

DEPLORABLE CONDITION

Telegraph Wire is Down Indefinitely

Dawson is Now Entirely Cut Off From News of the Outside World.

"The line is down south of Stewart and all messages are accepted subject to delay. Do not know when it will be o. k."

The above notice is posted in the Dawson postoffice today and there may be no cause for changing or removing it for days to come. The linemen are with the operators in their strike and there is no one to repair the line.

The sympathy of the people and heaviest patrons of the line is with the men and against the pusillanimous department that would attempt to force its faithful servants to work at less than Jap wages, but the inconvenience occasioned by the present conditions as the direct result of this pusillanimous way of doing business is almost incalculable.

Today Dawson is making arrangements to fittingly celebrate the coronation of the king who is known to be in precarious health. Suppose,

The Ladue Quartz Mill

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Assay Office



IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE HAIL STORM CONTAINED A PROPHECY.

TERRIFIC HAIL STORM

Followed by Pour Down of Rain

Heaviest Precipitation in the Same Time Ever Remembered in Dawson.

Shortly before one o'clock this afternoon a black cloud, very similar in appearance to those which have been chasing each other over this section of the country at irregular intervals, came up from the southwest and by the time it had Dawson fairly focused, hailstones almost as big as marbles began to fall and continued for ten minutes and until the ground was white.

Hail soon gave way to rain and for the next 15 or 20 minutes a greater downpour, aside from a cloudburst, is seldom witnessed in any country. In five minutes the ditches along the streets were running full and only the backbone of Aldermanic avenue could be seen, smooth and shining above the surface. It was a downpour such as would test the dirt roofs of cabins for thin places.

It is not thought the storm extended far up the creeks as it soon passed over from southwest to northeast.

Preston Dismissed

Martin Preston was tried this morning before Mr. Justice Dugas upon the charge of having passed brass filings for gold dust. The offense was alleged to have been committed at the Forks on June 30, upon which date it is said Preston bought some liquor and also exchanged for currency a quantity of stuff which was afterward found to be brass filings instead of dust. The accused had requested a jury trial and a jury had been summoned when it was discovered that the offense, charged was one in which the defendant was not entitled to a jury and they were discharged, the case being heard by his lordship alone. Preston conducted his own defense. At the conclusion of the case his lordship remarked that things certainly looked suspicious but there was scarcely enough evidence to warrant a conviction and Preston was discharged. There was a link missing in the transition of the dust from the time it left Preston's hands until it arrived in court. The crown was advised to prosecute one McGinty from whom Preston procured the dust.

Comes up Tomorrow.

The transient trader's case of the city versus Skagerind, Mayhood & Brown will again be up for hearing before Magistrate Wroughton tomorrow. It is expected that the entire day will be taken up in the examination of witnesses.

Reception Postponed

The public reception to the members of the Arctic Brotherhood which was to have been held tonight has been postponed pending the arrival of delayed delegates.

Only One Drunk

There was only one case for drunk and disorderly before Magistrate Wroughton this morning. A plea of guilty was entered and a fine of \$5 and costs was imposed.

TRAFFIC MANAGER J. F. LEE

Arrives in Dawson Today on First Visit of Present Season—Has Been East Where He Says Klondike Stock is More Healthy Than Ever Before.

Mr. J. Francis Lee, general traffic manager of the White Pass route, arrived today on the Whitehorse on his first trip inside this season and is busy renewing the many pleasant acquaintances made while here last summer. In speaking with a Nugget man shortly after he stepped off the boat he said he had been held outside unusually late this season, which accounted for his tardy arrival in Dawson.

"This is the first time I have been in Dawson in over a year and I am surprised at the way things are looking. I expected to find business stagnated from what I had heard after leaving Seattle about times here being so hard, but on the contrary everything looks prosperous to me. In the money centers of the far east the Klondike, and Alaska also, is thought a great deal more of, more favorable than ever before. Capitalists are beginning to look at this country as an excellent place for investment and it will be but a short time until all you will have to do is to show them something good and all the capital that is required can be procured without difficulty. Merchants are very desirous of securing the Klondike trade and regard this

country as one of their best markets. The feeling is becoming stronger every day that the country has a permanent future before it. Take the United States government, for instance, where a few years ago no feed was paid to Alaskan appeals for assistance today roads and telegraph lines are being built and the country is being opened up. I tell you the people of Canada and the States are beginning to realize the possibilities this far northland contains.

"The deal for nearly the whole of Chechaco hill which was made some time ago I am in a position to inform you has gone through. It will be a big help to the Klondike as the parties back of the scheme are men of immense wealth. You will see operations in the future conducted on a very large scale and dredgers will come into use more and more each year. I met Mr. Wm. Ogilvie at Vancouver. His dredge is all complete and he is now only awaiting some machinery from the east before proceeding north. He informed me there were 110 miles of workable ground that was valuable on the Stewart and he had great expectations as to the future.

"While in Seattle on July 25 I had quite a talk with Mr. Hawkins, who assured me everything for the creeks railway was in good shape and that all delays were at an end. It was then a question with him which one of the two propositions he would accept, and I learned by wire at Skagway that he had closed with one of them and that the rails and other equipment were being forwarded at once. That the road will be built this fall I regard as an absolute certainty."

In speaking of the business of his department in the White Pass this year Mr. Lee said it had been very satisfactory their tonnage for the present season exceeding that of last

Read and Learn.

If you want to keep up with the times it will be necessary to read the daily papers. This holds good the world over. If you are inclined to be economical read the advertisements. By so doing you can save many a dollar.

Cribbs, the druggist, is too modest to blow his own horn, but just the same he has everything you want in the drug line, toilet articles, etc., at virtually outside prices (freight added). Call and be convinced.

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