

ANOTHER FAKE

The News Endeavors to Create a New Stampede to the Tanana.

ABLY SUSTAINS ITS REPUTATION

For Falsification and Invention of Rumors.

WHAT MR. T. C. HEALY SAYS.

Received a Letter Four Months Old and Attaches no Importance to the Alleged Strike.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily. The Daily News, the reputation of which paper for unreliability has been the subject for so much unfavorable comment and censure in Dawson, added to its ill fame last night by the publication of a fake story about an alleged strike said to have occurred in the Tanana district.

The News' fake writer outdid himself last night, endeavoring to create a stampede to the "lower country on a tissue of exaggerations and absolute falsehood for which there is not the slightest foundation.

After introducing the story by saying that Mr. T. C. Healy is the only man in Dawson who knows the facts, and that he refuses to tell them the News goes on to say that according to the report "from as reliable source as possible," \$14 has been found on bedrock and above bedrock the yield is \$2.50 per pan. Bedrock, it was stated, is only six feet deep and water abundant. Inspired then by his own imaginative creation, the News romancer branches off into another vein. After telling that Mr. Healy refused absolutely to disclose the contents of the letter telling of the strike, the News continues as follows:

"The letter goes on to state that great excitement prevails in the vicinity of the find, but there is a lack of tools for working purposes. Shovels were selling at \$100 each, and gold pans at \$50." To give a finishing touch to his purely imaginative picture the News fairly tale writer winds up his story by gravely predicting a stampede to the new country "eclipsing that to Nome."

The actual facts in the case as ascertained from Mr. Healy by a Nugget representative on Monday night are as follows:

In the last mail Mr. Healy received a letter from a former employee, written from the Tanana country and dated August 16 last—over four months ago. The writer addressed the letter to Nome, thinking Mr. Healy was at that place. Mr. Healy was then in San Francisco to which place the letter was forwarded and after following him about from place to place finally reached Dawson with last Saturday's mail.

The letter stated that a strike had been made, the value of which was not yet known, but from indications would prove good.

"I do not attach any importance to the information," said Mr. Healy, "as the strike, if one was made, occurred four months ago and if anything extraordinary had been found news of it would have reached Dawson long ago. There is absolutely nothing in the letter to warrant anyone to leave Dawson, for, to my personal knowledge, at least 100 men have gone into the same district since the letter was written and if anything big was discovered it has long ago been taken up. But, as I said before, news of the strike would have reached Dawson while the letter was following me about had it amounted to anything."

Mr. Healy was seen again last night by a representative of the paper and questioned respecting the accuracy of the rumor published in the News of last night.

"I cannot," said Mr. Healy, "too forcibly express my condemnation of the article to which you refer. There is absolutely nothing upon which to base such a story and the whole thing is a tissue of exaggerations and falsehood. It looks to me like a deliberate attempt to create a stampede out of

Dawson which at this time of year and in the total absence of reliable information about the so-called strike, I consider little less than criminal.

"Matters in Dawson are sufficiently quiet at the present time, without any attempt being made to induce people to leave the town upon a wild goose chase, which could result only in hardship and disappointment."

There is the sum and substance of the entire matter upon which the News bases its sensational and senseless attempt to create another foolish stampede out of Dawson. The public should take due notice that the entire story in last night's News is without foundation in fact, made up of a tissue of imagination and wholly and entirely unreliable and untrustworthy.

Society's Salutary Effect.

The fact that there exists in Dawson a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is the means of saving many a dog from wearing a bruised and beaten back and is also probably the means of contrary leaders occasionally missing well-merited and deserved correction.

A few evenings since a dog driver attempted to chastise his leader at the corner of Third street and Third avenue, but with the first blow a dozen protests were raised, some called for the police and the irate driver made a hasty retreat up Third street and stood not upon the order of his going. There is no doubt, however, the observation of Solomon concerning the sparing of the rod and the spilling of the child is also applicable to dogs in many instances.

A Methodist Calculation.

A man in Dawson who is possessed of a lead pencil and a mathematical turn of mind, announces that the mild weather which has continuously prevailed for the past 12 days has been the means of saving to the people of Dawson fully 200 cords of wood which would have been required for fuel had the weather continued as it was previous to the present mild spell. Should it so happen that there will be no more cold weather this year, the calculator asserts that fully one-third of the wood provided for winter will be still on hand when summer comes.

Building Ice Roads

The work of making possible for teams and freight the trail along the river and over the cutoffs between Dawson and Whitehorse is, according to Division Superintendent George Pulham, of the C. D. Co., mail contractors, considerable more of an undertaking than many people supposed. Last year Mr. Pulham says his company spent \$9000 making a passable trail between Dawson and Bennett, and this year nearly that amount will be required to make the route good between Dawson and Whitehorse.

