

FRACTION CLAIM AUCTION

Its Reality Brings into Plain View Its Absurdity.

Withdrawal of All the Best Property From the List Savors of Nigger in the Woodpile—Subjects Indignant.

The auction of crown fractional parts of mining claims which was inaugurated yesterday had a tendency to stir up a slumbering fire in the hearts of many who incline very much to the opinion that they have not been properly treated in the matter of acquiring rights and titles to mining property in the Klondike district.

A number of gentlemen called at the Nugget office yesterday evening, every one of them British subjects, and not one of them but denounced in the strongest applicable language every atom of the procedure of the minister of the interior in his method of disposing of the claims and fractions.

"It is," said they, "nothing more than the obtaining of money under false pretenses to attempt and accomplish the sale of property called claims or fractions of claims and accept money for the same when the government that does so is not aware that there is even a color of gold or any other metal on such claims or fractions of claims; for the reason that property not prospected—property not known to contain gold—is not deemed either by law or common sense to be a claim.

The further fact that the Hunker and Bonanza fractions, many of which are almost warranted to contain gold in sufficient quantities to warrant their being worked if secured at a fair price, have been taken off the list of fractions to be sold, in compliance with an order from Ottawa, is another thing that caused the Nuggets callers to smart as only British subjects can smart when convinced that they are getting the worst of it at the hands of those by whom their interests should be guarded and protected. What they wish to know is:

"Was that order striking this property from the list the result of inspiration and intuition at Ottawa, or was it the result of a tip sent to Ottawa from Dawson?"

This is a question which, if satisfactorily answered now, would serve to allay a great deal of suspicion that will bear discordant fruit in the future.

Another thing which will result from the auction, owing to the fact that \$25 each is a high average price for the pieces of property sold yesterday, is that these prices published to the world henceforth and forever paralyze the market for Klondike property all over the civilized world. The fact that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of claims or fractions will be knocked down at an average of \$25 a piece will not sound well in the mining marts of London and the rest of the world where property on the same creeks and in the same localities is being held at many thousand times the prices for which their neighbor property is selling. This is most certainly the impression that will be produced in the minds of those at a distance and, therefore, necessarily acquainted with the conditions as they exist.

In the opinion of those who called at the Nugget, and in the opinion of every man who has been heard to express an opinion on the subject, the proper thing to have done would have been to have kept all reverted claims and unlocated fractions open for prospecting and relocating, and then, if, after they had been thoroughly prospected, they were deserted, let them revert to the crown as they would then be known to be valueless, and not attempt to further governmental interests by foisting on a people a lottery of the most outrageous order.

Attempted Robbery on the Low.

A circumstance took place on the steamer Eldorado, alias Philip B. Low, the other day while she was on her way up the river with the Eagles' excursion, which has been kept very quiet. The hero of the circumstance referred to, which reads like one of Post's plays, was none other than Tom Chisholm. The other actor's name is known and noted but out of regard for his family Mr. Chisholm has magnanimously refrained from referring the matter to the police.

Mr. Chisholm, overcome by heat and ennui, to which he is not commonly addicted, went into one of the state-rooms and lay down. He was soon locked in the arms of a dreamless slumber from which he was most rudely awakened in a very melodramatic way. Here is where the villain enters upon

the scene, but, unlike the villain in the modern play, he does not make his exit to enter upon the woodpile scene in the next act. This villain being a real one, goes free for the present. While the robust hero is taking his siesta, the villain in passing, glances through the open window and is nearly stricken blind by the glare of the diamond in the shirt front of the sleeping man within.

"Ha!" he says, then pauses and glances stealthily up and down the deck. No one is in sight but a quiet looking female who is deeply engrossed in one of Berna M. Clay's novels, and, therefore, ineligible as a witness in a court of law. Again he remarks "Ha!" and shifts a package of chewing gum and a percentage chip to his inside vest pocket. Then he raises himself slowly to the level of the window and with catlike stealth projects about half of himself into the room. Shading his eyes with one hand from the effulgent blaze of the great glittering stone in his intended victim's shirt front, he reaches forth with his other hand and begins slowly to unscrew the stud. When he had given it exactly one and a half turns, the effects of the ennuj having entirely passed away, the sleeper quietly opened his eyes and instantly, with the greatest composure, fixed upon the would-be thief a look he will long remember. The scene that followed was stronger than anything ever seen upon the stage (barring Eddie O'Brien) and brings Mr. Chisholm before the public and even his more intimate friends, in an entirely new light.

