

# The Klondike Nugget

(DAWSON'S PIONEER PAPER)

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## NOTICE.

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## SOMETHING TO CONSIDER.

Dawson is rapidly assuming all the indications of an up-to-date, bustling, prosperous city. Business is settling down into well established lines and it appears as though the days of tremendous margins and consequent profligate scattering of money in expenses are practically over. In view of these circumstances it is well for the business man who realizes and appreciates the advantages to be derived from a judicious use of printers' ink, to consider in that medium he can most successfully reach the people who are buyers.

Unquestionably, the man who is taking gold dust and nuggets out of the ground is the man whose eye it is the shrewd merchant desires to catch. To reach this man is the advertiser's aim.

The Nugget makes the statement without fear of successful contradiction that it delivers more papers to actually paid subscribers upon Eldorado, Bonanza, Hunker and Dominion creeks and their tributaries, than all the other newspapers in Dawson combined, for the simple reason that no other paper in Dawson attempts to rival the Nugget's creek service.

The Nugget's semi-weekly issue is delivered by carriers upon all the above named creeks and in consequence the advertising columns of this paper have a value possessed by no other newspaper in the city.

The Nugget has carefully sounded popular feeling on the question of publishing a daily. The unanimous sentiment is that a daily paper is not what the field requires. In the first place it is a physical impossibility to place a daily paper upon the creeks except in the most slipshod fashion. This fact alone destroys the value of a daily to the advertiser. In the second place to ask the payment of 25 cents per day for the limited news of the preceding 24 hours is asking too much. The Nugget prefers to give its readers a large, bright and newsy semi-weekly, giving them all the news contained in the six issues of a daily. That the public agree with The Nugget's ideas, our recently largely increased subscription lists and street sales will amply demonstrate.

## MORE TAXATION COMING.

As indicated in our local columns, the revenue itch has again attacked the governmental anatomy, and holders of real property may expect an invitation to "dig up" at no distant date. It appears, however, that as a sort of compensatory inducement there will be granted to the territory a minority representation in the Yukon council. Insofar as this latter feature of the case is concerned, representation should by

every right have come long ago. There never was a more flagrant case of taxation without representation than has existed in the Yukon during the past two years.

The royalty, customs and timber revenues and other exactions have gone out to Ottawa in a continuous stream and no opportunity has been presented for any representation of the territory either at Ottawa direct or in the local legislative body. If, in addition to representation in the council, it is the intention of the government to allow the expenditure for local purposes of funds raised by local taxation, there can be no special objection raised to an equitable tax on property.

We maintain, however, that with the assessment of the proposed tax there should come a substantial reduction in the royalty, which is a direct and altogether unjustified tax upon producers.

## BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The outlook for general business in Dawson for the coming winter is brighter than was the case last year at the same time. It will be remembered by everyone who spent the winter months in Dawson that from the close of navigation last fall until the commencement of the cleanup last spring, the volume of money in circulation grew steadily less. This was due largely to the fact that a comparatively small number of men were being employed on the creeks at wages and in many cases these were working upon agreement to take payment at the cleanup.

An inspection of the creeks made recently by representatives of this paper indicates that a greater number of men will be employed this winter at regular wages than last year.

This means, of course, a continued injection of money into circulation during the approaching winter and a consequent stimulus to business generally. The present low prices on commodities are a genuine boon to consumers, but it is hardly likely that they will outlast the period of open navigation.

The Dreyfus cast bids fair to go down in the history of France as one of the most celebrated affairs that have ever occurred even in that country of spectacular display. Hugo nor Dumas ever had better material for their most dramatic works than is furnished in the Dreyfus case. The recollection of this travesty upon human rights will doubtless be perpetuated both in literature and in the drama.

The Nugget's suggestion with reference to street crossings was acted upon by the Yukon council with commendable promptness. It is just as easy, however, and no more expensive to contract for ten crossings at one time as to contract for the same number one at a time. This is a point which appears to have been overlooked.

The Nugget's pictorial forecast of the Hon. Mr. Maxwell's trip over the creek struck a responsive chord in the breast of every man whose business has taken him to the diggings of late.

There are no more beautiful autumnal tints to be found anywhere than right in and around Dawson. It is worth spending a hard winter in the Klondike simply to enjoy the glories of our Indian summer weather.

Seattle and other Sound cities seem to be pretty plentifully supplied with festive and winsome, but at the same time, mercenary damsels, ever on the alert to capture the unsuspecting Klondiker within the meshes of their alluring charms. With all the importations of feminine loveliness that have been made this summer The Nugget is unable to see how the outside girls should have any show at all.

Dawson is to have no postoffice building this year. The fiat has gone forth and that settles it. It begins to look extremely doubtful, also, as to whether we are to have any trails built, except those which have already been constructed on paper. If the Yukon council does not bestir itself Old Winter will come along and do the job himself.

It is a noticeable fact that the majority of Klondikers, after a few weeks spent on the outside begin to have an indefinable longing to see Dawson again. Evidently there is some intangible atmospheric influence that draws men back to their old haunts.

The Nugget rises to thank its friends for the kindly remarks that have been passed upon its increased size and improved typographical appearance. The numerous congratulations that have been showered upon us are highly appreciated.

Some of our sour dough friends are predicting an unusually cold and early winter. The Nugget hails from Missouri, when it comes to a question of weather predictions in the Klondike.

Brother Steele is beginning to ascertain the fact that there is a strong similarity between a white elephant and a Klondike daily newspaper.

## Week at the Shows.

A strong bill of drama and specialty is crowding the Opera House this week. "Chick" is nicely presented for a curtain raiser, and is followed by a long olio of exceptional merit by a galaxy of well known artists, headed by Paul Boardman. Among the new faces is that of Frank Gardner, who does a bit of good acting.

