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JUDGE BROWN'S CHARGE

To the Grand Jury at Skagway Was to Thoroughly Investigate Rumors of Official Graft — Ex-Deputy Marshal Tanner on the Rack With Sehlbrede.

Skagway, Oct. 9.—In instructing the grand jury now in session at this place as to its sworn duty, District Judge Melville C. Brown charged that a most thorough investigation of the most notorious graft among officials be made. He particularly emphasized the word "officials." Heretofore U. S. Commissioner Sehlbrede only has been mentioned as being crooked, but now it is reported that ex-deputy marshal J. M. Tanner will also be investigated.

BIG CROWD.

Skagway, Oct. 9.—Steamer Hating arrived tonight carrying the largest crowd ever taken by that steamer from Skagway. The Cottage City will arrive shortly.

ALL FOR DAWSON.

Skagway, Oct. 9.—The Hating arrived last midnight with 50 passengers.

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LINE DOWN.

The through telegraph line to Vancouver has been down today and has thereby cut off communication to the outside world again. The line to Skagway is still in working order and the telegraphic dispatches printed in this issue of the paper were sent in by the Nugget's correspondent at the latter place.

ANCIENT RELICS.

Nome, Sept. 22, via Skagway, Oct. 9.—Miners on Gold Run creek have uncovered ancient stone dams on bedrock. Sluices and other evidences of ancient mining have also been discovered. It is supposed that the work was done by Russians two hundred years ago.

THIEVES AT SKAG.

Skagway, Oct. 9.—Much petty thieving is going on here at present, the supposed perpetrators being bad characters lately arrived from Dawson.

REPAIRING CABLE.

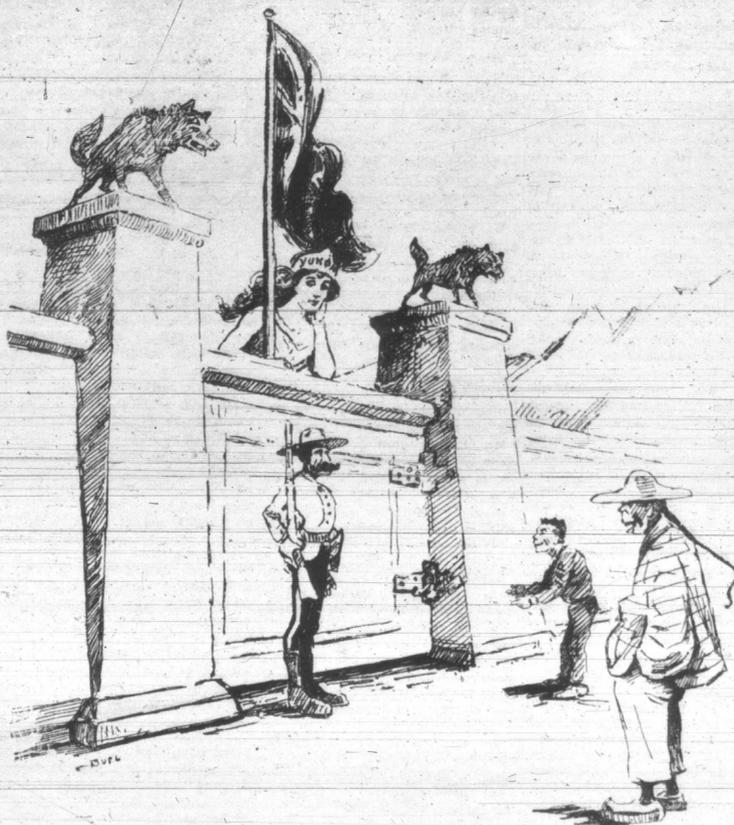
Skagway, Oct. 9.—The Juneau cable is being repaired by contract. It has been out of working order for a month.

Died Yesterday Evening.

George Pendegast, a well known miner, resident of the Klondike for several years, succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever, breathing his last at St. Mary's hospital yesterday evening. The deceased was about 28 years of age and was well liked by all who knew him.

Deceased came here early in '98 and spent that summer in the Eagle and Seventymile districts, coming to the Klondike that fall. He owned valuable property here, having claims on Glacier, Hunker, Dominion and Fonanza. He has one brother at Nome and brothers and sisters in Boston. He was a native of Prince Edward Island. The funeral will be held from St. Mary's Hospital tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Only best brands of case goods served. Drinks and cigars 25c. Pete McDonald, Bank saloon.



MISS CANADA WILL GUARD THE YUKON AGAINST YELLOW INVASION.

SMALL GRIP WAS STOLEN

Thief Supposed It Contained a Large Amount of Dust.

