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HURRAH! HURRAH! FOR THE MINERS.

At Last They Take Steps to Have Things in Their Own Hands.

They Will Not Submit to Be Without Representation Any Longer—A Powerful Organization Started—An Organizer Appointed.

There has been launched an association which is destined to achieve in a short time a world wide reputation and accomplish a vast amount of good to the miners of the Yukon Territory. The miners in mass meeting, some weeks ago, appointed a committee to investigate certain matters of administration. The mass meeting last night was called by the committee to report on work done and to make suggestions. Col. MacGregor was voted into the chair. Dr. Percy McDougall, secretary of the association, read a report of the doings of the committee. The committee had first notified Major Walsh and the administration of its existence. A communication was also addressed to the gold commissioner, followed by a second letter, regarding his ruling that all unrepresented claims reverted to the government instead of being open to relocation as directed in the mining laws. It was pointed out to Mr. Fawcett that this ruling had not been declared to the people in any public manner. Mr. Fawcett did not condescend to answer directly but published a notice that after September 1 these abandoned claims would be again thrown open to the public.

The secretary continued that the committee had spent much time in drawing up amendments to the mining laws to be submitted to a mass meeting; but the recent report of Mr. Livernash that amended laws were already on their way to us, then had decided to await developments.

The committee had also interviewed the crown's land agent on township matters and had notified the public that they stood ready to defend the first citizen of Dawson ejected from the township. The committee had also waited on Major Walsh and that gentleman had directed the crown's land agent to reserve for the miner's association a piece of ground 60x100 feet, the ground to be occupied by buildings for association purposes. Mr. Wade had advised the committee that though he could not make over the title to the ground until there was a duly organized association to receive it, yet the committee would be allowed to go ahead and build upon the ground pending the completion of the organization.

The committee had seen the timber agent about the shutting out of the people from the timber of the Yukon. Mr. Willison had authorized the committee to make public the fact that he would grant permits to anyone to cut cords of firewood and a set of houselogs upon the payment of the proper royalty. Regarding the fact that the possession of a miner's certificate was not considered in the transaction, Mr. Willison said that Major Walsh had ruled, and he had concurred in the ruling, that the certified privilege of cutting wood and logs did not apply to Dawson.

The committee had addressed a communication to Chairman Davis of the appointed town council, concerning the inadequacy of the places of public retreat. The committee also reported on the woodyard reserve and on the clearing of the water front so that wood and houselogs could be landed.

The committee's report was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Geo. Armstrong, made an effective little speech in which, he moved that the miners of the Yukon Territory form themselves into a body to be called "The Miners' Association of the Yukon Territory." In his remarks Mr. Armstrong deprecated the feelings of the administration implied by the sending here of an armed body of soldiers. He thought this was as quiet a camp as there was in the world. There was no danger at all that obnoxious officials would be placed on a raft and shipped down the river. (Laughter.) He advocated the forming of the association for he thought we all ought to take an interest in the permanency of the district which we expected to do so much for us. Major Walsh had promised before going out that he would make a favorable report at Ottawa, but he (Mr. Armstrong) did not expect much of a man when all the time he was administrator had never made a trip up the creeks.

Mr. Frank Dunleavy seconded Mr. Armstrong's motion and made a few remarks on the reason for the organization. He pointed out the defenselessness of the miners whose rights were being given away to corporations and whose right to fair treatment at the hands of the administration was disputed.

The motion was put and carried without a dissenting vote and with much enthusiasm. Mr. Courtney proposed the name of Mr. Frank Dunleavy for organizer for the proposed association. Seconded by Mr. Galpin. Loud and repeated calls were made for Mr. Dunleavy and upon showing himself, he was voted unanimously and enthusiastically into the position for which he had been proposed.

By motion, the meeting directed the newly elected organizer to collect an entrance fee of \$10. Messrs. George M. Allen, Col. MacGregor and Captain Galpin were elected trustees of the funds until such time as the association should be perfected and appoint its own officers.

The meeting was now adjourned after Mr.

Dunleavy had announced where he could be found on the morrow, but enthusiasm in the proposition to organize was so great that Mr. Dunleavy had to commence issuing certificates of membership at once. Certificates were filled out and handed to applicants until complete darkness forced them to desist. Twenty-five certificates were issued before closing the books and \$50 of funds were taken charge of by the trustees. Mr. J. G. Strickler paid for 10 certificates for himself and friends.

The Negroer views with extreme satisfaction the enthusiastic unanimity of the miners. This paper has stood ready at all times to defend the mining community so far as lay in its power, but now the miners have spoken in no uncertain tones, and have declared that through organization they will in future stand up for their every right, and the outlook for the future is doubly bright.

Mr. Dunleavy, the duly elected organizer of the association, has the unqualified endorsement of this paper. In other parts of the world he has been employed in a similar capacity and besides being strangely successful his energy and integrity are vouched for by men high in British Columbia circles.

