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### THE RESULT OF IVEY'S ACTION.

The much talked-of case of the turning loose of the gold thief, Arthur Perry by U. S. Collector of Customs Ivey at Eagle City a few days ago, brings up visions of evils ahead which are decidedly displeasing to the men here who have or expect to have interests in the country. Ivey's action in releasing the man in United States waters from the custody of the North West Mounted Police was undoubtedly well within the law of the land, but many years of experience in this far country demonstrates its inadvisability for the sake of the public good. It is one of those cases in which the true letter of the law should be looked at from the broad standpoint of public expediency. The vast wealth of Dawson and surrounding country has been largely protected in the past by the inability of thieves to make their way out of the country with any large amount of "hoozie," the police being able to follow them to St. Michaels in one direction and to Chilkoot pass in the other. The result has been a remarkable absence of crime. Now, however, if Ivey's action is to be allowed to stand, and if it is but the precursor of similar actions of the future, all a thief has to do is to get a couple of hours start and float down across the line and he is safe from pursuit, for Sitka is now the nearest point at which extradition papers can be procured.

However, there is one thing certain, the United States has no desire to protect escaping criminals from righteous prosecution, and if the action of Ivey is to be repeated there will be some way found by which some United States officer stationed on the border will be empowered to act as extradition officer.

Criminals from the United States have been apprehended right here in Dawson by United States officers and so far from protesting the police have aided every way in their power. "Crooks" and criminals from Skagway and Circle City have repeatedly crossed the line into British Columbia and the North West Territory and invariably have been handed over without question when caught.

Indeed, there is even in existence a written agreement to that effect between the various officers of what is now the Yukon Territory and Alaska.

It is hardly possible that Perry will be allowed to profit by the interference of Ivey for he will be followed now if it costs twice the amount he stole. It will take time and money but he will be finally landed in Dawson for trial as an example to others.

### ONE WAY TO HELP.

The amount of distress in Dawson, at this moment, is hard to estimate correctly, for the reason that our poor people are the most proud in the world, and are more disposed to conceal their misfortunes than to flaunt them for public inspection. Nine out of ten of our population are sturdy men who have occupied positions on the outside more or

less, above the average. They are here practically isolated from the rest of the world, and when any of them meet with misfortune, find themselves without supplies, and money all gone, they draw within themselves and suffer in silence.

The Nugget has privately made the rounds of a great many sick beds in Dawson, and, while we have probably seen only a fraction of the cases of destitution we have seen enough in ninety-two tents and heard of enough more to warrant us in calling the attention of the public to the matter. These sick and destitute will not come forward and ask for themselves, and their reticence but makes their condition worse. The suggestion has been made that if it is done at once contributions of food and small boats could be put to very good use in helping several thousands of helpless people down to St. Michaels. There is a perfect fleet of crafts of all kinds at that point and if one is not particular about accommodations a very few dollars will suffice to secure transportation to the Sound.

The people who are destitute and also helpless from sickness, should, in mercy, be furnished transportation by steamer. For illustration of those needing steamboat transportation, take the case of J. B. B. at Klondike City. He was an old train-dispatcher in the United States, and a man of integrity and culture, yet a year in the Klondike leaves him on a sick bed with scurvy and dysentery until he can barely put his feet to the ground. He lost his Eldorado bench claim and so has no source of income and his money and supplies are a minus quantity. Too proud to ask charity he lies in a cabin loaned him by absent friends. Kind-hearted neighbors have been doing for him what their small means will allow, but his life can only be saved by sending him outside. He is but one case in scores with hundreds more on the verge of the same conditions.

### THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

There is a matter in which we are all directly or indirectly interested and yet about which we give so little thought that when a meeting is called it is attended by a corporal's guard. We refer to the organizing of a fire department.

A few gentlemen, with the interests of Dawson at heart, guaranteed payment of the bill to the fire apparatus company and the machines and engines are now on the ground, but there is no one to take hold of and handle them. With \$18,000 worth of fire fighting machinery on the ground, if a fire was to break out at this moment we would be helpless. The steam engine is dead and the chemical machines empty. What a curious state of affairs! There remain \$9000 yet to be raised to complete the payments on the apparatus, which amount one would think would be the veriest trifle for Dawson to raise.

One of the speakers on the subject at the Sunday evening concert remarked that without a fire department and with a little wind a fire in the business part of town would not only make a clean sweep of the buildings and thus render hundreds and thousands of people houseless, perhaps in the dead of winter, but it would also mean actual starvation for many, because the food supply would be burned up too. There is a reason somewhere for the lack of interest shown in the department and we would like a few expressions of opinion on the subject.