When he fixed the attempted robber with his eye, there was no outcry or sudden movement to escape. Only a look wild terror and a general tightening of suspenders denoted his alarm. He strove vainly to withdraw his gaze from that terrible eye, but in vain. Slowly his eyes began to grow heavy and then to close and bye-and-bye, after three of his suspender buttons had snapped viciously against the opposite wall, he slept.

The passenger who saw him recklessly leaning against a tree at the picnic grounds later on, while he ate a sandwich, thought he had been drinking. Only he and Tom Chisholm and the great glittering diamond knew better. He had been hypnotized.

The Six-Day Race.

The great six-day go-as-you-please race which is being participated in by Joe Taylor, Louie Cardinal and John Bell, the latter two being Indians, began under the most auspicious circumstances last night on the enclosed track opposite the Nugget office.

The start was made at 8:40 o'clock and for the first ten miles the "children of nature" kept close behind the "Boston man," nor would they pass him, even when he slowed up to allow them to do so.

For the first 14 miles the gait was a lively one, the fifth mile being run in 6½ minutes, although 7½ was the average for the first 14 miles. From 14 to 17 were made in good, swinging walk, requiring from 10 to 11 minutes to the mile. During this time the Indians each ate a big beef steak as they walked; Taylor ate a bowl of soup, while all three drank freely of ale, seltzer water and other mild but invigorating drinks.

After the 18th mile the runners spurred for some little time, getting down to 7½ time. From 21 to 23 were recorded in a fast walk when another active spurt was made which continued until time was called at 12:40, when the trio had covered 25 miles in four hours. On the last round they passed the home stake with Cardinal in front, Bell at his heels and Taylor immediately behind Bell, none of the men having gained or lost a lap during the first heat. All three were apparently as fresh at the finish as at the start.

Sam Hourie, the negro who was advertised as one of the contestants, did not enter the race, his excuse being an alleged sprained foot. He has challenged the winner of the present race and will probably be accommodated with a contest later on.

John Bell, the late entry, is a Northwest territory half-breed who, like Cardinal, has been employed by the C. D. Co. in "mushing" mail. He is a good man, and is as tireless as a razorback hog.

Of the three men Taylor is by far the most graceful runner, and by all odds the best general; in fact, the Indians run only by main strength and good wind.

There was a good crowd present last night and an unusual amount of interest was shown. Bets, which are numerous, are about even, considerable reliance being put in Taylor's generalship.

The second heat will be run tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Light-weight blue serge coats, single and double breasted. Star Clothing House.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

The court room was crowded to almost suffocation this morning, the only cool looking person in it being Magistrate Scarth, who, attired in a spotless linen suit, looked the embodiment of all that is implied in the word comfort.

The first case called was that of Thos. O'Shea. Thomas had looked upon home-brewed hooch until his actions became obstreperous. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

Saturday evening a man named Murray, an employe on the steamer Bailey, and E. H. Vaughan, of the gold commissioner's office, had a fistic encounter on the street near the Bank saloon; in the melee Vaughan blackened Murray's eye and otherwise caused him to look frazzed. Attorney Aikman appeared in behalf of Murray, plead guilty and paid for his client a fine of \$15 and costs.

The gold commissioner's clerk plead not guilty and told a very reasonable story about the other man assaulting him and grabbing hold of his raiment, to wit: his coat. But to the court it looked very much as if it had been a free fight, and the fact that within the past month, on June 4th, to be accurate, Vaughan had been convicted on a similar charge on which sentence was suspended, confirmed the court in its opinion. Therefore, a fine of \$15 was imposed.

John Sarga, a Greek, was up for remand on the charge of having in the latter part of June of last year murdered Louie Bellias on Last Chance. He will appear for preliminary hearing next Monday afternoon. The readers of the Nugget are conversant with the alleged circumstances of the crime, of Sargas' fleeing down the river and of his later capture by the U. S. soldiers at St. Michael.

While quietly reading a book in his room at the Regina hotel last Saturday, James McNamee was called upon by Ed. Holden and Dick Brown in reference to a trivial matter of money. McNamee says that during the conversation, Holden slapped him in the face, hit him in the side and otherwise mistreated him. On the other hand Holden and Brown both testified that Holden was as gentle as a cooing dove in both his language and actions; that while using a motion similar to that which a man uses in brushing away a fly, Holden had accidentally broken McNamee's watch chain. Brown testified that Holden had given McNamee some pointers on gentlemanly conduct. Attorney Wade, who appeared for the complainant, was astonished that Holden should lecture any man on gentlemanly deportment, and Holden, having by previous order of the court, disposed of a huge cud of chewing gum by allowing it to fall with a dull thud on the floor, sprang to his feet and ventured the assertion that his reputation would compare favorably with that of average men, including Mr. Wade.

