

LAWS ARE RUINOUS.

So Say Dawson's Representative Business Men.

WILL DRIVE MEN TO CAPE NOME.

Klondike Is Rich, But Is Being Strangled.

Opinions as to What Effect the Coming Nome Stampede Will Have on the Future of Dawson.

The general impression which prevails in and about Dawson that the opening of navigation will see a tremendous exodus of people from Dawson to the new gold fields of Nome induced the Daily Nugget to solicit from representative business and professional men expressions of opinion relative to the effect which the coming stampede will have upon the future of Dawson.

Every man was asked his opinion without any knowledge of what any other man had said, and it will be noticed that there is a striking unanimity of belief that the present laws enforced in the Yukon country have more to do with taking men from Dawson than the riches, real or imaginary, of the Nome diggings. Many of those interviewed expressed themselves at length, but the statements given represent in concise form their views as given to a Nugget reporter:

Judge Davis, Bank block—It will take out everyone who has not important interests. The severity of the old laws and the late relocation law has as much effect as Cape Nome itself. Business will certainly decline for a while.

Postmaster Hartman—It will make Dawson dull for a few months, but it will quickly recover. The gold is here. Jim McCauley, of McCauley Bros.—I don't think it will effect Dawson materially.

Tom Chisholm—The Indians will be drying salmon in the business houses next year, unless there is some one left to collect a fishing license.

Harry Fazon, Bank saloon—From now until navigation opens it will be a benefit, after that a great detriment to Dawson.

D. W. Davis, collector of customs—It will make Dawson much better next year. I don't think it will make it very dull even this year.

Tom O'Brien—No effect whatever.

Edgar Mianer, A. C. Co.—It will cause every man who has not important interests to go. Cape Nome is not so much the attraction as the unsatisfactory laws here. There they get all they make. Here only a small percentage.

Bob Roberts, cashier Bartlett Bros.—Every man will leave here who has not important interests. Business depression will follow.

Falcon Joslyn, mining broker—A larger cleanup than ever will be distributed among less people, making it more prosperous for those who remain.

John Nelson, Klondike hotel—It will be a good thing for Dawson. Get out the floating population.

M. D. Rainbow, manager Standard Oil Co.—Will depress all business except steamboating. Many will return, for there's considerable sand in that Cape Nome gold.

Sid H. Stewart, cashier N. A. T. & T. Co.—Will cause a few months' business depression, but the mines here must be worked and others will take the place of those who go. Business will hereafter be on a more firm basis.

H. E. Stumer—Don't think it will result unfavorably to Dawson, only for a few months. Next year will be better than this.

Harry Edwards, manager Hotel McDonald—It will induce good results. The non-producers will leave. Those who remain will be bettered.

Dr. Yemans, agent Empire line—It will cause a great depression unless haste is made in changing the laws. The greatest placer camp in the world could not be so easily effected unless burdensome laws impeded its development.

Joe Burke, manager Yukon sawmill—It isn't Cape Nome that's effecting Dawson. It's the severe mining laws. Men were leaving before Cape Nome was struck.

M. A. Hammell—There will be dull times for a few months, but business will pick up towards fall. If the laws were not so bad we would never feel the Nome stampede.

Murray Eades, proprietor Pavillion—I guess we'll have a few dull months, but it will be a benefit to Dawson eventually. The mining laws here have much to do with the stampede.

C. C. McCaul, advocate—It will give the town a temporary set back, but it will soon revive on a better basis.

Sargent, of Sargent & Pinska—It will make business good this spring, but I look forward to a very quiet summer.

Scott Lindsay, A. C. Co.—It may be dull for some time, but it will cause business enterprises to be better regulated, and labor put on a firmer basis.

J. F. Brown—Will cause a decline in business until 1901. We have a richer country here than at Nome, and we also have some drawbacks.

Gates D. Fahnestock, general agent Empire line—Indications point to a big exodus. But Dawson is too good a camp to be seriously affected. The camp will regain permanent stability with combinations of interests and modern and economical methods of mining.

Dr. S. B. Cooke, Ladue Co.—Dawson might be slow for a while, but it is too rich a camp for it to be permanently effected. I expect to see a great revival in business in 1900.

W. P. Skilling, manager Hobbs, builder and contractor—I think it will take out the surplus population. The town will then build up more substantially, as the conservatives are the ones who will remain. I think brick buildings will gradually take the place of frame.

Supintendent Heron, A. C. Co.—It will cause Dawson to be dull for a few months, but will eventually benefit the place.