Indications are coming to light which point to the fact that would-be gold dust thieves are not operating exclusively on the creeks.

Mr. J. M. Poitras of 16 Eldorado is the latest victim of the sneak thief's operations, although his loss fortunately is very slight. Mr. Poitras drove down from the creek night before last, bringing with him a small grip, which has been used for carrying gold dust. On this occasion, however, its contents consisted principally of a small pocket book containing accounts and papers of value to no one but the owner.

Mr. Poitras drove to his cabin on Second ave., hitched his horse in front while he removed the robes and grip to the house. Returning, he drove the horse to the stable only a short distance away.

When he came back the grip had disappeared from the table on which it had been placed.

Yesterday morning the pocket book was found in the street with the papers intact. It was brought to the Nugget office and this morning reclaimed by the owner.

Mr. Poitras' theory of the affair is that the thief knew of his return from the creek and believed that the grip contained gold dust. When he discovered his mistake he threw away the pocket book, upon which the owner's name was market in ink. Mr. Poitras hopes that grip, also, was discarded by the thief, and that some one will find it and restore it to him.

Eschwege Released.

Having served a sentence of three years in the Yukon penitentiary, on conviction of having uttered worthless paper upon which he obtained money, Michael Eschwege is now a free man, his credits for good behavior while a prisoner lessening his time very materially.

LOST.—Lady's small poke containing few dollars in dust. Reward if returned to Nugget office.—D. H. R. T.

WANTED.—By a competent woman, position as cook or housekeeper. Best of references. Inquire at Nugget office.

FOUND.—Pocketbook belonging to J. M. Poitras. Owner can have by calling at this office and paying charges.

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ANOTHER HIPPODROME

Kelly and Caribou Meet and Police Stop the Go.

Last night at the Orpheum theater, Caribou Sinclair and Kelly of Nome met in deadly combat in what purported to be a 20-round go. The bout was advertised for 9:30 sharp but the champions refused to appear, claiming that the expenses of the night was over \$175, and that there was not sufficient money in the house to warrant them showing their siffae. Spielers were put out on the street after waiting impatiently one hour, and a few stragglers having been induced to enter, the contestants glared fiercely at Kelly and Kelly reproached in kind. Waterfront Brown acted as referee.

At the end of the fourth round the go was stopped by the police as Brown claimed Kelly fouled Caribou. Such, however, was not the case, as Kelly punched Caribou when in a clinch but with both arms free. Brown himself prior to the commencement of hostilities stating to the on-lookers that the principals had agreed upon that style of fighting. His decision met with jeers and hisses, the police entered the ring and the fight was declared off. The people who paid admission were again mulcted of their coin and pugilism in Dawson given its final knockout. Neither man showed any degree of skill, both being slow and uninteresting.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The Ora passed Five Fingers at 7 o'clock this morning and will arrive tomorrow, leaving the day following. The Flora and Nora will be in early next week. All three are scheduled for another trip, and the Ora may make two more.

The Clifford Sifton arrived at White Horse yesterday at 1 o'clock and leaves today for her last down trip. She returns up river Sunday, and after discharging at White Horse will at once go into winter quarters.

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OUTLOOK FOR NEWS

At Police Court Presents Most Discouraging Aspect.

Can it be that Dawson is threatened with dissolution and that the good old days when a reporter could enmesh himself in an obscure corner of the police court room and in one hour's time take sufficient notes to make a column of "hot stuff" have passed away never more to return? It looked that way this morning when a reporter entered the court room and was the only being in it. The front row of benches that, in former days was wont to be occupied by those who the night before had owned the earth, and who then were holding seances with old H. E. Morse, was empty and cold looking; the subtle spider was weaving his web across the entrance to the lonesome box and the silent, desolate air of the place plainly indicated that a story would have to be looked for elsewhere.

It may be that a moral atmosphere pervades Dawson, or, while the wind may blow from the same quarter as of yore, it may be that less strychnine is being put in the hooch. The fact remains that something radical exists, and if it is not in the wind it must be in the hooch.

COMING AND GOING.

Mr. and Mrs. Falcon Joslin have left for the winter.

Judge and Mrs. S. O. Morford have gone outside for the winter.

E. B. Hill, the cattle man, has gone outside on a business trip.

G. K. French, the Eagle attorney, left for the outside on the Dawson.

J. E. McAlpine and wife have gone to Southern California for the winter.

Wm. and A. A. Northrup, well known miners, left for the outside yesterday.

Sheriff R. J. Ellbeck and Comptroller J. T. Lithgow were passengers for the outside yesterday on Selkirk. Both will return over the ice early in the year.

