

### THE BONANZA TRAMWAY ROAD GRAFT

The Last Issue of the Nugget Stirs Up the Long-Suffering Miners.

It Seems to Be the Idea Here, Where Food is Higher, Work Harder, Exertions Greater, Bigger Can Be Made the Graft.

The manner in which the Nugget, in its last issue took up the matter of "the Bonanza Tramway and Road" deal, has stirred up the miners of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks to action that must eventually, if pursued intelligently and well-directed, bring about in this tax-ridden, graft-worked territory, reforms which the blindest, most persistent overlooker of wrongs will be compelled to recognize.

As though the builder of cabins, prospector of claims, payee of duties, buyer of licenses that do not license, supporters of Councils and soldiers with real guns in a peaceful community did not have sufficient to pay for the dear necessities on sale in Dawson, they must be taxed for hauling their supplies to their claims over a trail which snow and frost has made possible.

"Take the other trail," laughingly command the guards, "if you don't like this," and yet this Bonanza tramway, without a tram, has, with its bridges, the timber of which was cut from the claims it passes through, obstructed the natural winter trail of the key creek.

The Nugget does not condemn the construction of a tramway. It believes it a good thing that a tramway, when constructed, would or might lessen the cost of transportation and lighten the labor of those who are developing this country and supporting the expensive burdens imposed on every miner in the Yukon territory to be hoped for; but that Nature with her frost and snow should make an easy surface for sleds, and then the miner be grieved for what Nature has done, almost reaches beyond human endurance. This tramway without a tram, for a large portion of the way to Bonanza Forks, occupies the trail made by the miners themselves; made by the hardy toiler, with his pack on his back, in the burning heat of summer, up through the bog and muck, and mud and "niggerheads," for use only from day to day, while all devoutly prayed for the snow and freezing to come, that upon a hardened surface they might move the supplies necessary to maintain themselves during the winter. No sooner does this come than the patient miner finds himself confronted with toll-keepers and guards, and so forth, and the customary Yukon command of "Stop! Hand out!"

It is believed that this latest graft upon the creek cannot be made to stand in any court of justice where law and facts are dealt with, and a combination of every miner with each other should be made at once, resistance to this imposition stoutly and firmly made within legal bounds and leave the question settled as to whether a combination can be formed that will push the price of bacon, flour, beans and so on another cent a pound over their present stiff prices.

It is easy for gentlemen to sit with toes up to warm fires and count the shickels extorted from the purses of those who pass over a tramway without a tram, but how about the poor fellows who are digging a way in frozen holes, without even the assurances of reward for their efforts. The time has arrived for the miners to do something toward their own protection, and until they take some such decided stand against injustice, imposition and extortion, they can not expect any release from ever coming forward-buriers. They need have no awe or fear of authority under whatever guise, so far as they carry out their resistance to oppression well within the law. Justice is still to be obtained under the flag of Great Britain, and no men or set of men can continue to oppress the people, whatever the form such oppression may take, even under the cloak of a tramway without a tram. The Nugget has shown the way, will the miners follow and protect themselves?

Believing that injustice is being done the miners on Bonanza and Eldorado Creeks, the Nugget will employ the best legal talent available, and at its own expense, carry the case in to not only the local court, but if necessary, the highest court of the Dominion, if all those who have paid this "pound of flesh" toll, will bring to the Nugget office their toll receipts and properly assign them to this paper and will do so, without a penny of expense to those who have been so openly, wantonly held up and bled.

**St. Mary's.**  
St. Mary's hospital is not getting very many vacant beds as the report for the week ending November 15 will show. In the seven days there were 26 new patients admitted to the institution and 25 discharged. The deaths were Henry Marsh, of Glastonbury, England; Walter Launchbury, of Chatham, B. C.; and Leonard St-Onge, of St. Philip, Quebec. Marsh was 35 years of age, Launchbury 25 and St-Onge 21.

**The Benefit.**  
The Miners' Association benefit at the Monte Carlo theatre on Monday night was greeted by a small house. A variety of causes combined to bring this about. The program was varied and continued upwards of a dozen numbers. Captain Jack Crawford, generous as ever with his services, appeared twice in his popular stories and poems. Mr. Chisholm was in good voice for his bass songs. Fred Breen has a bad cold but that does not affect his clever dancing, which was even better than usual. The Newman brothers put on their "Cady dude" sketch and the charming little M. A. G. was seen in her choice Scotch song and dance. Mr. Robertson filled the house with his mag-

nificent baritone voice, Maud West obliged with a skirt and wing dance. Mr. George gave a couple of banjo selections. Mr. Hunt pleased all with tenor selections. Mr. Metklojehn sang good baritone solos. The Esteps found themselves popular, as usual, in their sketches and dances and Eschwege and Marchett concluded the performance with a burlesque sparring contest of three rounds—one as a baker dressed in white, the other as a chimney sweep.

