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LETTERS
And Small Packages can be sent to the Greeks by our carriers on the following days: Every Tuesday and Friday to Eldorado, Bremen, Hunker, Dominion, Gold Run, Sulphur.

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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1903.

WATER SUPPLY.

Rain, and plenty of it, is needed very sorely in all the mining districts, none of which are too plentifully supplied with water. For this summer the district must depend very largely upon the amount of rainfall for sluicing purposes, and if the precipitation is not above the average, operations will be greatly hindered.

The removal of the timber and moss from the hillsides permits all the water resulting from the spring thaw to flow into the creek bottoms in a few weeks and thereafter the supply is extremely limited.

If placer mining is to be prosecuted successfully during the coming years, a constant water supply must be furnished. This necessity was recognized three years ago and is of greater importance today than ever before in the history of the camp.

Presumably the Treadgold grants were issued for the purpose of meeting the emergency, but by general consent the people have determined that Treadgold does not offer any thing in the nature of bona fide intentions.

The concession as it stands today offers no relief to the miners for several years to come and at the expiration of that time the concessionaries might abandon their enterprise without serious loss of any kind to them selves.

Meanwhile other capital is prevented from entering the field with any thing in the nature of a substitute plan and the mining interests must suffer in consequence.

There is no doubt the fact that a plentiful water supply would bring about an entire change in the situation, and increase the activity of the mining district several fold. Gold in tremendous quantities still remains in the creek beds and hillsides of the district, waiting only the necessary water to admit of being recovered and added to the world's wealth of precious metal. But by virtue of the machinations of a group of speculators, legitimate investment is hindered and mining operations must proceed upon a reduced scale.

The one chance before the community is to confine the Treadgold investigation commission of the real facts in the case, and thus allow men to come in who will bring water to the miners without demanding everything the miners possess.

The premier should be reminded that summer does not last for all time in the Yukon and that the investigating commission should arrive here at least by the first of September or they may not have time to complete their duties and return to Ottawa before the close of navigation. The only thing that is ever done in a hurry at the federal capital is the preparation and signing of blanket concessions. The go at the D.A.A.A. last night was not more rapid than Ottawa's process of creating concessions.

FOURTH OF JULY.

Now that the great festive event is over, Dawson will have an opportunity to give attention to the preparations for celebrating the Fourth of July. There seems to be a general desire to observe the day in appropriate fashion and the business men of the town are prepared to take hold energetically and arrange an attrac-

tive program which will bring people in from the Greeks in large numbers.

The time available for preparations is very limited and it will need unceasing effort on the part of the arrangement committee to insure a successful celebration.

If the proper spirit of enthusiasm is manifested, however, the shortness of time will not altogether be a disadvantage. Quick and concerted effort in such undertakings frequently brings about the most satisfactory results.

An exhibition of clean sport was given last night at the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association building which was as different from what the people of this town are accustomed to as day is from night. Dawson possesses a great number of enthusiastic patrons and admirers of the mining art and it is highly satisfactory to them to know that "square" sport and no other will be tolerated at the D.A.A.A.

Attempt to Rob Bank.

Portage la Prairie, June 8.—A daring attempt was made by burglars to gain entrance to the Bank of Commerce this morning at 2 o'clock. The junior clerk, Mr. Lount, who occupied a room in the rear of the bank, was awakened by hearing voices at his window, which was up. Thinking it was some of the boys paying him a midnight visit, he jumped up and called out to them, when, to his surprise, one of the visitors opened fire on him, the bullet whistling past close to his head, smashing a picture on the wall and lodging itself in the plaster. Mr. Lount seized his gun and sent two shots after the would-be burglars, who were hastily making a retreat. It was very dark and they made their escape unhurt. On examination of the premises this morning the bars in the window were found to be almost off. Lount could not see the features of either of the men. The police are investigating the matter, but have found no clues.

Announcement of Sale.

Dawson, Y. T., June 23rd, 1903
To the public:

We beg to announce that we have sold our business and property in Dawson to the Pacific Cold Storage Co., who are continuing the business at the Third avenue market.

We take this opportunity of denouncing a rumor that we are still interested directly or indirectly in the butcher business in Dawson, we have made an ABSOLUTELY CLEAN SALE, and will hereafter confine our Yukon operations to Whitehorse and Atlin.

