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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium—"David Harum."
Orpheum—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

THE GOLD DUST SITUATION.

According to announcement of the government it appears that an export duty of 2½ per cent. on gold is to be substituted in the place of the present royalty of five per cent. The effect of this action must be the elimination of gold dust as a medium of exchange.

How this may be effected without occasioning any disturbance in financial and commercial circles is the question of the hour. The most satisfactory solution of the difficulty would be through the establishment of an assay office by the government, where the miner might make immediate disposition of his gold. Under present circumstances, practically the entire output is exported to the mints of the United States. It is to be anticipated, therefore, that the banks and others dealing in dust, in making purchase hereafter, will deduct the additional two and one-half per cent., whether they buy direct from the miner or from the merchant. Obviously, the latter who now accepts commercial dust at $16 per oz.—a dollar and twenty-five cents above its present bank value, must find some means of protecting himself against further loss. This may be done either by agreement not to accept gold dust in future transactions, or by reducing the rate at which it is taken.

Some determination in the matter should be reached immediately, in order that notice of any proposed changes may be circulated as widely as possible. To continue accepting dust at the present commercial rate seems out of the question.

ROYALTY REBATES.

The favorable decision given the claimants for royalty rebate, the details of which were published exclusively in the Nugget yesterday, will be far-reaching in effect, provided, of course, that the decision is sustained on appeal. Devoid of its technical aspects, the case shows at a glance that the claimants are entitled, in equity, to a rebate of the royalty collected for the season of 1898. The imposition of the royalty did not go into effect until months after grants for claims had been issued, and in the grants thus given special provision was made whereby the holders should have and enjoy all gold which they might take from their ground during the life of their grants.

In spite of this stipulation, royalty at the rate of 10 per cent. on the gross output was collected and it is upon this point that the test case outlined in yesterday's issue of this paper was brought.

The case will establish a precedent for numerous others, the whole sum which will be recovered from the government running well into the hundreds of thousands. The outcome of the contest which has been strenuously fought by the government, will occasion satisfaction not only to the parties directly interested but to everyone who understood the conditions under which the royalty was originally imposed.

The board of aldermen has a just grievance against the territorial council. Dawson has been incorporated for nearly three months and still the reins of power are held by the Yukon council. The city council is tied down in the matter of legislating upon certain important subjects touching local revenues and cannot act until Yukon council meets for the purpose of repealing conflicting territorial ordinances. There seems to be no reasonable ground upon which such delay can be based, and the hesitation of the acting commissioner in calling the council together does not appear to be well grounded. The city officials were elected for the purpose of relieving the territorial authorities of the responsibility of administering the affairs of Dawson. There seems to be no good reason for the attitude of the acting commissioner.

Active sluicing has been inaugurated at several points on the creeks and within a very few days the Klondike's annual harvest will be under full swing. From all reports, we believe it safe to say that a larger amount of dirt has been taken out this season than ever before and preparations which have been made for summer operations indicate that operations will be conducted upon a tremendous scale. The transformation that will take place in Dawson within a very few weeks will be cause for surprise to many pessimists who have found pleasure of late in predicting all manner of dire things for the future.

South Wellington.

Guelph, March 28.—An adjourned meeting of the South Wellington prohibitionists was held in the R. T. of T. hall this afternoon to consider the political situation, the referendum, and the enforcement of license laws. Quite a large representation was present from the various sections of the riding, and some lively discussions took place. Rev. B. W. Merrill occupied the chair. A motion was made to appoint a committee to secure a prohibition candidate, as it was stated neither of the present nominees could be depended upon to support prohibition in the legislature. It was decided to report the decision of the committee to a subsequent meeting.

P. B. Butter at Barrett & Hull's.

New Company.

A new local steamship company has just been formed to operate on the Stewart and McMillan rivers this summer. The company is called the Stewart-McMillan Transportation Company and has secured the services of C. H. Barwell, who will act as manager. The temporary office of the company is in room No. 3, Exchange building.

Dinner a la carte—Northern Cafe.

Of Interest to Shippers.

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PROTECTION EXTENDED

Decision in the Milne Concession

Miners Who Lost Claims Through Error of Department Will Recover Them.

The question as to whether or not persons staking in the Milne concession after the ground was closed to entry will have any standing or priority when the ground becomes open for location May 1 is one that to a great many people a decision is most desirable. Acting Assistant Gold Commissioner Pattullo when asked about the matter stated emphatically that such would be entitled to and would receive no recognition whatever other than any ordinary staker. That ruling applies to those who staked ground within the concession after it was closed to entry and includes quite a large number who stampeded it about a year ago and then brought suit to compel the gold commissioner to accept their applications. They are held to have no priority of rights over anyone else. There is another class, however, numbering all the way from 50 to 100 which will receive protection from the department, many of whom have lost their claims through what is now construed to have been an error on the part of the government. After Milne filed his application for the concession but before the lease was issued quite a large number of claims were staked on the ground and grants were issued for the same. Later, when Milne secured his lease it was held the placer locators were not entitled to their claims, in consequence of which each one was written a letter by the gold commissioner to the effect that the ground they claimed was within the Milne concession and that their grants would be concelled. Probably half of those who had made such locations thought otherwise and when it came time to do their work of representation, did so, insisting upon the mining recorder accepting their certificates of work. The certificates were finally accepted though renewals were in every instance refused. Under the recent order of things it has been decided that such renewals covering ground upon which the work has been hone the holders thereof are entitled to and they will be issued upon application. It is the intention, too, of the department to go even farther than that. All others who had received their grants and who failed to do their work of representation by reason of the letter written them by the gold commissioner informing them that their grants would be cancelled will be protected. The year in which such work could be done having expired it is manifestly impossible to conform with the regulations in that respect, but such will be given an opportunity to pay the fee in lieu of the representation. They will be notified that upon the payment of $200 within 30 days after the concession is open to entry their certificates will be accepted and renewals for the year will be issued. Those who fail to avail themselves of the opportunity within the proscribed time will lose the rights now extended to them and their claims will become open to entry again.

