

THE EVOLUTION OF A PAPER.

How the Nugget Has Grown From a Small Weekly to a Daily.

A Brief Review of Two Years of Klondike Journalistic Work—The Nugget Keeps Pace With the City.

On the 10th day of February, 1898, the original plant which was to be used in the publication of the Klondike Nugget in Dawson left the city of Seattle for Skagway. The plant consisted of a small "army" newspaper press, weighing when set up about 200 pounds, a press for job printing, about 200 pounds of type and a ton of paper stock. Along with numerous other outfits the Nugget plant was stowed over the pass with horses and dogs and was brought down to Dawson in a scow.

On the 10th of June, along with hundreds of other boats, the Nugget scow tied up to the bank in front of Dawson and the work of establishing a Klondike newspaper was begun. On the 16th of the same month the first printed issue of the Weekly Klondike Nugget appeared on the streets of Dawson, although the paper had been published for some time previously by means of written sheets posted on a bulletin board. After the publication of the third issue, the Nugget became a Semi-Weekly.

The memorable days of the summer of '98 will never be forgotten by the thousands upon thousands of hardy adventurers who landed in Dawson in hopes of getting in on the ground floor "before all the rich ground in the country had been staked." The files of the Nugget furnish a faithful record of the events of those stirring days, and the aggressive attitude which the paper assumed with reference to the mining laws and the methods of administration then in vogue furnished an immediate patronage which crowded the capacity of the small plant to the utmost.

Two extra shipments of paper were brought in before the close of navigation that summer, but before the opening of navigation in the following spring, the entire supply had been exhausted, and for some time the paper was printed on wrapping paper brought up over the ice from Forty mile. Meanwhile a supplementary stock had been brought down to the foot of Lake Lebarge, and reached Dawson with the arrival of the first boat on the 23d day of May last. By that time the plant had become entirely inadequate to the demands of the business and an entirely new and complete modern newspaper plant was brought in from the outside. Pending the arrival of the new plant the building now occupied by the Nugget was constructed. The building was made with special reference to sustaining the working of the heavy machinery, an extra foundation being laid for the support of the cylinder press, which has a total weight of nearly three tons.

A feature of the plant is the Thorne typesetting machine, a cut of which is published herewith. This machine is the first of the kind ever brought into the country, and has been in continuous operation since August of last year. During that month the paper was enlarged to eight pages.

On the 8th of last January the publication of the Daily was begun in addition to the Semi-Weekly. The Daily Nugget has been a success from the start, so much so that at the end of 60 days it is found necessary to increase the size by nearly one half.

The policy of this paper has always been to advocate such measures as seemed would best conserve the interests of the greatest number. It has devoted itself to the advancement of Dawson and the Yukon territory in general, with results which, it believes, speak for themselves.

The gradual evolution of the Nugget from a small weekly paper to a daily and semi-weekly issue, both of which will stand comparison with many papers of metropolitan pretensions published in outside cities, has been concomitant with the transformation of Dawson from a frontier village to a modern town. The Nugget has sought to keep pace with the progress of the community in which it is published and it congratulates itself upon having accomplished the desired purpose.

Telegraph Line for Alaska.

It is the purpose of the government to construct 2400 miles of telegraph in Alaska and to complete the military road begun by Capt. W. R. Abercrombie from the sea, at Port Valdes, to Fort Egbert, on the Yukon. Operations, systematic and energetic, are to be begun in the early spring. They will

be pushed with all possible vigor each working season until completed.

This is the important announcement made yesterday by Capt. Abercrombie himself. Capt. Abercrombie, whose name is so inseparably connected with the military exploration of Copper river, arrived in Seattle yesterday direct from the national capital. He is en route to Port Valdes, where he goes to direct preparations for the commencement of spring work. Later he will be followed by Company G, Seventh artillery, which will do military police duty in the Copper River country.

Capt. Abercrombie is returning to Alaska with enlarged responsibilities. In prosecuting the work so well inaugurated by him last year and the year before his official rank will henceforth be that of chief engineer on the staff of General Randall, the commander of the new department of Alaska.

Capt. Abercrombie discussed in detail the work which the government has undertaken in Alaska. It is a gigantic undertaking and one which means much for this city, from which the government has long dispatched all important Alaskan expeditions. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be expended for material and supplies. The 2400 miles of telegraph line will be built from a point at or near Port Valdes along the route of the government military road to Fort Egbert, and thence down the Yukon to St. Michael. For

and to still milder and the most enthusiastic applause heard during the evening she responded with "His Dear Little Baby." Miss Lorne occupies a high position with the music lovers of Dawson.

Although suffering from a severe cold, Mr. F. W. Zimmerman fully sustained his reputation as a vocalist in his rendition of "The Holy City," and in repeated encores.

As a whole, the concert last night was a most commendable entertainment, and to Messrs. Zimmerman and Radcliffe are due the kindly consideration and thanks of all lovers of high grade, clean entertainment.

