# DR. HEPWORTH LIKES NOME.

### Says That Country Is Ahead of Klondike.

### In Letter to Dr. Hedger He Tells of Hard Winter, Deep Snow and Creeks Galore.

From Wednesday and Thursday's Daily.

A letter was received by Dr. Hedger in the last mail from Dr. W. G. Hepworth of Nome. Dr. Hepworth left for the beach city last March traveling down river over the ice with a dog team. The letter reads as follows:

Nome, Alaska, May 20.

H. L. Hedger, D. S.:

Dear Sir—We made it here in 41 days; pretty bad travleing though, had to use snowshoes quite a lot. I have done a whole lot since getting here. It being a very late spring and I have made two trips to Gold Run, one to the Kougarok. I leave for latter place again tomorrow night with a load.

She has been a tough old winter here, lots of people frozen to death and some snowed up for days at a time. All the houses out of Nome were out of sight in snow 10 to 20 feet over the roof. One place I had to walk through a tunnel 60 feet long to get into the house. At Topcock two fellows got up one morning and started a fire, it would not burn, then they started to try to get out of the door, but they were so badly snowed up over roof and door they could not make it. The fire smoked and they were suffocated to death. All one can see of a house here along the coast is the stove pipe and that is 10 to 15 feet long above the roof. They are freighting with horses here and most of the stables are just dug out of the snow dirfts and a door put in.

Well, I have met lots of the old boys here. Hawley is on the police force; Nap of the A. E. Co. is doing well and has lots of property and also has a team of horses and is sending lots of stuff up the creeks. Of course, they are nearly all broke this winter. I tell you doctor, this country is going to be a world beater. It is colossal and it almost bewilders one it is so vast. Hundreds have gone this winter and are still going to what is called the Arctic 250 miles north of here. They seem to have something good there and there is some wood there. The Arctic district is really across the divide from the Kougrook district, about 100 miles. It itself is large and has several districts. One cannot commence to enumerate the districts and creeks here, there are thousands and they all seem to carry gold, but whether in paying quantities is to be seen—though it is well known lots of creesk are rich

Personally I think Dawson simply will not be in it with this camp; there will be a dozen different towns here. This is a bleak, desolate country to live in, but the gold is here, there is no question about that. I think I could name a dozen districts as large as Dawson itself. There are miles of benches carrying gold which will pay big to hydraulic. I went over one they had tunneled in over 500 feet—it is not frozen except in a few spots—they could take a pan of dirt anywhere and it would not go less than 3 or 4 cents and lots of places in it 50 to 60; it would average at least 20 cents. I saw them pan myself and know it. They are doing quite a bit of work during the winter and are finding out that more winter work can be done than was expected. I can see by the winter work that has been done that there a lot of good properties. Of course, up the creeks there is too much snow to see much, but the claim holders would not be taking lumber and provisions to such an extent unless they knew they had something, and lots of lumber and grub is going up the creeks, some one way, some another, one hundred miles in all directions from Nome except out to sea and I expect they will get there yet.

As far as I can see, this country is good enough for me, and Dawson will not see me again. All the old Dawson boys say Dawson is not in it with this camp. One can buy in on very likely recks for less money than one could stake for. I got a half interest on a most likely creek on the north fork of Kougarok for $100, that is 500 feet of ground—it is a 1000 foot claim. The men here are broke and have numerous properties and no money to take grub out to them and they will sacrifice some of it to make a raise before the snow goes. I only wish I had a few thousand dollars here now. I am taking provisions into the Kougarok for the summer and I expect I will be up there most of the summer.

I think, doctor, if you could sell out in Dawson you would do a whole lot better here, of course, it is only my opinion, but I do not see how you can help but do better as far as mining goes. You have a hundred chances here where you would have one in Dawson, and as far as your practice goes it is worth as much here as in Dawson by what I am told.

Nome right now, I think, is larger than Dawson, it looks like it from a distance; then there is Teller, Mary's Inglow, Kougarok, Bluff City and the deuce knows how many places. At Gold Run they have a saloon, dance hall, and in fact will have quite a little town this summer. Jim McKay, I think is interested there. They had some row over some jumpers and Jim, with the other miners drove off a gang at the mouth of a few rifles. He came to town with my dogs. Now the crowd of them have to appear before the judge here. Property is very valuable there

Well, doctor, I could keep on writing, but have not time, I leave with a load tomorrow night again for the Kougarok and then will stay up there for awhile. I have bought three or four interests and with what I got from Cowley I am pretty well interested and now is time to see what they contain. It is not a hard country to prospect anyway.

