

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Here is a Serious Problem to Be Worked Out Later.

Of Course There Will Be Hardships Connected With It - But There Appears to Be Only the Inevitable to Meet - Trouble at Stewart.

STEWART CITY, January 31, 1899. The unfortunate stepping into an ice crack on Monday by Mr. George Allen, of the Nugget Ottawa party, and the painful spraining of an ankle, has retarded our progress beyond this point until tomorrow, when we propose to resume our journey in good shape. The trail from Nine-mile is in excellent condition for some eight or nine miles below Stewart, but leaving Nine-mile it is somewhat difficult if carrying a loaded sleigh.

The reports of Stewart, as far as we can ascertain are not encouraging by any means; but hopes are, of course, still entertained that later developments may reverse this feeling. There appears to be strong faith in Thistle creek, and what it will show upon bedrock is reached. Surface gold has been found in considerable quantity, but there is no practically reliable information as to what pay streak, if any, there is.

It would seem that Stewart is not to be with out her real estate troubles by or through some misinterpretation of the laws, or regulations. It is an unfortunate circumstance that owing to this distance to reach our man that his status in the matter cannot be given; but we cannot but feel that Col. Steele would not intentionally work a hardship upon any settler, nor do we believe the same of Corporal Green, one of the most efficient officers of the N. W. M. P., and mining recorder for this district, but that there is to be a hardship worked upon a number of residents here there is no question of doubt, as will be recognized from a relation of the following circumstances, a list of which coming to the Nugget representatives, they at once proceeded to investigate.

In the spring of 1898 when boat load after boat load of people were pouring down the Yukon, many realizing that the Klondike district would be over-populated, and the Stewart and tributaries offering advantages for prospecting, decided to stop here. Cabins and houses were erected and Stewart assumed the appearance of a prospective Dawson. Of course the water front was selected as valuable business and residence sites. Desiring to conform with every requirement of the regulations governing the Yukon Territory, Corporal Green, in charge of Stewart Post of the N. W. M. P., was called upon, and information asked of him, as to what should be the required distance to be preserved from the river bank to the front line limits of the lots.

Acting in good faith, the corporal informed them that 50 feet was the legal reservation. Then commenced the erection of cabins, hotels and business places in conformity with this authority, and the month of September found many completed, and occupied. Their surprise may well be imagined when on Christmas eve, Dec. 24th, there appeared from Dawson a gentleman claiming his name to be Davidson or Davidson, who, gathering a number of men together, used them in hauling logs and placing them in the rear of most of the cabins fronting on the river, so that on the morning of Christmas, the 25th, the cabin occupants found that their lots had been jumped. When questioned about the matter, Mr. Davidson or Davidson informed inquirers that he had authority in the shape of a letter authorizing him to do so. Be lieving it may, a letter from Col. S. B. Steele under date of December 13, 1898, to Corporal Green prescribes that "no lots shall be located at closer distance to the river bank than 100 feet, and that lots shall be 50 x 100 feet, and that surveyors will be sent to make the survey as soon as the season permits."

It will thus be seen that a large number of cabins and houses will have to be torn down and moved back for rebuilding, entailing the consequent loss of time, and expenses in connection therewith.

The decision of Col. Steele may of course be founded on good and sufficient reasons, and even necessary regulations, but it is to be regretted that misinterpretations of old regulations or promulgation of new, will work a hardship upon a number of people who already lawfully complied with such authority as was at hand.

The only question now is, "Who is this man Davidson or Davidson?" "Why did he attempt to jump these Stewart lots?" "Where did he get his information as to them?" and "From whom emanated the letter he carried?" These are pertinent questions and Stewart people are entitled to know!

An Earthquake at Selkirk. Colonel Evans, accompanied by Capt. Thacker, Corporals Allen and Dougherty, and three privates, arrived in the city Saturday afternoon from Selkirk to inspect the local post. The party left with two dogs a week before and enjoyed a very pleasant trip, the trail being very good, especially this side of Selkirk. At that place, the colonel stated the miners are quite generally discouraged and are throwing up their claims in large numbers. Much security exists among the miners in the Pelly country, he says, and not long since Sergt. Foster went up the river with a supply of medicines and foods made up for the sufferers by the people at Selkirk.

