

## MINER WANTS INFORMATION

### Thinks Hen That Lays Golden Egg Is Being Decapitated.

#### Asks a Few Pertinent Questions Regarding Responsibility for Existing Laws—Discouraged Canadian.

Editor Daily Nugget: I presume that I am not alone in my ignorance but the fact that I neglected to post myself in reference to the mining laws in force here before I left my home and a good business in British Columbia is now the only excuse I can offer for being here. But here I am, and the longer I remain the more glaring seems my carelessness in not posting myself as to existing laws before coming.

On the 28th of last August I landed here with \$7000 in cash. Without any investigation to speak of I invested \$4000 in a claim which had been thoroughly prospected and which showed a good paystreak. For the \$4000 I got a one-third interest in it. With the remainder of my money I proposed to engage in the work of prospecting for additional claims, expecting thereby to be able to obtain some property of which I would be the sole owner. But before the elapse of many weeks my eyes were opened to the fact that, owing to the existing laws governing mining in this district, the less mining property a man acquires the better he is off, and while the claim in which I am interested will compare favorably with average claims, all thoughts and hopes of returning with a fortune to my family are dissipated and my one aim and object now is to get my \$4000 out of it and then quit this law cursed neck of country forever.

Not satisfied with retaining one-half of every creek, and with using every known device in the line of chicanery to gobble up every claim on which renewal papers are not obtained on a certain day, and making relocating an impossibility, the government must needs demand—aye, and take—ten per cent of all the poor devil takes out over and above a certain sum. It looks to me as if the policy of the government is to harass the claim owner during all the time he is operating, knowing full well that by the time of the cleanup he will have already expended or contracted in the way of expense bills from 60 to 80 per cent of what the gross washout will be, and then swoop down on him for a 10 per cent royalty and leave him with less than will pay for the time he worked even at the wages of a common laborer on the claim.

Now, what I want to know is this:

First—Do the officers sent here by the Dominion government have anything to do with the framing of the laws governing this district?

Second—Is it not within the province of the officers here, knowing as they are supposed to know, the hardships inflicted by the existing law, to make such suggestions to headquarters at Ottawa as would serve to mitigate what is to all a patent evil?

Third—Is it not a fact that laws governing and regulating mining in this district are the direct result of suggestions made by the officers who are sent here to preside?

Fourth—If I am right as to my last question, then is it not official prostitution for these men when they see that by the laws the country is being ruined, depopulated and reduced to a condition in which revenue will practically cease to flow into the public coffer to act and act at once in recommending to headquarters such remedies as will cause to cease this retrograding system now in progress, which system is rapidly drawing the life blood from the hen that, if given the opportunity, will again regularly produce golden eggs? LAWRIEDEN MINER.

#### For Widows and Orphans.

An entertainment, the proceeds of which will be forwarded to the fund for

the help and maintenance of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the South African war, will be given in the Palace Grand opera house Thursday night of this week. A number of the best known and most influential ladies and gentlemen in the city are managing the affair which promises to be most interesting. The program which is now being prepared will be published subsequent to the event. The free use of the Palace Grand has been granted for the occasion. The cause is a most worthy one and will be aided by all. The box sheet is now exposed at Reed's drug store, where tickets are on sale.

#### Grand Forks' News.

Mr. Will of Gold Hill, entertained a few friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Clark, Monday evening, Feb. 15th. Whist was played; a very pleasant evening was spent and a delicious lunch was served.

The Literary and Musical Association gave a debate Saturday evening, Feb. 10th, at the Presbyterian church. "Resolved, That the pen is more powerful than the sword," was the question discussed.

Mr. Warren Lamb has moved his machinery from 4 above Bonanza, to 8 Eldorado.

A slight cave-in occurred on Dr. Carper's claim on Gold Hill last Wednesday. Work was delayed for several days.

Captain Jack Crawford gave an entertainment Thursday evening, Feb. 8th, at the Presbyterian church. The program was very interesting.

Mr. Duffen of 21 Eldorado, is visiting friends in Dawson.

The electric light plant has closed down at the Forks. The lights will be missed very much.

#### POLICE COURT.

But for one drunk and one nuisance perpetrator, police court would have been a blank so far as the trial of cases go this morning.

The case against Yakshaw, Zimeran and Kruesner, implicated in the robbing of a scow up the river, was continued until this afternoon. A committee from the Dawson fire department appeared with a request to be granted permission to give an entertainment Sunday night for the benefit of Matt Probst, the aged fireman who had his right arm broken during the late fire, which arm will probably require amputation. Major Perry stated that as Probst was injured while on duty and in the employ of the government he thought it was the duty of the government to care for him in a substantial manner. He advised the committee to see Governor Ogilvie and stated that he, Perry, is willing to do anything in his power to aid and assist the unfortunate man.