A word of commendation must also be said for the miners' committee which practically signed its own death warrant when it proposed organization. The gentlemen have held many and protracted meetings and have approached every subject with the most commendable conscientiousness. The gentlemen have acted in broad minded good faith with the people; suggestions from the outside have been listened to, weighed and indorsed, and the outcome speaks for itself.

St. Mary's Hospital.
The Negroer made a hurried visit to St. Mary's hospital Friday to trace down the typhoid fever reports. The hospital is almost congested for want of funds but good Father Judge is taking in cases just as long as he has a bed for them. For several days the last bed has been occupied just as soon as a convalescent moves out a patient moves in. There are 38 patients in the hospital and 30 of them are cases of typhoid fever.

The hospital nurses are worked nearly to death though the hospital force contains 12 men and 9 women, three of the ladies being experienced Sisters of Mercy. The books of the institution show that the hospital is \$25,000 to the bad on collections and every cent of it needed for extensions, improvements, purchase of supplies, etc.

Father Judge is particularly anxious that the people of Dawson should know that the payment of \$50 entitles the holder thereof for one year to such hospital attention as he or she may need. The institution is non-sectarian and does more work of genuine charity in one year than anything else of the kind in the entire North West. But the charity end of the institution is reaching its limit.

Barber's Itch Prevalent.
One of the most disagreeable and aggravating diseases to which a man of beard is heir apparent, is at present very prevalent in Dawson and is known as the barber's itch. It is a skin disease causing large blotches to appear upon the shaven portion of the face, painful to the victim and annoying to the eye. Several of our citizens are affected at present with it. It is caused by the use of unclean cups, dirty shaving brushes and the piousish service of the barber in shaving. For this there is scarcely any excuse. Water is abundant in Dawson, and with shaving and hair cutting at 50 cents and \$1.00 and upwards the public ought at least have commensurate service.

This loathsome disease can be avoided by the use of one's own razor and equipment at home, the use of which, when one is not master is readily learned by the exercise of a little patience. At any rate a little self made careful with a keen blade is better than the looks and effects of the barber's itch.

Not a Criminal Case.

Mr. Scott Snyder is feeling much outraged and justly, too, at his recent arrest for horse-stealing. There is a dispute of ownership between himself and the prosecuting witness, and the courts decided that it was simply a case of civil suit. Still the records showed the rest, and by a typographical error, our local columns were made to say that the case had been held to the superior court, when, in point of fact it was dismissed. We cheerfully make the correction.

Will Be Quite a Souvenir.

Photographs often travel thousands of miles and meet with glorious adventures. One of Mr. Dan Leno, the well known English-Canadian, was brought out to Dawson by Mr. T. W. Williams of the London Globe. En route it was wrecked twice—once at the foot of Lake Bennett and again on a snag below White Horse rapids, where it was three hours under water. In Dawson over 50 British subjects have written their autographs on the margin. From here Mr. Williams will go out by St. Michaels and from there to London via Vancouver and Montreal, making a round trip of 20,000 miles. The photograph will be returned to Mr. Leno, who will, doubtless, appreciate it highly.

Opening of the Catholic Church.

The Rev. Father Judge would like the public to know that a week from Sunday the new Catholic church will be opened. The mass for the service is now in rehearsal. How the church has been built is well known to everyone, but it has still to be furnished and on the occasion of the first service the custom of the church will be departed from and a collection taken up.

Smothered to Death.

On Thursday the police were notified by telephone of the sudden death of Albert Dugan in a shaft on No. 21 on a pup leading off from No. 16 above on Bonanza. The unfortunate man descended the shaft too soon after the fire and was dead before his body could be reached.

Finest Line of Soaps and Perfumes, Kelly & Co., Druggists, Front Street.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mr. Louis K. Schonborn runs the only temperance hotel in Dawson. Everything is sacrificed to comfort and quiet.

The new discovery on the Bear creek bench claims was on the second tier and opposite 12 below. The owners claim from 10 cents to 50 cents to the pan.

The safe building just now seems to be to tear off the roofs and run up one or two more stories. Some six buildings are being operated upon in this manner just at present.

Galvanized iron buildings are all the go for storehouses. The rattle of hammers and cold chisels upon these resounding sheets of corrugated metal is quite distracting at times.

The rumor that a wagon road was being built from Caribou crossing to Ft. Selkirk apparently has its origin in a bill which failed to pass the upper house at Ottawa some little time ago.

Brewell, the tailor, is an importation from Tacoma where he ran a large tailoring establishment on a margin satisfactory to a large number of our customers. We are pleased to number him among our advertisers.

The Domyville Mill Co. has secured a site for the mill when it arrives up the river. They have a small upright engine on the ground below Ladue's mill and are hoisting logs up from the river and piling them up.