The most interesting news which the colonel could give the reporter was to the effect that Selkirk and vicinity indulged in the novel experience of an earthquake at 6.10 o'clock on the morning of January 2nd. The colonel, as well as nearly everybody else in the vicinity, was awakened by the shock and described the sensation experienced as strange in the extreme. The house he occupied, as well as the bed he lay in, shook very perceptibly, while a stove pipe in the room swayed so violently as to knock against the sides of the building. Many persons made a note of the occurrence and compared time the next day; indeed, the "quake" was the sensation of the day for a while, which is not to be wondered at.

Colonel Evans says, further, that a rumor has come from the East to the effect that the soldiery are to be recalled from the Yukon district in the spring, but he does not know whether there is any truth in it or not. The colonel and party will remain here about one week.

A Good Move. Adjutant McGill, of the Salvation Army, has adopted a plan by which he expects to further extend his work in behalf of the unemployed of the city. He has established what will be known as the "Salvation Army Labor Bureau," and will conduct it on the usual lines, except that no charge will be made for registering. The adjutant states that he can supply good, reliable men and women when desired and requests business men to give him an opportunity to supply them when they are in need of labor. The unemployed are invited to call at the Army barracks and register at once.

WARD OF THANKS. The Salvation Army wishes to express their sincere thanks to Mrs. Spencer, of the Pioneer, for the generous gift of flour, bacon, ham, dried fruit and canned goods given to the shelter.

T. J. MCGILL, Adjutant.

Wanted - A Man. NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE, TERRITORIAL OFFICE. DAWSON, February 6, 1899.

EDITOR OF THE NUGGET: Dear Sir - I have the honor to request that you will insert the following in your paper: Information of Max Stapler, called Max Charles, is desired by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Stapler, of Hanburg.

Mr. Stapler is a Free Mason, and was born in the year 1824, at Gereth, province of Bukovina, Austria. He was last heard of in a letter to Mrs. Stapler from Milwaukee, dated December 8, 1897, in which he stated that he was about to start for the Klondike.

Photographs of Mr. Stapler can be seen at the N. W. M. P. barracks, and I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant. S. B. STEELE, Commanding N. W. M. P., Yukon Territory.

POLICE COURT ITEMS. G. A. Swanson bowled up freely, became loose in conversation though "tight" in fact, and paid \$20 and costs. P. Hanson innoculated himself with a respectable "jag" and stood purified of his enormity upon payment of \$25 and costs.

A. Ericson was comfortable and jolly but for said keeping was locked up away from the sparkling air below zero atmosphere. His night's board cost him \$20 and costs. W. Reader paid \$25 and costs and also the value of the dead dog for having filled him with lead somewhere on Dominion last week.

The sum allowed for the defunct canine was \$24. The dog was looting Mr. Reader's cache and the owner of the disappearing bacon awaited the thief with a gun. His honor, Justice Sturges, took occasion to advise the defendant that as dogs were a necessary evil in this country, he should not have taken the law into his own hands. His remedy was to have taken up the dog or to have sued the owner, J. Johnson.

Sunday at the Monte Carlo. The Monte Carlo Sunday evening entertainments are becoming a settled institution of the community and, as shown last Sunday, fills a popular want for a clean, wholesome pastime for an evening which would otherwise hang heavily on one's hands. A drama entitled "Shipwrecked" was put on with numerous novelties in the olio and a list of moving pictures put on in Prof. Parke's successful style.

The "Fribly" umbrella dance and the "Hot-totots" were among the novelties in the olio. Altogether the show is a good one and deserves the patronage it receives.

Decision for Mrs. Duboise. The gold commissioner, Mr. E. C. Senkler, on Saturday last delivered his decision in the Duboise-Murdock bench claim case, awarding the claim to Mrs. Duboise. This is the case exposed by the Nugget in which an appointment for a piece of ground of 60 below on Bonanza was "held off" by Clerk Hurdman, on the grounds that the records showed nothing vacant at that place and Mrs. Duboise must secure a survey of it before recording. Nevertheless, the clerk unobtrusively recorded it afterwards for Fred Murdock without a survey and without him even visiting the ground to stake it. The reason of this sudden willingness to record for Murdock was made quite plain a few days later when the latter presented Hurdman with a deed for a third interest in the ground.

The decision is one the general public will instantly endorse. Three valuable prizes given away at Monte Carlo Theatre Friday night. The Dining Room service of the Regina Club Hotel is such as to invite you back again.