Well, take care of yourself old man and give my kind regards to all the boys. Sell out if you can and come here and I feel sure you will not regret it, especially if you can have three or four thousand to start on. So long. Sincerely yours,

W. J. HEPWORTH.

# FORCED TO BLOW BACK

### Anders Pays Rent for Building and Refused Occupancy.

J. L. Anders, one of the proprietors of the Third street target gallery, was in the police court yesterday with a bunch of troubles. He alleges that he leased the building adjoining McLennan & McFeely on the south for a shooting gallery, paying the first month's rent, $200, in advance to Hamburger & Weissberg, the owners of the premises. When possession was desired it was refused him for some reason or another and when he demanded the return of the money paid in advance likewise was denied him. Repeated demands resulted in the same manner and when the matter was laid before the police a constable was detailed to see that the premises were either surrendered or restitution was made. The recalcitrant landlords dug up when compelled to.

### Fire on a Steamer.

New Orleans, La., June 27.—The British mule transport Monterey, from Capetown, has arrvied in port after a terrible experience with fire at sea. Twelve days out from St. Vincent flames were discovered in the after hold and gained such headway that the heat prevented the usual means of exitinguishing the fire. Flames and clouds of smoke poured out from the hold, and when the officers and crew were about to abandon the ship, First Officer Reid and Fourth Officer Harrington volunteered a daring plan. They proposed to tie a wire cable around their bodies and have their companions lower them down the side of the ship until they were abreast the port opening into the burning section. It was a desperate expedient, but after a short consultation was adopted.

As the fire was near the water line, Reid and Harrington were lowered down until they were submerged in the sea nearly up to their waists. Hanging thus half buried in the waves, with the ship under headway, the men battered in the port, a hose was then lowered to them and for several hours they swung outward and inward pouring a stream into the blazing hold. In this way they finally succeeded in checking the flames.

The vessel was badly damaged.

### His Grounds.

"And on what grounds do you base your application for divorce?" asked the lawyer of his new client.

"Exertion, sah."

"You mean desertion, I suppose. Your wife has left you, doubtess."

"No, sah; she hasn't left me, sah."

"Then you cant ask for a divorce on the ground of desertion."

"I said exertion, sah. Dat's de ground perzackly. She done exert herself continually to make me mizzable, sah. Put it on de ground ob exertion, sah."—Detroit Free Press.

### A HUMAN LIFE.

A ship that throbs along in dire distress
Till lost in oceans of forgetfulness

A tangle of sweet flowers, whose petals turn
To ash of unfulfillment in an urn.

A wisp of tangled threads, whose parted ends
No deft hand joins, no endless effort mends.

A play whose fickle players merely greet
And go and leave the story incomplete.

A bud that opens brilliant at the dawn,
Flings sweet perfume a moment and is gone.

A breath between a cradle and a bier,
The blending of a smile, a sob, a tear.

A book whose pages turn with each new day
Till time has read the tale and cast away.

A mask worn till a passing play is done
To cloak a wraith and hide a skeleton.

A lie, whose ghostly semblance is concealed
Till in a shroud its untruth lies revealed.

A thing that shapes the sod for a brief day
And dies and leaves its faithful slave mere clay

A story that is told ere 'tis begun,
A song that only whispers and is done.

A thing that chains the lightnings and that sits
The deep, the elements its messengers.

Lord of the sea and sky, a ruler proud
That quakes at storms and trembles at a cloud.

That comes and goes on wings unseen, a germ
That grows to fill a grave and feed a worm.

—James Foley, Jr., in Bismarck Tribune.

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# BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER

### Partners Once but Strangers Now on Account of a Mine.

### Other News of the Territorial Court—Justice Craig Will Hear Ex-Parte Motions Twice a Week.

The unusual spectacle of brother against brother was seen in Justice Craig's department of the territorial court this morning, the case being entitled Callaghan against Callaghan. The story of their differences dates back to the boom days of '98 when both arrived in Dyea en route to the Klondike. They formed a partnership and agreed to share and share alike in all claims they should locate or acquire after reaching Dawson. They arrived here in July, 1898, and almost immediately stumbled on to a valuable piece of ground adjoining 31 below, left limit, on Bonanza, next to the famous Brown claim. The plaintiff in the action, Phineas Callaghan, went to Fortymile to stake some ground and it was agreed between him and his brother that in the event of the brother not using his own right on the Bonanza claim he should get one Kelly to stake it for a half interest. Kelly did stake the ground and G. M. Callaghan received a half interest which he has since refused to cut up with his brother. He is also said to have realized some $12,000 from the sale of other claims which Phineas failed to get his share of. The case has been pending since last October and only come to trial today. It will probably be finished by the time court adjourns for the day.

