

IMPROVEMENT AT THE POSTOFFICE.

A Subscriber Finds a Parallell in "Horace" for the Yukon Government.

You Can Tie Up Your Dogs or Pay the Pound Master 50 Cents per Day—A Mad Dog the Cause.

Dawsonites going for their mail Friday were utterly astounded upon reaching the post office to find there was no long string of 300 men awaiting the return of their mail.

The Forks—Eldorado and Bonanza.

Monday, July 17, 1898. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "NUGGET," DAWSON CITY: Sir—An ode of Horace, remembered from old school days, has struck me as strangely applicable to the present state of affairs in the Yukon district.

"Augustam piteo pariterem pariterem... Virtutibus sub... Macta lenem."

Let the hardy youth thoroughly learn to endure pinching poverty cheerfully, and spend his life in the open air, and in perilous work.

"Huius ex membris hostiles... Sponsus laetant regis asperum... Facta lenem."

Horace goes on to describe what he considers to be the three chief virtues of a public man: 1. "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

Major Walsh has risked his life for his country, and it is for that reason that he is specially admired. Every child in the old country knows the story of his entering Sitting Bull's camp unarmed, and thereby he has attained a place in the affections of his countrymen.

"There is also a sure reward for loyal reticence." The commissioner has not yet spoken out. When he gets to Ottawa he will make a faithful report to the proper quarter.

Tie Up Your Dogs.

A large black dog ran amuck last Thursday on the streets of Dawson and was supposed to be mad. The police were called on and gave chase. The dog was frothing at the mouth and was biting every dog he came across.

Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the committee appointed by the miners Tuesday evening has been called for Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Difference.

Whatever Dawson does must be original in the very nature of things. Nowhere more than at the Canadian Bank of Commerce is our difference from the rest of the world so apparent.

corrugated iron building with its rough, scantling skeleton painfully apparent on the inside, sufficed for the business here. Not by any means that the business is of unimportant dimensions. The bank opened for business on June 16 this year and on July 16, just one month, the books showed two and a half million dollars of gold dust had passed through its hands.

Dawson peculiarities are nowhere more apparent than in our bank. First, the front entrance has rarely been closed night or day, so it is not in evidence whether the door is a highly polished hardwood production of Messrs. Hobbs & Smith or merely of battened boards.

Practically a Town Board.

The Nugget is always glad to note a move of our officials in the right direction. A council meeting almost in the capacity of a municipal council has been appointed by Mayor Walsh.

Have You Tried It?

The Australians, who form a goodly proportion of our population, are introducing what is a great novelty in the eating line. "Johnny cake," "hoe cake," "dodger," "bums," "biscuits," "flapjacks" and "light bread" and you have in the usual garnish of a miner's delicacies in the shape of bread. Now the Australians are introducing the "damper" of the Australian bush and it proves quite a welcome addition.

RANDOM REMARKS.

That 70 per cent royalty is a "damper" which even an Australian cannot digest. It is not always safe to carry your certificate of record in your pocket.

Submission to the powers that be may sometimes be an act of wisdom, but submission to a subservient of incompetent unwisdom becomes abject servility.

We have heard the opinion freely expressed that had the Nugget been published a year ago many of the grievances now being aired by its columns would not have been perpetuated.

That projected scheme for a public wood-yard smack of paternalism, which, in turn, is called socialism. Never feel the wood-yard is a necessary and profitable business.

"It was not me, it was Heary," said the cowardly Tom as the toll later had gored from the corners of his mouth. "It was not me, it was the major," said the older Tom. But the major has a cane, and when next he meets Tom—may I be there to see!

Next to the man who digs his own wages out of his own claim the man who merits most encouragement in this country is he who employs the sheriff. But that infamous royalty taxes his pay-roll and consequently he seeks other fields.

Smallest Steamer.

The Viola, which arrived in Dawson on Thursday with a load of magazines and papers is probably the smallest steamer having made the trip from Bennett. She is thirty feet long and built from timber packed over the passes from the state of Washington.

HOW WE HEARD OF THE VICTORY.

A Russian Gets Fractious With the Police and Is "Jugged."

Boatmen Cannot Use the Klondike Nor in Any Way Hamper the Owners of Booms—Their Boats Turned Loose.

It amuses a new comer when Dawson shows her originality. Where else then in Dawson was Sahley's victory over the Spanish fleet at Santiago received as here? A dozen or so outside papers of July 5 were brought in Friday, evening per lightning express—i. e. per open boat down the Yukon river—containing a bare account of the complete annihilation of Cervera's fleet.

"Admiral Cervera's fleet consisting of the etc. etc. lies at the bottom of the Caribbean sea," he shouted, looking up from the paper. Men laughed and shook heads and a voice wanted to know "what was the matter with Sahley?"

The general hilarity and good feeling was universal and apparent in every one's demeanor and for a full day the main question of "What do you think of the country?" was dropped and in its place substituted "What do you think of the battle?"

A Hard Customer.

Antonio Smith, a Russian or Pole, who came last from the United States, is languishing in jail, where he was committed by Captain Starnes to await trial at the higher court.

The crowd soon gathered and grined with delight. They were waiting in a line, though they looked for all the world as if Antonio would dump Owens off the pier into the river.

The public lose another right. The people who wish to use the Klondike river for the boats have a grievance. They claim that the boats have been sitting for weeks in the bay or in the river, and they can get neither up nor down as the boom conceals the entrance in the small space left open for navigation.

It was discovered on June 27th, weighed ten pounds and was pink and white. Most valuable in the eyes of M. and M's. Haring, who are located 300 feet below, than any nugget taken from the Klondike district. It is hoped that this is but the beginning of their good luck and that Henry's low Harem may occur with becoming modesty the better of the gold, silver and white and ever be 100 on the scale.

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