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NOTICE.

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WILL BE SENT BROADCAST.

The Nugget proposes to lay before the people of Canada the exact status of public opinion in the Yukon Territory with reference to the regulations now governing the industry of placer mining. To this end, copies of Saturday's paper, containing interviews with a large number of Dawson's prominent business men, concerning the effect of the Nome excitement upon the future of Dawson, will be mailed to all the prominent newspapers of Canada, to the members of parliament and other men prominent in public life in the Dominion.

Our statesmen at Ottawa, who so long have closed their ears to the continuous pleadings of the Yukon for relief, may possibly be able to understand and appreciate an object lesson such as was set forth in Saturday's paper.

Unquestionably the Nome fever has taken a strong hold upon the people of this territory, but not for the reason that there is any well founded belief that Nome is any richer than the gold producing district adjacent to Dawson. The opportunities for securing a fortune at Nome are still exceedingly problematic. The creeks of known value were long ago covered with locations by men on the ground, and all the newcomer may expect to do is to secure a location on a new creek or take his chances at rocking on the beach, the returns from which, undoubtedly, have been vastly overestimated.

Men are preparing to leave the Yukon country for the reason that they are being literally driven out of it by laws as cruel and vicious as any that Krueger ever enacted in the Transvaal. That fact cannot and will not be denied by the most ardent supporter of the Liberal party in Dawson, unless he is a man so blinded by passion and prejudice as not to be able to see facts patent to everyone else.

This is the condition that we purpose shall be known at the earliest possible moment throughout the length and breadth of Canada. The Nugget is satisfied that no change in the attitude of the present government can be expected until the fact is forced upon the government that by its own acts it is rapidly destroying a country which already has become a source of large revenue to the Dominion, and which, if governed by wise and just laws,

would become a still larger contributor to the general treasury. The interviews in Saturday's Nugget will furnish food for thought to the government supporters on the outside for some time to come.

The reported holdup and murder of three men on the trail between Minto and Hutchiku suggests the possibility of frequent similar occurrences during the approaching summer. From every creek men will be wending their way to Dawson, carrying with them, in many cases, the product of a winter's work at wages or the proceeds of the spring cleanup of a claim. There are many secluded nooks along the creeks which will furnish cover for the highway robber, and, now that his nefarious work has been started, it may be expected that other attempts in the same line may be made unless so strong an example is made of the perpetrators of this first outrage—when their guilt is established—that others similarly inclined will take warning and turn from the error of their way. However that may be, there is little or no doubt of the presence in the country of men who will jump at any opportunities that may be offered in the holdup line, provided they can be used without too great a risk. The police will have their hands full to protect the miner next summer.

The present cold spell has come on rather unexpectedly. Special care should be taken by every one during the continuance of the cold spell to avoid the danger of fire. With the thermometer at 50 degrees below zero there is a very considerable increase in the chances for fires to break out, owing to the fact that stoves must in many cases be kept red hot in order to furnish sufficient heat to keep a building warm. At the very same time it should be remembered that it is far more difficult to extinguish a fire during the prevalence of such weather than under ordinary circumstances. The utmost care must be taken if last Wednesday's disaster is not repeated.

The London Times, which is probably the most accurate reflex of British public opinion, expresses the view that the conditions which confront the empire in South Africa involves the most serious problem that the mistress of the seas has been called upon to solve since the days of the Indian mutiny. The tremendous efforts which are now being put forward to hurl an overwhelming force against the Boers proves both that the serious nature of the situation is fully realized and that it is being met in a masterly manner.

A man in Dawson who happens to be possessed of a pair of wooden legs is in big luck. He has no need to fear any discomfort resulting from cold feet.

THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

"But for one thing I would have had a force of men at work cleaning the rubbish off my lot the day after the fire, preparatory to the erection of a good business structure," remarked a man who was burned out last week to the Stroller Saturday night. "But of what use is it to spend money and a whole lot of it in improving property by the erection of buildings which are liable to be burned up before they are even completed? Previous to the late fire there were no less than 150 stove pipes, perhaps more, sticking through roofs into the air in the block which was partially destroyed. And say, did you ever notice the material from which stove pipes are made here? No! Well then I'll tell you. They are made in many cases of sheet iron—sheet iron which is but little heavier than tinplate and such stove pipes are sure to become sieves after being used a few months and I sometimes feel that it is either providential protection or bull luck that prevents many more fires than we have. Think of it; a stove as big as a ten bushel box, crammed full of dry wood and one measly old stove pipe conducting the smoke, fire and heat up through perhaps two floors and a dry roof. I do not blame the stove dealers for furnishing such flimsy pipes for the reason that the material is as it is received by them from the outside. It is of inferior quality and being light, the freight on it is less than on heavier material. But even pipes from the best sheet iron ever rolled are not fit or safe to be used as flues, and until some action is taken by the council to compel every property owner within the fire limits to put up brick flues, even terra cotta is not safe. I will take no steps towards improving my now bare lot. Of course, I do not expect people to build chimneys at this season of the year, but let them be required to do it within six or eight months so as to insure some degree of safety for property before time for the next annual fire rolls around. If I am given the assurance that such an ordinance will be passed and rigidly enforced I will start men to work at once."

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"I wish I was running a newspaper in this town," remarked a business man to the Stroller a few days ago, "you bet I'd make things hum. Why a fellow came into my store a few days ago and was kicking to me about some little innocent item that had appeared in a paper. He said he didn't care about the people in here, but that if a copy of that paper ever got outside here—I would be to pay. I asked him if he meant to insinuate that there were not just as respectable people in Dawson as on the outside, and he said yes, but everything goes here. Now, if I was running a paper I would just show people of that stamp that everything don't go here and that the strong arm of decency and morality is long enough to embrace the people of Dawson just the same as it does in other places. As a general rule the class of people who say everything goes in Dawson are certainly not good patrons of the papers. The man who was kicking to me acknowledged that he had been here over a year and not spent as much as one dollar with the local newspapers in that time. Yet he thinks the newspapers should shield him in every little matter that he may prefer to not have published. If I was strolling for a paper there are several evils existing in Dawson which would be abated; the number of Yukon marriages would be lessened; the names of several men whom I know to have been offered work this winter and who declined it and are now sleeping in bar rooms (look over there behind the stove where some of them have been asleep over eight hours) would be given to the police and they would be pulled for vagrancy; I would roast the ultra sanctimonious law that closes a theater 15 minutes before

the last curtain on a decent family entertainment that people have paid to see, merely because 12 o'clock Saturday night chances to pass the grandstand half a neck ahead of the play."

"That kind of journalism is all right," ventured the Stroller, "but may be you would get licked for it."

"Licked," roared the business man, "well I guess the fellow that ever tried that would curse the day he was born. Why, I would rake up everything known about him, publish his pedigree and see to it that the paper went outside. Oh, no, nobody would want to lick me but once. I knew a paper man back in Arkansas and a fellow—What must you go? Well, s'long."

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Arctic Brotherhood.

At the meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood Friday night, Messrs. E. B. Condon, Leroy Tozier and D. A. Shindler surmounted the obstacles which beset the trail and were allowed to nibble of the fraternal cracker. The Arctic Brotherhood is gathering into its ranks the very best men in the city. The camp now has a membership of upwards of 60 and additional applications are being received at every meeting.

The Eagles.

One of the best meetings in the history of Dawson Eagledom was held Sunday night. Nearly all the members of the club were present and mirth jollity and good fellowship was the order of the occasion. The charter authorizing the organization of a regular aerie of Eagles is expected by every mail. There are already upwards of 50 members of the order in this place, and three times that number wish to become members on the arrival of the expected charter. Although a new order, the Eagles is one of the strongest on the Pacific coast.

There is some talk of organizing an Odd Fellows club in Dawson, there being several hundred members of the order here. In matters humane and in care of the sick, orphans and widows Odd Fellowship ranks first in the category of secret orders. No man who is an odd Fellow ever knows what when surrounded by his brothers. The "chain gang's" long suit is fraternalism.

NOTICE.

Parties having Laundry at the Palace Barber Shop can get same by calling at Ruth Howard's cabin in rear of Hobb's sawmill.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

A Small Blaze.

At 10 o'clock this morning, a small blaze in a cabin to the rear of the Cafe Royal called out the fire department. No trouble was experienced in quenching the fire. The cabin is owned and occupied by Jerry Lawson. The fire was caused by a defective flue. No considerable damage resulted to the cabin nor its contents.

Bargains—Watches and diamonds at reduced prices. Uncle Hoffman.

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