J. E. Booge, Yukon hotel—I want to see the man, or even the picture of the man who isn't going to Nome. Ha! ha! ha!

H. D. Hulme, of Tabor and Hulme—Our town, I am sorry to say, will be most seriously effected. The miners are fairly strangled by the unjust laws, and by reason of other conditions. We have clients with claims aggregating \$8000 for labor performed last winter, and their cases cannot come up until next summer. Men are sacrificing good interests to get out of the country. The last straw was the regulation governing relocations. I believe they have killed the goose that laid the golden egg.

H. E. Ridley, of Pattulo and Ridley—Forty per cent of the population will go, some to find their way back. Men are sacrificing good interests who will regret doing so. I believe many more are going since the re-location laws went into effect.

Alex McDonald—Dawson will be a good town in a way, but the down river rush will injure the place seriously. People are leaving who see nothing to remain for. There is no encouragement to prospect. There is less money made here working a rich claim than anywhere; also on the ordinary well paying ore. Men who come here for labor are prompted by the hope of striking something on their own account. The government gets half of the ground he finds and 10 per cent of what he takes out, so you see he'll go to most any place that will give him all he finds for himself. Here's an illustration: On 36 Sulphur I cleaned up 3000 ounces. It cost 4000 ounces to produce

it. The government demands the payment immediately of the 10 per cent royalty. I had to pay out in excess of production 1000 ounces. So, you see, the government took \$4800 of my own money. The laws must be changed to develop the country, and with small revenues coming in from extensively developed country they will receive as much as they are now taking from a small district. To open a country you must encourage the prospectors, and they are all leaving here now.

THE AUTOMOBILE.

It doesn't shy at papers
As they blow along the street;
It cuts no silly capers
On the Gasboard with its feet;
It doesn't paw the sod up all around the hitching post,
It doesn't scare at shadows as a man would at a ghost;
It doesn't gnaw the manger,
It doesn't waste the hay,
Nor put you into danger
When the brass bands play.

It makes no wild endeavor
To switch away the flies;
It sheds no hair that ever
Gets in your mouth and eyes;
It speeds along the highways and never looks around,
For things that it may scare at and spilt you on the ground;
It doesn't mind the circus,
It's not at all afraid,
And it doesn't overwork us
When the elephants parade.

It doesn't rear and quiver
When the train goes rushing by;
It doesn't stand and shiver
When the little snow flakes fly;
It doesn't mind the thunder nor the lightning's blinding flash;
It doesn't keep you chirping and connecting with the bush;
It never minds the banners
They display on holidays;
It's a thing of pro or manners
Which it shows in many ways.

When you chance to pass its stable
You do not have to care,
Or elude for all you're able
To keep from stopping there!
It will work all through the day, time, and still be fresh at night.
There is no one to arrest you, if you do not use it right!
Its wheelings ne'er distress you
As it moves along the way—
Farewell old hobbin', bless you!
You were all right in your day.
—From the Chicago Times-Herald.

Quartz Locations.

Considerable local interest, we are told, is being centered on quartz locations in and around the vicinity of the Dome. Locations have been surveyed and every effort is being made to commence work as soon as possible. Several firms have lately come forward and have and still are devoting their energies to quartz interests. This is undoubtedly a rich quartz camp, and this may be looked upon as the initial movement in the direction of making Dawson substantial in the way of largely capitalized concerns.

Just Around the Corner.

Having been driven off of First avenue by fire, Joseph Gandois has secured temporary quarters on Third street, next to the Bank Cafe, where he is now doing business and will be glad to serve all his old customers, and the public generally, with the finest brands of cigars and tobaccos, candies and nuts of all kinds, magazines, papers, etc.

Hard Luck Telegrams.

A well known young man who has been on the outside on a visit arrived in Skagway the other day evidently having lived up to the limit while in the states. Having "tapped" himself for steambot fare, he could not return until his finances were somewhat better, so he sent the following telegram:

"Fred—Dawson. Stuck here, going in. Telegraph me \$250.
"ALEX"
And the same day he received this answer:
"Alex—Skagway. Stuck here, going out. Wire me \$500.
"FRED."

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

Ho for Bennett.

H. A. Matheson will leave for the coast on or about Jan 20. Mr. Matheson has two splendid horses and proposes to carry three or four passengers to Bennett in the quickest time possible, and every precaution will be taken to avoid any accidents or delays en route. For further information apply at store on Hunker creek or to Emil Mohr, Mohr & Wilkins' store, Dawson.

The Down Town Bank.

The business of the down town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will until further notice, be transacted at the main office near the barracks. The books and records of the branch were removed to the main office before the fire, and the large fire and burglar proof safe, weighing 6000 pounds, can now be seen standing without even a scratch in the ruins of the fire.

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