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## WILL HAVE A BUILDING AT ONCE.

### The Miners' Association Will Soon Be Comfortably Housed.

#### An Important Meeting of the Standing Committee The Miners Are Asked to Help Secure Incorporation.

On Monday evening the standing committee of the miners' association held an important session in the parlors of the Hotel Worden. The members present were Messrs. Armstrong, Biddle, McCuen, Chapin, Ritchie, Allen, McGregor, Pelletier, Langley and Courtney. The special business before the meeting was the consideration of tenders for the construction of the miners' association building. According to the specifications the building is to be 18x24 feet, the 24 feet being frontage in order that additions from the rear may be erected at any time desired. It is to be a story and a half in height, floored with tongue and grooved flooring, and lighted by large windows. The logs are to be sawed on three sides.

Five bids were submitted to the committee all of which were opened and considered. The estimates ranged from \$175 to \$200. After considering each bid in detail the committee awarded the contract to Messrs. Ballentine & Kerson, whose bid of \$175 was determined to be the lowest and best.

The building committee, consisting of Messrs. McMen, McGregor and Chapin, were instructed to inform the successful bidders of the result, and to award them the contract upon their furnishing a good and satisfactory bond for the completion of the work in accordance with the terms of the specifications. The matter of employing a paid permanent secretary was brought up and a general discussion of the matter took place. While it seemed to be the general opinion that such an officer is required, the committee deemed it advisable to postpone action for some time yet.

During the progress of the meeting a deputation from the committee in charge of securing incorporation for Dawson appeared and requested a joint meeting between the two committees. The incorporation committee desired to lay its plans before the miners and it is possible to secure their co-operation in obtaining local government for Dawson.

In accordance with the request, after the miners' association committee had adjourned, the two committees met in joint session at the National Bank of Commerce. Representing the incorporation committee were present Messrs. Wills, Redledge, Clute and Davis.

Mr. Clute in a brief speech laid the plans of his committee before the meeting and was followed by Messrs. Wills and Redledge. It was stated that Mr. Ogilvie possessed all the necessary authority to incorporate the city of Dawson under a charter similar to those granted to cities of equal size in different parts of the Dominion. He had also expressed his willingness to grant incorporation to the town provided a sufficient number of signers to a petition could be secured. Petitions were now being circulated and signed very freely, but the incorporation committee felt that if their work should receive the endorsement and hearty cooperation of the miners' organization the matter could be brought to a successful issue much more rapidly than otherwise.

The necessity for incorporation was forcibly set forth. Public questions such as light, water and sewerage were discussed and it was shown that the only body competent to deal with these matters is a legally organized municipal corporation. After several hours discussion the meeting adjourned, it being decided that the plans for incorporating Dawson should be laid before the next general meeting of the miners' association which will be called as soon as the committee can meet the necessary arrangements.

The members of the committee are under many obligations to Messrs. Langley & Worden, proprietors of the Hotel Worden. These gentlemen have kindly tendered to the committee free of charge the use of the hotel parlors for meetings until such time as the association building is ready for occupancy.

### Threw a Paddle.

The Canadian steamed into Dawson Sunday evening after a successful trip to White Horse and back. To illustrate the power of the boat it may be mentioned that she cleared five finger rapids without throwing out a line. In doing so, however, her engines had to work hard under a full pressure of 25 pounds of steam. This caused her to throw a piece of middle blade clean over the boat, and it struck the pilot house with sufficient force to fracture the boards.

### Adios Donjeavy.

Mr. Frank J. Donjeavy has left Dawson for the United States and Canada and his leaving has created a void which his many friends regret. Mr. Donjeavy is a minor and a South African colonist and almost from his advent in our midst has taken a prominent and distinguished stand against official ring methods. He has left us after a summer of hard work without having acquired property of one dollar for his services as organizer of the new Miners' Association. The public's view of these uncalculated souls who are not the least of our people is that when a thing is not right he will condemn it heart and soul and as far as temporizing with villainy, he was utterly incapable of it. People of less transparent natures sometimes find fault with his disinterestedness; but no ulterior motives ever showed a cloven hoof in his actions. His popularity among his fellow miners was great and increased in proportion as he became better acquainted.

