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THE 'LONGSHORING MARKET.

The prices paid for 'longshoring depends largely upon location as is evidenced by late reports from the outside and present conditions in Dawson. At San Francisco ten days ago and before, owing to the strike, business on the water front was practically suspended, 'longshoremen were paid fifty-five cents per hour for their labor. At Seattle the present rate is sixty cents per hour. Contrary to the usual order, the labor in question becomes cheaper the farther north it is employed. At Skagway the steamship companies pay their 'longshoremen fifty cents per hour for putting freight upon the railroad dock. For trucking the freight across the same dock and putting it aboard its cars the W. P. & Y. R. pays the enormous price of thirty-five cents per hour, and at present the men are working from twenty-four to thirty hours per week where a year ago they worked regularly fifteen hours each day.

At Dawson where living is fully four times higher than in San Francisco or Seattle, and where freight charges are from ten to twenty times higher the price paid for 'longshoring is seventy-five cents per hour for perhaps twenty or twenty-five hours' work each week. For seventy-five cents per hour men worked at unloading freight from the steamer Whitehorse Tuesday evening in the rain and hail, handling freight on which higher transportation rates were paid than on that shipped over any transportation line on the American continent and handling it at proportionately lower 'longshoring prices than are paid in the civilized world.

The close grasping system on which the W. P. & Y. R. does business was mentioned in the highest tribunal of the Yukon yesterday to that company's discredit and disgrace. But it has of its own actions placed itself in its present unenivable position. The relentless clutch of its iron hand is felt, not alone by the poor 'longshoremen, but by all with whom it has dealings. "We fiddle and you dance," is the motto which has placed in contempt the W. P. & Y. R. with the people of the Yukon.

Refusing to pay but thirty-five cents and seventy five cents per hour respectively at Sakgway and Dawson for its 'longshore work and charging fabulous and formerly unheard of rates for transportation shows the interest the W. P. & Y. R. has in the welfare and prosperity of those to whom it looks for its support, the most short-sighted, suicidal policy ever practiced by any company that made pretence to a sane management.

COME ON, BOYS!

It was really amusing to see the manner in which our "Chappie" contemporary did "swell up and burst" in its issue of yesterday, but not in line, word or syllable did it dare dispute the word of the man who lies chained in a felon's cell in which the latter plainly said the News representative lead him, the poor indefensive victim of his own sin, to believe he, the News man, was a representative of the Nugget. This is only a small matter as "The Nugget scoops all contemporaries all the time" and will do so in the O'Brien case, a whole field full of "chappies" to the contrary notwithstanding. The News indulges in dark hints about things it might publish regarding the Nugget. We are always ready to meet all comers and if the News desires to go into past and present history, we will trot it a heat for luck.

We are at home on any subject from the bustle of "Caprice" to family trees.

But say, "bloomin" compatriots, you fellows are all right until you attempt up-to-date journalism, then you show your country training. O'Brien says you have felt and measured his head, taken imprints of his hands and otherwise worked the "learned bluff," but you have neglected to learn which way his "cow lick" tends when he faces the rising sun, neither have you examined the spots on his toenails. Phrenology and palmistry, "my deah boys," are not the only scientific features of a man. It takes more than head and hands to make a bloomin' man, doncherknow. The wrinkles in the knees when he stands straight count for something.

Now, please do not allow the very exalted position you occupy in the literary world to prevent you from meeting us with hard gloves at Phillipi in the matter of past and present history. Don't use dark hints as a shield, but come out in the open and begin your fusillade, and by our united efforts we can possibly cause a rattling of dry bones. Do not allow your dignity—the dignity of the News, by the way, is a town josh—to stand in the way of your saying what is on your mind. Come on, boys.

"OUR LADY OF SNOWS."

The pertinacity of Canada in her exhibition of resentment against the chance allegory of Rudyard Kipling has reached the selkirks of absurdity, while the beauty and patriotism of the poem dedicated to her, and of which she might well be proud, is entirely ignored. The leading sentiment, its motive, that Canada, while still a dutiful daughter in her mother's house is mistress in her own, is a patriotic sentiment that rings true as steel, and one which would have been a household word and a proud boast throughout the Dominion, had not the chance mention of snow in connection therewith put out, for the Canadian, all its poetic fire and prophetic promise. How foolish all this is, this foolishness of contending that the most Northern territory of any consequence belonging to Great Britain is not a land of snow, when is some parts of Canada snow lies on the ground every day of every year not excepting leap year.

