

THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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AT LAST SHE IS LAUNCHED.

The Paid up Members of the Miners' Association Have a Meeting.

An Interesting Session—Committees Appointed—Expressions of Sympathy With Individual Miner.

Monday afternoon, as per notice from the organizer of the Miners' Association of the Yukon Territory, Mr. Frank Dunleavy, the members met in the Presbyterian church to perfect plans of organization. The report of Mr. Dunleavy was most interesting. He told of the many expressions of good will he had met from the miners and their almost unanimous approbation of the association and its objects. The gulches were more or less deserted but it could be safely relied upon that the membership of the organization was going to be very large. Hundreds of men were anxious to join but had not the money to spare at this time of the year. All were perfectly cognizant of the need for the association and were anxious to see it a success. The report was unanimously accepted.

Mr. P. E. Irvine was voted into the chair and Dr. McDonald made secretary. The trustees of the funds reported having received from Mr. Dunleavy the total sum of \$200 the paid up subscription of 52 memberships. Expenses had been paid to the amount of \$60, \$52 printing expenses and \$8 expenses of the organizer up the gulch. By vote the report was adopted. The following gentlemen were elected a committee to draw up rules, bye-laws and constitution to report at the next meeting: A. N. McChen, Percy McDougall, Col. D. MacGregor, W. Van Iderstein, George M. Allen, Wm. Sear and J. W. Biddle. By vote it was afterwards decided to add the following: Joe Irvine, Max Eidenman, C. S. W. Burwell and Fred Hutcheson.

The building committee appointed to see at once as to logs and land and report at the next meeting is as follows: W. Galpin, Col. D. MacGregor and A. N. McChen.

There were 24 members present out of a total of 52. Some discussion was indulged in on instructing the committee as to the objects of the association but a little argument developed the fact that the members present were overwhelmingly in favor of taking up the case of any individual members who could show a righteous cause.

The gentlemen present were a thoroughly earnest body of men and it could easily be seen that great things are ahead of the association. It was the unanimous sense of the meeting that the committee make its report as quickly as possible and lose no time. The first of next week will see the association with constitution, bye-laws and permanent officers. Until then Mr. Dunleavy will continue to act as organizer and will take subscriptions at Vernon & Story's auction room, opposite the Mining Exchange.

An earnest and sincere vote of thanks was given Mr. Dunleavy for his endeavors on behalf of the association. Mr. Dunleavy had neither asked for nor received compensation for his services.

A vote of thanks and accompanying applause was given with a right good will to the gentleman, who, having completed his work, is now preparing for his departure for the outside.

Think It a Chronic Kicker.

Everybody in Dawson has seen and smiled at the little diminutive jackass colt which, with its mother, roams our streets unmolested and not afraid. Being the only colt ever seen here it attracts lots of attention, and the little fellow is being constantly called upon to enter vigorous protest to unwarranted attentions by raising its heels in the air.

Sunday night a company of ladies and gentlemen were taking a constitutional down toward the Klondike bridge. The first and second editions of the hood were discovered alongside the road and the party stopped to admire and caress. Of course the name of the little colt was asked and the owner stated that it had none. "Let us name it," exclaimed the ladies, all at once. The owner gave his consent, and they commenced a long and laughing argument on appropriate names. Some thought that the little creature looked homelike and natural and should be called Samantha Ann. Other ladies thought it such a "sweet, cute little darling" it should be named Pansy. Finally one lady declared she had solved the problem of securing an appropriate name. She said the first number of the Nugget she had seen started out kicking and it had been kicking ever since, so she proposed that name for the little animal which was thoroughly demonstrating its efficiency in the same direction. The suggestion created much amusement, but the name was given and so we record it.

Captain Barrington Dead.

Captain E. M. Barrington is dead. He died Monday after a lingering illness of a month. Typhoid fever was the immediate cause of his demise, though probably hard work and worrying attention had worn him down to the point where the disease took such a hold of him that he could not shake it off. The Barringtons are from Whidby Island, Puget Sound, where the father was a pioneer. The boys grew up more or less on the water. The deceased came in last fall with his brother Sydney, and afterwards went out on the ice. Returning this spring he joined with Messrs. McConnell and Hamilton in purchasing the Willie Irving with which boat he successfully navigated the upper Yukon until stricken with his mortal illness. The deceased was 31 years of age and single. The body is embalmed and will be taken back to his island home by a sorrowful cortege of friends and relations. Accompanying the body will be two brothers: F. McCrohan, an uncle; George Newland, a cousin, and Chris Fisher, a brother-in-law.

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in connection with this fire. Here we are in Dawson, with eighteen thousand dollars worth of fire fighting apparatus of the very best kind, and not a piece of it—not so much as a bucket—available. The logs in our buildings are dry as tinder and every building is covered with moss as inflammable as hay. It does not require the gift of prophecy to foresee what will happen if ever a fire gets started, and yet the people will not take sufficient interest in the fire department to build a house for the engine and put a fire in it.

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There'll come a time some day when Dawson will have a water supply, but until then we get primitive way. Dog-wagons, horse carts and men using yokes on their shoulders are the three methods most in vogue. The Dawson brewers have improved on these methods long since. A high grade leads from the river to the brewery. A man on the ground at the river end with a rotary pump and long hose, and there you have the water works.

