

THEY WANT THEIR MONEY

Canadian Bank of Commerce Asks Judgment in Justice Dugas' Court Against Lyonaise Syndicate for \$92,500—Syndicate Says Terms of Sale Were Not Fulfilled.

From Monday's Daily. The case of the Canadian Bank of Commerce against the Lyonaise Syndicate is now before Justice Dugas. The bank claims a judgment of \$92,500, while the syndicate argues that the terms of the sale were not fulfilled. The case involves a complex transaction of goods and property...

SELF-ROBBERY NEXT IN ORDER

Police Have Little Faith in Reported Ho-d-ups. The carnival of innocent hold-ups which are about semi-weekly reports goes merrily on, and yet none of the victims appear to lose anything but the short space of time alleged to be consumed by the 'long and short' who perpetrate the action. The truth of the matter is that the police and few if any others have any faith in the wishy-washy stories told by the alleged victims...

THE YUKON'S MILKY WAY

A West Dawson Dairyman Contraband Lactical Fluid. A gentleman from Dawson who lately made a business tour of a number of the creeks is authority for the statement that more men fully one-half will be employed on the creeks this winter than were last. Nearly every creek on the Yukon and the entire length of the creek, aside from the concessions, will be operated this winter as will also those on all pups and tributaries. The same conditions will prevail on Dominion, while Gold Run will also be the scene of considerable activity. Eladorado is active its entire length. On Bonanza but little winter work will be done especially on the creek claims or on Ochechako hill. A number of other hills and benches, however, will be operated. Present indications are that there will be fewer idle men in Dawson from now until spring than during any winter in the history of the country.

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COMMISSIONER JAS. H. ROSS

Receives a Multitude of Visitors Every Day at His Office. Commissioner James H. Ross is probably the busiest man in Dawson. The commissioner's office is still in the old administration building formerly occupied as the Dawson post-office. At almost any moment in the day a visit to the ante room will discover from three to a half dozen people awaiting an audience with the commissioner, and it is not infrequently a larger number may be found. Mr. Ross has the peculiar ability of reaching immediately the chief point which his callers may wish to discuss and while everyone is received with uniform courtesy it is made clear at once that the Commissioner has a great deal of business to handle, and that his time is limited. All manner of people upon every conceivable errand call at the office of the chief executive, and the commissioner might remain until midnight each evening and still the train of visitors would not diminish. It is said of Mr. Ross that he can satisfactorily dispose of more people within a given time than any other official in the public service. Whether this be true or not it yet remains a fact that a continuous procession of people is headed toward his office during the day, and no criticisms have been heard as to the treatment they receive.

ICE JAMMED AT FORTYMILE

It Stopped Running at 5 O'Clock Yesterday and Unless Jam Breaks Ice Will Stop Here Tonight or Tomorrow—The River Clear at Hootalinqua—Nora on Way Down.

From Monday's Daily. Old Klondikers are much puzzled over the sudden rise in the temperature in the past 24 hours and are wondering what effect it will have on the closing of the river. Saturday morning at 9 o'clock the lowest point reached by the mercury during the preceding 24 hours was 16° below zero, while today it is 24° above and a mild Chinook breeze is blowing from the south. The change seems to have had some effect in the ice in the river, too, for this morning open channels from 'six to 10 and 12 feet wide are seen running here and there through the floes, whereas two days ago the mass was perfectly compact. From now received this morning by the wire from points both up and down the river it is difficult to prophesy what the next 24 hours will develop. At Eagle the river is open, but at Forty mile it jammed at 5 o'clock last night and still holds, though the operator there has ventured the opinion that it is liable to go out again any moment. If the jam should remain firm the ice in front of Dawson will certainly come to a standstill within the next 24 hours; there is no other alternative. If it should break, however, it is not an impossibility that the river should again run clear. The Klondike is frozen over and throws no more ice and so is the Pelly and White rivers. The Stewart is still open but jam may at any moment. The river at Hootalinqua is practically clear and should the Fortymile jam break and the upper river tributaries remain frozen over it is not unlikely that Dawson may again view an open river yet this season. Taking an average of three hours a day for the current the ice has as to the date of the closing of the Yukon. While on Saturday the mercury at 16° degrees below zero it looked as though the river would close by the middle of this week, today with the mercury 24 above zero, it looks as though the date of closing is many days in the future. If the other side rivers are closed like the Klondike there is a possibility that, should the weather remain warm the Yukon will run entirely clear of ice.

GOLD DUST AT \$14 PER OUNCE

Is Rate of Valuation Fixed by Dance Hall Girls.

The question that for some time has been agitating Dawson dance hall circles resulting in definite action being taken Saturday night or early Sunday morning when, after business hours, a meeting of representatives from the various dance halls was held in the back room of the Exchange. The meeting was regularly called to order, a president and other officers duly chosen and the object of the meeting stated by Sugar Plum Marie. The length of time the girls should work, the pay they are to receive for the same and the medium of exchange to be taken in pay were among the questions discussed. After an hour or two being spent in the airing of individual opinion someone introduced the following set of resolutions which adopted. Whereas, Our wage rate has been reduced by the proprietors to \$50 per week, and

TEAM DRIVER'S LEG BROKEN

By His Wag in Up-etting on 48 B-low Bonanza.

