which in later years made him one of the foremost scenic artists in New York.

Arrived Last Night. Mr. J. Wesley Young, a former well known railroad transportation man of Seattle, but of late years a resident of Alaska and the Yukon, arrived yesterday evening from Rampart where he has been engaged in mercantile pursuits this winter. Mr. Young speaks in the most flattering terms of the strike made on Glenn

gulch last fall. Several claims on the gulch are being worked this winter and are turning out very satisfactory some of the dumps taken out being of very large proportions.

Quiet Day in Court.

Today was a quiet one in the territorial court, there being nothing doing in Mr. Justice Dugas' department and a case of only minor importance before Justice Craig. The cases on this week's list yet to be heard by the former are Falconer vs. W. P. & Y. Ry., Falconer vs. Whalen; McKay vs. Warchter and Martin vs. Victor. Before Mr. Justice Craig are the cases Gustavson vs. Orcutt; Brown vs. Jeha; Taylor vs. McDougall; Edwards vs. Backe and Day vs. Day.

Remains for the Cleanup.

Billy Mullen, the beneficiary of last Sunday evening's benefit, will not leave at once for the outside as was reported. He is interested to the extent of several hundred dollars in the cleanup of a dump at the mouth of Colorado pup, Hunker, upon which he took a lay last fall. Mr. Mullen also has interests on lower Sulphur which he expects to prove highly remunerative in the near future.

He expects to leave for the outside the middle of June and will return in the fall.

Dance Friday Evening.

At the regular meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood last night it was decided to have one more grand farewell dance before the close of the Terpsichorean season. The date fixed is Friday evening, April 18, day after tomorrow, and when it is said it will be given under the auspices of the A. B.'s no greater recommendation of an elegant time and a huge success need be given. As usual, Freimuth's orchestra will furnish the music. Cards of admission may be secured from the committee.

Fighting Continues

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, April 15.—Severe fighting is reported in the Western Transvaal where Gen. Ian Hamilton replaced Methuen and is making a vigorous effort to clear the district. Boers attacked Kekewich fiercely on Friday but after a hard engagement at close quarters were repulsed, leaving many dead on the field, including the famous Commandant Potgieter. Another sharp engagement resulted in Coelenbrander endeavoring to lead the Boers from Byers Laager at Pelkop, Col. Murray being seriously wounded and Lieut. Lincoln killed. The Boers lost 200 killed and wounded in the week, with many guns, etc. The British loss was about 100.

Chinese Rebels

Special to the Daily Nugget. Peking, April 15.—Couriers from Na Ning, Quang Si province, announce that the imperial troops are powerless against the rebels, whose numbers are growing daily. All trade is at a standstill and missionaries have been ordered to leave districts held by the rebels. General Ma and Marshal Su are unable to advance until reinforced. The viceroy telegraphed to Peking and General Yuan Shi Kai and Governor Chi Li were ordered to dispatch foreign drilled troops and artillery overland to the scene of the troubles.

Job for Courtleyou

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, April 16.—George B. Courtleyou, the president's secretary, will become secretary of the department of commerce as soon as the bill creating that department of the government becomes a law.

Jumped Over-Board

Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, April 16.—The steamer Charmer collided with a Nanaimo pilot ship Saturday and Andrew Thompson, a passenger, became frightened, jumped overboard and was drowned.

Lower River Mail.

Eli Verreas arrived last night with eight sacks of lower river mail, including a quantity from Nome and St. Michael. The bags left Tanana March 22.

THIRD JUDGE FOR YUKON

Is Promised by Laurier in Near Future

Thus Doing Away With Taking of Cases to Victoria Court of Appeals.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, April 16.—A bill is promised at the present session by Laurier giving an additional judge to the Yukon and thereby creating a home appeal court without the mining judge sitting. At present all mining appeals from the Yukon go to Victoria. The present plan of appointment not only dispenses with this but will enable mining cases to be decided by a court thoroughly conversant with all incidental conditions.

Conscience Money

Special to the Daily Nugget. Rome, April 16.—The Italian authorities continue to collect "conscience money" for the Vatican in their efforts to apprehend the parties who stole eight million francs from the Pontif. The latest property recovered amounts to eighty thousand dollars.

L. & N. Ry. Stock

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, April 16.—Harris Gates & Co. representing millionaire Gates' interests in New York, announce that they have bought a large amount of stock in the Louisville & Nashville Railway, not for speculation but as an investment.

Genelle on Bail

Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, April 15.—Joseph Genelle, wanted in Dawson in connection with the burning of the steamers Glenora and Mona, has been released on bail, the objection of the crown being overruled.

WANTED—\$10,000 Worth of Raw Furs THE LADUE CO.

Is in Jail

Special to the Daily Nugget. Cape Town, April 15.—Princess Radziwell was committed to jail today as her bondsman withdrew. The trial commences Monday on the charge of forging the name of Cecil Rhodes to notes.

The A. B.'s will give a grand ball on Friday evening. Tickets may be secured of members. c18

Festivities Postponed

Special to the Daily Nugget. The Hague, April 16.—Owing to the serious illness of Queen Wilhelmina, the festivities arranged for the birthday of the prince consort, April 19, have been abandoned.

Heavy Loan

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, April 16.—A new loan of £32,000,000 will be raised by the issue of 3 1/2 per cent. consols.

Hay, oats and provisions of all kinds at Barrett & Hull's, Rock bottom prices.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Regina Hotel.—Miss E. Lindquist, Hunker; Mrs. A. Beaumont, 26 Eldorado; L. Spitzel, London; A. Spitzel, London; Mr. C. A. Celene and wife, 31 Eldorado; Mr. W. C. Leak and wife, 3 below Bonanza, Mr. Chas. Lamb and wife, 8 Eldorado; W. P. Murphy and wife, 26 Eldorado. Empire.—H. H. Crean, Vancouver.

Case Postponed.

The case of F. S. Dunham against the retailers of old and cheap quality of groceries has been postponed, Dunham deciding not to push the suit as all his customers uphold him in the stand he has taken, namely, not to handle any but fresh goods. THE FAMILY GROCERY, corner Second avenue and Albert street.