The resentment has burst forth again anent the present to be made by Canada to the Duchess of York. The Ottawa ladies desired to make such a present as would be characteristic and reminiscent of their country, and they chose a fur robe of otter and mink. As furs were for many years the only commercial product of Canada, and are today among its leading sources of territorial wealth, what could be more fitting? Yukon gold would lose its significance from the fact that gold was a product of other parts of the British dominions long before any was discovered in Canada. They might present the duchess with a tiara of nickel, or copper, or one of wood perhaps, but anyone of these could not be made of sufficient intrinsic value unless studded with native gems, of which Canada has none. There is something peculiarly appropriate in the gift proposed by the ladies of Ottawa to any common sense mind. The objection of its tending to convey an impression that Canada is a land of perpetual winter might be easily overcome. Furs are fashionable wear nearly all over the world, and to show that they are only worn in Canada, as all over the world, but for a part of the year, the present for the duchess might be given a strong odor of camphor, mingled with tropical perfumes.

SHAMEFUL, IF TRUE.

The charge is made, with some basis of authority, it is said, that a number of the teachers who have recently secured appointments in the Philippine schools were obliged to pay sums of money to the colleges recommending them. There is no reflection on the war department, for it had nothing to do with the matter; nor on General Superintendent Atkinson, who has charge of the school system in the islands, for he appointed those who were recommended to him by the several institutions of learning to which he applied. Under the act of congress providing for a Philippine educational system, the general superintendent was empowered to request the heads of colleges and schools to select a certain number of persons each, to fill positions at a stated salary. The names were selected in this way, forwarded to Mr. Atkinson and the appointments thereupon made. The bureau of insular affairs then made arrangements for their transportation, and notified the teachers chosen of the date and manner of departure for Manila. Except the actual transportaion, the connection of the government with the matter ended there, and no one has intimated that any of its agents has been a party in any way to the alleged extortion.

It is charged, however, upon authority said to be reliable, that some of the colleges have taken advantage of the opportunity and added to the funds of the institutions by charging those they recommended a percentage of their salaries for the favor. It is well known that some purely business colleges and smaller institutions make a practice of charging a commission for securing positions for their graduates. That is part of the understanding in the beginning, and those who pay it have no right to complain. But it is difficult to believe that a reputable college would resort to the method indicated to enrich its treasury.

A charge of this kind is easy enough to make and often difficult to prove or disprove, and as against reputable concerns should be received charily. Disappointed applicants may imagine wrong treatment and make unfounded charges, and in a variety of ways injuries reports may get into circulation. Often no method of redress can be found, and a slander must fall of its own weight; but in this case there ought to be a way for establishing the truth. The teachers engaged may be qualified for the service, and being glad to secure the employment, even by paying for it, would probably be loath to admit that they had done so but at any rate the charges are made and they should be probed. It could do no harm to innocent institutions, and if there are any that have prostituted their functions as alleged the public is entitled to know it. The commercial spirit is rampant enough in the world of affairs, and if colleges which profess to teach the ideal depart so far from precept they should be exposed.—P.-I.

The fact that Murderer Nordstrom at Seattle has been again given a new lease on life by the act of a vaccilating judge of the federal court does not reflect any credit upon the high and supposedly honorable position which he fills. While the lawyers and courts continue to bicker over the fate of a cowardly murderer the blood of an innocent boy spilled eight long years ago cries in vain to heaven for revenge. Justice is not dallied with thus in the Yukon and of that fact we are proud.

Elsewhere in this paper is published a communication which denies that the recently passed ordinance relative to the moving of lewd women from the city has been conformed with by other than the French women. The communication calls attention to a matter which should certainly be investigated. Distinctions should not be made in the matter of dealing with these social outcasts. Hew to the line or declare the ordinance off.

In an attempt to kidnap a child from the home for the friendless at Springfield, Illinois, several shorts were exchanged. Evidently a child that can have a shooting scrape over its welfare has firm friends and is out of place in such a home.

