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TO PUBLISH A DAILY.

As noted elsewhere the Nugget hereafter will be published as a daily as well as a semi-weekly. The permanency of Dawson as a commercial and distributing center is so well and thoroughly established that the publishers of the Nugget feel that in making the change contemplated they are merely conforming with the advancement and progress of the town.

Instead of a rough and ready frontier town Dawson is now a business community of no small importance. In so far as the Canadian Yukon country is concerned Dawson will be the metropolis for years and years to come. Many of our citizens are located here with a view of remaining for an indefinite number of years—perhaps permanently.

Capital to the extent of millions has been invested in various local business ventures, handsome and substantial buildings have been erected and extensive improvements are contemplated by the government as well as among private concerns. The richness of the surrounding country from a gold-producing standpoint, is no longer a matter of speculation—it is one of the clearly established facts of which every one is aware.

It is, therefore, with the assurance that the move is justified by sound business judgment that the Nugget undertakes the publication of a daily paper. The Nugget has been identified with Dawson almost since the inception of the town. As the pioneer newspaper of the Yukon a line of policy was marked out in the very beginning which has been steadfastly pursued until the present time. The Daily Nugget will be found, as the semi-weekly Nugget has been found, at all times taking a keen interest in public affairs and demanding for the Yukon territory just laws and honest and efficient administration thereof.

Upon this same platform we purpose inaugurating the Daily Nugget and ask only that measure of support and patronage to which in the judgment of a discriminating public our efforts shall entitle us.

A SUGGESTION.

We should like to suggest to Editor Capt. Woodside of the Sun that there is a very broad field for the exercise of his peculiar talents in the Transvaal. It must be admitted that judging from the tenor of recent issues of the Sun one would be disposed to credit the gallant captain as being the holder of championship belts, rather than a winner of Victoria crosses. However that may be, he undoubtedly possesses the military spirit, and at this particular

juncture military spirit is a commodity much in demand in South Africa.

As a stroke of newspaper enterprise which would certainly overshadow any little embarrassment which may remain as a relic of the late unpleasantness, a Sun expedition for the relief—say of Kimberley, for instance, would be a master-stroke of genius. We have been affected with a very considerable degree of apprehension for the safety of Kimberley ever since we perused the Sun's explanatory note with reference to the famous attack upon the diamond center.

Such an expedition as we have mentioned would, we feel assured, entirely restore in the esteem of the public, our editorial friend with military proclivities. So fully are we persuaded of this fact that we would venture a guess that the Yukon council could easily be induced to set aside the day of the gallant captain's departure as a time for general rejoicing and thanksgiving. In fancy we are able already to see the joy of the besieged Kimberleyites at the approach of the Sun and its editor. As the clarion notes from the trumpets of the rescuing party sound forth in the crisp African air, we can imagine how the pallor of fear gives way to the ruddy glow of returning courage and confidence. Instead of "The Campbells are Comin'" the band plays Captain Woodside is comin', and instead of dum-dums and mausers, a volley of special editions of the Sun is hurled among the dismayed Boers, who, remembering the fate of their Klondike ally, sink away completely cowed and disheartened. Do not overlook this opportunity to gain immortal fame, Captain Editor. The day which witnesses your departure from Dawson will be for you but the beginning of your apotheosis.

THE NOME PROBLEM.

The strong arm of the law will need to be very much in evidence at Nome next spring if trouble and very serious trouble, at that, is avoided. There will be a rush to Nome of sure thing men, tin horns and other similar undesirable characters unprecedented in the history of mining rushes. There will be systematic and studious efforts on the part of every company or man who has a "pull" to secure more than the law allows him and there will not be wanting the crooked officials who will see very little to be gained from his small salary and a possible fortune in sight by resorting to various grafts. To handle the immense rush that is certain to flock to Nome will involve problems almost as stupendous as confronted the American government at the various points of mobilization during the Spanish American war.

At the lowest calculation, there will be 30,000 men of every race and tongue literally dumped upon the shores of Nome without any accurate knowledge of what they are going to do or of what difficulties they will have to contend against.

Many of them will be tempted to do all manner of insane things, just as men performed insane acts during the stampede to Dawson of two years ago. These men will have to be protected against themselves. Other men will require protection against the avarice and criminal instincts of their fellows. There will be that most important problem—sanitation—which must be carefully looked after or Nome

will be heralded abroad as a producer of pestilence, rather than a producer of gold.

