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THE RESULT OF SECRECY.

The conviction of representative clerk Struthers of illegal practices in connection with his duties while an employee in the office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell is, apparently, to have no effect upon the methods pursued by that gentleman in conducting his office.

Mr. Bell, as has previously been stated in this paper, maintains that he is running his office "in the interests of the public and against the newspapers."

In pursuance of this very laudable purpose Mr. Bell has placed the seal of secrecy around his office to such an extent that the publication of such interesting matters as transfers and renewals of claims, mortgages filed, etc., is no longer possible.

In the light of developments brought out in the Struthers case the question arises with renewed force: Is Mr. Bell's policy attaining the end which he so stoutly maintains he desires to reach? We answer this question by asserting that Mr. Bell's policy is absolutely and incontestably opposed to the public interests, as well as being directed against the newspapers.

The one thing which above all others fosters and nourishes wrongdoing, whether of a public or private nature, is secrecy. Crime can flourish only in the dark. It cannot withstand the light of day. The fact was never more clearly exemplified than in the case of Struthers. There are, under the existing laws, two methods of representing a claim. One is by the payment of a certain specified amount of money and the other is by means of an affidavit setting forth the performance of a certain amount of labor, as required by law.

Had there been in force a regulation requiring the publication of the location and ownership of all claims represented and the method of representation adopted in each particular case, or had the newspapers been permitted to make such information public, there could have been no possibility of such frauds as were brought out in the Struthers case.

The whole success of Struthers' scheme lay in the secrecy surrounding the office. Had the representation clerk been compelled to furnish for publication the facts with reference to the business transacted at his window he would never have dared to undertake the manufacture of false representation papers. But Mr. Bell relieved him of any difficulty on that score and, as events have proven, Struthers was not slow to realize how the assistant commissioner's ideas could be made to inure to his own personal benefit.

We wonder if Mr. Bell's pro bono publico and anti-newspaper policy is as satisfactory to him now as it was some months ago.

Miss Helen Gould, who is making for herself as great a name

as a philanthropist as her father, Jay Gould, gained as a financier, is to be honored by congress with a vote of thanks for her kindness to the soldiers during the war with Spain. The bill now pending in congress to that effect will undoubtedly pass both the houses without opposition. Miss Gould will be the third woman in the history of our government to receive such honor. The first woman who was awarded a vote of thanks by congress was Dolly Madison, for having saved the original draft of the Declaration of Independence and Gilbert Stuart's portrait of Washington at the time the White House was captured by the British army and burned in 1814. In 1878 a similar honor was conferred upon Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson of New York city in acknowledgment of her gift of Frank Carpenter's picture of President Lincoln and cabinet signing the emancipation proclamation.—Exchange.

The News' "hen editor" is on deck again with a brand new, although thoroughly characteristic, discovery. In last night's issue he made the startling announcement that eggs which are retailing at \$1 per dozen are selling by the case at the rate of 25 cents per dozen. High profits are not an unusual thing in Dawson, but a difference of 300 per cent between local wholesale and retail prices is a little more than ordinarily happens even in the Klondike metropolis. The fact of the matter is that eggs are, or were yesterday, retailing at \$1 per dozen and wholesaling at \$25 per case of thirty dozen. The price given by the News' "hen editor" was only about 60 cents a dozen under the actual price, which is not at all bad for the News.

Dawson has been confronted by a meat famine for several days. Six beeves which some fortunate speculator brought down in his scow as a side issue were sold for \$3600, and these only sufficed to keep the market supplied for a short time. We would rejoice to see some of the immense quantities of beef brought to light which the News assured us during the winter would be dumped into the river this spring. Somebody must have all that meat in cold storage.

Kruger denies that he ran away with the Transvaal government's money when he left Pretoria. Oom Paul has been so long accustomed to consider everything pertaining to the said government in the light of personal property that there is small wonder he denies the base insinuation.

Why the Months Are So Named.
The word "month" is descended from the Saxons, and simply means the time when it "mooneth." "January" is from the Italin word "Janus," who was god of the sun and year. "February" is from the Latin word "Februarius," and means the month of expiation, because the Roman festival of purification occurred in Februarius. "March" is from Mars, the "god of war," and was the first month in the Roman calendar. The Jews began their year at the same time, and "July" was "Quintilius," or fifth month after March, and its name was changed to July in honor of Julius Caesar. "August" was "Sextilis," or sixth month after March. In honor of Emperor Augustus its name was changed to August. Septem, octo, novem, decem—seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth—give names to September, October, November and December.—Mary E. M. Richardson, in Woman's Home Companion.

Best potatoes in town. Mohr & Wilkens.

Notice to Passengers.
The steamer Hannah will not sail before the 15th instant. Sailing date will be announced on Wednesday the 13th.
ALASKA COMMERCIAL CO.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

POPULAR OPINION.

A Chechako's Comments.

Editor Daily Nugget:
Excuse me for presuming to utilize your paper as a medium through which to express my thoughts, as I am a total stranger in your city, and, having no friend to whom I can talk confidently, give views and venture opinions on what I have seen since my arrival, therefore, I will write them down and you can publish or consign to the waste basket as your good judgment may dictate.

