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HURDMAN'S THIRD.

How He Manipulated a Rich Claim Into His Own Hands.

And How the Real Possessor of the Pay Streak Was Defrauded in the Interest of the Ring.

Gold Commissioner Senkler gave an important decision in a hill claim boundary case last week, which is interesting more from an ethical standpoint than even as a precedent for future cases.

The case grew out of the old system in vogue last year in the gold commissioner's office. A Mr. Millet staked a hillside claim adjoining Nos 1 and 2 below on Bonanza, left limit. His stakes were on the edge of the creek claim and called, as per the regulations, for 1000 feet up the hill. It became known in certain official circles that the pay on the hillside was right on the brow of the hill, if anywhere. Clerk Hurdman looked up the records and found there was 150 feet of vacant ground up there. In some way or other an unofficial survey of the hill was secured and placed on file. Millet had nothing to do with it, yet unbeknown to him it cut his claim down to 900 feet, leaving the vacant ground on top of the hill—right on the pay—some 250 feet in size. It was a case of taking 100 feet from a claim to make a government fraction eligible for staking. This was Hurdman's opportunity. Young Domville was taken into the scheme. He brought along a man named Agner, who was willing to stake for an interest. The ground on the hill,

And now what does our royal commissioner of investigation think of his whitewash of Hurdman last winter. While Hurdman was known to be in possession of similarly gained interests in miles and miles of claims on a single creek, and while accusations of such practices were made under oath, the forgiving and tender hearted royal investigator failed to find any guile in the bench man's make up. Notwithstanding it all, Hurdman is today employed by the government in a trusty position. The gold commissioner's statement as to Hurdman's interest in this particular claim is one of those many facts going to justify. The Nugget attacks on this very man last winter. When officials and friends of the bench claim clerk earnestly interceded in his behalf, we pointed to similar facts as above and asked if he merited consideration. That the gold commissioner has been forced by circumstances to take cognizance of Hurdman's doings in office, speaks whole volumes for the extent of his iniquities. Hurdman's autocratic and haughtily insolent occupancy of the bench claim window entitles him to no consideration, now that his peccadillos are leaking out.

Lost His Gold.

George Schaffer came down from Eldorado Thursday. About 8:30 in the evening he passed out of the Monte Carlo with \$70 in dust in his poke. For some unexplained reason he took his sack from his pocket. It was untied and in an awkward fashion he dropped it, scattering the gold on the ice of the pavement. The gold was warm and

HIGHER COURT CASES.

Selix and O'Day Will Be Tried by Juries.

The Case Against Mrs. Morrison Dismissed—Took a Watch to a Jeweler Who Afterwards Disappeared.

Selix, the man held from the lower court on a charge of receiving stolen pipe fittings from O'Day, appeared before Mr. Justice Dugas on Thursday, pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a jury residing over by his lordship.

Thomas Forrest, the marked card man, appeared before his lordship on

His lordship signed a capias warrant on Wednesday for the detention of Fred P. Freeman on the complaint of James Grant. The debt was \$116, which, with costs, was paid on Wednesday night.

The case against Mrs. Morrison, of lower Dominion, was dismissed after hearing the evidence. Thos. Dillon has a wage claim against Morrison, and swore that over a year ago he delivered to Mrs. Morrison in Dawson, through one George Rowland, an English lever silver watch to have repaired by some jeweler. He valued the watch at \$70, and swore he took it in Australia on a debt of £12. The complainant and two witnesses (both with wage claims also) swore that about a year ago Mrs. Morrison came over to Dominion, and told Dillon that the watch had been repaired



AS IT REALLY IS



AS IT SHOULD BE

and had been left in her Dawson cabin. Mrs. Morrison declared the above to be substantially untrue. The watch in question had been delivered to her to get repaired. She had carried it to Selix, a water front jeweler. The waterfront had been cleared and she was never afterwards able to obtain track of either Selix or the watch. She had told



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HE MAKES AN EXCELLENT PORTER.

150 feet of vacant ground, and 100 feet off—Millet's claim was recorded, and Hurdman added another valuable interest to his many rich holdings.

Millet supposed his claim to be 1000 feet and sold to Lynch. Lynch brought a protest against Domville et al., for occupying 100 feet of his upper ground. In his decision, Mr. Senkler says it is now too late to protest a survey—even though unofficial—which has been on file so long. The most important finding of the gold commissioner, to our way of thinking, is the following:

"THERE IS NO DOUBT, FROM THE EVIDENCE OF DOMVILLE, AND AGNER, THAT THE CONSIDERATION FOR HURDMAN'S INTEREST IN THE AGNER CLAIM WAS HIS HELP AS BENCH CLAIM CLERK IN THE GOLD COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IN HAVING THE CLAIM RECORDED."

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quickly bored its way out of sight. What remained in the sack weighed \$20 in Mayer's, the jeweler. Some bright boys in the crowd "took a tumble" afterwards and then took up the ice. A little heat to melt and a little warm water to wash and several of the boys got \$10 apiece in a little while.

The opportunity to get you Christmas presents home by Christmas is still open. The reliable Jack Carr, who never failed to reach his destination on time, will make a trip out for the Nugget Express, starting on Monday, November 27.

Billiard Tournament.

A billiard tournament at the Regina Club was commenced on Thursday night by the opening game between H. G. Wilson and E. C. Allen. The former was handicapped 180 points to 90 and won with 180 to 84, showing the handicap to have been an equitable one. The game played is American billiards. The interest in the contest is considerable, there being some extra good playing confidently anticipated before the final events.

The Northwest mounted police at the barracks have a billiard table and have among their numbers some excellent players who have been known to make runs of 70 and upwards at English billiards. The boys are anxious to challenge the winners of the Regina tournament at the English game.

1900 calendars, very swell. Nugget office.

Thursday on a committal from the lower court, pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a judge and jury. His bonds were found to contain a flaw and were remedied.

James O'Day, held from the lower court on the charge of selling the stolen pipe fittings to Selix, of the Juneau Hardware Company, appeared in court, pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by judge and jury. Policeman Dancy, accused of stealing a caddy of tobacco valued at \$84, was asked to plead. He stated that he didn't know whether he took the tobacco or not owing to the effects of liquor. His lordship accepted that as a plea of not guilty and remanded the prisoner for trial without a jury.

The foregoing cases were set for December 1st.

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