The Champion Mean Man

If this man described by the New Orleans Times-Democrat was in Dawson he would not live to pay a second month's rent:

"I think I have discovered the champion mean man of New Orleans," said a lawyer who always has an eye for human curiosities. "I located him in a restaurant the other day, but I must confess that I would never have done so at first glance. The truth is, he concealed his accomplishments under a rather bland and benevolent exterior and looked like an ordinary, good natured, middle aged person in some minor line of business, with nothing especially to distinguish him from thousands of others.

Kamloops Standard for its attack on the lieutenant governor. Yesterday George Sheldon Williams, who is supposed to be the Victoria correspondent of the Standard, was served with a summons to appear in the police court on Friday, and Messrs. Searl, Schofield, and several members of the press gallery have been summoned as witnesses in the case.

The summons is signed by H. G. Hall, P. M., and sets forth that the accused "did unlawfully and without legal justification or excuse, publish a certain defamatory libel on, of, and concerning Hon. Thomas Robert McInnes, lieutenant governor of the province of British Columbia."

"I have not studied law for eight years for nothing," said Mr. Williams this morning; "I will defend the case myself and without the aid of counsel."

—Victoria Times.

Sunday Fires.

Two fires occurred on Sunday. The first alarm was turned into the department about 3 o'clock a. m. from the corner of Second avenue and Sixth street. The firemen from both halls made a quick run; but before they could arrive, the flames were shooting forth from the windows and roof of the office of the Yukon Iron Works. The chemical hose was turned on the blaze, and served to confine the fire until it was possible to obtain water. Within a few minutes after a stream of water was secured, the blaze was extinguished. Since 5 o'clock Saturday evening no one had entered the office building, and it is supposed that the fire was occasioned by an overheated stove, which ignited some books that had been placed on a nearby shelf. Most of the contents were damaged by fire or water, but the loss was inconsiderable.

The second blaze occurred at 11 o'clock yesterday morning in Horkan's reading room, situate on the west side of Second avenue between Second and Third streets. The fire caught under the roof from an overheated stove pipe; but was extinguished without trouble by the chemical crew and apparatus. No damage resulted.

From Moosehide.

Several days ago the Nugget was in receipt of the following from Moosehide, but it was not published until someone was found who was able to translate it into English. The communication reads:

"Hiyu skookum potlach icta Moosehide mox sun. Hias chin chin ict hiyu stinkum Yukon river. Halo cumtux Moosehide Indian tcutul King George, Boston nfan mox moon mox moon stinkum tenas pappoose ict halo chicanun."

(Two days ago a large meeting was held at Moosehide at which there was much talk about the people of Dawson, English and Americans, throwing garbage on the river and defiling the water for us to drink from two moons after the next two moons. The residents of Moosehide fail to understand why they should be treated like children unless it is that they have no money.)

This is a matter which should very properly be discussed by the Yukon council and board of trade.

New Saw Mill.

Chas. E. Severance, if arrangements were carried out, started his new saw mill at the mouth of Adams gulch on Bonanza this morning. It is his intention to manufacture lumber, building material, fuel and everything in the line of sawed work for which there is a demand. The saw mill was brought in by Mr. Severance last fall but has not been put in condition for operation until the present time. There is an abundance of good timber for lumber purposes not far from the location of the mill, the manufacture of which will fill a long felt want in that section of the mining district.

Notice.

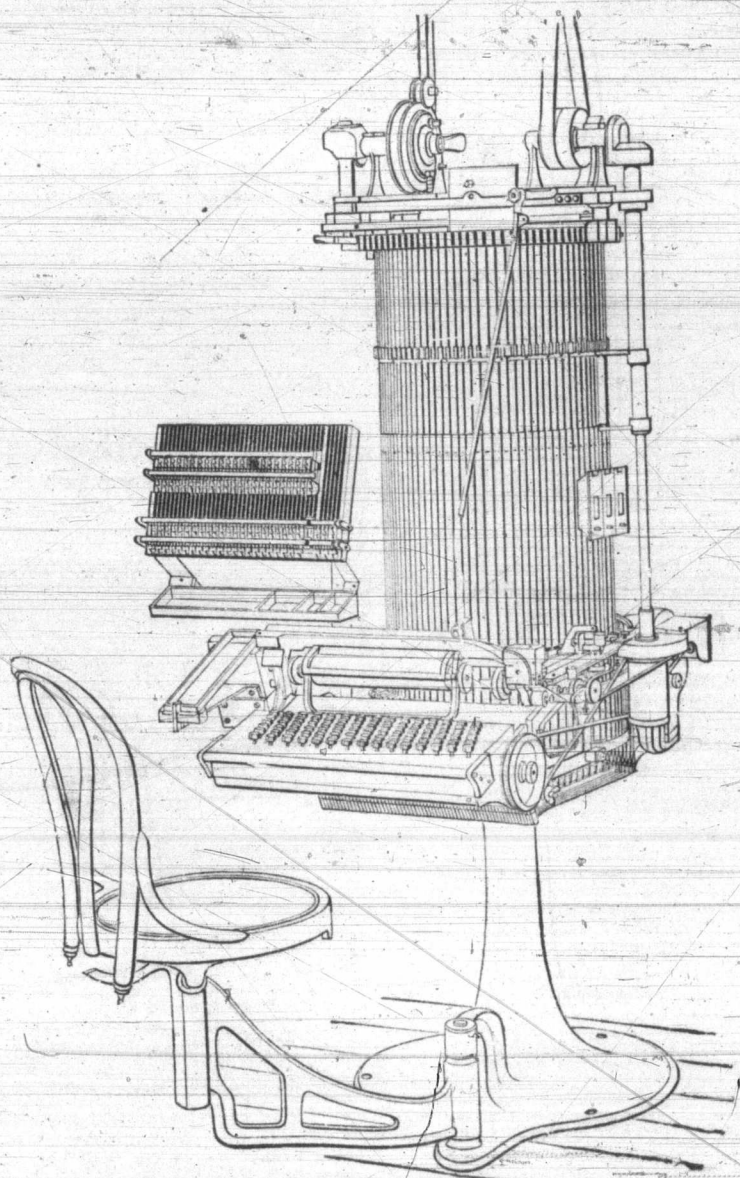
Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the commissioner in council of Yukon territory for an ordinance to ratify and confirm the letters patent issued on the 14th day of October, 1898, by William O. Attyie, Esq., commissioner of Yukon territory, to the Dawson Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, or for the incorporation of the said company for the purposes and objects specified in said letters patent.