By next week Dawson will have four theaters in full blast and it is safe to say that all of them will be fairly well patronized. This will not look as though the bottom has by any means fallen out of Dawson and the Klondike.

TERRORS OF DARKNESS

Some of Dawson's Sidewalks in Deplorable Condition.

The sidewalks of Dawson need "fixing." In many places they are not only an eye-sore to the public but are a constant menace to the limbs and possibly of lives to the pedestrians who are compelled to walk over them.

One of the worst places in the city is the walk on the north side of Third street adjoining the vacant lot just above Third avenue. In the first place this walk is only about two-thirds of the regulation width and besides that the foundation has given under it to such extent that when anyone walks over it it has the motion of a suspension bridge or a ship in mid-ocean during a gale.

There is a faint suspicion of sea sickness attacks every one who walks over it and if it was a little longer there would no doubt be many patients in the hospital from the effect of the journey.

The authorities should look into the matter of the sidewalks and keep them repaired so as to avoid injuries to pedestrians.

Judge Craig Going Out

Mr. Justice Craig expects to leave for the outside on or about the 20th inst. The regular vacation of the court begins in September and will last until the latter part of January.

STAGE LINES CONSOLIDATE

For Better Public Service on All Creeks.

A partnership has been entered into between Orr & Tukey, freighters, and the Hadley Stage Line, both heretofore doing business in Dawson, who in future will be known under the firm name of The Orr & Tukey Co.

The object of the amalgamation, is to thoroughly cover the different creeks with a daily stage service and freight line as soon as the different roads now under course of construction are completed. On completion of the Hunker road a daily stage will run to 3 above discovery, but until such a time the present tri-weekly service to some point will continue over the ridge road. It is also the intention on the completion of road to run daily stages to Lower Dominion via this route, branching off as heretofore for Gold Run. Until such a time and commencing Monday, Aug. 19th the Dominion stage will run up Bonanza creek via McCormack's Forks, and on abandoning this route for the Hunker the Bonanza stage will run up to McCormack's. It is also the intention to put on a line to Quartz creek via Chief gulch and Calder creek, branching from Grand Forks Sulphur will also be covered.

These different creeks will also be as thoroughly covered by our freight trains, our aim being to give a regular service to our patrons.

The new firm will have about 125 head of livery, stage and freight stock and is fully equipped for handling all descriptions of heavy machinery.

The Whitehorse Stables heretofore occupied by the Hadley stage line will be run exclusively as a livery stable and for accommodation of transients. The stage and freight stock will be kept at the Orr & Tukey stables, corner Fifth avenue and Second street South. Knowing that by so cojoining we can give the public a more regular and better service, we trust for their patronage in the future as in the past and sincerely hope all relationship may be as pleasantly kept up, and, as in the past, will endeavor to use all alike. This new arrangement enters into effect Friday, August 16, with office in the N. C. Co. building, formerly occupied by Orr & Tukey, and from where all stages will start.

Commencing Monday, August 19th the following changes in time will be made in the departure of stages from Dawson:

Hunker stage until the completion of the road up the creek, will be run as before by Orr & Tukey to 3 above discovery, leaving at 8:30 a. m. Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturday, returning, leave 3 above Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Dominion and Gold Run stages daily excepting Sunday, 8:45 a. m.

Grand Forks daily, Sundays included, 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

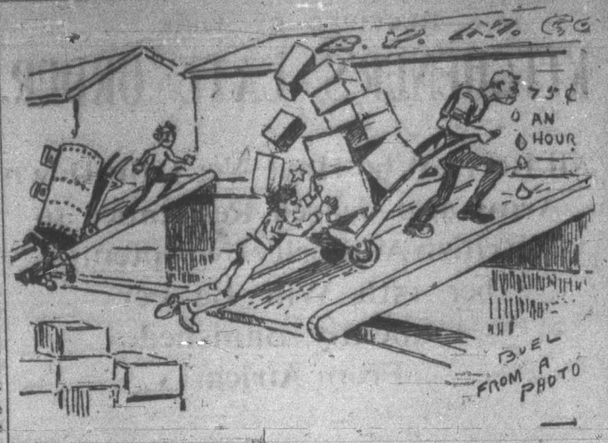
The different offices on the creeks will be maintained as before for the delivery and acceptance of freight and express.

