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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

IS NEEDED HERE.

In a telegram which appeared in the Nugget last evening under a Victoria date line the fear is expressed that Commissioner Ross may conclude to remain on the outside. It would, perhaps, be nothing more than natural that the commissioner should arrive at such a conclusion. The heavy load of grief which has come upon him so suddenly and unexpectedly is a sufficient cause. It is his return to Dawson he must be constantly reminded of the circumstances leading up to the deplorable tragedy, while under the influence of new scenes and new conditions the poignancy of his grief will gradually be lessened.

Nevertheless, the Nugget cannot help from expressing the hope that Commissioner Ross may reach the conclusion that his duty lies toward Dawson. The people of this territory have just become sufficiently acquainted with his sterling qualities to feel satisfied that the task of administering their affairs while under his direction is in safe and trustworthy hands.

The work which the commissioner has outlined to be accomplished during the next two years means everything to the future of the territory and as has been well said by the legal adviser there is no one in the entire Dominion of Canada who can step in at this particular juncture and fill his place.

While, therefore, the heartfelt sympathy of every person in the territory goes out to the grief-stricken commissioner in this time of his sore bereavement, we believe it to be the unanimous hope of our people that he will return to Dawson when the sad mission on which he is now gone is completed.

It has been said that there is relief for sorrow in hard and constant work and certainly no field is open to Commissioner Ross for more continuous occupation than is presented to him in the manifold duties of his office as chief executive of this territory.

THE QUALITY OF MERCY.

The notorious "Kid" West has been pardoned, and in his case the quality of mercy must have been strained to the breaking point before any satisfactory reason for such official action could be arrived at. The only possible reason that can be assumed for it, is that the officials of the state of Washington took the representations of the officials of Dawson too literally. The notorious "Kid" was serving a five year sentence in Walla Walla penitentiary for a crime committed in Seattle. In a conversation he alluded to his previous connection with George O'Brien, then under arrest for the crime of which he was found guilty and executed last Friday. In order that no possible evidence might be overlooked, the Yukon government applied for and obtained from the state of Washington, leave to bring the "Kid" to Dawson as a witness at the trial. His testimony was not in any sense important to the prosecution, and had for similar evidence being given by another witness would have been useless from the fact that West was not a reputable witness. He is a braggart of the very worst description; one who glories in recounting his deeds of

villainy and "the truth is not in him." Local officials, however, were bound to acknowledge the courtesy of Washington in loaning the prisoner, in courteous terms, and they suggested that West's willingness to testify was deserving of some consideration. But in any case the service rendered by West as a witness in Dawson could not have been stretched into a valid reason for his pardon. There must have been other reasons, and more cogent ones, to free this notorious and habitual criminal before the expiration of his penalty, and it is a pity that they were ever acted upon.

SHOULD APOLOGIZE.

The News attempted last evening to defend its folly of the night before in endeavoring to make a hero out of O'Brien's hangman. The hangman in response to the condemnation of his former comrades and under the sting of an indignant public opinion lost no time in leaving town.

According to the interview published in the News of Wednesday evening, Holmwood undertook the job of hanging O'Brien "in a spirit of frolic" and incidentally to pocket a few dollars.

It is the motive which prompted the man and his thirst for notoriety which merits condemnation, and how, under the circumstances, any newspaper could undertake to applaud and praise his conduct is past comprehension. It is one thing for an officer of the law in the performance of his sworn duty to undertake the execution of a criminal. He is justified in so doing, for the law and the courts command him.

But in the present instance the circumstances were entirely different. The fellow who bid for the privilege of killing O'Brien openly boasts that he did it "for a frolic," and a newspaper which makes claims to decency approves and applauds him.

If the News understood the fitness of things as well as the hangman it would make the humblest apology to the community, whose sense of decency and propriety has been outraged.

WADE ON HYDRAULICS.

Crown Prosecutor Wade gave a very interesting talk to the representative of his home newspaper, the Winnipeg Free Press, on the conditions that obtain in the Yukon and the progressive changes in its mining methods. When he says, however, that "hydraulic mining has also come to the front" and goes on to describe how "hydraulic mining is now being employed to very great advantage," his statement is liable to be in conflict with the report of the government mining expert to report upon the concessions that were granted strictly for hydraulic purposes. He says that there is not a single mine in the whole camp operated by the hydraulic method. If this is substantiated by his report some of the concessionaires who have succeeded in tying up huge tracts of auriferous gravel—even those who have or are working patches of their holdings by the old method—ought to loathe their rights on the ground that they have not complied with the express condition upon which they were granted, namely to be worked by hydraulic methods. It is a well understood rule that hydraulic concessions shall not be granted over grounds that can be profitably worked by ordinary methods, and many of the concessions of which complaint is made were granted in ignorance of the conditions of the ground covered by them.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN.