In short, Nome will be a hard nut for the American government to crack. If failure to successfully meet the problems involved results, it will be from lack of energy and systematic preparation and not for the want of information as to what is required.

THE WATER QUESTION.

What is Dawson going to do for a supply of fresh water? The present plan of taking water for household purposes from holes cut through the ice is extremely unsatisfactory. These holes in several instances at least are located in the eddy, and so close to the shore that there is practically no current beneath them. The constant dipping of buckets, more or less dirty, does not in any way help the water, in so far as purity is concerned.

Then again it is only a question of time when the purity of the water will be affected by the large quantities of garbage and refuse being dumped in the vicinity of the holes from which the supply of water is taken.

Some practical means should be arranged whereby water can be pumped to a central distributing point. The present makeshift arrangement is fraught with danger to health and much expense to the consumer. It would be a wise idea for the Yukon council to turn aside from the discussion of measures for gagging the press of Dawson and devote a portion of their spare intellectual energy to the solution of the water question.

The Nugget commends the enterprise of certain of our worthy citizens who are endeavoring to perfect arrangements for a series of sacred concerts to be held on Sunday evenings. We believe that such a move is entitled to and will receive the support of our best citizens. Dawson rejoices in the possession of several hundred ladies who, for the most part, owing to existing conditions, are unable to attend places of public entertainment. Such a series of concerts as is proposed will largely obviate the difficulty. We believe that such entertainment as this is in line with the progressive spirit of the town. Certainly it will tend to elevate the standard which so long has prevailed in Dawson. By all means the idea should receive every encouragement.

The consensus of opinion among men who are in from the creeks is that "things are looking better." The Nugget is glad to know that such is the case. Business in Dawson is merely a reflection of conditions at the diggings. As long as the pay dumps continue to grow as they are at the present time there need be no fear for the future of business in Dawson.

The fact that more than \$14,000 was realized as a result of the bazaar demonstrates that in spite of hard times talk, there is still some money left in circulation in Dawson. Or at least there was some before the bazaar was held.

The year 1900 will be a very important epoch in the world's history. The main events of the Boer war will take place during the next twelve months. The Paris exposition will come and go in the same time. A presidential election is slated for Uncle Sam's domain and the annihilation of the liberal party and the abolishment of the Yu-

kon royalty tax is on the boards for Canada. Thus it will be seen that there will be no lack of excitement and subjects for newspaper comment.

Seattle is booming Nome much harder than it ever boomed the Klondike. The bustling and progressive Sound metropolis does not overlook many bets. Ten years from now, San Francisco will give itself a shake, complain of a headache and wonder how it all happened. Destiny has marked a great future for Seattle.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Manager A. B. Creap, of the Dawson division of the Dominion telegraph, is confined to his room with a severe cold.

Thomas Carroll, a favorite friend with all Skagwayans in the city, is steadily recovering from his recent serious illness.

Dr. Alfred Thompson, physician in charge of the Good Samaritan hospital, is rapidly recovering from a severe cold and a slight attack of fever.

Geo. H. Hanbery arrived over the ice from the outside Sunday. He will remain here the remainder of the winter, the guest of his sister, Mrs. West.

Ed Hering, the Nugget's Dominion creek representative, was in town for a few days this week. "Everything booming" on the creek is his description of present conditions.

Harry Lawler, who went to the outside in September last, has returned to Dawson bringing his wife with him. Mrs. Lawler is the first woman to arrive over the ice this winter and feels quite proud of her achievement. Mr. and Mrs. Lawler are housekeeping at the Third Avenue hotel.

Thos. L. Pike, of Pike Bros., left for the outside over the ice Wednesday. He was accompanied a mile up the river by his friend John Wiley, of the W. P. & Y. Ry. company, and when the latter returned to town his nose was badly frozen. Wiley is now wondering how Pike's nose is standing the trip.

Dick Lowe is expected to arrive in Dawson in a short time. Dick was coming in with Harry Lawler and wired the latter that he would meet him (Lawler) at Skagway on Dec. 1. Lawler was unable to wait so came on in to Dawson. The presumption is that Dick is now on the way and will shortly arrive.

Maud Loyd, formerly an actress at the Monte Carlo, and who has been sick since some time last fall at the Good Samaritan hospital, was taken to the St. Mary's hospital on Wednesday. It is said she can't recover. A collection amounting to \$80 was raised for her by the girls at the Pavilion Wednesday night.

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