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## FIRE PROTECTION.

The interviews which appear on another page of this issue of The Nugget regarding measures for increasing the effectiveness of the fire department and insuring the observance of ordinary precautions on the part of owners and occupants of buildings, are well worth consideration by the authorities and citizens in general.

It is quite evident to us and from the tenor of the interviews it appears equally plain to our business men, that some radical change must take place if Dawson is to be furnished with anything like adequate fire protection. Running through the interviews will be noted a conviction on the part of the speakers that measures for preventing fires are equally important, if not more so, than means for extinguishing a fire when once started.

A most important point is the use to which the upper stories of theaters and saloons have been placed. We believe that buildings located in the business district should be used for business purposes exclusively and that variety and dance house women should be excluded from occupying the upper floors of theater buildings as places of permanent residence. Experience has proven that the presence of these people acts as a continual and unceasing menace to the safety of the town.

Again, as suggested in the interviews, large buildings should be provided with brick chimneys, suitable exits should be placed in buildings used as places of public assembly, and a regular system of fire inspection should be enforced.

These matters are all worthy of close and careful study, and are commended to the Yukon Council for their most earnest consideration.

## PERTINENT INQUIRIES.

As will be noted elsewhere in this issue, a correspondent has some very interesting and pertinent queries to present to the public of Dawson, and more particularly to the powers that hold sway in this good metropolis of the Yukon.

The Nugget gives space to the publication of these questions for the simple reason that, while they are placed in somewhat forcible language, we are constrained to the belief that, if the

facts are as stated, they are very well taken.

This paper would not under any consideration be placed in the position of upholding or countenancing anything that savors of violation of law or defiance of properly constituted authority. We believe that laws—good, bad or indifferent—should be obeyed, so long as they are laws. But, at the same time, we are unable to reconcile any theory or construction of law by virtue of which one individual or set of individuals are compelled to comply with certain requirements which others are not asked to observe.

The Nugget is pleased that its correspondent has brought this matter to the attention of the public. Public discussion is the quickest and most effective remedy for public grievances. An explanation of the questions propounded by our correspondent is certainly due. We will as cheerfully give space to the explanation as to the queries.

The recent laws declaring all unrepresented ground forfeited to the crown and closing from the prospector the most important creeks in the district will have a very important effect in decreasing the revenues of the government. Hundreds of men who are not now owners of property will fail to renew their miners' licenses, and for every one of these men the government will lose the sum of \$10.

Our friends up the creeks who were complaining some few weeks ago of the warm weather will have no objections on that particular score now. Last winter no weather so severe as has been experienced in Dawson during the past few days occurred after Dec. 1st. It looks as though the long continued mild weather of the fall will result in a decided prolongation of winter.

Sulphur creek is certainly doing itself proud. According to our advisees, there are more thawing plants in operation on Sulphur than on any other creek in the district. This speaks pretty well for a creek which twelve months ago was being condemned from one end to the other as a failure.

An ordinance compelling the placing of a brick chimney in every building in town would be a long step toward giving Dawson a fair measure of fire protection. The Board of Trade, in taking up this most important matter, is acting most wisely. Some men must be compelled to take care of themselves.

## Fun on Dominion.

A very pleasant party was given at McNeil's road house on Dominion last Tuesday evening. The event was to celebrate and partake of the prize cake taken by Geo. Dove as Uncle Sam and Wm. Goss as Queen of Manila at Card's masquerade. The evening was spent in singing and dancing and closed with best wishes to Uncle Sam and the Queen. Among those present

were Mr. and Mrs. Card, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr and Mrs. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Miss Edith Robinson, Miss Zirbis, Miss Julian, Miss Mina Holmes, M. J. McNeil and the boys of No. 3.

## HE WANTS TO KNOW WHY.

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brick chimneys this winter. Stove pipes should be properly arranged and frequently inspected. An inspector should be detailed for this special duty."

Mr. Fulda, of the A. E. Co. said: "At present I consider our fire department inadequate to afford the required protection; but I have not given the matter enough consideration to warrant me in offering any particular improvements. I am always willing to stand my share of taxation, so long as the levy is made to better the town.

"If buildings are properly constructed and frequently inspected, I see no objection to the occupancy of upper stories by variety actresses and dance hall girls; but all such places should be compelled to erect brick chimneys."

F. H. Ames—Our fire department is adequate except in cases of large fires. I am willing to pay a reasonable tax for a good water system. Of course, my opinion is to exclude actresses and dance hall girls from rooming in the upper stories of buildings in the business district.

Rogers, of Cribbs & Rogers—The number of paid firemen should be increased. I do not believe a good water system can be secured, and am opposed to further taxation. The variety women should not be allowed to tenant houses located on the business streets.

Mr. Gandolfo—I think that the recent fire was mismanaged. The wind was blowing south, and I see no reason why buildings north of the Monte Carlo should have burned. The government has done its duty in providing apparatus, and all that is lacking is good management. I will pay a tax for a good water system. If amusement houses are properly constructed it would not be dangerous to permit variety women to occupy them; but as they have been arranged in the past, such places have proven nothing but veritable fire traps.

Bob Cahill of Cahill & Fazan—Paid force should be increased. We are in favor of a water system, and would pay our share of the tax. Good buildings, if frequently inspected, would not be materially dangerous even if occupied by variety women and dance hall girls.

J. L. Timmins—There are not enough men in the department. I do not think that it is possible to secure a good water system now. The occupancy of the upper stories to amusement buildings by actresses and dance hall girls has been a disgrace in the past and is a menace to the safety of property.

W. H. Parsons—The department needs more men. I will pay my share of a tax for a good water system. Women—I mean a certain class—should not be permitted to tenant buildings in the business district.

## A Man Lost.

The Nugget is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Selby, California, requesting information concerning her father, Martin Mackey, who has been in Alaska since 1894. Anyone knowing of the said Mackey is requested to send the information to the Nugget office or to Mrs. Sullivan.

## District Court.

In Judge Dugas' court the greater portion of the forenoon of today was consumed in the appointment of dates for the trial of cases now pending. The case of the crown vs. McBeth, charged with theft will come up for hearing March 1st, and will, by request of the prisoner, be tried before a jury.

Young Wynkoop, charged with the theft of money, preferred to take his chances without a jury and the case was being heard today by Judge Dugas.

Call and see our stock of playing cards, leather pocket case with each pack. Nugget office.

Some Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office

One-half, 3/4, 1, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2-inch steam hose at Shindler's, 109 Front street.

FIRE! J. L. Sale & Co., now at branch store, 2nd Ave., next to Palmer Bros.

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