Supposed Robbers Held. The cases of Billy Moss and J. L. Bates, charged with the robbery of Emil Stauff's cache on Friday morning were called before Justice Harper on Monday and the evidence was such that the court held Moss for trial at the next term of the territorial court, Bates' examination being continued to Thursday. A part of the stolen property was exhibited in court,

amongst being some provisions belonging to Mr. Bidder, who kept an outfit in the cache. Even the sleds which held the stolen goods are believed to have been stolen.

Yukon Council. The Yukon council met on February 2nd with all members present. A committee reported no result from their meeting with the medical council but Mr. Clement presented a medical ordinance which he thought would meet the requirements. The ordinance provides for allowing any British licentiate to practice here upon payment of the \$100 fees. That other graduates of four-year colleges be allowed to practice upon payment of the \$700 and their passing the examination of the medical board; that practitioners upon the outlying creeks be somewhat exempted; that the fees of registration be under the control of the council, not the board. Tabled.

The comptroller's estimate of expenses was read. He estimates the expenses at \$26,750. He asked what he should do with a bill for \$3,685 from the Good Samaritan hospital; also a bill for \$8,363 from St. Mary's. The latter bill was partly met by council orders to the amount of \$1,322.50. Payment of the difference and the first bill was deferred.

A letter from Pattullo and Ridley was read regarding the bills of Drs. McFarlane and Barrett for the treatment of indigent patients at the hospital. No action was taken other than to advise the solicitors that the council had understood that the \$5 a day charges were to cover the medical bills.

The comptroller was directed to pay the bill for \$100 for dynamite used in blowing up buildings during the big fire. In regard to the application for an exclusive permit for a bridge across the Klondike, the council took most commendable action. It was resolved that no monopoly should be granted. The bridge can be rebuilt but must be safe for use, and it will not debar the building of other bridges nor the running of ferry boats as was the case last year.

The council referred the license dispute to Ottawa. The men who paid licenses to Bulaya complain that it neither gave them privileges nor protection and they therefore wanted the license to date from the time other licenses were issued. Ottawa.

Judge Dugas reported an ordinance to validate the acts of the Supreme court of the provisional Yukon district after it had been superseded by the making of this into the Yukon territory with a territorial court of its own, the knowledge of this act of parliament not getting here for some weeks and the Supreme court continuing to sit after it apparently had been legislated out of existence.

Harvey vs. Hardy. The above claim dispute came up on Wednesday before the gold commissioner and after the examination of numerous witnesses was decided in favor of Hardy. The facts brought out in evidence were substantially as given in a recent issue of the Nugget and the decision hinged upon the fact that Harvey, while undoubtedly the first staker, did not comply with the requirements of the then gold commissioner in staking the claim with fewer stakes and in more nearly the form of a rectangle. Being on these grounds refused a certificate of record, the ground, though being actually worked at the time by Harvey, was eligible to the location of Hardy, in fact was practically vacant ground. From the evidence Harvey had a hole down some 9 to 12 feet deep when his better posted opponent staked over him and secured a certificate of record. Kelly, Hinton, Hardy and Madden all took part in taking the claim from poor, hard-working Harvey, and all four are government officials or semi-officials. Harvey's ignorance of Lawlett's 90 per cent ruling and Hardy's knowledge of it was what did the work. But of this more anon.

A Cabin Plundered. Details have come to light of the plundering, a few nights ago, of James Donaldson's cabin, during the absence of himself and wife. The articles taken include clothing, firearms, jewelry, etc., and are valued at about \$1,000. Mrs. Donaldson's trunk had also been broken open and despoiled of many articles of value, but the robbers happily overlooked several hundred dollars' worth of nuggets, jewelry and cash. The marauders, it is believed, were frightened away before completing their work as several bundles of articles made up by them, were found about the rooms. One of the stolen articles, a fur coat purchased by Mr. Donaldson for his wife at an expense of \$375 only a few days before, has been recovered, having been found on Second street at an early hour the other morning. It is believed the robbery was perpetrated by representatives of a gang of thieves, and it is a satisfaction to know that the police are not without some clues to their identity.

A Challenge. Pat McHugh challenges any man in the Yukon Territory to either a sparring contest on a wrestling match, barring none, for a purse and side bet. Pat can be found either at the Forks or through the Nugget office.