I arrived in a small boat on last Sunday, having made the trip from Bennett alone and in 12 days. And now that I am here I know not what to do with myself.

By standing around on the street and keeping my ears open I have heard a great many things which to me are great surprises. Like all persons on the outside, I entertained the idea that the only thing necessary here to start oneself on the high road to fame and fortune is to secure a claim or an opportunity to work a claim for an interest, and that the fortune is bound to come. However, since my arrival I have heard that sometimes men who even own claims manage them so as to come out behind, and the class I hear called laymen are all coming out behind this year, or nearly all. These reports have somewhat cooled my ardor in regard to working some other man's claim is concerned. On the contrary, I think it will be better for me to be the other man, get a claim and let it out on lays.

One thing I find here that I am not pleased with is the custom of using gold dust as a medium of exchange, but perhaps it is for the reason that I was "worked" shortly after my arrival that I do not admire the custom. Within an hour after I landed I entered a restaurant and had a square meal, the first for two weeks. As I had heard that prices were higher here than on the outside, I was not surprised when I was given a check for \$1.50; but I was surprised when, on presenting a \$20 bill in payment the cashier at the desk weighed out \$18.50 in gold dust which he gave to me, with the pet remark, "There's your change." As I supposed then that it was the custom of the place to pay out good money and take change in gold dust, I took it and said nothing; but having no gold sack I put it in an envelope and lost the most of it. Four days of observation has led me to conclude that the cashier heard me say that was my first meal in Dawson and that he played me for a fish and landed me very easily. I have since bought a gold sack, but pray every night that I will not have occasion for its use.

I have been most agreeably surprised to find in Dawson both men and women who dress with as much taste and care as do people of any city on the outside; when, to tell the truth, I did not expect to see any "biled" shirts or flowered bonnets in the country.

Having for many years been engaged in the work of teaching, I am naturally solicitous for the welfare of the youth; and seeing a number of both boys and girls on the streets at all hours of the day, I made inquiry regarding the length of the vacation. Imagine my surprise when I was informed that the entire year is a vacation here; that there is no provision made for the education of the youth of the country. When it is considered the vast amount of money paid into the exchequer of the government in proportion to the small number of inhabitants in the district, the fact that there is no provision made for the education of the growing children must surely appear to all progressive people in the light of little less than criminal neglect.

From the standpoint of law and order I cannot refrain from complimenting the peace officers on the conditions I find in Dawson. Here are a rough and rugged people emigrated from all parts of the world, but they appear, in the main, to be as lawabiding and peaceful as any aggregation with which I have ever come in contact.

One thing I have observed, however, that puts a blight on all the good features of this modern city, and that is the portion of the city where degraded women herald their infamy in the broad open daylight without reproach or rebuke from the source that could suppress the evil by simply saying the word. Aside from this open insult to every respectable man and woman in Dawson, I find nothing here that is not in keeping with other and older cities in the west insofar as law, order and respectability are concerned.
LONE MARINER.

When It Paid.
It was the village sewing circle, and the unprofitable question of the failure or success of marriage was under discussion Beulah Blank, a war widow,

thrifty to the last degree of New England thriftiness, kept silent until some one said:

"What do you think about it, Beulah?"
"Well, I must say that it depends," said Beulah. "Now when a woman gets married, an' her husband gets drafted into the army, and he gets killed, and she gets a pension of \$12 a month as long as she lives, it pays to get married. That's what I think."—Youth's Companion.

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Best Canadian rye at the Regina.
Potatoes, eggs, lemons. Mohr & Wilkens.
When in town, stop at the Regina.
Private dining rooms at the Holborn.

Mitchell, Lewis & Stover Co.
OF SEATTLE, WASH.
Mining Machinery of All Descriptions. Pumping Plants a Specialty. Orders Taken for Early Spring Delivery.
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Get acquainted with
SHINDLER, The Hardware Man
NEAR THE HOLBORN RESTAURANT.

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THE CRITERION
Under management of J. H. WEITER, with a stock of the Best Liquors, Wines, Cigars, etc., in Dawson.
Corner 2d Ave. and Harper St.
Splendidly Furnished Rooms Upstairs.
The Best Location in Town.

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Will leave Dawson for
...ST. MICHAEL...
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Operating the Swift and Reliable Steamers
ORA, NORA, FLORA
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These Steamers Hold the Record for Three Successive Years for
...SPEED and REGULARITY
Clean and comfortable staterooms. No expense spared in supplying the table with all the delicacies possible to procure. Experienced captain in charge. No delay. Courteous treatment to all.
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SEATTLE No. 3
Will leave for St. Michael
MONDAY, June 11th, at 9 p. m.
Announcement of next steamer sailing will be published at an early date.
S.-Y. T. Dock, Dawson

TRADING & EXPLORING CO. LTD.
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The Fastest and Most Elegantly Appointed Steamer on the Yukon
See This Space for Next Sailing Date.
For Rates Apply to T. & E. Co., First Ave.

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Intending to leave for Nome, Seattle or San Francisco, should look through the stock of the N. A. T. & T. Co. before buying their
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"The Corner Store" Opp. "Aurora"

WHY BUY MEAT IN TOWN?
When you can get fresh meat at Dawson prices, at the
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Opp. Gold Hill Hotel. Fred Geisman, Prop.

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