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FEARLESS AND PROGRESSIVE.

THE NUGGET has not only fulfilled all the expectations of its friends in the appearance weekly of a neat, newsy paper, but with this issue begins the publication of a semi-weekly, and enters upon a fearless and aggressive policy against all enemies of the people. Look out for THE NUGGET and don't miss an issue if you want the very latest. There will be some interesting reading.

SIMPLY A SUGGESTION.

THE NUGGET does not desire to be meddlesome, but would like to suggest to the postal authorities here in Dawson that business men like to get their mail and have the same dispatched in a business like manner. It seems ridiculous that it should take ten days to distribute any quantity of mail that has or ever will reach Dawson. Would it not be a convenience for both the department and business men to provide 500 or 1000 lock and call boxes, and provide enough windows and clerks so that mail can be dispensed more rapidly than by the present mode of serving one applicant about every five minutes? Mail is an important item and the growing business in that line should be met in a business like manner.

TYRANNY OF COMMERCIAL COMPANIES.

The power and tyranny of large corporations and companies are proverbial. It seems impossible to separate one from the other. No matter how small a scale a company may start business and how solicitous they may be for the welfare of their patrons in the beginning, as they grow and enlarge their interests so the bump of selfishness develops, and from the humble public servant springs the haughty autocrat. This has been painfully exhibited thousands of times in the States, and those who have wintered once or oftener in this country find the same conditions, though in more aggravated form. Take the North American Trading & Transportation Company, for instance, with its competitor, the Alaska Commercial Company, a close second. Was there ever a lord or king in the feudal days of Europe more tyrannical? Promises have been made and money taken for the delivery of provisions, and yet when goods were received no provisions were forthcoming for the trusting miner. The comforts or discomforts of the miner and prospector—those who produce the wealth of the country—never worry these cormorants. They only want their gold and know they can get it, or most of it. The sale of goods has been denied when warehouses were full. Passage on boats has been denied some in order to give the same to a more favored one. Passage on the Weare was refused an old pioneer because he was sick, with the remark that "the steamer was no hospital," and yet thousands of dollars of that man's money has passed into the hands of the N. A. T. & T. Co. The interests of the city should be the interests of these commercial companies, and yet they are anything else than public spirited. They patronize nothing intended to make the city and country more civilized and progressive. When they have a cinch they work it. The crowd here is greater than conditions will justify, consequently a great many want to return home. Last year the passage to Seattle or San Francisco

was \$150, this year it is \$300, and so on for column after column might cases be sighted of the overbearing disposition of these companies, to which every man in the diggings can testify. But there are others, and they will have to come down a round or two. With new companies putting in warehouses and establishing steamer lines, and with every line of mercantile business being represented by some man or company in its own individuality, these octopuses that have sucked the life blood from the miners for so long will have to meet competition rightly or seek newer pastures. "So moje it be."

THE CHEECHOKO.

Old time Yukoners are amazed at the manner in which the cheechokos are ignoring all precedent and building any kind of an old craft and running the dangerous waters of the Yukon and Lewis rivers. It was once supposed that only a batteau, or a scow not more than eight or ten feet wide and 20 to 25 feet long could make the run from the lakes down successfully. But along comes the cheechoko, from most any corner of the earth, and builds a wagon box, or a boat, or a skiff, and stops for nothing. Large outfits have built scows as large as 20x60 feet. Steamboats as large as 18x60 have made the run of canyon and White Horse and treacherous. Thirty-Mile river, with a smaller percentage of loss among the larger craft than among the smaller. A regular line of steamers, operated entirely by men who never saw the river before this summer, ply between Dawson and the head of Lake Bennett. The first steamer to arrive from the lower country was a cheechoko. And there are those in the city who will gamble that there will be more of the latter steamers than of the old liners arrive here this summer. These lines are not written in disparagement of the "old-timer" but rather to show of what calibre and spirit the majority of people now headed this way are. This is about the hardest country on the face of the earth to develop—extremes of climate, long distances and bad trails to travel, lack of luxuries, conveniences and in many cases necessities—and it calls for an energetic, daredevil and resolute people to bring it to the front. That they are coming is self evident, and ere many years the whole Yukon basin will be blazed with paths, and few will be her creeks that do not show a prospector's shaft. Development will now come quick and fast, and ere we can hardly realize it instead of months between us and civilization it will but a few days, and instead of weeks of discomfort and slavery to get in or out it will be as if taking a pleasure trip. But this is not the only change that will take place. Costs of all kinds will come down and the lavish expenditure of money will somewhat subside. There will be many ready to quit the camp when this comes about, but it will come and that sooner perhaps than we are now willing to admit. Still Dawson is of world-wide fame for fortunes and high prices, and will doubtless hold that palm for several years to come. We hope so.