#### Must Pay Stumpage.

J. J. Cone, who owns and occupies a cabin on the Klondike, complains to the Nugget that holders of free miners' certificates are compelled to pay stumpage on wood cut for their own consumption. A miners' certificate among other privileges grants to the holder the right to cut wood for his own use. Hence, Mr. Cone with others objects to the payment of stumpage. He states that a number of men were recently stopped from cutting wood on the lower end of Bonanza creek and compelled to come to Dawson and secure permits. Cone went to the timber agent's office and was assured that he would have to take out the permit, as the particular clause of the miners' certificate granting the right to cut wood is not being recognized.

#### A Small Blaze.

An alarm of fire was turned in at headquarters on Monday morning at 11:30. The blaze originated on the roof of a house in the rear of Smith & Hobbs establishment. It is supposed that the fire resulted from cinders falling from an adjacent mill as the stovepipe is located nearly 10 feet from the spot where the fire began. Chemical No. 1, under Capt. Jake Kline, responded to the call, but before the fire apparatus reached the scene, the fire had practically been extinguished by neighbors and the occupants of the house. Ladders were hastily raised to the roof and an impromptu bucket brigade was soon passing water up to the top of the house. After the arrival of the chemical the work was soon completed. The house is occupied by Mrs. Welsh, Geo. H. Shafer, J. L. Jenkins and A. F. Allen. The damage, which was principally caused by the water, will be in the neighborhood of \$100.

#### Larceny Increasing.

Complaints of petty larceny are coming in with rather monotonous regularity. Goods are being stolen from in front of stores, caches are being robbed and even wood-piles are suffering at the hands of the small thief.

E. M. Andrews, whose cabin is located on top of the hill in the rear of town, lost a large job lot of goods including twine, a sack of sugar, an axe and several other articles. The articles had been stowed with the remainder of his outfit in the cache near his cabin. The theft was not discovered until sometime after it had been committed and hence no clue to the perpetrators is yet in evidence.

James Saunders had a sleigh load of wood stolen from in front of his cabin last Friday night.

#### Bed-Rock Flumes.

There is a movement on the creeks to combine the creek claim owners for the more extensive working of the ground on a cheaper basis. A bed-rock flume was applied for last summer on Hunker creek and now four others are wanted on Bonanza, Bear, Eldorado and Dominion. The Dominion flume will be the longest for the application specifies "from No. 8 above upper discovery to 72 below lower discovery." The Bonanza application is from the forks of Eldorado to No. 72 below discovery.

The notices of application are made public for a stipulated period that any objections to the plans may be made, if any there are, but so far none have been made.

#### Bulyea on Royalty.

Mr. Bulyea, the member of the Northwest Council, who spent the past summer in Dawson is now in Canada and a letter has been received from him brought in by recent arrivals to friends. After detailing certain outside doings, the letter concludes with "From the progress of events I believe that the first of the session will be devoted to Klondike affairs and that the royalty on gold will be either taken off altogether or materially reduced—there is no telling how far they may go."

Mr. Bulyea is a gentleman of much perspicacity, and while in Dawson demonstrated himself to be a keen observer and well up on current events and it is evident from his letter that the "no royalty" agitation is bearing some fruit at last.

#### Yukon Council.

At the last regular meeting of the council several interesting matters were considered. The committee reported that an investigation of the fire extinguishers which had been suggested for the protection of the government buildings had revealed them to be entirely unsatisfactory. Fire Commissioner Davis had suggested the use of several Babcock extinguishers for that purpose but nothing definitely was decided upon.

The application of Messrs. Buck and Howard for the privilege of constructing a tramway over the divide between Hunker and Sulphur was granted.

An application was put in from Messrs. A. G. Shoemaker and H. J. Reinarts for permission to construct a trail from the mouth of the Jelly river to a point on Stewart river, 30 miles from its mouth. They also want the privilege of charging toll to users. The application was referred to Judge Dugas for consideration, to be taken up again at the next meeting.

#### A Good Map for 50 Cents.

The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields, should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50 cents.

### TWO ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENTS.

The Regina Club Thrown Open to Members and Friends.