We have not heard the last of Donjeavy. In Canada and in the United States his voice will be heard condemning what he so persistently condemned here. Such are his intentions, and his courage is of a high order. He goes out primed with facts and figures and, as we all know, he has a breezy, interesting way of dishing them up in public speeches. Undoubtedly he will make himself heard and compel attention to the evils which have been inflicted upon us in the name of the government.

From Canada to London and from London to Cape Town, and then a possible return trip next year to Dawson is a rough outline of his plan of travel for the near future.

### Lost Hair, His Raft.

The Yukon river is long and wide and men are taking advantage of that fact to cut logs and timber without permits. Alphonse Dene and Wm. Densen came down on Sunday in a boat to find out what they had been doing. Someone had put them to work for wages on a scope of timber and had decamped upon seeing some one with yellow stripes down their pants seams. The men were greatly to find upon inquiry that by believing their raft down they could secure their wages being innocent of any complicity in the stealing. A man named Don Jones lost half his raft on a bar 40 miles above town.

### Old Regularity.

The name of the popular up-river boat Willie Irving might with propriety be changed to "Old Regularity." From the date of her first dip in the water she has most persistently and with almost the regularity of a passenger train, made her trips between Dawson and White Horse on railroad time. It is a fact too, that the Willie Irving is the only boat on the river bearing the proud record of never having been hung up on the sand bars, showing a knowledge of waters and channels on the part of her commander and pilots most flattering to them and satisfactory to her patrons.

The Irving left here on Monday afternoon with her usual full complement of passengers, and will return in season to leave again on the 22nd inst. On October 5th she will leave Dawson for her last trip of the season and will be the last boat carrying passengers out. The public will also bear out the statement that courteous treatment is always extended, and nothing that would add to their comfort is neglected by the energetic representative of the steamer in Dawson, Mr. W. L. Hamilton.

### To Clear the Bar.

Without desiring to be at all paternal the government has decided that it is in the interest of those to be discommodated that campers on the sand bar and rafts and boats should be cleared away before December 1st. A notice to that effect has been posted. Mr. Willison, the crown's land and timber agent, was seen about the notice by the Nugget. It appears that there have been sudden ice jams and raising of the river which ever since early in September have made a clean sweep of everything on that bar. A quick clearing of the ice or flood of water in the night would mean the loss of numerous outfits if not lives also; hence the notification to vacate. The mail raised and pling up of banks of ice are more sudden than the people on the bar anticipate and it would appear to be for their own good that they hunt up safer quarters.

### Says They Have Struck the Strip.

Mr. Ernest H. Seroggs was in Dawson this week on business and incidentally to try and secure concessions on the Stewart river. He claims that at last the gold belt has been uncovered and he shows 30 in dust which he claims was taken out of the gravel in five pans of dirt. The streak is claimed to be about twenty-five miles up the Stewart on one of the side streams and Mr. Seroggs contends that returning Stewart prospectors to the contrary notwithstanding, there is the pay gold there and it is being uncovered in sufficient places to guarantee its permanence and value. Time and work will demonstrate the truth or falsity of Mr. Seroggs' information.

### From Near White Horse.

Editor Nugget:—Just a few lines to let you and your newsy little paper know about another trip up the Yukon. This is our seventh day out from Dawson, but we had an accidental blowing out of one of the fires in the boiler, or we would have made the trip in five days. The passengers all sing praises to the captain and crew of the Canadian, especially to Captain Murray Purser Langton who is a very popular steward. Billy Albert, who tried to send you the latest news from Bennett. Some of our well-known Dawson passengers are the Rosenbushs, J. St. Clair Blackett, Harry Howard, Miss Bellinda Murray, Count Sorallo, L. A. Wilson, John Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and many. Mr. Bolkis, Mr. Wilson, the Arctic travelers, Geo. H. Boyden and Harry C. Dargie.

Wishing you and your paper a prosperous season, I remain yours etc.

Billy Thomas, Hotel Worden.