#### Instructions and Inquiries.

The United States collectors of customs have been instructed not to admit to entry into the United States any gold dust, exceeding \$100 in value, without the same is accompanied by a consular invoice, or a bond for the production of such invoice, where such gold is forwarded as a product of mines. The effect of this order is to compel people who take or send gold dust into the United States, to procure a consular invoice from the United States consul at the place where such gold is mined. The object of the instruction is to enable the United States authorities to keep account of what gold is imported into the United States, and from which country it is exported. A failure to procure the consular invoice would subject a person to delay and annoyance at the boundary line; such an individual would be required to file affidavits as to where the gold had been obtained, or possibly the gold would be refused entry until the consular invoice was secured. The official fee for such invoice is \$2.50.

Acting Consul John Q. Adams is in receipt of an inquiry from Frank Shannon of Wharton, Texas, respecting the whereabouts of the latter's father, D. A. Shannon. Mr. D. A. Shannon left Wharton, Texas, in January, 1898. He wrote to his son from Lake Bennett

on June 16th, 1898. He is 45 years of age, a carpenter by trade, and a member of the Woodmen of the World order. Mrs. Matthews of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes for news concerning her son, Beirton C. Matthews. The young man was in Juneau in 1898, from which place he is supposed to have come to Dawson.

#### Their Absence Apparent.

Two months ago the expression "the people who leave here over the ice for Nome will not be missed," was frequently heard. Time has proven the falsity of the statement. A sufficient number has already left to make their absence very marked and distinctly felt by every business industry in Dawson. The merchants, restaurants, lodging houses, saloons, all feel the effects of the exodus and all are affected by it. The decrease in the number of dogs in the city is also very noticeable, for it is estimated that the number of dogs used by the Nomads is fully equal to the number of persons going.

#### December and January Weather.

The following is the official report of the weather for the months of December, 1899, and January, 1900, as observed from the government thermometer:

DECEMBER.	Minimum Temp.		JANUARY.	Minimum Temp.	
	Above.	Below.		Above.	Below.
1st.	7.0	1.4	1st.	32.0	2.0
2d.	8.0	2.1	2d.	40.0	3.0
3d.	3.0	3.1	3d.	35.0	4.0
4th.	4.0	4.1	4th.	32.0	5.0
5th.	10.0	5.1	5th.	30.0	6.0
6th.	11.0	6.1	6th.	28.0	7.0
7th.	7.0	7.1	7th.	26.0	8.0
8th.	4.0	8.1	8th.	18.0	9.0
9th.	10.5	9.1	9th.	9.0	10.0
10th.	10.0	10.1	10th.	7.5	11.0
11th.	34.0	11.1	11th.	8.5	12.0
12th.	38.0	12.1	12th.	22.5	13.0
13th.	39.5	13.1	13th.	39.0	14.0
14th.	19.0	14.1	14th.	49.0	15.0
15th.	19.5	15.1	15th.	57.0	16.0
16th.	24.0	16.1	16th.	51.3	17.0
17th.	48.0	17.1	17th.	46.0	18.0
18th.	50.0	18.1	18th.	45.5	19.0
19th.	4.0	19.1	19th.	9.5	20.0
20th.	31.4	20.1	20th.	30.5	21.0
21st.	29.0	21.1	21st.	25.0	22.0
22d.	37.0	22.1	22d.	25.0	23.0
23d.	34.0	23.1	23d.	45.5	24.0
24th.	40.5	24.1	24th.	51.5	25.0
25th.	37.0	25.1	25th.	50.5	26.0
26th.	37.0	26.1	26th.	31.0	27.0
27th.	50.5	27.1	27th.	13.0	28.0
28th.	52.0	28.1	28th.	11.0	29.0
29th.	42.5	29.1	29th.	11.0	30.0
30th.	38.0	30.1	30th.	2.0	31.0

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#### Notice.

SKAGWAY, Jan. 27.  
To the Daily Klondike Nugget:  
You are authorized to offer the sum of \$1,000 reward for the return of Fred Clayton, dead or alive. Supposed to have been murdered between Minto and Hutchiku on Christmas day. Please insert this notice in your paper two weeks.  
(Signed) WILL CLAYTON.

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#### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct and operate a line of railway from a point at or near Pyramid Harbour, on the Chilkoot inlet near the head of Lynn Canal, or from the International Boundary line at or near the village of Kluckwan, northerly to Dalton's Post on the Dalton trail, and following the Dalton trail to Fort Selkirk, thence continuing by the most feasible route to Dawson City; with powers to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines; to mine and deal in mines; to crush, smelt and work ores and minerals of all descriptions; erect smelters and other works and carry on a general mining business; to construct roads, tramways, wharves, mills and all necessary works; to own and operate steam and other vessels in the Yukon and all its tributaries and upon all inland waters in the Yukon district; to erect and operate all electrical works for the use and transmission of electrical power and to acquire and use water power for that purpose. Also to erect and maintain trading posts and carry on a general trading business in all merchandise in the Territory, and to acquire all other necessary rights and privileges, and to do all necessary things in connection with the business of the company.  
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