Ira Eastman a driver of one of Orr & Pauley's teams; met with a serious accident this afternoon at 48 below Bonanza. As has been before mentioned the Bonanza is still on this condition to places and it was when driving over one of these bad places in the road that the heavily loaded wagon tipped over and a part of the load fell on Eastman breaking his leg. The full particulars of the accident have not as yet been learned so that it is not known whether or not he sustained any other injury.

DAWSON SHORT ON CHANGE

Very Little Small Money Now in Circulation.

At no time in the history of Dawson has there been such a dearth of change, silver money and small bills, as at present. A local tinsorial says that four-fifths of his customers last Saturday tendered bills and usually \$5, \$10 or \$20, in payment of their shaves. The saloonmen find it hard to accommodate their customers. Just what is the cause of all the small currency is not known, but there appears to be but very little of it in circulation in Dawson at the present time.

SUDDEN RISE IN MERCURY

Materially Enlarges Period of Open Water in Yukon.

The sudden and extreme change in the weather, a moderation of nearly 40 degrees in 48 hours, has put a different attitude on the closing of the Yukon. While on Saturday the mercury at 16° degrees below zero it looked as though the river would close by the middle of this week, today with the mercury 24 above zero, it looks as though the date of closing is many days in the future. If the other side rivers are closed like the Klondike there is a possibility that, should the weather remain warm the Yukon will run entirely clear of ice.

WILL BUILD RAILROAD.

Falcon Joslyn, the well known real estate dealer of Dawson, who is also prominently interested in the plant that supplies the electric lighting in that city, was one of the passengers on the belated train from the north that arrived here this morning. Mr. Joslyn was accompanied by his wife, and they will spend the winter in California, leaving here on the Humboldt today. When he was asked by an Alaskan reporter if it was true that he will join forces with E. C. Hawkins in the construction of the railroad which is projected to run from Dawson along the mining creeks, his reply was framed so evasively that there must be truth in the report that recently reached here to that effect, especially when it is taken into consideration that he has lately sold out his real estate business in Dawson to his partner. In the spring Mr. Joslyn will return to Dawson and start in actively with the new work. Alaskan, Oct. 18.

RICH FIND ON BISHOP

Which Empties Into Indian River B-low Montana.

The Indian river district is becoming noted this year for its stampedes and new discoveries. First came Montana creek, then Conglomerated, Stone, McKinon and other creeks and on Friday last still another new one was added to the list. Bishop creek is the latest. It is a tributary of Indian river, entering on the left limit three miles below Montana and two miles above McKinon. The discovery was made early last week and within a few hours the creek was staked from its mouth to the summit. The creek is about four miles long, discovery being located approximately two miles from the mouth. In sinking their first hole the discoverers went through 29 feet of muck and struck pay almost on (op of the gravel. They put in but two fires and finding 10 cents to the pan hastened to record without waiting to reach bedrock. They recorded Friday, were allowed a discovery and returned to the claim the following day with the intention of finishing the hole to bedrock. They are very enthusiastic over their discovery and are confident bedrock will show some astonishing results. Sixty claims have been staked above discovery and 20 below.

GOOD ROADS IN SIGHT

Only a Few Inches of Snow Now Required.

The fall of snow today will do much towards making the roads in good sledding condition as in most places where they have been much traveled since the freeze up they are very smooth. Four or five inches of the 'beautiful' would put them in as fine shape as they were at any time last winter.

Is It a Pleasure to Die?

The popular idea that the act of dying is a painful process often causes a fear of death. But death from even the most painful mortal diseases is usually preceded by a period of cessation from suffering and partial or complete insensibility, resembling falling asleep or the pleasant gradual unconsciousness caused by an anaesthetic, according to a writer in the London Spectator. The common phrase "death agony" is not warranted by what occurs in a natural death, which is a complete release from all pain. When death is owing to heart failure or syncope it is sudden and painless—perhaps pleasant. Death by hanging, there is reason to believe, is attended by a voluptuous spasm. Death by decapitation or electricity is only a momentary shock, hardly felt. Death by poisoning varies in painfulness according to the poison employed. Opium and other narcotics probably give a painless, perhaps a pleasant, dreamful death. Hemlock, as we know from the account of his death of Socrates, causes gradual insensibility from below upward. On the other hand, arsenic, strychnine, carbolic acid, tartar emetic, and other metallic poisons inflict slow and torturing death. Prussic acid and cyanide of potassium cause quick and painful death.

EVERYTHING SUPPLIED

By Librarian Herkan in Line of Physical and Mental Food.

