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### UNDER DIFFERENT AUTHORITY

One of the very strongest arguments against Dawson accepting the ordinance of incorporation offered by the Yukon council is found in the report of Mr. Bulyea to the council of the Northwest territory some weeks ago. Mr. Bulyea was in Dawson all summer and part of last winter and was the only accredited and recognized representative and commissioner of that council. What he found would take too much space to reprint but the following extract is self-explanatory:

The question naturally arose, why did I (Bulyea) not have the law and my regulations enforced? Again the peculiarities of the situation must be considered. It did not occur to the attorney-general before the expedition went out that there might be need for other than Dominion magistrates at Dawson. If an independent man under territorial ordinances had been appointed, it might have been better. Every magistrate there was under the authority of Major Walsh, who warned them against instituting actions for me, and they were practically prevented from hearing any complaints of mine or under territorial authority. Before passing judgment on the magistrates the house might well consider their position which was in every way awkward. On the one hand they were faced with their duty as magistrates to administer law without fear or favor, and on the other hand they were confronted with the fact that they were subordinates of a man who had proved to be arbitrary. I felt that their action if they undertook it would be visited upon them. One of them said to me: "For heaven's sake don't compel us to act; the sheriff's fate will surely be ours." The sheriff was staff sergeant Richards, who for the offense of displeasing Walsh had to get out of Dawson at six hours notice. I said I would avoid getting the magistrates into trouble if I could do so.

It will be remembered that Bulyea was utterly unable to get his cases brought to trial, and simply for the reason of there being an independent police and judiciary not amenable to the same regulations as himself, but everyone directly subservient to a gentleman whose judgment at the time differed from that of the Northwest council. A word to the wise, etc.

### THAT DOG ORDINANCE

There is a wide-spread and growing feeling that the Yukon council's ordinance governing the impounding of dogs should be repealed or at least substantially modified. The terms of the ordinance would be unnecessarily severe under ordinary circumstances. But when applied to Dawson, a particular hardship is worked.

As pointed out before in these columns dogs are so important an adjunct to the transaction of business that the authorities could well display a large degree of leniency in dealing with them. But we find on the contrary that this law is enforced with a harshness which we consider quite unjustifiable. A case in point will serve to illustrate.

Adog is found by its owner in the ground. The owner is referred to the barracks if he wishes to secure the animal's release. On reporting at headquarters he is ordered up for trial, fined \$1 and costs amounting in all to \$9, and that without any warrant being issued or served. The question naturally arises,

in such a case as the above, how did such a bill of costs accumulate?

Again, much complaint has been made over the fact that mere boys have been vested with constabulary powers and hired to bring dogs into the station. It is a matter of public knowledge that dogs have been taken from the premises of their owners by these impudent urchins and it will be surprising if some of them are not severely handled unless their tactics undergo a radical change.

It would be quite reasonable for owners of dogs to pay a nominal license on each animal and with the payment of such a fee the matter should end. A dog is at any time liable to escape from its owner for a short time and to expect the payment of \$9 for each occurrence of that kind is unjust and unwarranted. The Nugget will have more to say concerning the dog ordinance in future issues. Meanwhile it is quite pertinent to inquire whether there is a special provision in the ordinance which allows officers in her majesty's service the privilege of releasing their own dogs from the pound when the ordinary citizen is arrested and fined \$1 and costs amounting in all to \$9.

### ALWAYS RELIABLE

The Nugget has made the claim for its news columns that in so far as is possible the information contained therein is accurate and reliable. An occasional error is always liable to creep into a newspaper from the very nature of things. Much of the material that is secured for publication must be given on hearsay evidence or not published at all but notwithstanding this fact, comparatively few instances have occurred in connection with this paper where any serious departure from the real facts have occurred.

We are led to make these remarks from the fact that the accuracy of an interview published in our issue of Nov. 30, has been challenged by our contemporary, the *Miner-Sun*.

The interview referred to occurred in this office with Mr. John Patterson, in company with whom the Hon. Anlay Morrison, M. P., made a 200 mile trip of investigation, covering the important creeks in the Klondike and Indian river districts. In that interview Mr. Patterson gave, under authority from Mr. Morrison, the gentleman's views and opinions concerning the situation as he found it upon the creeks. His remarks, as all who read the article will remember, were anything but complimentary to the regulations and the manner in which they have been enforced. For this reason the government organ in its usual hit or miss style, proceeds to inform the public that the interview was a "fake."

For the benefit of the few people outside of government circles, who read the organ, attention is directed to the following statement, the original of which is on file in this office.

EDITOR NUGGET:  
Dear Sir: In reference to the interview with me published in your issue of Nov. 30, I desire to state that the article referred to was a correct report of the interview and contained absolutely nothing but facts.  
(Signed) JOHN PATTERSON.

We suggest to the "organ" that when it has occasion to make further remarks concerning the Nugget and its methods of handling its news columns, that it give close attention to its own data. Random shots, which the *Miner-Sun* fired in this instance, thrown out at a venture, are very apt to act after the fashion of a boomerang.

### TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION

There are features of the suicide last week which we have never seen in life before outside the covers of a yellow-backed novel. It can be put down as a rare that men do not swear to their knowledge of a girl's virtue unless they mean it. And when nearly a dozen men swear they have occupied a girl's bed with her permission, some for days and one as long as a month, and all swear solemnly that they left her as they found her, an absolutely good girl, it is entitled to credence because it is much more natural for men to boast of a conquest than of a failure of purpose. Little was

to be lost by their acknowledging intimacy with a variety actress who was so carelessly throwing her reputation to the winds, and who valued that reputation little enough to take absolutely no pains to preserve it. One of the witnesses testified that he believed her mentally unbalanced in that being virtuous she so carelessly threw away her reputation.