Express matter and valuables will be carried on all stage lines at reasonable rates.

Dominion stage carries royal mail every Friday to Gold Run and Dominion, and Grand Forks every day.

Quiet in Commissioner's Court.

Owing to the sitting of the court of appeals the regular routine work of the gold commissioner's court is pretty much at a standstill. The commissioner held a very long session of his court this morning to hear an application for an injunction in the case of Multon vs. Lindstrom, regarding 1a on the right bank of Quartz. After hearing argument the motion was adjourned until Saturday morning.



"WE GET A LITTLE WORK AT SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS AN HOUR."

TO FURNISH WINTER WARMTH

The Northern Commercial Company is putting in a splendid steam heating plant for the two blocks from its office building to the Yukon saw mill, and a water system for protection from fire that will defy frost and any insufficiency for its fire department. Both these large undertakings are already under way and will be completed by the time the cold weather demands their services.

The heat will be generated at the Yukon sawmill, where there is at present installed two 75-horse power boilers to which is to be added another of 100-horse power now coming up the river. These boilers will be so arranged that all can be used at once or one may be disconnected at any time for repairs without interfering with the heating service.

To convey the heat they are now putting in at the sawmill a four inch main pipe which will be diminished to a three-inch at the south end corner of the company's building. This pipe will be wrapped in asbestos and placed in a 12-inch box packed with sawdust. On the way down heat will be supplied to the old A. E. store, the Ames Mercantile Co., the hardware store and the Ladue Co., and every necessary material to complete this part of the work, with the exception of the additional boiler, is all ready on hand and will be put in place at once. The radiators and interior fittings will not be here much before September 1st. They have been delayed owing to the strike in San Francisco, but the company has been fortunate enough to get its order filled and shipped.

The heating system will be employed throughout the whole of the N. C. Co. block and the stores mentioned. There will be a radiator in every room with an appliance for regulating the heat, and not a single stove will be used anywhere except in the messhouse.

The doing away with all the stoves will be in itself a great protection from fire, but the company is also in connection therewith laying down a system of fire protection for the whole of these two blocks. Whether the N. A. T. Co. will take the heat or put in a system of its own cannot be determined until the return of Mr. Isom, but it will be a customer of the N. C. Co. for fire protection.

In the box carrying the steam pipe will be a six inch water pipe which of course can never freeze up as long as the steam is kept going. Three hydrants will be placed on the sides of each block and connections made from them to the interiors of the building. The water will come from the company's two wells used last year, one at the sawmill and the other near the fire engine house. The two pumps used in these wells were thoroughly tested last winter, and while the one near the fire engine house proved of service and probably helped materialy in saving the city from complete ruin, it is not of sufficiently high pressure. Therefore a new and more powerful pump has been purchased as a more fitting companion to the big fire pump at the sawmill, and in case of a big fire both pumps can be put in operation.

This new pump, which is now at Skagway, awaiting shipment, is a directly connected pump, worked by a large dynamo, and all there will be to do will be to turn a swith to throw a six-inch stream of water immediately. With water mains that cannot freeze up and a powerful pump that can be instantly operated at a mere touch, this end of town will have a system of fire protection equal to any in the world.

For the generation of heat and power the company will utilize the enormous stack of slabs cut by the sawmill during this season.

Shooting Scrape.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 3.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to kidnap a child from the Home for the Friendless in this city. The plotters were exposed and in a pistol duel which followed one of the kidnapers is supposed to have been seriously wounded, though they all escaped.

Three men had gained entrance to the institution and crept into the room of little Lena Barnes when discovered by the night watchman, Edward Roberts. The latter fired two shots at the intruders, who opened a return fire as they ran. Roberts says one of the men threw up his hands and fell after a shot, but rose again and managed to escape with his companions. The trio entered a surrey standing near the home, and, together with a woman, who had held the horse, drove rapidly away.

The police suspect the child's mother and sister, Lena Richardson and Bertha Barnes, of laying the plot. The Richardson woman and her elder daughter live in Chicago, and once before attempted to gain possession of little Lena.

W. F. Thompson and wife returned today from a trip up the river.

SOME DAWSON SIDEWALKS.