John Mulligan, at the Monte Carlo, presents his own adaptation of "Oliver Twist," and anyone who knows John is ready to believe that it is a side-splitter. In the olio is seen the reappearance of Florence Brocree, who is received with great acclaim, and Nellie Forsythe, heretofore a stranger to Dawson boards. Marsh and Swanson are engaging in nightly wrestling bouts and offering to meet all comers.

## Goes Out for a Big Stock.

H. Bauman, the well known and hustling merchant, left on the steamer Canadian for a flying trip to Seattle. Mr. Bauman represents the big house of S. W. Bauman. It is his intention to purchase a stock of ladies' and gents' furnishings and ladies' gauzeries, the value of which will not be less than \$40,000. He expects to return inside of 30 days, bringing the stock with him, and will then be prepared to furnish any demand for the lines of merchandise he will handle. Mr. Bauman has made a number of good deals in Dawson, and the news that he intends placing so large a stock on the market will prove of interest to all who appreciate the value of up-to-date, fashionable goods.

## The Big Sale.

The enterprise which Manager Jake Khine is displaying in throwing his immense stock of men's clothing and furnishing goods into the market, at extraordinarily low prices, is already attaining big results. Everything in the way of stylish goods, men's suits, overcoats, shirts, underwear, etc., etc., are being sold at the very lowest figures. The big sale is now on, and, as is shown by the price list published elsewhere in the Nugget, price is no object.

## MORE OF UNCLE HOFFMAN.

## New and Interesting Developments—Corrivieu Held for Trial.

The examination of Ike Corrivieu, charged with having stolen goods in his possession with guilty knowledge, the same being some pieces of jewelry stolen from "Uncle" Louis Hoffman on the night of May 26, took place before Col. Steele on Monday. Mr. Hoffman was the first witness and he told in detail how his place was entered and a satchel containing his most valuable articles to the amount of \$7000, carried off. Among them was a Marquis ring containing 35 stones and valued at \$350; there was no other like it in the Klondike. He told the police and Mr. Sale, of Pond & Co., of his loss and one day Mr. Sale told witness he could possibly locate the property if he would get out a search warrant for Jack Glover, as that man had offered to sell him some gems and said he was going to leave town.

Glover also had Mr. Sale make two rings out of a large Marquis ring containing 35 stones and resembling Mr. Hoffman's ring. Later on Corrivieu showed up with the rings and sold them for \$125 to Mr. Sale who, at that time, did not know they were Mr. Hoffman's. The climax came one day last week when Corrivieu offered to sell a diamond stud to Mr. Sale for \$6. The latter gentleman told witness of it and he provided the money for the purchase. The arrest followed. Mr. Hoffman fully identified the stones in the ring, two of which had flaws, and his identification was corroborated by Doc. Stearns, who saw the ring before the robbery and pointed out the flaws to Mr. Hoffman. The stud was also identified.

Mr. Sale told what he knew of the affair, which was along the lines described by Mr. Hoffman, and Corporal Wilson, of the N. W. M. P., related his experiences in trying to trace the stolen goods and of making the arrest.

Counsel for the defense endeavored to show that the evidence failed to show that the prisoner had any knowledge that the goods were stolen and held that he should be discharged; but the court decided to remand the case for trial by the territorial court. Bonds in the sum of \$2000 were accepted, with Murray Eads and Tom Chisholm as sureties, and Corrivieu was liberated.

## TRAIL CONTRACTS LET.

## Prospect That Only Ten Miles Will Be Built This Year.

Bids for the construction of the ridge trail from Dawson to Dominion creek, or portions thereof, were opened by the commissioner Saturday. There were over two dozen of them, as follows:

	Average Per Mile
Fraser, Fawcett & Cameron, six miles.....	\$1,750
Arthur Gaynor, 4 miles from Thomas gulch.....	2,400
J. M. Gallant, 6 miles.....	3,900
James Hastney.....	2,400
H. M. Henning, 10 miles \$3,200, whole trail 2,500.....	4,025
Rufus Buck, 5 miles.....	4,320
T. A. Bittencourt, 5 miles.....	4,320
Joseph Casey, Klondike to Bear divide.....	2,700
Wm. Bode, Thomas gulch to Dominion.....	3,140
T. H. Davidson, 5 miles.....	3,300
H. A. Dempsey, 10 miles.....	4,300
A. F. Keir, 3 miles.....	3,500
Matheson & McLean, the whole.....	2,400
T. H. McDermid, 8 miles.....	3,500
Alexander McLeod.....	2,840
Joseph Pare, 2 miles \$9,850, additional.....	5,000
Patterson & Cleveland, whole road.....	5,000
O. E. Penwell, any portion.....	4,000
Edward Price, \$3,500 to.....	4,800
Remington & Michand, \$2,000 to.....	2,500
Rose, Matheson & Rose.....	8,000
J. H. Seely.....	1,450
H. H. Smith.....	2,000
J. H. Sutton.....	1,900
Edward Vachon.....	5,000

None of the bids for the whole trail could be accepted, as it has not yet been determined whether more than 10 miles of the trail will be constructed this year.

Two contracts have thus far been awarded, one each of five miles to Fraser, Fawcett & Cameron and to Patterson & Cleveland.

## The Big Store.

The immense department store of the Alaska Exploration Co., on First avenue, is nearing completion and within the next few days as fine an array of goods will be placed therein as ever delighted the people of the coast.

The establishment will be complete in every department and under the able management of Mr. E. W. Brown, who is in charge of the merchandising department, will be conducted on broad lines and in a manner that will insure it great popularity with the public.