SEND NUGGETS TO YOUR FRIENDS.

Every Dawson City man has friends in the states who are interested in what occurs in the gold center. Keep them posted by sending an occasional NUGGET. A newspaper which is published in the "Farthest North" is of interest in any part of the world, and as a souvenir will be carefully preserved. We have envelopes and stamps. Bring us the names of your friends and we'll do the rest.

People here in Dawson roof their houses somewhat like the Arkansaw traveler. When the sun shines any old roof will do, and while it rains they can't put on any better, so few are the houses that do not get well soaked inside when a thunder shower comes along.

The people outside will no doubt be disappointed in the newspapers they get from Dawson. They have been educated up to the point where they will expect dozens of items about the finding of big nuggets all the way from \$500 to \$5000;

about shooting scrapes by the score and nightly lynchings; of Indian and bear stories that would curdle the blood; of gamblers winning a half million at a sitting and dancehouse girls picking up a lapfull of big nuggets after every dance. Fake papers are the cause of this. But when they find a newsy newspaper put up in newspaper style they will all the more appreciate it and seek it for the information they can glean from its columns. Of course they will all buy THE NUGGET.

It is a pleasure to know that a great many men who have spent from two to five years in this country have succeeded in making their homestake and have gone to the outside where they can take life more pleasant. Of course we are sorry to lose them personally, but it can't be expected that a man of means would undertake to live here when pleasures and comforts of life is all he has to look for. We wish them all Godspeed.

This is a Liberal government just now, but we know some mine owners who are inclined to call it by some other name.

The subjects of Uncle Sam have a new version of "Yankee Doodle Dandy," they now sing "Yankee Dewey Dandy."

GIVE ME YOUR GOLD.

Give me your gold, with gold you can now buy me;
I'm not here for love—I left sentiment behind me,
I want to fill my sack as quick as I can do it,
And I am not particular here, just by what means I do it.
I want the gold, to take back from whence I came,
And there I'll say I dug it from my claim,
And having wealth I'll be all right—just so,
For wealth keeps your friends and makes you royal, you know.
Oh! give me gold, in nuggets great and small,
I'll give up honor, or any old thing at all.
'Tis not for health I made this journey long
But for the wealth to be had here for a song,
And with a stake I'll go back to my friends—
Show them the favors fortune to the seeker lends;
There I'll be king—an honorable personage again
For no matter how you get it—'tis gold that makes the man.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES MEET.

The Masons and Odd Fellows hold their First Sessions in Dawson.

Masonic meeting, held at the Pioneer Hall, Saturday evening, would indicate that nearly one-half of those coming in this year belong to that fraternity. The meeting was of a social nature, and is supposed to be the first Masonic assemblage on the Yukon. On the banks of the Jordan, in the wilds of India, on the deserts of Arabia, and, in fact, all over the known world, Masons have met from time immemorial, but so far as human knowledge goes, members of the order came together for the first here on Saturday.

The I.O.O.F. held its first meeting in Dawson, Saturday evening, and was largely attended. This order distinguished itself at Sheep Camp during the snow slide, and many men who came over the trail in '88 will remember the Odd Fellows with gratitude.

Church Notes.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Services were conducted in the morning in the Yukon Saw Mill by Rev. S. Hall Young, who is associate pastor with Rev. A. S. Grant, M.D. His theme was that of the Rich Fool, taken from the 23rd chapter of St. Luke.

The regular Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Russell of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. Rev. A. S. Grant, M.D., preached the regular evening sermon.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—The morning services at 11 a.m. was conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. G. Bowen, his text being the parable of The Ten Lepers, found in Luke 17-15. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a union service was conducted in the open air in Klondike City by Rev. R. J. Bowen and Dr. Grant. Rev. R. J. Bowen preached as usual at 7:30 in the evening.

Salvation Free.

Adjutant Dowell and party of seven of the Salvation Army reached Dawson, Saturday, at 12 o'clock. It made the NUGGET man think of home to see the well-known uniforms, and there are probably few in Dawson but who feel the same way. In the number were two ladies, and though looking tired from the journey, their faces were quite cheerful.

Gone to Seattle.

The first white child born in Dawson, Dawsy Shultz, has left for the outside. The mother, during the entire winter, has been very sick, and it has only been within the past month that she has been able to get around at all, so it was thought best by Mr. Shultz to send mother and child outside, he staying in during the coming winter to work in the mines.

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