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NOTICE.

When a newspaper offers its advertising space at a nominal figure, it is a practical admission of "no circulation." THE KLONDIKE NUGGET asks a good figure for its space and in justification thereof guarantees to its advertisers a paid circulation five times that of any other paper published between Juneau and the North Pole.

THE NEWSPAPER ORDINANCE.

The full terms of the inquisition which the Yukon Council proposes to establish over the newspapers of Dawson are herewith set forth. We question if such an ordinance has ever been considered by a legislative body in any country where martial law or something akin thereto did not exist. It is not difficult to surmise what the comments of the outside press will be upon this Yukon production. If any of them ever doubted that a field has existed in the Yukon for an aggressive newspaper, all doubt will be removed when they peruse the following:

AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING NEWSPAPERS.

The commissioner of the Yukon territory by and with the advice and consent of the council of the said territory, enacts as follows:

1. In this ordinance shall mean any paper containing public news, intelligence or occurrences, or any remarks or observations thereon printed for sale and published periodically or in parts or numbers, at intervals not exceeding 26 days between the publication of any two such papers, parts or numbers, and any paper printed in order to be dispersed and made public weekly or oftener or at intervals not exceeding 26 days, and containing only, or principally, advertisements.

2. It shall be the duty of the proprietor or proprietors, of the editor or editors and the business manager, and of each of them, of every newspaper published in the Yukon territory, to file with the clerk of the territorial court of the Yukon territory within one month from the date of the passing of this ordinance, a declaration under oath or affirmation (in cases where, by law, affirmation is allowed) setting forth the name in full of the proprietor or proprietors, editor or editors and business manager of such newspaper, his nationality, his place of residence, and his calling during the 12 months prior to his entering the Yukon territory, and the name or title under which such newspaper is published; and any proprietor, editor or manager neglecting to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon summary conviction before a justice of the peace, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 and not less than \$50.

3. In the last preceding section of this ordinance, the word "proprietors" shall include any and all persons financially interested directly or indirectly in any newspaper.

In the case of newspapers to be hereafter established in the Yukon territory, the declaration mentioned in the second section of this ordinance shall be filed with the clerk of the territorial court before such newspaper is published, and such and every, the proprietor or proprietors, editor or editors, and business manager of such newspaper published before the filing of such declaration, shall upon summary conviction, before a justice of the peace, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 and not less than \$50 and so on from time to time, each issue of such

newspaper shall be deemed to constitute a fresh offence against the provision of this ordinance.

5. Upon every change in the proprietorship, editorship or management of any newspaper, the declaration mentioned in the second section of this ordinance, shall be filed, under a like penalty in case of default, as in the said Second section provided.

6. The clerk of the territorial court shall be entitled to receive from the person filing the declaration above mentioned, a fee of \$5 and it shall be the duty of the said clerk to send to the commissioner of the Yukon territory a copy of such declaration forthwith after the filing thereof.

WATER SUPPLY.

Dawson is confronted with a very serious condition with respect to the supply of pure water. So much confidence has been placed in the ability of the water company to continue running through the winter that no adequate preparations were made to meet such an emergency as now exists.

The water company are entitled to much credit for the fact that the system with its necessary imperfections lasted as long as it did. The fact has been clearly demonstrated that it is possible to conduct water through underground pipes in the middle of winter without freezing. With certain improvements made in the system, every confidence is expressed in the ability of the water company to furnish a supply of water for Dawson through the entire twelve months of the year.

That, however, is a matter for future consideration. The question is, what can be done to meet the present emergency?

An open hole in the Yukon, where hundreds of buckets of varying degrees of cleanliness are being dipped every hour, does not in any way meet the requirement. The Yukon water, if taken from below the ice and thus kept from contact with surface impurities, should do very nicely for all ordinary purposes for several months, at the end of which time other arrangements will have been perfected. We understand that plans are being perfected for establishing a tank in the center of the city into which a supply of pure water will be constantly pumped. Such an arrangement will aid materially in solving a very important question.

GOVERNING NOME.

The telegrams printed elsewhere in this issue indicate that the American government is preparing to grapple with the question of the Nome stampede. Indications now all point to an unprecedented stampede to the beach diggings at the earliest possible moment next spring. Nearly every available foot of space on the steamers from Seattle and San Francisco has been contracted and paid for and passenger accommodations are almost entirely sold out.

It behooves the government therefore to take early cognizance of the conditions which are bound to prevail at Nome and to make such practical arrangements as will best meet the peculiar requirements of the situation.

According to all present indications the rush to Nome, in point of the number of people who will participate, will greatly exceed the stampede of which Dawson was the objective point two years ago. As pointed out in previous issues of The Nugget, the man who is affected with the Nome fever need only step on the steamer at Seattle and step

off into a lighter at Nome and be landed on the beach.

This feature of the situation will tend to add largely to the number who will participate in the rush, for many will be attracted to Nome by reason of its comparative ease of access, who would shrink from attempting such a trip as was involved in reaching Dawson two years ago.