### Not the Men Wanted.

John Hoover and John Haman were arrested last week for investigation into how they came into possession of some of the jewelry stolen Tuesday night from the home of Frank, the jeweler. The collector of the jewelry was in the possession of a stolen diamond pin valued at \$70, but they accounted for its possession by saying they found it on the beach close to their own boat the day after the robbery. Their innocence of any complicity in the theft and dollar theft was pretty well established by their subsequent actions. They pronounced the diamond cheap paste and took the pin to a jeweler to be tested for brass. The jewelry establishment they chose for the investigation was that of Frank himself, and they almost fell dead when they were informed they had a \$70 diamond in their hands.

The inevitable conclusion is that on the night of the robbery the perpetrators took a small boat for the American side. Collector of Customs Levy will probably guarantee them immunity for a share of the haul.

### DROWNED IN THE KLONDIKE.

#### The Turning Over of a Boat Causes the Loss of at Least Two Unknown Men.

About 12:30 Tuesday afternoon a large boat laden with people attempted to shoot across the Klondike river above the bridge. The boat was overturned and some of the men who had been in it failed to reappear. No specific count was made of the men who were in the boat as the boat is one used by everyone who wishes to avoid paying the bridge toll. All day long the crowded boat shoots from shore to shore laden oftentimes with entire strangers who wish to cross. The general opinion of those who were rescued and those on the banks is that eight men were in the boat, only six were rescued. There were several in the boat who had packs and it is supposed that this is the reason they failed to reappear upon the surface of that treacherous stream. The names of the men who were drowned will be identified later when friends and neighbors and they have disappeared from their camps.

### Dawson Club.

The above-named club is about to establish quarters for itself at the corner of Second street and Second avenue. McClennan & McCleary are putting up a 50x60 foot building, and the club, through Captain Galpin and F. E. Ritchie have secured the second floor. A floor space of 60x20 feet will afford room for several compartments which will be fitted up with all the Arctic luxuries which a Klondiker could desire. The club will meet Saturday night at the Klondike Hotel after which time, we understand there will be no more charter members taken.

### No Love for Kruger.

That part of our population hailing from South African gold fields are not very badly impressed to hear of the probable fatal illness of President Kruger, of the Transvaal republic. It appears that gold has been discovered in other sections of the country than around Johannesburg, which is not a reliable mine; new gold fields are proclaimed by the chief executive of the country. Kruger's unpopularity is due to his undying hatred of "outsiders" or "considers." By means of concessions and monopolies, he has made things very interesting for the British within his gates and at one time made a "year of regulations" new in vogue in the Klondike country, as it were, to whip to scourge them with. He proposed to impose a ten per cent royalty, the same as was done here, and the howl that went up penetrated even into St. Stephens, so that he was unable to enforce it.

### Doctors' Cases Dismissed.

The animus of the medical profession was never more clearly shown than when Dr. McWm. Bourke commenced to prosecute two Canadian doctors, Messrs. Hepworth and Hurdman for the same offense for which American doctors had been prosecuted, viz. practicing without being duly registered. The medical association which had supported him in the first instance refused to do so against the gentlemen arraigned Monday. Dr. Lindsay, summoned as witness for the prosecution, caused the dismissal of the case by testifying that he was duly authorized to examine and register physicians and that the gentlemen in court were properly registered. Cross-examined by the prosecuting witness, Dr. Lindsay would not say that he had not told him (Dr. McWm. Bourke) that he had cited the two gentlemen on trial to appear before him for examination on the coming Wednesday. As the case had taken on an aspect of discrimination Dr. McWm. Bourke refused to prosecute Dr. Blunt, an American physician who was up on the same charge.

### Wanted to Pay Up.

John Bignermain came in from his claim Tuesday to take steamer for the outside to spend the winter. In Dawson he found himself between the horns of a dilemma. He had 150 ounces of gold which he had dug outside of his \$200 exemption. Where to pay it he did not know, for the gold commissioner had no details of his mining and therefore did not know how much to collect. The G. C. referred him to the mining inspector stationed at the Forks, but Bignermain knew that gentleman to be away on other duties. The would-be payer of royalty knew he could not go away without paying his 10 per cent, unless he was willing to forfeit his claim. He wanted to make a deposit at the banks but by the creditor's advice when last heard from was cloaked with Mr. Ogilvie.