It is evident to any one watching the case from first to last that the girl earnestly desired to quit the theatre; that she hated the business; that she hoped marriage would intervene and rescue her from the life she was leading; that she was usually in high spirits but like all such was subject to depression; that in spite of all circumstances were conspiring to force her back into the hated life of the theatre; that while a girl without a reputation in Dawson, at least, she deserved one. Fiction even does not contain an account of anything similar.

The weather during the past ten days has reminded old timers from Puget Sound of the fickle nature of the weather god in that portion of the globe. The warm south wind that blew so steadily bore a strong resemblance to the famous "Chinook" winds that prevail at certain seasons of the year throughout Washington and Oregon. In consequence it was not difficult for "web-footers" and Puget Sounders to imagine that they were back among their old haunts again.

### OUTSIDE OPINION

From the Regina Leader: Interviewed at Skagway on his way out from Dawson City, Major Walsh is reported to have said: "I believe that in most instances anyway I have been right. I have not cared what the government thought of me, and have not enquired or been concerned as to what the people thought. I administered the laws as I thought right and proper. I was given great latitude under the laws, and in some instances I did change their operation somewhat." Under the law, forsooth! The Major surely meant that he had great latitude over the laws. Mr. Hamilton said that Major Walsh acted as if he were Lieutenant-Governor of the territories. That doesn't begin to cover the case. By his own showing the major acted as the constitutional trinity—King, Lords and Commons; and assumed power which it was commonly supposed is possessed only by the governor-general, senate and house of commons acting in conjunction. Major Walsh is indeed an intrepid character. He overturns acts of parliament as cheerfully as he met Sitting Bull.

From the Winnipeg Tribune: Mr. Walsh admits his having staked a claim on Monte Cristo Island, but justifies his action on the ground that when appointed he was "given special permission to stake claims in the Yukon." This is exactly the position that the *Tribune* apprehended it to be when the famous grab was made on Monte Cristo, and which elicited so much hostile criticism at the time. While officials with a high sense of the positions which they filled, would have declined to compromise themselves in the slightest by competing with the miners in the rush for claims, the original blame is shown to be at the door of the government, or the department which permitted the officials to depart from the well-known regulation regarding the holding of land, and to take up claims for themselves. As we pointed out at the time the blame is not so much that of the officials as the government that permitted it.

From the Calgary Herald: "The Americans in Dawson take in the disreputable remedy with a good-natured sarcasm: 'It's not our show, they say to the Canadians; but, if we had them officials across the line we'd just give 'em time to say their prayers and then stung 'em up. But we're not running this show.'"

"One man was met coming out who had paid \$10 to get his mail, another had refused to pay \$5, and a third had paid \$5. Another man said he had waited outside the gold commissioner's office from 9 in the morning till 3 in the afternoon at which hour there were seven men in the line ahead of him, and less than a dozen had been attended to during the day. The man in front of him, tapped on the window, beckoned to a clerk and asked: 'How much does it cost me to get in here?' The clerk answered: 'Two dollars; go round to the side door.' The man behind, too disgusted to wait longer, went away declaring that it was useless trying to record his claim until the officials were changed."

Very much to the same effect is added—specific cases of official rascality being given. In closing its article the *Herald* very truly says: "If these things are going on with the full knowledge of the minister of the interior that honorable gentleman is equally culpable with the officials, and the people of Canada will be heard from when the day of reckoning arrives. That they are going on without his knowledge is too improbable to believe."

Change of program at the Wondroscope exhibition next Sunday. Don't fail to see it at the Monte Carlo.

Just as mother used to make it away back in New England. That's precisely the way you get it at the Pullman Cafe, 262 First Avenue. Run in there and try a cup of their coffee too.

Reserved seats for the Wondroscope exhibition are now on sale at Kelly's drug store. Tomorrow night Mr. Tracy will introduce new songs.

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## SHE BLEW

### Myrtle Broce "Doc" Rice

story of a Lang Not the Golden the hilarious to the Theatre Clouds Ahead

Myrtle Broce Friday, by firing Myrtle was occupying neffield's saloon some three weeks has been considered work again at the her sister Florent turn of singing at The pistol used son, the property died a room die from the suicide, hours in the ev phroloind.

Myrtle Broce the story of the deed of Friday night as my of the m Dawson is a wit Three weeks ago nearly delirious and called upon in an acute stage nature which remained there outside showed cabin was from away and a child rich offered the the room in which accepted for he nurse was secured were bought an ness the patient cupants of the tors which sent a sincere Miking "good fellow" welcome to be could be vacate came a necess next Monday re appearance by her express On Friday Alex. McFarland after her depression or she talked of to sing and at talked of the n on the morrow eared. "Pi-kin ending and re going to kill h he promised t day, remarking give you a call At 10:30 the e robbed. At mid of the house l yet so feeble a At 2 o'clock way home to decided to grv companied by lowed her ups found the lig the bed. In a up by pillow with the bed than the was blood still app lies. With a and in an infusion. Capt were soon p aoused from showed him t had penetrat through the e on the other eozing slow policeman w dispersed in jury.

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