There are about 50 claims which are effected by such decision, all of which will be subject to relocation May 31 should the prior occupants not take advantage of the privilege extended them by the department.

Oppose Cuban Bill.

Washington,—April 5.—Three separate minority reports of the Cuban reciprocity bill were filed today by Representative Robertson of Louisiana, Newlands of Nevada and Cooper of Texas, all Democrats. Mr. Robertson says in part:

"The bill, if enacted into law, would afford no relief to the Cuban treasury. I believe that the benefits would go into the pockets of a few sugar planters owning thousands of acres of land. The 20 per cent. reduction would not go to the relief of the Cuban people, but would go immediately and entirely to fill the already overflowing coffers of the sugar refineries of the United States, known by the name of the Sugar Trust."

Mr. Robertson expresses astonishment that one of his Democratic associates (McClellan) in his report refers to the bill as an enunciation of "Democratic doctrines of reciprocity." Mr. Robertson adds: "It seems to me that that kind of reciprocity is absolutely impossible under a Democratic tariff. Should the tariff ever be revised on the line and plan of the principles of the Democratic party, reciprocity would be entirely unnecessary and impossible, as the rates would not be prohibitive and the extension of our trade would, as a natural consequence, flow from the imposition of such tariff rates without the necessity of reciprocity.'

Mr. Newlands makes an elaborate presentation, reviewing the political and commercial phases. In conclusion he says:

"The American people are becoming tired of sentimental legislation. We have spent $300,000,000 in a war to free Cuba. We have spent $500,000,000 in attempting to carry civilization to the Philippines. It is now proposed by the sentimentalists that we should inaugurate legislation changing our finance system, not for the benefit of the American consumers, nor for the benefit of our agricultural classes, which have thus far received little of the benefit of our financial legislation, but for the purpose of diverting to the Cuban planters, in order to relieve their threatened economic distress, a very large amount of money. I am willing to extend this sentimental legislation to Cuba for a reasonable period, provided it is accompanied by an invitation to Cuba to become a part of the United States. I wish to give Cuba full opportunity of deliberation, and I am willing to relieve her necessities so that this deliberation shall not be disturbed by acute economic distress, but I am opposed to the legislation, unless we give Cuba clearly and unequivocally to understand that if she wishes commercial union with this country and conditions of commerce not enjoyed by other independent nations she must seek political union with us in the form of annexation as a part of the republic."

Mr. Cooper's report is brief and expresses general opposition to the bill.

SANITATION ORDINANCE

Is and Will be Rigidly Enforced

Magistrate Macaulay Makes Unmistable Statement From Bench Today.

Magistrate Macaulay's repeated assertions regarding the enforcement of the health ordinance of Dawson are by no means idle remarks, as has been demonstrated by fines imposed by him on persons brought before him for violating that particular ordinance or bylaw.

There were three cases before the court this morning and in each was conviction secured, the fines ranging from $5 to $25, with costs added.

City Solicitor Donaghy appeared before the court for the first time in his official capacity, having with him the certified copy of the bylaw under which the sanitary cases were tried. The maximum penalty is a fine of $100 and his honor stated from the bench that if persons continued to neglect the warning as published by the papers over the signature of Mayor Macaulay to the effect that all premises must be cleaned and kept clean, he will impose the full limit of the fine.

The city must be kept in good sanitary condition or the police and judiciary will know the reasons why it is not.

Tomorrow Night the Time.

Even money was freely offered and as freely taken today on the result of the Slavin-Burley glove contest at the Orpheum tomorrow night, time to be called promptly at 10 o'clock. Both men have been carefully trained and are in the best of condition, but many who have formerly bet and won money on Slavin are today leary that the old war horse will meet his Waterloo tomorrow night. Slavin, however, says he never has lost his friends money and will save it to them this time. Burley is just as confident that he will carry off the long end of the sack. These conditions are a guarantee to the public that the go will be the hottest ever witnessed in a Dawson ring.

Two Tragic Deaths.

Belleville, March 30.—Miss Laura Penny, who lived in Thurlow, north of the Grand Trunk Railway, visited the Station Postoffice yesterday afternoon, and when crossing the tracks on her way home was struck by an engine and instantly killed. As she was about to cross the line she saw a train approaching and stepped on to another track to avoid it. A light engine, which was moving on this track, struck her and she fell beneath the wheels, her body being cut in two near the middle. Deceased was 49 years of age.

The death of Miss Penny was followed by the death of her sister, with whom she lived, a short time afterwards. This lady, who had for some time been confined to bed by illness, was so affected when informed of her sister's tragic death that she died within a few minutes after the sad news had been communicated to her. The sisters will be buried together.

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