

A GOVERNMENT "JOB."

To Compel Patronage of the "Government Organ."

How It Is Proposed to Furnish Subscribers to the "Sun"—No Such Law at Present, but Soon Will Be.

Mr. Justice Dugas was approached by a Nugget representative on Thursday in regards to the public printing scandal. He answered all interrogations with his customary affability and frankness.

"Judge, is there any law making it compulsory for private citizens to have their legal notices printed in the 'Yukon Sun?'" was asked.

"The Sun is recognized as the government paper, is it not?" he replied.

"Yes, it is recognized. But have you ever directed that private parties 'must' publish their notices in that paper?"

"It is within my powers to do so. I recall that I have so directed in a couple of instances."

"But is there a law requiring it?"

"Well, not at present; but you may say that there is an ordinance pending to that effect."

"Then the situation at present is that such legal notices can be as well published in the columns of The Nugget as in the Sun?"

"Yes, they can. But as I have said to is within my discretion to direct the publication in any paper I like. The Sun will be made the official gazette and then it will be required that all legal notices be published therein. It is the custom in Canada to designate some government supporter, as the gazette and The Nugget could hardly expect to be so designated," and the judge smiled good humoredly.

"No indeed," was the reply, "and has no desire to be selected for such favors. But we do want to know whether our friends are to be compelled to patronize a paper without prestige or circulation."

"Well, of course the matter of circulation is a subject for consideration. Your circulation in Seattle is something, certainly."

"Then the status of the case is that The Nugget's columns are just as legal as the columns of the Sun?"

"Yes that is the standing at present. While as I have said, I have directed in a couple of cases that publication be made in the Sun, I have made no general order in such cases—only specific cases."

And so the matter stands. We are glad to be able to correct the prevalent misapprehension as to the legality of published notices which appear from time to time in these pages. The little card which the Yukon council has up its sleeve is also "tipped" for the benefit of our readers.

At Last Fire Protection.

It will interest every merchant and property owner in Dawson to learn that the fire department has at last been placed upon a practical working basis with a paid force of 20 men, with a station at either end of the water front. On Monday last eight paid men under Foreman Petticlew moved into the new government building just across the slough, taking with them one steam fire engine, one chemical cart, one hose cart and a number of Miller fire extinguishers and other small truck.

The new building is spacious, with ample room for men's quarters, but what is of most importance is that the engine heater has been rigged up to work at last as was designed by the makers. Twenty pounds of steam is automatically maintained on the engine at an expense of about 150 pounds of coal in 24 hours. With this steam pressure it can never occur again that any interval of time can elapse between the time the fire is touched off and the attainment of a working steam pressure. The drafts of the heater work automatically, closing and opening according as the pressure passes or recedes from the 20 pound mark.

Chief Stewart and Engineer Single

Hotel McDonald

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Electric Lights, Electric Bells. Every Modern Convenience. Handsomely Furnished. Entirely New. Cafe attached. First-class Bar.

are to be congratulated upon this improvement in the department.

Toward the Klondike bridge has sprung up a thick settlement of small merchants, etc., as large as all Dawson was 18 months ago. To protect this district, so far from the department, has been the cause of much lost sleep. A solution of the difficulty has been effected by a conjunction of Col. Word and the fire chief. The waterworks station, on the banks of the Klondike, is equipped with a pump of enormous capacity and which is maintained under steam, night and day, the week round.

Col. Word has agreed to allow this pump to be equipped with a coupling which will permit the instant attachment of fire department hose, thus, as effectually protecting that end of town as the district of the larger stores.

At the new fire house, which can be better designated as the "South station," is being equipped a double sled, to contain the hose, and be drawn by one horse. It will carry about 1500 feet of the hose.

At the South station the upstairs of the building is being equipped with a mess room and dormitory, the front room being used by the government for its draughtsman.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A street rumor that the Ora was wrecked has been proven false.

A cutter containing O. H. Clark, Percy Stevenson, Capt. Bliss and Capt. Norwood, was overturned near Grand Forks on Sunday, but no one was injured.

Bartlett Bro. have turned out 40 head of their stock to winter at their Sixty-mile quarters. They retain 80 head, which they will work this winter on their several freight routes.

O. W. Hobbs is sinking a hole in the vicinity of his sawmill for the purpose of securing water. The depth attained is 48 feet at present. The workmen are now going through wash gravel. As soon as bed rock is reached the dirt will be panned.

On Tuesday, Peter Mousseau, formerly of San Francisco, and A. W. Kendall, sold a bench claim opposite No. 3 Monte Cristo gulch, on the right limit, to Messrs Coleman and Wise for \$20,000 cash.