A few days ago the "sho' nuff" Stroller penetrated the climate as far as Whitehorse and from treatment accorded him there he judged that it was a good thing for him that he did not go on to Seattle. The trip up on the elegant steamer Clifford Sifton was one continuous picnic but it was after reaching Whitehorse, where a man from Dawson is considered legitimate prey, that the Stroller found to his sorrow that he is not in touch with modern methods.

"Have you any gold dust?" The question was asked by a cold storage policeman who stood at the end of the gang plank and collared the Stroller as he left the boat. On being answered in the negative the man with the stripes on his pants tightened his grip on the Stroller's neck and said:

"Then I will run you in as a vagrant." Just then a broker whom the Stroller had known in years past appeared on the scene and explained to the policeman that he had better not insist on an arrest for vagrancy on the grounds that a man is not always



COLLARED FOR A VAG.

"broke" when he has not gold dust. The Stroller added that he had a few dollars in cash in his pockets and the policeman released him.

"Come with me to my office," said the broker, and on reaching it he said, "you owe me \$5 for getting you away from that policeman."

The money was paid and ten minutes later the broker and policeman met on a street corner when the former was seen to hand the latter \$2.50.

During the forenoon a man who looked like an honest miner approached the Stroller with a hard luck story. He said he was from the Klondike and all the pleasure he had experienced here was in reading the Stroller's column. It had cheered him during the long winter evenings in his cabin on his claim and it was indeed a pleasure for him to meet and grasp the hand of him who had afforded him such happiness. He was on his way to the outside and was short of cash, but had a gold bar of pure Hunker gold mined from his own claim. It weighed \$85, but he would show his appreciation of the pleasure afforded him by the Stroller in the past and let him have it for \$50. The deal was consummated and when the bar was offered for sale Tuesday of this week at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Manager Wills suggested that it be taken to the McDonald Iron Works as he is not engaged in the purchase of brass.

Having taken the precaution to provide himself with a round trip ticket that bore the letters "D. H.," the Stroller managed to get back to Dawson without making the trip on a log

Dawson woman started for the outside, leaving behind her the partner of her joys and sorrows. She returned to Dawson this week, having been absent only 45 days, but in that time, like the busy little bee of which we read in Appleton's third eclectic reader, she improved each shining hour. After reaching Seattle it was a case of presto! change. A divorce from the husband left in Dawson was applied for and obtained. On what grounds is not known, but as he is a cook by trade it was probably coffee grounds.

An applicant for hubby's position was in waiting, a marriage ceremony took place and in less than seven weeks after leaving No. 1 in Dawson this 20th century woman returned with No. 2 and up to the hour of this paper going to press they are as happy as clams at slack tide. What would I've do 'if dovie'd die?"

The Stroller witnessed a steamer race on the broad bosom of the Yukon a few nights ago that revived recollections of the halcyon days when the Robert E. Lee and Natchez were wont to burn hams on the Mississippi between New Orleans and Cairo. The race on the Yukon was between the steamers Clifford Sifton and Canadian.

"Four extra pieces of wood, 4c. Total expense of race with steamer Sifton, 54c. Oh, dear Darling! Deduct the above from our salaries and it shall never occur again. Your highness will note that we rub our noses on the ground in apology for such wholesale and flagrant extravagance."

Following the item of expense to the manager's office it requires but little imagination to hear the roar that would ascend from the man who wanted all the bars between Dawson and Whitehorse flagged. But let us draw the curtain. The bacon rind and fish grease are gone, the one or two puffs of black smoke have long since evaporated, thus doing away with all hope of reclamation by any process of assaying. The bacon rind and fish grease are a dead loss. * * * Excuse these tears. They flow unbidden by the Stroller as he contemplates the storm that will be heard in the manager's office when the bacon rind and fish grease item first greets his economic eye. Angels will weep, devils will dance and all hell will howl. The Stroller is thankful that he is not skipper on the boat that burned the bacon rind and fish grease.

Monsieur L. de Lobel was talking volubly, as he always does, on his great two hundred million dollar Siberian railroad scheme the other night in the Zero club to a group of capitalists and evidently impressing them with its grandeur if not its practicability.

"Say, Monsieur de Lobel, that's a grand scheme," observed a young lawyer. "I have some railroad connections myself."

"Vraiment? C'est bien," interjected the pleased promoter. "Yes, I have a cousin who is a brakeman on the C. P. R. Could you promise him a job on your road?"

Standard's Ladies' Night. A good sized audience attended the ladies' night performance at the Standard last evening to witness Mr. Augustin Daly's great comedy, "A Night Off." This play is without question one of the best ever seen in Dawson and would be a creditable production in cities of large proportions than Dawson in more settled commu-



DOG BACON TO MAKE STEAM.

turn in to the management. The following is probably almost a correct copy of what was turned in and it is to be sincerely hoped that no one will be discharged for the wanton extravagance:

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