

OVER HIS OWN SIGNATURE.

C. Stewart Barnes Gives His Opinion of Minister Sifton.

Would Like to See Some Evidence of Reform Other than Auction of the Crown Reserves.

Dawson, March 8, 1900.

Editor Daily Nugget.

Dear Sir: Threshing of old straw doesn't much effect the feed bin, but the news that Mr. Sifton is experiencing a change of heart as regards his attitude towards the Klondike, inasmuch that he is now generously willing to allow us to purchase the land he lately barred to the prospector. This news to the ordinary, every day prospector, such of us as are still left, simply sets us to wondering "what he will do next." We boys in overalls cannot be blamed if by row we are in the frame of mind where we are apt to look encouraged at any new regulations emanating from Ottawa, and ask ourselves the question "Where does the government sack come in on that?" Are we right, Mr. Editor, in supposing that the shoe is beginning to pinch at last? Are they really and truly beginning to be alarmed at the falling off in the government's revenue? After having so virtuously frowned out of existence those "greedy prospectors" and "rapacious claim recorders," is it actually beginning to dawn on their intelligence that "elbow grease" will always antedate "palm oil" in a new country? I remember telling Mr. Fawcett early in '97 that to my limited intelligence it seemed as if he were aiming at driving prospectors out of the country, and no one in 1900 can deny the truth of the remark. As a matter of fact I don't believe that any "change of heart" at Ottawa will ever induce the present generation of prospectors to return to this part of their dominion. We burnt children, even in this cold country, can understand when our fingers have had enough warmth. At any rate it will take more than this new Siftonian edict to restore the confidence of the original prospector. What we want is to see some signs of a government's willingness, or even more than that—some sign of their anxiousness to legislate for the benefit and welfare of the working miners attracted by the possibilities lying dormant in this vast unprospected country. If they are now willing to make amends for past mistakes, let them show us their change of heart by beginning at the right end, and encourage the prospector to go poling up stream in search of new pay ground. Do they expect us to feel grateful for the gift (by auction) of the feathers after they have killed the goose and "renewed" the carcass? Barring a few fractions and possibly a few claims, what will their auction sales amount to as a matter of revenue? It seems to me just the last despairing effort of the "Sifton burlesque" before the curtain drops and the audience go home disgusted. Speaking as an Englishman, I am simply staying on here because for my part it will be so vastly entertaining to be on the spot when the last "official" steps aboard and leaves behind him the "legislated wilderness," but a wilderness that will surely team with a new generation that know not the name of Sifton. Yours in overalls,

C. STUART BARNES.

Indians Employed.

A late issue of the Victoria Times says: "Major Bliss, of the Yukon field force, had reached Skagway when the Tees sailed, on his way to Ottawa for orders, presumably to proceed to South Africa for duty. He was accompanied up the Yukon as far as Minto by Inspector Scarth, who is in charge of a special party that will make a thorough search to clear up the mystery surround-

ing the disappearance of Clayton, Relfe and Oleson.

"Inspector Scarth, said Major Bliss, is to have the aid of five Indians in his search for the missing men, for not only will the skill of the tried police be employed in the attempt to unearth the mystery, but the Indians will be called upon to exert their native skill and training in tracking in the bush and on the trail.

"The inspector has encamped a mile and a half this side of Minto with his entire party, and will remain there indefinitely. The entire place will be scoured by the police and Indians. The government is determined to do all that it can to ferret out this mystery. Money will be no object. Thousands will be spent if necessary."

K. of P. Social Club.

The K. of P. Social Club held one of its interesting meetings last night in McDonald hall, the business of the evening was disposed of as rapidly as possible, and the social features came out in speech making, music, stories, etc., until about midnight.

The secretary was instructed to provide a register where every K. of P., whether a member of the club or not, could register his name, the name number and address of his lodge and the address of his friends; also his present address, and he will be expected to notify the secretary of any change.

The secretary is F. W. Clayton in the Board of Trade rooms E and F, in the A. C. office building, and will be glad if all K. of P. will come there and register. It was unanimously agreed to give a smoker or stag party on Thursday evening, March 22d, and a good time is guaranteed. We hope to see all K. of P. there that evening, and that they will not fail to register.

Water Rights.

The mining recorder has issued a grant for three years to B. F. Stevens, C. S. Gould, W. C. Louder and Charles M. Blair, for 100 inches of water to be diverted at a point about 75 feet below the upper line of No. 48, below on Bonanza, and to be used for mining purposes on the hillside claim on the right limit opposite No. 51 below on Bonanza.

John Enlund and Nels Nelson have applied for a three years' grant for 120 inches of the water of Portland creek, to be diverted at a point 1500 feet from the mouth, and to be used on the bench claim on the right limit opposite No. 25 below lower discovery on Dominion.

Down River Mail.

Petitions to the postmaster general of the United States, mention of which appeared in an account of a meeting of the Board of Trade as published in yesterday's Nugget, are being freely circulated and as freely signed asking that increased mail facilities be given the lower Yukon country. A semi monthly service, as at present, is wholly inadequate to the demands and actual business needs of the vast district which it is proposed will be benefited. A weekly service is being asked for, and should by all means be granted. Every citizen of Dawson, regardless of nationality, should append his name to one of the petitions now being circulated.

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