Smoker and Entertaining Program at the Dawson—Leading Business and Professional Men Meet in Pleasant Comradship.

The Regina Club gave a "house warming" Tuesday evening, which was attended by a large household of invited guests. A very pleasing program was given, with the popular Captain Jack as master of ceremonies. After a few opening remarks J. S. Cape obliged with an Irish recitation, Mr. Robertson with his full baritone songs, Ben Davis gave several of his inimitable songs, and then the imperturbable Leroy Tozier made a hit with his clever story telling. J. Devine was called upon and responded with a song in a mellow and most pleasing voice. Owing to the indisposition of Young Carroll, the club instructor in athletics, Jimmy Carroll was called upon for a three-round boxing contest with a former pupil named Murray. The space for boxing was decidedly limited, but nevertheless the two men gave an interesting exhibition of the manly art of self-defense. Mr. Sampson obliged with violin solos and the audience could not get enough of George Noble's incomparable singing. Ben Davis with more songs and three cheers for the popular chairman brought the program to a close. Throughout the evening the chairman interspersed the numbers of the program with witty speeches and his characteristic stories. As usual everything from the captain was stamped with approval by all present.

The following are the officers of the club: president, H. T. Wells; vice-president, T. W. O'Brien; honorary secretary, C. G. K. Nourse; treasurer, T. C. Healy. The committee of affairs: C. A. Hammett, E. D. Bolton, R. M. De Gex, H. H. Hildley, L. Tozier, Dr. Wells, H. D. Hulme, J. E. Pattallo, Dr. Edwards and Maurice Marsden.

The club-rooms are delightfully complete, warm and comfortable. Thick carpets, floor covers, pool and billiard tables and everything the Klondike club man could desire.

#### Dawson Club Smoker.

Wednesday evening was an evening of song at the Dawson club, with a good program. President Lisle presided and the following gentlemen gave their services: Dr. McDonald in songs; I. Metklojehn in songs; Attorney Lisle, in an address; Mr. McLennan, in songs; Mr. Ritchie in songs; Dr. Dunn, in songs; Mr. Vernon, in songs; Mr. Bowers, in songs; Mr. George, in songs; Mr. Robertson, in songs; Mr. Allan and W. Marks, in songs; Mr. Fred Hyland and Captain Galpin, in a three-round boxing contest. The last number was a highly interesting event as Hyland is a prize-winner of the Polytechnic, London, and one of the best amateurs of a couple of years ago. The program completed, the skat tournament of the past week was called for its final games and was won by Messrs. Lisle and McLennan against their last opponents, Messrs. Vernon and Bannerman. The victory represents sixteen closely contested games won, and the pitting at once of the best players in Dawson against them for another tournament. The same gentlemen won the last tournament and expect to win the next.

#### Light.

H. Teboller, representing the S. Y. T. Co. has made arrangements to give the miners cheap light when the midnight sun has disappeared. Ten boxes of Goodwill's Stearic wax candles will be donated to the Miners' Institute. Ten boxes of the same brand will be awarded as prizes for lists of articles of food supply for a Yukon miner's outfit for one year as follows: first prize, three boxes; second prize, two boxes; third prize, two boxes; fourth prize, one box; fifth prize, one box.

Estimates of the population of Dawson and the adjacent creeks, including Dominion and Sulphur, is also asked for which will be awarded prizes as follows: first, three boxes candles; second, two boxes; third, one box.

The competition papers to be enclosed addressed to Col. MacGregor and left at the Nugget office or the Miners' Institute, Dawson, on or before Monday the 28th inst.

The particular brand of articles are to be stated in the lists. For instance, flour, socks Ogilvie, California, Milwaukee &c. The examinations of the papers will be under the supervision of Capt. Galpin and Col. MacGregor at the Miners' Institute. The names of the successful competitors will appear in the Nugget.

#### Saved His Bacon.

Frank Howard, ex-comedian and vocalist, has a custom of keeping his dogs in a back kitchen on cold nights and that custom saved his bacon one night last week. His cache is back of the kitchen and Frank was awakened in the middle of the night by a terrific barking of his canine friends. Jumping hurriedly from his bed the householder opened the door between the kitchen and cache and the dogs rushed out into the darkness. There was a hurried scampering of stange feet and then all was still. An examination revealed his own sled taken from the hook and loaded down with provisions as if for a house-moving. Frank secured his nearly lost provisions and fed his dogs an extra allowance of his saved bacon, thankful to have it left to feed to them.

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