Knowing that the C. D. Co. must put the trail in condition for the handling of the mail, other concerns and individuals who have winter freight to handle hang back until, at enormous expense and exposure, the C. D. Co. has rendered the route traversable, then the outsiders get in and gain by the fruit of the labor of others. For this reason Mr. Pulham advances the suggestion that the government should assist in putting winter roads in the Yukon in condition for travel, as the government has as much use for good roads at all times as any one institution in the district.

Mr. Pulham says that when the river first closed the trail as followed along the shore ice was very much better than at present, owing to the fact that the water has gone down and the ice having become brittle has broken up to such an extent as to render travel very laborious. A large force of men is still at work under the direction of the assistant division superintendent of the mail route, and it is expected that by the 10th of January the entire route from Dawson to Whitehorse will be in first-class shape for heavy and rapid travel.

Suggestion Acted on.

The suggestion in the Nugget of Tuesday's issue that the bridge leading to the barracks on First avenue be leveled down and put in passable condition has been acted upon, a force of men being at work on the bridge this morning.

Elby House Dance.

One of a series of semi-monthly dancing parties is to be held Friday evening, December 21, at the Elby roadhouse, 30 below Bonanza. Big preparations are also being made for a dance to be held at the same place New Year's eve. The advent of the new century will be welcomed with a whoop and hurrah

TIME NOT RIPE

For the Incorporation of Dawson Is the Opinion Expressed

BY MANY OF THE LEADING CITIZENS

Whose General Idea Is That the Time Is Not Yet.

WHO WOULD FILL OFFICES?

Is a Question Which Every One Believes to be of Vital Importance in Case of Incorporation.

In view of the action taken by the Yukon council last evening at its meeting, concerning the collection of taxes after a month unless some action is taken by the rate payers in the meantime looking to the incorporation of the city, the Nugget today publishes as many expressions of opinion from business men on the subject as limited time and space will permit. Capt. Olson of the Yukon telephone syndicate was the only one seen who gave it as his opinion that incorporation at the present time would be judicious, and as will be seen by what he says, that opinion is qualified:

"I am not in favor of incorporation unless we have entire control of our own affairs."

W. B. Bruce voiced the sentiments of many who did not care to be quoted, when he spoke as follows:

"Nothing would please me more than to see this city's affairs in the hands of a municipal council. But until I can learn to what extent we are to participate in its different local revenues, I could scarcely say whether or not it would be desirable. As you are aware the greater portion of our business men are Americans, many of them representing British capital, and, who as I understand it, would not be allowed to vote, and in order to extend the franchise to them it would require an act of parliament. Without such men having the privilege of voting, would it be fair to them or their companies? No! The individual who owns real estate in this town up to a certain prescribed value—say \$2000—whether he be Jew or Gentile, should vote. Otherwise I am of the opinion we would make a mistake in incorporating. Of course this is a casual opinion and until all conditions are set forth, I could, as I have already stated, scarcely definitely say what to my mind would be best."

Mr. Fulda, of the A. E. Co. said:

"At the present time I am not in favor of incorporation because I do not consider the time ripe. At present the city is in what might be termed a period of transition from the transient to the permanent, and none but the staunchest believers in a permanent future for the country care to invest heavily here. It is a large question and one to which I have given much thought in arriving at my present conclusion. At present you can say that I am not in favor of incorporation."

Mr. W. H. Parsons, of the Ames Mercantile Co., said:

"Of the two evils choose the least. I am not in favor of the incorporation of the city if the only alternative is to pay taxes."

Dr. Cook, of the Ladue Co., said that he had not thought of the matter sufficiently to warrant him in expressing an opinion, although he was in favor of calling a mass meeting to consider the matter.

Rmil Staaf thought the present form of government was good enough and did not favor a change. He has full confidence in the council.

Mr. Mizner, and Mr. Gandolfo could not be found, and Thos. O'Brien declined to be interviewed in view of other matters pending looking to a general expression of opinion.

Mr. Wills of the Bank of Commerce said that he could not express his views just now for the same reason.

The views of Mr. H. TeRoller, of

the S. Y. T. Co., were expressed as follows:

"There comes a time in the history of most communities, and especially so when they have grown to the size of a town like this, that they should be incorporated."

"Whether the time is ripe for Dawson to assume self-government is a question in the minds of many."

"To those who are confident of the future and have no doubt of this becoming a quartz, as well as placer center, it seems quite clear that the time is favorable and that there can be no advantage in delay. On the other hand, the conservative element which is quite apt to be the more prominent and interested portion of the community, are probably fearful that it might be difficult to secure reliable and qualified officials who could afford to, and would be willing to give their time and attention and might consider it advisable to wait another year or few months and watch the developments, and thus be in a position to determine the probable resources of the country and likewise the possible life of the camp."

"While local conditions are not exactly what we might desire, and there being much room for improvement, yet we must not lose sight of the fact that after we have self-government we are likely to meet with disappointments, and many will be no better satisfied and probably not as well as they are now. "If this were an unorganized community and without any authority of any kind, I should unhesitatingly declare in favor of immediate incorporation but now I feel that we can afford to defer the matter for at least six months."