Thanking our friends and patrons for their patronage during the past four years, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

P. BURNS & CO.

Mr. Spec's Returns.

Saskatoon, June 8.—Mr. C. W. Spec's immigration agent has returned from a visit to the Barr colony. About 300 families have located on their allotments and commenced work. Many others have gone to the Painter's Settlement, Breslau, Battleford and Bury Lake. The colony as such no longer exists. Mr. Barr having given up all connection with it and refunded all the sums paid in to him by the immigrants. There was much lack of provisions and in fact, a number were so low in funds that they are being transported here where work will be provided. All difficulties and contentions are now supposed to be at an end, and the settlers are once again footloose as any other immigrants.

Nurse—Suddenly lost sight of Master Reggie, my—

Mother—But good gracious! why didn't you speak to a policeman?

Nurse—I was speaking to one all the time, mom!—Illustrated Bits

NOTICE.

Using water for sprinkling purposes between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. is not allowed.

DAWSON CITY WATER AND POWER COMPANY, Ltd.

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Draught beer Rochester Bar

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New Dress Goods

We have just received some of the newest things in Dress Goods. Here are some of the weaves it would pay you to see. The prices we know are right, and the goods you will say are right.

VOILES in Silk and Wool and All Wool, in black, old rose, cream, fawn, sky-blue, tan and cardinal.

GLORIA (Silk and Wool) in white, green, pink and pearl shade.

SILK WRAP CREPOLINES in black, cardinal and cream.

LUSTRE in black, marine, white and cardinal.

COSTUME CLOTH in snow flake weaves in gray, blue and fawn.

LADIES' CLOTH in cardinal, marine, hunter's green, brown, SERGES in black, navy and cream. Black Silk Wrap Henrietta.

BLACK TWINE CLOTH, knotted effect.

BLACK IRISH POPLIN—See window display.

SPECIAL—A line of All-Wool Dress Goods, 42 inches wide, 5c yard. Standard patterns for June and July.

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J. P. McLennan.

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Telephone 118a.

LITIGATION DECREASING

Writs Issued This Year Less Than Usual

Great Falling Off in the Disputes Which Become Necessary for Courts to Settle.

Litigation is falling off quite perceptibly," said Clerk of the Court Macdonald to a Nugget man yesterday, "the inevitable result of conditions becoming more settled and values assuming a basis more free from inflation." Our records show that last year was the banner year in point of the number of writs issued between January 1 and December 31, the number aggregating nearly 1,000. Litigation as I said before is now decreasing and I believe it will continue doing so from now on, granting that our increase in population is but gradual and not in the shape of another boom."

A comparison of the records of the present year to date with those of a similar period of last year shows that the number of writs issued has been considerably less. Last year to June 25 there had been 291 cases begun whereas this year the number amounts to but 109. In the small debts court, however, the number is increasing, a fact which can only be accounted for by considering that in the odd days a small account of \$25 or \$50 would not have been thought worth suing for. Things are different nowadays. Cases have been filed wherein the amount sued for was but \$1. The court was specially created for the purpose of providing a means of collecting small debts at a minimum of expense. It is unnecessary to employ an attorney as each litigant can represent his own case and the cost of bringing the action is trifling. The number of cases filed this year to date in the small debts court is 218 as against 164 for the same period last year.

The territorial court as at present organized did not really begin doing business until the year 1899 when the number of writs issued amounted to 822. The following year there was a slight falling off, the number averaging but 36. In 1901 there was a very perceptible increase to 849 and last year the number exceeded all others running up to 937. With a record of but 109 to date this year and as the year will be half gone we may have to assume that the number of cases filed this year will scarcely equal 700.

The condition of the court dockets at present is as follows: Contract with those of an earlier day. Time was when we began to litigate never so bad without a reasonable excuse to do so when it comes to the court room the condition being so general. Now, however, cases can be brought to trial within thirty days after the writ has been with perfect ease unless the cause of one side should deserve a delay. Where but four years ago there was only one judge here there are now three and litigation here may be expected now with much dispatch and alacrity as in any other part of the Dominion.

On the trial of a case on Thurs-

day next, July 2, Criminal matters

will be first disposed of, as there

is no witness or jury involved.

Then the civil cases will be

disposed of, and finally the

small debts cases.

As it happened last evening

the court was adjourned to

the next day, Saturday, July 4, to

allow the members of the

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