Typhoid fever is not necessarily fatal if proper nursing and medical attention is given. There are 30 typhoid patients at the present moment at St. Mary's hospital and there have been but two deaths at that institution in one month.

Steamer Abelian arrived in Dawson on Tuesday afternoon having made the round trip from Dawson to White Horse rapids in seven days. She brought few passengers and little freight as her through connections had not been fully arranged prior to her trip.

Mr. M. Eschwege has discovered an unknown creek a short ways down the river and sunk on it some 20 feet. What he thinks of it can be guessed from the fact that on Friday afternoon he was caught gathering together a boat load of friends with provisions and tools preparatory to a slip down the river.

Canadian owners of sulphur bearing mines are largely profited by the war. Heretofore the United States has secured its sulphur largely from Spain. Since hostilities began Spain has ceased selling to the United States and hence the trade with Canada in that particular commodity has largely increased.

Miss Mahoney's hotel, the Fairview, was the scene last Friday evening of a very enjoyable social entertainment in which considerable talent took part. The list of guests included some of the best known names in Dawson, and all unite in voting the affair most enjoyable in every way.

Mr. C. F. Boggs of Wilkesbarre, Pa., is preparing permanent quarters in Dawson for himself and wife. A slip of the ax Wednesday caused him to bust the point in his left arm, and now he is rendering it all his attention. Mr. Boggs sewed up the wound himself and thinks he did a good job.

The powerful little steamer Yellow Kid arrived in Dawson from Lake Linderman on Sunday. She is driven by a propeller and is only 33 feet long, but apparently has no difficulty in playing her way with a tow against the current of the Yukon. She brought down eight passengers and towed a skiff with their outfits.

Fort Selkirk is the capital of the district now. It is so easy for the soldiers and officers of the government to slip up and down between Dawson and the capital that it is a wonder, with their knowledge of the geography of the country, the Ottawa officials didn't think to put the recorder's office and post-office up there as well.

Dawson is fortunate in having in her midst a clever lady palmist and fortune teller, as well as a surprising fair patroller at her cozy parlor, No. 20, Fairview hotel. She has studied the science of palmistry under the best masters of that art and her readings of destiny, as indicated in the open palm, are considered quite remarkable.

Before leaving Canada our miners' committee held a large meeting and publicly thanked the government for their courteous handling. It was a notable gathering attended by some of the most prominent Canadians and the masses got more correct information of the Klondike than and there than had been obtainable up to that time in the whole outside world.

An old timer, that is to say a one-year-old super-tough stiff—stepped into the office and asked the Negroer to warn all owners of boats along the river that the first run of ice in the fall will make a clean sweep of all of them as it did a year ago. He says that his own two boats and many others contained supplies but they went down with the ice just the same. Over a thousand boats were lost.

The John Cadzay left Dawson Thursday night with a new broom hoisted at the mast head at either end of the boat. The significance is clear for she has made a "clean sweep" of all the records on the Yukon river for 12 days and 12 hours from St. Michaels to Dawson is phenomenal; beside which she was loaded down five feet in water for most of the distance.

The debate Sunday afternoon in the Mining Exchange building, was heard by an audience who formed a fine half way across the street. Various phases of Christianity were taken up and the matter debated on both sides. That the people were interested is demonstrated by their standing quietly for hours and refusing to disperse when the time came. The subject of "diet" is to be treated next Sunday.

The building put up on the south side of the entrance to the barracks is being utilized as a court. One end is partitioned off into three offices and the court books and records were transferred from the old quarters on Friday. The improvement is vast and is appreciated as much by the public who occasionally use the courts, as by the gentlemen whose duty it is to daily administer law to offenders.

If the Miners' Association was already an accomplished fact the base of Henry Raatz would be a good one to take up for a start. On June 24th he staked a bench claim on Hunker, opposite No. 7. He dug and dug, and prospected around until last Thursday, when he came in to record and was denied the privilege. He swore his were the only stakes on the claim when he left, but failed to get a hearing.

James Messenger is angry and disgusted and not without good cause. For several weeks he dug and prospected on a vacant bench claim opposite 27 Bonanza, but finding nothing but a few shales, he abandoned the ground and came to town for rest. Thursday morning he was charged beyond description when friends came in to tell him that the ground had been worked by someone else who had already rocked out \$25,000 and was being offered \$25,000 for the claim. James has gone out to see for himself, and if it proves true he has a standing invitation to his friends to come and kick me!

GRAB AND RULE EVEN IF IT RUINS.

The N. A. T. & T. Co., Slashes Rates to Seattle to \$100.

For One Party, While Regular Passengers are Forced to Contribute \$150 Each to its Steamboat Coffers.