The cause of the hesitancy of so many to express an opinion is that last Sunday evening there was an informal meeting of business men at the residence of Mr. Wills at which it was decided that a committee chosen from among them should confer with the council in the matter, and until the result of the conference is known, few of those present care to speak.

He Ran Amuck

This morning while the stages of Orr & Tukey and Henry Honnen were coming down from the Forks a runaway wood team was passed just the other side of the grade leading around the bluff. One of the horses, a large gray, was kicking and plunging at a frightful rate and soon after the stages had passed the team the passengers in the rear stage, that of Orr & Tukey, looked back and saw coming toward them the large gray horse, his harness chains dangling and swinging from side to side, the animal still kicking and plunging wildly.

He passed the rear team and tried to get past the next but his harness caught in that of one of the stage horses, and after a short but exciting tussle he was subdued and returned to his owner.

The reason for the horse's wild kicking and bucking was afterwards ascertained to have been caused by the bite of a mad dog.

Several women who were passengers fainted through fright, as where the horse got fast to the stage team the grade is narrow and an upset over the bank to the river below seemed quite probable. The cool-headed nerve of the stage driver won the day, however, and no damage was done.

Last Night's Hockey.

A match game of hockey was played last night between the teams of the N. W. M. P. and McLennan & McFeeley's store. The first half of the game resulted in a score of 1 to 0 in favor of the police and the last half of 6 to 1 in favor of McLennan & McFeeley, making the result of the entire game 6 to 2 against the police.

The play the entire evening was loose, no fine combinations being made by either team. In the first half it looked as though the police had a clear walk-over, but in the latter half the hardware men picked up and won easily. There was no rough playing, but there was woeful lack of following up in both teams. P. C. Stevenson refereed the game, the umpires being Smith and Tiffin.

The next game will be played Saturday night between the teams of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Civil Service.

Rapidly Improving.

Major Z. T. Wood is said to have improved more rapidly during the past two days than at any period of his convalescence, and should no complications arise he will be wholly recovered within a few days.

HOP JOINT RAIDED

Constables Piper and Scofield Secure Full Smoker's Outfit.

FOUR PIPES AND PREPARED DOPE

Tom Lamar and Langdon Were in the Cabin

WHICH IS WELL FURNISHED

And Located in Rear of Seattle Restaurant Between First and Second Avenues.

Constables Piper and Scofield on Tuesday afternoon raided what has long been known to exist in Dawson, but the location of which has not formerly been assured. The result is that there are probably a number of "hop fiends" in town now who are thinking it is a long time between whiffs.

The joint raided is a cabin between First and Second avenues and immediately in the rear of the Seattle restaurant. It is nicely furnished and had four smoking bunks. The windows were covered with green-baise.

When the officers called, admission was at first refused them, but later the door was opened and they entered. Only two men were there at the time, Tom Lamar and another named Langdon. One of the men was smoking at the time. On looking around the police found three other pipes, making four in all, and all are of the regulation opium smoking size and style. A complete stock of both prepared and crude opium was found, also alcohol lamps, needles and the paraphernalia that goes to make up the equipment of a full-fledged hop joint, all of which was confiscated and is held by the police at the town station, but Corporal McPhail and his worthy aids have not fully decided on giving a smoker.

The laws of this country do not punish a man for smoking opium, but it takes his outfit away from him and the man who conducts a "hop joint" can be prosecuted for maintaining a nuisance.

Seventy-Six Millions.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The official announcement of the total population of the United States for 1900 is 76,295,220, of which 74,627,907 are contained in the 45 states representing approximately the population to be used for apportionment purposes. There is a total of 134,158 Indians not taxed.

The total population in 1890, with which the aggregate population of the present census should be compared, was 63,069,756. Taking the 1890 population as a basis there has been a gain in population of 13,225,464 during the past ten years, representing an increase of 21 per cent.

The tabulated statement shows that the population of New York state is 7,268,009, against 5,997,853 in 1890. The number of Indians in the state not taxed is 4711.

Must Be Something Wrong.

There are a number of homely old sayings around which cling a strong aroma of truth. For instance: "Where there is much smoke, there is usually some fire," and "Where de rooster scratch, dar is de wo'm found," etc. Just at the present time there appears to be a unanimous kick about the mail service between Dawson and Whitehorse. First, every individual patron of the postoffice got in and howled, then organizations took it up. The Liberal Club discussed it and appointed a committee of investigation; the Board of Trade held a meeting and passed some pointed resolutions along the same line, and last night the Yukon council got in and basted the mail carriers up one side and down the other. Thus is the mail company getting it from every direction with two or three dancing clubs and the Salvation Army yet to hear from.

From all of which it appears that if the mail carriers desire to square themselves, and give evidence of, in a measure, earning the \$4,000 annually allotted down for the work or alleged work, the service will be improved from now on. Otherwise, it is hard to predict just what will happen by the time all the unreported organizations register the expostulations against the present service.

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ISSUED BY ALLEN BROS...
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