The United States government may well take heed of the conditions which prevailed in Dawson in the summer of '98. That period of confusion and uncertainty made the opportunity of the schemer and the dishonest official, and that opportunity, as every one knows, was not overlooked. A similar condition will prevail at Nome next summer unless stringent care is exercised by the United States government both in laws which it frames, and more particularly in its selection of men to place those regulations in effect. Human nature is human nature the world over. Unless an official is well compensated for his labors by the government which he serves, the natural, although wrong, thing for him to do is to look elsewhere for compensation. These difficulties can be averted by the application of measures adopted to the peculiar situation that will prevail next summer at Nome, and by the exercise of care and caution in the selection of men. Unless prompt and practical action is taken there will be a Nome muddle next year, just as there was a Klondike muddle last year.

The gladsome Christmas time is over and The Nugget is glad to record the fact that the day was generally observed in Dawson and on all the creeks. A few hours devoted to enjoyment and recreation are never lost, and particularly in this country, where the surroundings of civilization are largely wanting, an extra effort is justified in giving the day proper recognition. Business generally was suspended and all classes and conditions of people devoted themselves to the pleasures of the occasion. The recollection of other Christmases in other climes, with the cheering presence of loved ones now thousands of miles distant gave a touch of sadness to many a Klondike Christmas, but these same dear ones so far away will rejoice to know that Christmas did not pass for the absent husband, father, brother or sweetheart, without some sort of pleasure being enjoyed. The best The Nugget can wish for its friends is a return to the loved home fireside by the next Christmas, with Klondike expectations fully realized.

We are in receipt of a cleverly edited journal called the Paystreak, published for the hospital fund and in the interests of the bazaar. The publication contains articles from the pen of many local celebrities and merits no small amount of praise. There is a very agreeable evidence of life and energy running through its columns, which be-

speaks an editorial and reportorial hand that has seen service before. The advertising columns indicate that the name is an appropriate one.

As announced in the telegrams which appear in another column, the Liberal party has met with an unexpected setback in Manitoba. The time is not far distant when the party whose hand has rested so heavily in the Yukon country will be driven from power, the Siftonian regime will come to an end and in the consequent reshuffle of politics the Yukon may receive some measure of its just deserts at the hands of the Canadian government.

The public is anxiously awaiting a definition of the exact status of Editor Captain Woodside of the Sun with reference to the late lamented Sunday Gleaner. The right of suzerainty, so to speak, exercised by the Sun over the Gleaner opens up a field of very interesting speculation from which, however, the Nugget refrains from entering at this time.

Never was a truer sentiment uttered than the old aphorism that "Charity covers a multitude of sins."

Christmas in Dawson.

Christmas in Dawson was not marked by any stirring events. Very few miners were in from the creeks, the fact that mercury stood at nearly 40 degrees below zero being sufficient to deter them from attempting the journey down. However, at the various resorts in the city egg nog and hot Scotch was freely served and the ringing of the cash register was almost continuous during the day and night. But it can be truthfully said to the credit of the city that there was very little drunkenness during the festive day.

Many private family dinners were served, while from all the hotels, restaurants and cafes emanated the appetizing odor of roast fowl and other seasonable delicacies. Hundreds dined with the bazaar ladies and all were royally regaled and handsomely entertained.

Short but appropriate divine services were conducted at all the churches, a heavily laden Christmas tree for the Sunday school being the attraction at the M. E. church, Tuesday night.

Both the Monte Carlo and Opera house theaters opened the week Monday night with an entirely new programme and to houses in which standing room was at a premium. At the Monte Carlo Mr. Leroy Tozier, in behalf of the young lady's many friends, presented Miss Annie Mabel O'Brien with a handsome gold badge.

Married, in the Regina hotel parlors Saturday evening at 9 o'clock, Mr. Leroy Tozier and Miss Daisy Vivian Sutler, Rev. A. E. Hetherington of the M. E. church, officiating. Only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties were present.

Fine line of Christmas cards, Nugget office.

Solid silver toilet sets at Sale & Co.

The Parsons Produce Co. presented this office with a box of choice cigars. We always did think those people were all right, and now we know it.

Tom Collins, the happy visaged "prop" of the Board of Trade, was particularly jovial Christmas, owing probably to the many hearty congratulations of his friends on his success with that popular resort.

FOUR SPECIAL LEADERS

JUST THE GOODS FOR THIS WEATHER

60 Double Breasted Corduroy Reefer Coats, extra quality, plush lined, for \$5.00 per garment, actual value \$15.00.
50 Double Breasted Chinchilla Ulsters, extra quality, flannel lined, for \$15.00, actual value, \$35.00
50 Double Breasted Blue Beaver Reefer Coats, extra quality, plush lined, for \$7.50 per garment, actual value, \$20.00
200 pair English Camel Hair Blankets, weight 14 pounds, for \$8.00 pair, actual value, \$20.00

See the goods you will certainly buy
H. Hershberg & Co., Seattle Clothiers
FIRST AVE. SOUTH NEXT TO MADDEN HOUSE

MR. DOOLEY

Thinks There Said on

Uncle Paul Kruger Give Up the What Her

"It looks like nussy, who had flaming headline over Mr. Dooley. 'Always do. Since the Czar joined his no-f been no chanst ructions.'"

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"What thine, says th' divvel h naw. 'The as-to-be int Englishman crime, he s takin' most country sh in anny iv have, as Sh to th' plow turn back' with th' no abaft me, s th' echoes o