The court held that the matter was a trivial one, but that it was not re-cherche for Holden to go to McNamee's private room to either assault or lecture him on deportment; therefore, a fine of \$10 and costs was imposed, which amount was paid by the Dominion claim owner with that dispatch and promptitude which is so admirable in transactions of a business nature.

For assaulting F. W. Trounce with such force and violence as to render him unconscious for a long stretch of time, dislocate his shoulder and otherwise disqualifying him from standing up while he gave his testimony, John Craig, a short, thickset man, was sentenced to two months at hard labor.

On the charge of forging to a document the name of H. D. Wright, through the agency of which document he secured valuable securities from Chas. M. Banks, C. M. Woodworth, having been brought up on two separate charges, plead not guilty. Mr. Banks, the complaining witness, is represented by Attorney Hagel, while Attorneys Smith and Davey are both appearing in behalf of Mr. Woodworth. As the prosecution desired to place H. D. Wright on the stand as its first witness, and as that individual was not within hearing of the court orderly's voice, the booming of the royal cannon having announced the arrival of the noonday hour, adjournment was made of the case until 2 o'clock this afternoon, Woodworth being allowed to go until that time on the same bond, \$1000, on which he was released at the time of his arrest Saturday evening.

At the afternoon session H. D. Wright was called to the stand and testified that at the time of the signing of the first document offered in evidence, Attorney Woodworth had had no power of attorney to sign such a document.

Attorney Smith, for the defense then took the witness who further testified that at the time referred to Mr. Woodworth had had authority to collect rents for him.

American Girls.

Some people are given to thinking that the Englishman's predilection for the American girl is a recently developed passion. Such is by no means the case. If American visitors should care to see a portrait in oils of one of the very first American girls to catch an Englishman of position, let him journey to Boonton Hall, in the County of Norfolk, the hall that was in former days the seat of the Rolfe family. In this hall hangs a portrait by De Passe of a handsome young woman, with high cheek bones, and complexion splendidly swarthy. Around this portrait are the words, "Matoaka Rebecka, flia potentis Prince Powhatani Imp. Virginiae," and on a space below the portrait are these words, "Matoaka, alias Rebecka, daughter of the mighty Prince Powhatani, emperor of Attanough Komouck of Virginia; a Christian convert, and married to the Wharshipful

Mr. Thom's Rolf. Aged 21. 1616." This portrait of the far-famed Princess Pocahontas was painted but a few weeks before she died on board a ship about to sail for America. She was buried in the parish church of Gravesend, at the mouth of the River Thames, and to this day the curious can see the following entry in the parish register: "1616. March 21. Rebecca Wolfe, wife of Thomas Wolfe, gent. a Virginia lady born, was buried here in the chancel." Unfortunately, the original edifice was burnt down a century ago, otherwise Americans could now look upon the tomb of the first American girl who took an English husband.—Saturday Evening Post.

Base Ball.

The baseball game tomorrow will be between the Monarchs and Townsend & Rose teams. The game will be called at 7:30 p. m., at the barracks grounds. The players are:

Townsend & Rose—E. Rickard, p.; C. Crockett, s. s.; W. J. Stevens, 1st b.; B. Nelson, 2d b.; Turner, 3d b.; Leibling, l. f.; G. Hoakense, c. f.; Isaacs, r. f.; R. Norwood, extra.

Monarch—Piatt, c.; Fisher, p.; Hickey, 1st b.; Mahoney, 2d b.; O'Neil, l. f.; Nolan, 3d b.; W. Shay, s. s.; Fletcher, c. f.; Steinfeldt, r. f.; Morgan, extra.

BRIEF MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Weller are stopping at the Metropole.

Local wheelmen are busy today looking over their bikes.

Mrs. J. T. Yeager was discharged from the Good Samaritan hospital yesterday.

W. R. Goldsmith and child and James Monroe and wife are registered at the Fairview.

D. T. Munroe has sold the Dominion hotel on Dominion creek, and will go to the lower country.

Mrs. J. J. Delaney and three children arrived today on the Zealandia, consequently Mr. Delaney, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., is happy.

George Carmac, the original discoverer of gold in the Klondike, was a passenger for the outside on the steamer Yukoner which sailed last night.

W. H. Parsons, of the firm of W. H. Parsons & Co., is at Whitehorse arranging for the shipment of his season's goods. He went out last winter over the ice.

Mrs. Malaka, who was received at the Good Samaritan hospital a day or two since and whose maldy could not be located because she could not speak or understand English, has been talked at in all the known tongues except Finnish. That will be tried this afternoon.

Keep Cool.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's church, will serve lunch, ice cream, lemonade, etc., all day July 4, at the S.-Y. T. dock on First avenue, foot of Second street. They purpose giving value for value and invite the patronage of the hungry and thirsty public.