Carl V. Eklund lay ill and helpless in his tent near the mouth of the Klondike for several days without a fire or anything else until discovered and taken to the Good Samaritan on Sunday.

A masquerade ball was given at Pioneer hall last Saturday night, at which the ladies masked and some of the gentlemen also. Annie O'Brien, from the Monte Carlo, obliged with her remarkable buck and wing dancing. A cake walking contest resulted in the cake going to Mr. Farrell and Miss Barner. Many of the costumes were quite good.

Up-River Police Stations.

The N. W. M. P. have established stations at the following points between here and Skagway. The intervening distances between the respective posts do not exceed 30 miles, ordinarily:

- Indian river.
- Ogilvie.
- Stewart river.
- Halfway.
- Selwyn.
- Selkirk.
- Hutshiku.
- Five Fingers.
- Tantalus.
- Little Salmon.
- Big Salmon.
- Hootalingqua.
- Lower Lebarge.
- Upper Lebarge.
- Whitehorse.
- Miles canyon.
- McClintock.
- Tagish.
- Cariboo.
- Bennett.
- Log Cabin.
- White Pass.

There are also two stations on the trail from Bennett to Dyea; one at Linderman, and the other, at the Chilcoot Pass.

Each post will be in charge of a detachment of one or more members of the police.

Regina Cafe Closed.

On Wednesday the Regina Club cafe was closed to the public. The management was unable to make this department pay. In future a cafe will be conducted exclusively for the benefit of the permanent guests, and employees of the hotel. Mr. Smith, the manager of the hotel, contemplates furnishing the room, recently used as a cafe, with single beds, which will be rented by the night or week.

1899 cream, on account of its purity, stands freezing. Mohr & Wilkens.

The Nugget Express has made a special rate of 50 cents for carrying the Nugget's special illustrated edition to the coast. The first dog team will start as soon as the ice will permit.

An excellent lunch is served gratis at the Cafe Royal annex every day.

New Rex ham and bacon at Mohr & Wilkens.

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30 Finely Furnished Rooms

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Construction, equipment and staff equal to any hospital outside. Scientifically heated, especially to maintain an equable temperature. Trained nurses in attendance. Inspection invited.

Terms from \$10 a day, including medical attendance. Cow's milk and other delicacies required by patients administered.

Separate room for each patient. Medical and surgical advice at hospital, \$5.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—On Friday p. m., a small outfit was taken from raft near Moosehide; owner pay expenses and trouble. Address A., Nugget Office.

FOUND—Pocketbook belonging to Peter Jensen; prove property and pay for this at Nugget Express.

WANTED.

WANTED—Tenders for freighting 25 tons of machinery. The Nugget Express.

WANTED—Address of R. J. Irwin. Nugget Express.

GOOD, reliable man wants lay or claim to represent; best of references. Address O. K., Nugget office.

POSITION as bartender or manager in hotel or roadhouse; 20 years' experience; speak French, German and Swedish fluently; first-class references. Address E. S., Nugget.

FOR RENT—Pleasant suite of rooms for one or two gentlemen. Apply West Block.

BLACKSMITHS.

OBBER & HAWLEY, Third ave. south, near 5th st.; blacksmithing, machine, wagon and sleigh work done promptly at low prices; scientific horseshoeing a specialty.

OYSTER PARLORS.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS! Every style. Eastern coast and cove oysters, prepared by scientific oyster chefs at "The Kozy," Second avenue, between Second and Third streets. Turkey dinner Sunday, \$1.50.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

LAWYERS

WADE & AIKMAN—Advocates, Notaries, etc. Office, Bonfield Building, opposite A. C. Store, Dawson.

BURRITT & MCKAY—Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, &c. Offices, A. C. Office Building. Safety deposit box in A. C. vaults.

TABOR & HULME—Barristers and Solicitors; Advocates; Notaries Public; Conveyancers. Offices, Green Tree Bldg.

PATTULLO & RIDLEY—Advocates, Notaries Conveyancers, &c. Offices, First Avenue.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

J. H. KOONS, M. D.; A. C. Building.

MINING ENGINEERS.

TYRRELL & GREEN, Mining Engineers and Dominion Land Surveyors. Office, Harper st., Dawson.

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First-class goods only. Mohr & Wilkens.

The cheeriest barroom and the choicest drinks will be found at the Cafe Royal annex.

On Monday, E. R. Walker died at the Good Samaritan hospital from typhoid fever. Mr. Walker was a native of Iowa, aged 30 years, and leaves a wife and family at his home in Iowa.

EWEN MORRISON,

Mines and Mining.

Properties in this territory placed on the markets of Vancouver, Toronto, Boston, London and Paris.

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