Arrested for Stealing Whiskey. Wilson & Barrett are wholesale liquor dealers located in a cabin next the Pacific hotel. Tuesday they hired a man named Bradley to do some work moving stuff around. It is supposed that while the partners were otherwise engaged the hired man took a 10-gallon keg of whiskey, carried it out of the cabin and secreted it under the nearest building. Anyhow, when night time came and Barrett retired to sleep in the cabin he was aroused to full wakefulness by suspicious footsteps around the cabin. Opening the door he discovered the defendant and the keg of whiskey. Bradley was held over to the superior court.

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FAVORITISM IN RECORDER'S OFFICE

One Man Could See the Records and Another Could Not.

Miss Gathley Tells of Some of the Things He Knows About Dominion, and Also of the G. C.'s Office.

EDITOR NUGGET:

Having read the article in your paper concerning the "Dominion middle" I wish to relate a few circumstances on that subject myself. Just after losing a claim on Bonanza which I had re-located, and after being refused the return of my \$15 recording fee, I went over to Dominion. A few days prospecting and I found what I at first took to be a vacant fraction. Careful cruising showed it to be a whole tree in the presence of two witnesses. The upper stake was blazed but not written on until I did so. I came to Dawson but could not get it recorded though I stood in line with the other moment marking 40 degrees below zero. As I could not get into the office I went personally to Dominion where I asked him if I could not get a cabin. He said the first stake would hold the ground and I couldn't get it until it was officially surveyed. Later on I asked him if it might be a year, two years or never. From the first I have always believed there was some treachery intended on the part of Dominion creek and time will tell if I am not a little mistaken. One I got into the office without standing days and days in line and I saw an old gentleman coming in the office of one of the clerks. I think it was Sulphur. I asked Mr. Bolton if he had payment of a fee or in any other way a man could obtain the right to look at the records. He said: "Well, yes; but what do you want to know?"

I said, "It's a little private business of my own."

"Well," said he, "any information you will gladly give you."

"Yes," I said, "if suppose I can go out to the creek and stake and work and when I come here again you will give me the information that it is already recorded."

"Oh, we don't do any business like that here."

"I don't say you do, but it is done nevertheless."

The old gentleman was given permission to finish copying his records after dinner, but it being Saturday I did not go back until Monday. Later when I asked gold commissioner that day and when I asked for the records to copy, he said: "I got orders from Mr. Fewcett that the records of Dominion are not to be shown, as the books of the creek are closed and it is the intention of Mr. Fewcett to give the vacant unrecorded claims to the purchasers in good faith of other claims which had two and three certificates issued against them."

Mr. Editor I would like to ask you who is acting the more in "good faith"—the man who packed and staked and dug holes and built claim lines and developed the country, or is it some speculator who got "bits" on some false certificate, that this has been a concerted scheme from beginning to end. But where is the elder? Here was the creek closed in November of last year and now it is nearly September and nothing definite done with it yet.

The warning in your paper mentions No. 47, which is the one I staked. I tried to record it as 73 below but the survey has changed the numbers, and it is now 73. Your warning is correct when you tell us our claims have been staked lately again.

I tried twice in December to record, but I need say nothing more on this matter for my neighbor to Ottawa will cover the entire ground.

After declaring the creek to be closed, Mr. Fewcett opened the creek suddenly below 120. Hearing of the stampee I went over and staked my own claim again, but was not allowed to record. By misreading me, saying the entire creek was closed, he caused me to lose that chance on a claim.

I have been to Fewcett and told him that I wanted him to record my application for the claim as someone had staked over me. He got angry at once and said he wouldn't do it. I told him I would put in a protest. He said I need not do it for he would not accept the protest. The names of the stakers are "Allen" on one stake and "Clark" on the other, though afterward the last name was erased.

I built a cabin along with Nels Henderson and waited for the official survey. Mr. Cadden and the surveyor took our names and affidavits and ordered us off the claims. He said there were no outstanding rights on claims.

I consider the men that located on the unrecorded claims of Bonanza to be as respectable as ever entered the Yukon valley, and fully entitled to the utmost consideration.

How long are such things to go on in this way? How much longer must we wait? What can the feelings of a prospector who has put in months of labor and then gets "bit" through such officialism as prevails in Dawson.

Hoping to hear something in regard to Dominion from the commissioner through your paper, I am yours, most respectfully,

D. N. GATHLEY.

As a German Viewed It.

Last Sunday forenoon a Dawson citizen was coming down the trail from Eldorado city and having been absent from town for several days was naturally very anxious to learn the latest. Seeing a gentleman, who proved to be a German, reading a paper in front of a tent, he approached him and the following conversation ensued:

"What are you reading?"

"The X-cooper," was the reply.

"What date?"

"The last."

"What's new?"

"Oh! it knocks hell out of our officials men."

NOTICE.

Miner's Association. A meeting of members will be held in the Pioneer Hall on Monday evening at 7:30 to consider and adopt the rules and by-laws of the association, and the election of committee and officers. All members are requested to be present and persons wishing to enroll are invited.

By order of PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

Front St.

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Montreal University, Dentist, Crown and

M. B., L. R. C. P., Edinburgh, Office, Worden

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