Died at the Forks.

Benjamin L. Sullivan, a native of Ireland, died Sunday at the Forks, aged 54 years. Mr. Sullivan had been in the country for some time. He came here from British Columbia in which province he was a pioneer. The dead man is a brother to the late Gold Com-

missioner Sullivan of the Cassiar district.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store. The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

For the latest in clothing, hats, shoes, underwear, Star Clothing House.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Best potatoes in town. Mohr & Wilkens.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership formerly existing between W. A. Robertson and W. Baird under the name "Rochester Bar" has been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts owing to the firm shall be paid to W. Baird, who succeeds to the business and who will pay all debts of the concern.

Dated at Dawson, June 29, 1900. W. BAIRD.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drink, at the Regina.

Mohr & Wilkens for fresh goods.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn

Otis Sea Island Balbriggan underwear, silk finished. Star Clothing House.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Light bay Clidesdale horse, stocky legs, thick hair from knees down, feet white and bald white face, weight about 1,100 lbs. Strayed from 4 below Hunker, about three weeks ago. Finder will be rewarded for returning horse or bringing information to said claim.

LOST—Eight rings, including one marquisette ring with 27 stones. Finder please return to Thos. McGowan's office, A. C. office building and receive liberal reward.

FOUND—Package of powers of attorney, owner can have same by paying charges of this advertisement. Apply Nugget office.

WANTED—A good cook; also smart girl to assist. Apply Mrs. Hill, Pacific Hotel, Front street.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

ASSAYERS.

JOHN B. WARDEN, F. I. C.—Assayer for Bank of British North America. Gold dust melted and assayed. Assays made of quartz and black sand. Analyses of ores and coal.

LAWYERS

WADE & AIKMAN—Advocates, Notaries, etc. Office, A. C. Office Building.

BURRITT & MCKAY—Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, etc. Offices, Golden's Exchange Bld., Front St. Safe deposit box in A. C. vault.

TABOR & HULME—Barristers and Solicitors; Advocates; Notaries Public; Conveyancers. Telephone No. 22. Offices, Rooms 1, 2, 3, Orpheum Building.

PATTULLO & RIDLEY—Advocates, Notaries Conveyancers, etc. Offices, First Ave.

BELCOURT, McDUGGAL & SMITH—Barristers, solicitors, conveyancers, etc. Offices at Dawson and Ottawa. Rooms 1 and 2, Chisholm Block, Dawson. Special attention given to parliamentary work. N. A. Belcourt, Q. C., M. P., Frank J. McDougall, John P. Smith.

ALEX. HOWDEN—Barrister, Solicitor, Advocate, etc. Criminal & Mining Law, Room 21 A. C. Co's office Block.

AUGUSTE NOEL, Advocate, etc., Mission st., Dawson.

NORTON D. WALLING, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Notary Public, Nome, Alaska.

HENRY BLEECKER & FERNAND DE JOURNEL BLEECKER AND DE JOURNEL, Attorneys at Law, Offices—Second street, in the Joslin Building, Residence—Third avenue, opp. Metropole hotel Dawson.

N. F. HAGEL, Q. C., Barrister, Notary, etc. Offices, Webb block, opp. Lancaster & Calderhead's wharf, Dawson.

DOMINION LAND SURVEYORS. TYRRELL & GREEN, Mining Engineers and Dominion Land Surveyors. Office, corner First Ave. and First Ave. South, Opp. Klondike Hotel, Dawson.

DENTISTS.

DR. HALLVARD LEE—Crown and bridge work. Gold, aluminum or rubber plates. All work guaranteed. Room 7, Golden's Exchange Building.

S-Y.T. Co. "High-Grade Goods." FRESH Hams and Bacon PACK OF 1900. S-Y. T. CO., Second Avenue. H. TE ROLLER, Manager.

Dawson Transfer & Storage Co. Third Ave., Opp. Hotel Metropole. Freightin g to all the Creeks, General Storage, Saddle Horses for Hire. Feed and Sale Stable. ...T. H. HEATH, Prop.

THEATRES The Orpheum Palace Grand SIMONS, MEADOWS & HOLDEN, Proprietors ALL THIS WEEK Post & Ashley's two-act musical comedy entitled Two of a Kind Miss Bertha Sanger, Operatic Artist Post and Ashley The Malcoms Comertin's Moving Pictures Matian and Howard Miss Beatrice Eorne, the Nightingale and Many Other Stars Will Malcom's comedy, entitled FOOLING THE SQUIRE ...LOOK OUT FOR NEW STARS... The Big Show. The Only Show.

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