And for a grant to the said corporation of the exclusive right and privilege of laying or fixing wires, and supplying and furnishing, by electricity, light, heat and power, within the limits of the City of Dawson, and of Klondike City, and lands adjacent thereto, subject to such restrictions, terms and conditions as may be approved, and to confirm and ratify a certain trust deed of the said company, dated 22d June, 1899.

And to increase the capital stock of the said company to \$150,000. And to grant to the said corporation power to issue debenture bonds, and other securities, and to acquire, hold and sell real and personal property, and to grant all other powers and privileges incidental to such undertakings or any of them, and with all usual powers and privileges.

Dated at Dawson, Yukon territory, this 19th day of February, 1900.

WHITE & McCAUL, c3-19 Advocates for the Applicants.



THE NUGGET'S THORNE TYPESETTING MACHINE

this work an appropriation of \$400,000 has been made, exclusive of \$150,000 for the completion of the military road. The entire work cannot be completed in one season, but it is probable that the telegraph line will be completed from the sea to the Yukon before another winter sets in. —Seattle P. J.

Last Night's Concert.

The concert last night at the Palace Grand by the Dawson Symphonic Orchestra was another of those rare high grade musical treats for which, under the able and efficient management of Messrs. F. W. Zimmerman and L. R. Radcliffe, Dawson's Sunday night concerts are becoming renowned.

The attendance was not such as the occasion merited, although all the boxes were occupied and the balcony was crowded. Fully 100 who would otherwise have been present were in attendance at the meeting of Eagles.

The program, as previously published and as distributed last night, was followed to the letter. Each and every member of the orchestra proved himself master of his particular instrument, and the smooth and faultless rendition of the many difficult selections indicated much practice of the members and most assiduous care on the part of Bandmaster Garbracht. Among the soloists from the orchestra were: Phil Goodwin, violin; W. A. Goodwin, cello; E. B. Lyon, cornet; Martin Hobbs, trombone, and C. F. Quigley, piano, all of whom were so well received that each was forced by the audience to respond to an encore.

Miss Lorne, Dawson's favorite vocal soloist, never appeared to better advantage than last night in "It Was a Dream." Being recalled by continuous applause, she delighted her hearers with "Say That You Love Me Still,"

While he was leisurely eating his dinner and I was leisurely ordering mine, a newsboy came in with a bundle of papers. The benevolent looking gent beckoned him over, took a paper and began to peruse it. He went about the reading with care and deliberation, and occasionally he laid down the sheet and took a few mouthfuls of dinner. Meanwhile the newsboy was fidgeting from one leg to another and shooting anxious glances at possible customers around the room, but the bland gentleman read on regardless. I was watching the pair out of the tail of my eyes and kept track of the time by a clock that hung overhead.

"Five minutes elapsed, then ten, then fifteen, and the newsboy, who had collapsed wretchedly into a chair, began to drum the floor with his feet. 'What's the matter with you?' said the bland man, looking up, 'you're the most nervous child I ever saw in my life. But I've found what I wanted,' he added, 'and I'll just cut it out. It won't hurt your paper, for it's down here in one corner where nobody will notice.' With that he produced a penknife, cut out a paragraph, folded the paper and handed it back. 'Here you are,' he said 'Take it and run along!'

"The newsboy made a sort of inarticulate noise, took the sheet and shuffled out. He seemed to be stupefied by the man's transcendental gall, and the fact is I felt a little that way myself. When I last saw him he was putting the clipping in his pocketbook. I am willing to back him at even money against any other mean man in Louisiana."

For Libelous Publication.

True to his promise in the house, the attorney general has taken steps to punish the owner and correspondent of the

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