For the first time in the history of the North West Territory, and in direct contradiction to its accustomed policy, rates have been slashed by the N. A. T. & T. Co.

The P. B. Weare left Dawson on Thursday last, carrying a party of returning Yukoners at a rate of \$100 for second-class passage.

There happened to be two steamers of competing lines in port at the same time as the Weare, and these were the Anglian, an up-river boat and the magnificent steamer Susie, of the Alaska Commercial Co.'s line. A speculative party, alive to the fact that many would desire to go out at the earliest possible moment gathered about 100 names and endeavored to obtain cut-rates from the transportation companies. They called upon H. Mattland Kersey, manager of the Canadian Development Co.'s steamer, and the Alaska Commercial Co.'s manager, offering to deliver 100 passengers for \$100 per ticket. The offer was declined. A similar call was made on Captain Hansen, manager of the Alaska Commercial Co., with a request for the \$100 rate good going on the Susie. This was also declined. Terms were easy, however, with the N. A. T. Co., and the huckstering of the party out at the above-named rate, while first class passengers were obliged to put up the regulation price of \$200, or double the cut-rate charges on the same steamer. In order to protect the supposed regular rate for tickets in the office of the company, the legitimate business of exchanging pastebored good for transportation was transferred to a certain saloon on First street, where application for ticket had to be made and the money paid.

A Negroer representative called upon Mr. Kersey, and in answer to the query whether application had been made for a cut-rate by the steamer, replied: "We did have a party of 100 offered our steamer provided we made a cut-rate of \$100 to Lake Bennett. Our original rates were \$170 to Bennett and \$120 to White Horse; but believing the rate should not exceed \$20 for 100 miles of transportation, we did make the rate \$100 to White Horse and \$120 to Bennett, but this rate is open to all, there being no special arrangement. It is the desire and intention of the management of our company to make the rates as reasonable as possible compatible with the heavy expense of building and operating boats in these waters, where the season is short and operating expenses heavy, but our rates are open to all and confined to no party."

The Negroer next called upon Captain Hansen, the energetic and gentlemanly manager of the Alaska Commercial Company, and presented the same query to him as had been put to Mr. Kersey. Captain Hansen said: "We did have made an application for our steamer, but it was declined and for the reason that this company is not here for speculative purposes. Giving to the public the very best available means of transportation and accommodations on our steamers, with a well-ordered table consistent with a fair charge for the money, and our rates are always open to the public without discrimination. Pursuing the policy of the company adopted in its operation, no advertising or inducement has ever been held out in the States or the world generally to come to Alaska, simply that our transportation department might benefit thereby, but in the actual merits of the country and for those who come, prepared and identify themselves with its interests, we have never had any doubts, so that we have no regrets to offer the disappointed, nor passengers we cannot look squarely in the face. Our rates are what we consider equitable, relying upon our thorough treatment, good accommodations and faithful observance of promises to be the strongest recommendation into the confidence of the public, and therefore we declined to meet the cut-rate, quoted to us by the party applying."

Later the Negroer man called at the N. A. T. Co.'s office, where he was told, the rates were \$200 first class, \$150 second class and \$100 steerage. When asked if an offer of \$100 had not been made and accepted for a party going out on the Weare, the gentleman in charge reluctantly admitted he believed there had been a rate made for a party at that rate. It would be interesting to hear from the members of the party on arrival outside, as to what and how they enjoyed their equivalent for \$100, or how the fellow passenger paying \$200 more for the same accommodations felt knowing he had been taxed this additional amount.

A New Steamboat Line.
The "Linda," of the Alaska Exploration Co's line, arrived in Dawson Friday afternoon and tied up to the new dock at the north end of town. This is the first boat of this line to arrive at its destination, and the company has three more on the way, two of which are sister boats to the Linda. The A. E. Co. has not yet completed its warehouses near the hospital but the frame is up and the iron linings are soon nailed on.

The Linda started up the river with a barge but left it on a bar near Fort Yukon. She will continue to haul from the barge. She left St. Michaels with 75 passenger for Dawson and way points.

Who is the Man?
The police are in receipt of a communication from the police at Forty-mile advising them of the finding of the body of a man in the river. It was found on the beach of the second island below Coal creek, which stream is about three miles below Forty-mile. The police found absolutely nothing in the pockets so they are in the dark as to who it is. The body that of a man about 35 years of age, well built, brown hair, reddish mustache and no beard. He had on a light shirt and drawers and a pair of blue overalls with a large white patch on the right knee. The body was not much decomposed and showed no sign of violence. It was found August 4.

Miners' Association Notice.
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday evening, August 13th, the undersigned will call a meeting of miners at the Grand Forks Hotel, at the Forks of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks. At this meeting the objects of the Miners' Association will be discussed and an opportunity given for all to enroll as members.

FRANK J. DUNLEAVY, Organizer.

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