### ANENT THE PERRY CASE.

The United States citizens in the Yukon district are as much interested in the outcome of the contest between North West Mounted Police and the United States collector of customs, Mr. Ivey, at Circle City, as are the Canadians. The principal mine owners in the country are Americans, and to a man they have been loud in their praise of the security to life and property given them largely by the vigilance of the energetic police. It takes but a cursory examination of the matter in hand to convince one that that security is profoundly shaken by the action of Mr. Ivey in releasing from the custody of the police the man Arthur

Perry and his bags of gold, belonging to Alex. McDonald. It is probable that Mr. Ivey takes the ground that the extradition treaty between the United States and Canada does not include cases of either "embezzlement" or "breach of trust." If his action in Perry's case hold, from this time on the great majority of common gold thieves will politely dub themselves simple embezzlers and thereby escape extradition or the usual handing over to the police which has been the custom between Alaska and this section ever since there have been either mounted police or United States marshals in this country.

In the populous districts of the United States and Canada it is wise for the two countries to insist upon a close observance of treaty privileges, but in this corner of the world, the sole product being gold and every one of us being so dependent upon the honesty of his fellow, a vote of the sparse population would overwhelmingly be for a suspension of the extradition laws between Alaska and the Yukon Territory and a revival of the custom of handing over to the representatives of either country all fugitives from justice whatever their offense.

### WILL NOT FREEZE UP.

It may be just as well to disabuse the minds of some of our citizens in regard to the using of the fire engine at this place in the winter time. There are a number of Canadians here from the northern country where the thermometer registers nearly if not quite as low as here. They insist that the steam fire engine will be quite invaluable and will render excellent service any day this winter. They suggest the enclosing of the engine in a warm house down by the river and keeping a well open on the river all the time. From a position nearly central in the town, the 3000 feet of hose would reach all over the business portion of the city where a big fire could be possible. It is contended that as long as the water runs in the hose it will not freeze.

It is gratifying to find the sawmills catching up with the demand for their product. When winter brings about a general shutdown there will be found on hand, from present indications, enough lumber to render null the fears of a lumber famine.

Are you buying your drugs at the Pioneer Drug Store?

### CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT

FOR FIRST CLASS MEALS  
Reasonable Prices Try It

### St. Mary's Hospital

IN CHARGE OF THE SISTERS OF ST. ANNE

Tickets, good for one year and covering all expense in time of sickness, \$30  
Patients Without Tickets, \$5.00 per day for Nursing Board and Washing. Doctors' Fees, \$5.00 per visit.

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H. TEMPLE FALL, Agent.

### YUKON HOTEL

Louis K. Schobors, Proprietor  
Largest and Best Equipped Hotel in Dawson. Good Accommodations for 75 People. The only Temperance Hotel in the City.

RESTAURANT IN CONNECTION  
GAGES Cache building apart from Hotel, containing 120 separate rooms for storage of outfits.

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Dealers in

### General Merchandise

Highest cash price paid for provisions and all kinds of merchandise.

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90-92 Columbia Street, Seattle, Wash.

Seattle No. 3 and Barges will leave Dawson for St. Michaels and down river points on or about Aug. 28, and connect with our A. I. S. Alliance for Seattle.

### THE PACIFIC-ALASKA EX. CO.

Operates over our line and handles Express Matter for all points.  
Orders for freight coming in will be handled promptly. Goods insured en transit and stored at Dawson and other down river points free of charge. This enables miners to protect their goods when permanent camp is located. We are the only established company carrying freight for shippers to the various points on the Yukon.  
For rates and other information, call on H. TEROLLER, Agent, Library Bldg., Dawson.

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DAWSON'S FINEST HOTEL

European and American Plan

FINE CUISINE

ELEGANTLY FURNISHED ROOMS

EVERY MODERN IMPROVEMENT

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DINSMORE, SEENGER & MCPHEE, Proprietors

BEST GRADES OF

SCOTCH and CANADIAN WHISKIES

And the Old Favorite Brand of

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TOM CHISHOLM, Prop't

COR. FRONT AND SECOND STREET

Headquarters for

BEST OF WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS

Mixed Drinks a Specialty

YOU WANT THE BEST? OF COURSE YOU DO!

CHOICE LIQUORS, WINES, MIXED DRINKS

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### "THE NEW ENGLAND"

McGrath & Patterson, Prop'rs

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KLONDIKE CITY

Finest Brands of

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

### THE KLONDIKE HOTEL

DAWSON

NELSON SMITH, Prop't

Each room furnished with fine Spring beds and modern comforts

EUROPEAN PLAN FINE RESTAURANT IN CONNECTION

FINEST WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS

### THE NORTHERN

ASLE & MANNING, Prop'rs

Choicest Wines, Liquors and Cigars

Expert Mixologists

MINING HEADQUARTERS

FRONT STREET DAWSON

### Combination Saloon

Is the Place to go for fun and amusement. Finest kind of Liquors and Cigars.

Lloyd, Harrison & Co., Proprietors

### The "Monte Carlo"

FINEST BAR IN DAWSON

QUALITY OF WINES AND LIQUORS THE HIGHEST

Mixed Drinks a Specialty

HIGHEST GRADES OF CIGARS

### THE OPERA HOUSE

BAKKE, WILSON & PETERSON Proprietors

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