Mr. W. W. White, K. C., senior member of the legal firm of White, McCaul & Davey, took his departure Monday night on the Dawson on a pleasure trip to the outside.

Geo. Butler has a fresh consignment of the "Flor de Manoa"—a big 25c cigar.

Fresh Lowney's candies. Kelly & Co., druggists.

BILL TO PROTECT MINERS

Introduced by Councilman Arthur Wilson at Yesterday's Meeting Is Broad and Comprehensive—Passed the First and Second Readings—Bill Was Referred.

Councilman Wilson at the meeting of the Yukon council yesterday afternoon introduced a bill entitled "An ordinance for the protection of miners," which if it succeeds in passing after its third reading will be of immeasurable benefit to every man, woman and child in the Yukon territory, whether actively employed about a mine or not. The bill was given its first and second reading, and will doubtless receive its final hearing at the next meeting of the council, and that it will pass, perhaps with some slight modification, is the earnest wish of everyone familiar with its provisions. As matters now stand he who delves in the earth with pick and shovel has but little protection other than that which he himself is taught by his own instincts. Some mines are timbered and some are not, in some the ventilation is so bad that before descending a shaft after a fire has been put in it is necessary to lower a lighted candle in order to ascertain if there is enough oxygen in the air at the bottom of the shaft to sustain life; drifts cave in because they have not been properly supported; buckets fall off the windlass rope and perhaps crush in the skull of the man below; people have been known to fall in abandoned shafts simply because they were neither fenced nor covered up, and the protection afforded is as infinitesimal as the proverbial mote. Mining inspectors there are in plenty, but they either can not, will not, or do not inspect as they should, and the result is an occasional life lost, perhaps a broken leg or a fractured skull. The accident is recorded in the daily papers, the injured man goes to the hospital and perhaps he recovers, maybe he dies, and if he does he is soon forgotten, there are others anxious to take his place, and thus the sacrifice of human life goes merrily on.

Mr. Wilson's bill, which it is hoped will greatly ameliorate the condition of the working miner, is quite lengthy covering twenty-four sheets of paper closely typewritten. In hearing it read for the first time one is impressed with the care that has evidently been bestowed in compiling it, the intent plainly being to reduce to the smallest possible chance any injury to the life and limb of the miner. The bill's application is very broad, and included every mine of whatever description within the Yukon territory. The interpretation of the term "mine" is equally as elastic and includes every shaft in the course of being sunk, every level and incline, the works, machinery, tramways, railways and sidings, both below and above ground. The "shaft" includes the pit and slope. The term "owner" applies to any person or body corporate who is the proprietor, lessee or occupier of any mine, or any part thereof, and does not include a person who merely receives a royalty or rental from a mine, or is merely the proprietor subject to any lease or

grant for the working thereof, or is merely the owner of the soil and not interested in the minerals of the mine; but any contractor for the working of any mine or any part thereof shall be subject to the ordinance in like manner as if he was an owner, but so as not to exempt the owner from any liability.

The commissioner is empowered from time to time to appoint competent and practical persons to act as inspectors and may define the limits of each district within which such inspectors shall act. It shall be the duty of every inspector to visit and inspect from time to time every mine within his district; to ascertain that the provisions of this ordinance are complied with and that the mines are worked with all regard to the safety and protection of the persons employed therein; to investigate every case where loss of life or any personal injury occurs by reason of any explosion or any accident whatever, and to report such information regarding such loss of life or injury to the commissioner.

The inspectors shall have the power to enter, examine and inspect any mine at any time, day or night, its general condition as to safety, its ventilation and all other matters pertaining to the welfare of the persons employed in or about the mine. He should find any mine to be dangerous or defective so as to endanger the life of those employed therein he shall forthwith give notice in writing to the owner, agent or manager of the mine, pointing out such defects and require them to be remedied at once. If such owner, agent or manager fails to comply with said notice within ten days he is guilty of an offense.

The manner of providing for a formal investigation of an accident in any mine where such is considered expedient, is by the commissioner directing the inspector to hold such investigation, to whom is given the power to enter and inspect any mine or building where such accident has taken place; to summon witnesses, and to administer oaths. Persons failing to comply with a summons upon such investigation are liable to a penalty of \$400 or imprisonment for 30 days.

Provisions are also made for holding coroner's inquests upon the bodies of those killed in any accident in any mine. At such inquest the inspector or any person appointed by the workmen of the mine at which the accident has occurred shall be at liberty to examine any witness, subject, however, to the order of the coroner. Persons having a personal interest in any mine where an accident occurred, or any relative of the deceased, shall not be eligible for duty on such coroner's jury. If in the opinion of the inspector it will lead to a more thorough investigation and will be more conducive to the ends of justice.

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