The most popular resort in Dawson today, the resort frequented by the greatest number of men, not of the cheap hobo class, but by intelligent men who delight in spending their time reading or in some scientific game when not otherwise employed, is Herkan's free standard library, the eating department of which has now become a counter attraction to the library department. Herkan's counter attraction for the reason that half a dozen or more big tables have been added and at times in the day every seat in the whole establishment is occupied. As a provider of winter comfort, pleasure and amusement for the unemployed, Herkan is the king pin of all Dawson's caterers, as he provides everything demanded in the way of physical and mental refreshment.

NO SUNDAY HIGH BALLS

In Way of Poker Games Go at Caribou.

There was a red hot time at Caribou last Sunday and a great sensation has been kicked up as a consequence. The mounted police at that place swooped down on a number of Yukon and United States Government officials who were indulging in a little game of poker on the table, and all were arrested. From passengers on the train yesterday the following account of the affair was learned. As all know, Sunday is a day across the line, when the sanctity of the day must be observed. Well, on the train out from White Horse last Saturday morning were several officials. On account of the flood and slide at Pennington the passenger train was sent back to White Horse, although some of the passengers alighted at Caribou. It was a dull day in Caribou. Nothing but the wind and water noise any noise. Finally, six men, three government officials, a steamer captain and two other individuals decided to have a nice little game with the ivory.

Death of W. H. Nelson.

When the Bailey left Dawson on its last trip up to Whitehorse it numbered among the passengers W. H. Nelson and wife. Mr. Nelson, when he left Dawson was under care of a physician; but his condition was not considered serious and his wife had been advised to take him outside for treatment. On the way up his condition became alarming and by the time Whitehorse was reached he was in an unconscious state. As soon as possible he was removed to the general hospital where he breathed his last Saturday evening, 24 hours after his admission. The disease to which he succumbed was typhoid fever. He was laid to rest in the Whitehorse cemetery Monday afternoon at four o'clock. Captain Johnston of the Bailey and his wife did everything in their power to assist the sufferer and after his death extended their kind offers to the grief stricken widow.—Whitehorse Star.

Minister in Luck.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church Thursday prevailed on Rev. J. J. Wright to leave the neighborhood of the church for a short time and when he returned he found they had transformed his living room in the rear into a very cozy retreat by the addition of new furniture, carpets, etc. The reverend gentleman was very much surprised and pleased at the change.—Whitehorse Star.

Shrewd Pet r the Great.

Peter the Great adopted rather a novel means to convince his subjects that they should change their clothes to conform with the modern costumes of western Europe. Believing, as is well known historically, that the future greatness of Russia depended upon the facility with which it was made to assimilate all that was best in other countries, he had succeeded in introducing some important innovations into the half civilized region over which he held sway. At length he had patterns of cloth hung up at the gates of the towns, and those who did not conform to the fashions thus set were docked publicly, albeit this was done in as pleasant a manner as possible, for Peter believed in being good natured with his people. They, on the other hand, loudly demanded and used the argument that what was good enough for their forefathers was good enough for them.

Re-urts to Command.

Capt. Hovey, one of the most popular military officials in Alaska, came north on the Humbolt. The captain is as debonaire as ever, and has the same good graces and hearty handshakes. The soldiers, themselves, are much pleased to see the popular captain return to his command. Since his absence from the city Captain Hovey has been a very sick man. It is also entirely due to his wonderful constitution that prevented him from joining the silent majority.—Alaskan.

Another Concert.

The musical Club will give their second fortnightly concert next Sunday evening at the Auditorium theatre. The members of the club have become enthusiastic over the success of the first one given and a series of rare musical feasts is promised for the winter, it being their intention to have a musicale every two weeks. At the next concert will be heard several numbers never before played in Dawson, among them the great descriptive piece, "The Mill in the Forest," Van Weeber's masterpiece "The Jubal" overture, and a selection from "The Greek Slave," the latest comic opera success on the outside.

It Never Came.

Over a half ton of U. S. letter mail went out on the train last night. With the exception of a few sacks for Whitehorse all of it was for Dawson and lower Yukon river points.—Alaskan, Oct. 18.

A Deliberate Deed.

"What verdict did the coroner's jury bring in?" inquired a man who had seen the lynching. "Suicide," answered Broncho Bob promptly. He answered Broncho Bob perfectly well that stealing a horse in Crimmon Gulch was bound to prove fatal.—Washington Star.

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Mr. A. D. Lewis of Whitehorse, the well known mail carrier, made a remarkably quick trip from Skagway to Whitehorse the first of the week. He left Skagway Sunday morning and arrived here Tuesday night. The journey was a particularly hard one he was obliged to walk the railroad track most of the way as the roads were impassable. He said the trip up was the most lonesome one he has ever taken, he was the only traveler he met, but he met between Bennett and the summit a number of the passengers who left here on Saturday morning's train. Mr. Lewis has a reputation as a musher, but this trip bests the former record.—Whitehorse Tribune.

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