Stevenson vs. Williams is on trial today before Justice Dugas.

Justice Craig has announced to the bar that he will hear exparte motions hereafter from 10 to 10:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

# WENT UP IN SMOKE

### Gambling Devices Were Cremated This Morning.

This forenoon the curtain was rung down on the last act of the comedy-drama enacted yesterday morning by the police raiding the O'Brien Club. Virtue received its due reward and an outraged justice had its refined sensibilities properly soothed, the final scene taking place on the river bank in front of the barracks. It was only a little fire—a little bon fire—but it told a tale which sent a chill to the hearts of the sporting fraternity, for it meant that gambling in Dawson was emphatically a thing of bygone days. The fuel which fed the flames was none other than the paraphernalia captured in the raid and consisted of three round tables for short cards, a faro table and layout, check rack, cases, and several dozen packs of cards. The checks would not burn and they were placed in a bag, caried out to the middle of the river and consigned to the deep. When the tables were hauled out to the place of execution a couple of prisoners wielded an ax on them with frightful results. They were soon reduced to kindling wood and as he who bore the mystic symbols "P. P." on the bosom of his trousers piled the remnants on the sacrificial fire the flames leaped merrily heavenward and the mute witnesses of many bad hunches played by checkless chubbers were soon reduced to a handful of ashes. Strung along the sidewalk viewing the miniature conflagration was a varied assortment of humanity ranging throug the social gamut from the penniless booster, who wept over his lost occupation, to the praying parson who gloated over his triumph.

## HOTEL ARRIVALS.

FAIRVIEW.

T. H. Reams, King Solomon Hill; H. W. Sellars, Gold Run; Mrs. W. T. Kennedy, Grand Forks.

M'DONALD.

John Blohm, Clear creek; L. A. Burke, Hunker; Geo. Smith, Sam Johnson, Grand Forks; Lew Harper, Bonanza; Wm. R. Call.

REGINA.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Burn, Stockton, Cal.; Wm. Doherty, Eldorado; T. P. Comley and family, Grand Forks.

FLANNERY.

Con Short, Grand Forks; P. Allen, R. Baird, Eldorado; Fred Wilson, Dominion; W. Halford, C. B. French I. Griffin, Ernest Beeks.

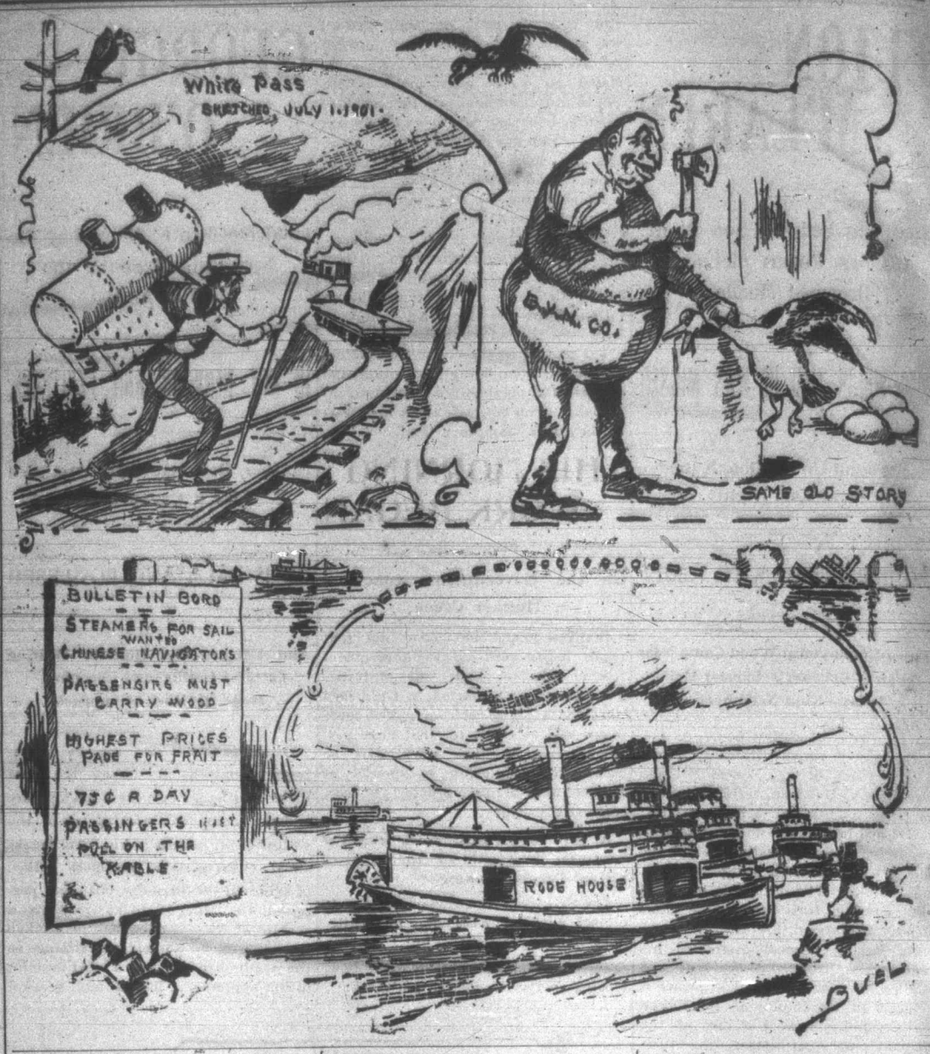
METROPOLE.