An Untimely End. Walter B. McDonald, one of Dawson's widely known young men, was laid to rest in the new Protestant cemetery on Saturday, a large following of sorrowing friends being in attendance. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bowdler of the Church of England, assisted by the congregation in singing. The pallbearers were all near friends, and consisted of Messrs. Fred Beatty, W. D. Bruce, George

Butler, Dougall McMurray, Robert Craig, R. Richard Gillespie, Undertaker J. A. Greene had charge of the funeral.

Deceased was born at Manitoba House twenty-eight years ago and came to the Yukon country four years ago with Commissioner Ogilvie's original survey party, remaining here and engaged in mining. His death was due to consumption and his untimely end is mourned by a wide circle of friends with whom he was justly popular.

Store Robbed. McPherran & Johnson storekeepers on upper Front street, reports the theft of a number of articles, including a can of oil, pick, coal and a sled, from before their establishment. The supposed thief called inside and asked the loan of the company's sled, which was granted, and shortly after with the other articles were missed.

Special Rates for room and board by the month at the Regina Club Hotel. Notice is hereby given that the firm of Kelly & Co., Druggists, at Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada, and Skagway, Alaska, United States of America, said firm being composed of Charles Kelly and Rene Lepreux, has this day been dissolved.

Dated at Dawson, Y. T., this 25th day of January, 1899. RENE LEPREUX. Don't forget the grand masque ball at Monte Carlo Theatre Friday night.

A Good Lap for 50 Cents. The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office, Price 50 cts. Every Wednesday and Saturday the Nugget is delivered to subscribers, \$2.00 per month.

"Wow! You've got range!" "Yer! I had, but I'm cured now. I'm feelin' fine; too! Just read our my tall and see! The Dawson Dog Doctor at the Pioneer Drug Store fixed me in a hurry."

"The best meals served in the city are at the Regina Club Hotel."

PROFESSIONAL CARDS. LAWYERS. C. M. WOODWORTH, M. A., LL. B., Advocate, Solicitor, Commissioner, Notary, etc. Five years' practice in Northwest Territory. Room 2, A. C. Office Building.

TABOR & HULME - Barristers and Solicitors, Advocates; Notaries Public; Conveyancers, etc., opposite Monte Carlo, Front Street. BURRITT & MCKAY - Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, Commissioners, etc. Office, the A. C. Office Building, 2nd St., Dawson.

H. G. LESLIE - Barrister and Solicitor, of England and Canada. Conveyancers, Notary Public. 27 years practice. Over Victore House. PATRICK & HILDAY - Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, Conveyancers, etc., offices, Adcock building. Money to loan.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS. DR. J. WILFRED GOOD, M. B., S. R. C. P., Edinburgh. Late Surgeon to Winnipeg General Hospital. Office, Klondike Hotel, 1st Avenue, Dawson. Telephone No. 16. DR. J. H. KOONS, Physician and Surgeon, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. Proprietor Miners Hospital, Colorado City.

DR. J. O. LACHAPPELLE, Montreal University Physician & Surgeon. Victoria House. DENTISTS. DR. BROWN & LEE - Crown and Bridge work. Gold, Aluminum or Rubber Plates. Fine gold and alloy fillings. All work absolutely guaranteed. Room B, A. C. Office Building. H. AMUNDSON, souvenir jewelry and diamond setting.

T. G. ALBIN, D. D. S. - All work guaranteed. Office with Nugget Express Co., Eldorado City. LOST AND FOUND. LOST - A small purse containing \$50 in currency and some silver on Saturday afternoon. Leave at this office and receive reward.

FOUND - One dog on Jan. 30th, at about 220 below Dominion - Hamilton & Esdenman, 2nd St. - First Ave. PERSONAL. \$5.00 reward will be paid for positive information as to the present location of S. Hanning. Apply Nugget office.

IF Mrs. Agnes LeClair will leave her address at this office, she will hear of something important. Address, R. F., this office. FOR SALE. FOR SALE - A complete sawmill plant, set up and ready for operation. Capacity 15,000 feet per day. Planer, tools and appliances with timber grant one mile square. Talcon Joslin, broker, 111 Second street.

THE Nugget Express. E. C. ALLEN, Mgr. Next Trip to the Outside Monday February 13. Can Accommodate One Passenger Only. Mail and Express will be taken at usual rates. Main office in The Phoenix.

CORDWOOD. \$18. PER CORD. Orders taken for Flume and Sluce Lumber. Dealer at office, upper Klondike ferry, or from Stuy & Zilly, agents, A. C. Office Building. BOYLE & SLAVIN.

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