### Farewell Dinner.

Captain and Mrs. John J. Healy shared with invited friends a dinner on Wednesday evening the occasion being the eve of their departure for the outside on the steamer "Clara."

## THE CLARA'S PASSENGERS INDIGNANT.

### The Barge Carrying Outfits Was Abandoned at Fort Yukon.

#### How a Shrewd Money-Lender Took Advantage of a Technicality to Get Possession of the Boat.

The passengers who came to Dawson on the steamer Clara have an exceedingly long tale of woe to tell regarding the treatment they have received since leaving San Francisco. The chief blame for all the trouble according to the story told the Nugget by a member of the company owning the boat, rests upon the shoulders of P. Hauser, the manager.

It seems that the steamer San Francisco on June 5th, in charge of three members of the company, Messrs. Hauser, Roncoreri and James, before leaving the company executed to Hauser a mortgage upon the boat in consideration of \$5,000, advanced by him in fitting up the steamer. They brought along a barge loaded with freight destined for Dawson. At Fort Yukon the barge was abandoned, leaving those of the passengers, whose freight was aboard it and others who were in Dawson awaiting their goods, in destitute circumstances.

After leaving Fort Yukon Hauser announced that he had foreclosed his mortgage and took possession of the steamer. The passengers were induced to cut wood for the steamer under promise of receiving better fare at the table, but the "better fare" is said never to have been forthcoming. Since reaching Dawson claims have been presented by the crew for wages, but thus far none have been paid. The American Consul has been appealed to, and will do all he can to secure justice to the men, some of whom are said to be in actual want.

Hauser has refused to take the steamer down the river to bring up the barge and has advertised the Clara for a trip up to White Horse rapids. The passengers say it would not be safe for Hauser to go down onto the other side for the reason that at various points along the river he disposed of liquors contrary to the customs laws.

A statement has been drawn up and signed by the passengers, in which is set forth the fact that Hauser himself instigated the abandoning of the barge at Fort Yukon. Almost immediately thereafter he took possession of the boat under the claim that the boat and barge, being separated, his investment was endangered. The mortgage did not fall due until December, but was in the form of a battery bond which allowed the mortgagee to foreclose at any time he thought best.

### \$8750 IN FINES IN ONE DAY.

#### Dawson's Police Court Makes a Record Hard to Beat—Invited to Help Pay Taxes.

There has been a vague feeling of uneasiness among the knights of the green cloth for the past week occasioned by the taking of their names by the police. The blow fell Monday night when the fraternity was cited to appear before Justice Sterns Tuesday morning. Thirty-five men were fined \$3 and \$5 costs. Two were let off with \$2 and costs. About half of the men were evidently not considered in the light of ordinary pastebread manipulators for they were invited to, in future, make themselves conspicuous by long absence from these parts.

Tuesday afternoon, by special invitation, 6 of the drunkards presented themselves in court, paid a fine of \$30 and \$5 costs and departed in peace.

There were also several who during the day paid from \$5 to \$20 for drunkenness so that altogether Tuesday was a big day in the police court, so far as finances were concerned.

### Notes on the River.

Mr. A. R. Manders is an observing gentleman who came in on the McWm. Bourke. He says Rampart City is quite flourishing, there being at least 40 substantial buildings already up besides a host of tents and a large store containing a large stock of goods put in by Captain Simmons of Bay City, Mich.

Fort Yukon is in danger of being left completely away from the river by one of her sudden changes in channels. Small steamers can get there from one direction only and then must needs back out again the same way they got in and then pass around through another channel. Previous to this summer the main channel has been by the town and all the river boats passed there.

Citrus City is decidedly "on the bum." "For rent" signs are stuck up in scores of substantial buildings and an air of desolation pervades the place. "Rampart City is abundant and pack-takers enough to go round cannot be secured. Eagle City has erected this summer over 25 substantial cabins and there are numerous tents dotted around the townsite. A bustling air of activity pervades the place and a "haunting" sign "Steamboat Landing" tempts the shrewd clerk to her shelving and not over an inactivity share.

Mr. Findey says that all the river men agree that the river has been higher this year than for many years past. Rain at favorable intervals has kept the river nearer an equilibrium than any summer within the recollection of most of them.