A. H. Jones, C. M. Cowley, H. H. Smith, J. H. Waite, Mrs. W. F. Kinney, Mrs. E. O. Collingan, J. H. Bunker, Frank Cunningham.

YUKON.

James Bartel, Joseph David, Last Chance; J. H. Bacon, Eldorado W. Easley, French Hill; R. Dinger, W. E. Perkinsón, F. C. Isitt, Sulphur creek; S. B. Keley, T. A. Griffith, Gold Run; J. Holton.

Sargent & Pinska's new store on Second avenue opp. S. Y. T. Co., contains all the latest in clothing and gents' furnishings.




# NEWS OF THE CREEKS

### Miners' Union Meeting Saturday Night a Good One.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lesher, of Monte Cristo, left for Los Angeles, Cal., this week.

Mr. E.K. Carruthers has resigned his position as chief engineer at 2 below Bonanza and accepetd a position as foreman on 46 below Bonanza with Mr. Tyrrell. Mr Carruthers has been connected with the N. A. T. & T. Co. for several years, and Mr Tyrrell may be congratulated in securing his services.

A cigar case which was advertised in the Nugget a short time ago, lost between 26 and 40 Eldorado and containing the initials G. H. B., has not yet been returned. Anyone returning same to this office will be suitably rewarded.

Miss Jenny Parry, of 18 below Bonanza, will give a birthday party on the 25th inst. Those receiving cards may consider thesmelves fortunate as it will be a swell affair.

It is surprising what reports go out to parts of the U.S. regarding the conditions of affairs in the Yukon. A letter was received by a prominent gentleman on Bonanza a few days ago saying, "We hope you will get home safe this fall as we hear the Indians are on the war path and very dangerous and numerous."

Mrs. G. N. Williams and son, of 30 Eldoardo, are visiting with friends in Dawson this week.

Mr. Roscoe Green, of Grand Forks, has sold his business to Mesrs. Anderson & Swan, of Dawson, who will take possession at once and dispose of part of their large stock at the Forks. Mr. and Mrs. Green are among the most popular people at Grand Forks, and will be missed in both business and social circles as they leave at once for their home in Oregonn.

The miners' meeting at Grand Forks Saturday evening was one of the largest and most enthusiastic yet held at that place. A large number of applicants were received and everthing looks favorable for a strong organization in the near future. The lien law was the subject for much discussion during the evening. Many opinions were heard upon the subject and all felt that something must be done at once to protect the laborers. The executive committee was instructed to prepare an amendment that shall provide a lien that will give the laborer priority against both the dumps and claim for all wages prior to all other debts. The executive committee was further instructed to go on with all business and meetings on all creesk as heretofore arranged. It was also unanimously decided to call a conveniton at Dawson for July 27th at 8 p. m. The president vice president and secretary to be delegates at large. Each district to send as many delegates as it chose, but to have but one vote for every 25 members of the district represented by said delegates.

Send a copy of Goetzman's Souvenir to your outside friends. A complete pictorial history of the Klondike. For sale at all news stands.

### Combine Against America.

New York, June 25.—Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly assistant secretary of the treasury, who has just returned to Washington from a long trip abroad, is quoted by the Tribune's correspondent as saying:

"I think it is not only possible, but highly probable, that Europe can and will agree to binding terms of trade combination against us within the next few years, and that the result will be the most gigantic and stubborn commercial war in the history of the world. As most of our commercial treaties expire in 1903 I look for the beginning of the war then in the refusal of most of the continental nations to renew those conventions.

"At the present moment Austria, which never did like us, is leading in the movement against the United States, and I found Goluchowski, head of the ministry of that country, our bitterest and most outspoken foe. Obviously the other ministers of the old world, including even that of England, are artfully encouraging Goluchowski in his course of opposition with a view of drawing our fire before they openly declare themselves. For the immediate future our trade prospects were never brighter in Europe. There has been almost a total crop failure in Germany. The agricultural outlook is only a little brighter in France than in Germany, and even in England the crop yield is not very promising. But as soon as the continent recovers from its present agricultural depression I confidently believe the tocsin of war will be sounded.

In Russia there are loud professions of friendship for the United States, and one hears many expressions of admiration of our commercial development and methods. The Russians are modeling their tariff system after ours, and in a few years will try to apply it with vigor and severity against all nations alike, but particularly against the United States.

"We can meet Europe's onslaught with courage and confidence. We outstrip her now in every material resource, on the labor-saving machinery, and in the rapidity with which our surplus capital is accumulating. Add to these advantages a patriotic citizenship and an intelligent working class, and who can doubt for an instant that we will win the battle? When it is over then the problem will be to keep the distracted hordes of Europe from overrunning this country and to prevent the desperate monarchies of the old world from acts of territorial agression in South America, upon which they are already looking with covetous eyes."

### Gold Commissioner's Court.

Gold Commisioner Senkler yesterday rendered six judgments in contest cases following the precedent established by the findings of the court of appeals recently in a case where two had staked simultaneously. In the six cases referred to there were four in which two parties had staked at the same time and two where the ground was claimed by three different persons upon simultaneous staking. In each instance each claimant was given a grant to his pro rata a half where two had staked and a third where three were concerned.

### Whitehorse Editor in Town.

Mr. A. M. Rousseau, editor and one of the proprietors of the Whitehorse Star, was a passenger on the Flora this morning, having come down to the Yukon metropolis on business. While here he is the guest of his brother-in-law E. J. White of the Nugget.

Perinet E. Fils Extra Sec Champagne, $3. Regina Club hotel.

# BONANZA LITIGATION

### Aikman Wins Suit—Matson Concession to be Attacked.

Gold Commissouer Senkler today rendered a decision in the case brought by Webb against Wade & Aikman, the dispute being over the boundary lines of a hillside claim adjoining 52 below on Bonanza. Judgment was in favor of the defendants.

A round will be had with the concession in the gold commissioner's court on Friday, the 12th. The suits will be heard against the Matson concession on Bonanza, the ground having been applied for by the plaintiffs on the ground that the concession was obtained by fraud and was improperly held. The outcome of the cases is being intently watched as in the event of the plaintiffs being successful it is expected a precedent will be establishned for hundreds of similar cases which will follow.

### Railway Extension.

Montreal, June 27.—President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., in answer to an inquiry as to the construction work in Manitoba proposed by the company during the coming year, said that there seemed to be great anxiety both on the part of the Dominion and provincial governments for the construction of an extension of the Waskada branch, and that the Dominion government at the instance of Hon. Mr. Sifton had offered a Dominion subsidy of $3,200 per mile.

Mr. Roblin, premier of Manitoba, also considers it of the greatest importance that a railway should be built from some point in the vicinity of Brandon westerly or northwesterly to serve the settlers who live north of the Assinaboine river, but who are too far from the Great Northwest Central line. He is most anxious also that some extensions be made to the Snow flake and McGregor branches, and as a provincial subsidy is promised, in view of the public demand for these extenisons, the company his undertaken to construct them, and Mr. Shaughnessy expressed the hope, and stated that it was the intention, unless prevented by unforeseen obstacles, that they would be completed during the current season.

### It Was Too Much for Him.

An old negro met him on the highroad and asked him for some tobacco. Receiving it, the old man bowed and said:

"Thanky, cap'n!"

A little farther on the way another negro asked the same favor, and this time it was:

"Thanky kunnel!"

And the climax was reached when still another greeted him with:

"May de Lawd bless you, governor!"

Now, was it any wonder that that man went straight home and seriously debated the question of running for office at the first opportunity?—Atlanta Constitution.

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