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### OUR NOME LETTER.

Published elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget will be found a letter from Mr. Cole Burke, formerly of the local staff of the Nugget, and now associated with the Gold Digger at Nome.

Mr. Burke's letter comes entirely unsolicited by this paper, and may be taken as representing the views of those men at Nome who have not some personal end to attain as a result of the anticipated rush.

It will be seen that the situation at Nome, as set forth in our correspondent's letter, varies but little from opinions which have frequently been expressed in the Nugget. Undoubtedly, Nome has been greatly over-estimated. The extent of ground known to be rich in pay is comparatively small. The beach has already been pretty well worked out, and the creeks are staked in all directions for miles around.

Apparently, the people at Nome have spent the winter stampeding new territory and getting hold of wildcat claims, in anticipation of unloading them upon the army of chechakos who will arrive with the opening of navigation in the spring.

Legal complications are almost certain to arise—in fact, have done so already, with the result that much of the country will be tied up and prospecting prevented. Mr. Burke's estimate, that fully 75 per cent of the people who reach Nome during the summer, will find only disappointment to comfort them, is undoubtedly conservative.

The steamer Alpha, which sailed from Vancouver for Nome in alleged defiance of United States customs laws, carried with her 386 passengers, among whom is a United States customs official. It appears that the Alpha's plan was to land her passengers at St. Michael, provided no interference was met with, and, failing in that, to place the passengers in small boats outside the three-mile limit and let them get ashore themselves. It is stated in late outside papers that the customs officer, who is aboard the Alpha, is authorized to call upon any American revenue cutter to prevent the Alpha from effecting her purpose. There is quite a probability that her passengers will merely enjoy a trip from Vancouver to Bering sea and return, without getting ashore at all.

Many people have wondered why the ladies of the Red Cross Society have been sending warm clothing to the soldiers in South Africa. The reason why such is necessary is thus stated in the London Times: "The difference between the night and day temperature in these uplands is something like 70 degrees. Directly the sun sets the thermometer falls 40 or 50 degrees, and the man in a perspiration, without

warm overclothing, is pretty sure to be attacked by some pulmonary affection, the mortality from which will put that from enteric fever into the shade. Every man must be provided with flannel shirt, serge uniform, sweater to slip over the uniform at sunset, muffler for the neck, and a good, warm overcoat. The night radiation is extraordinary, and the cold feels much greater than the thermometer indicates."

The safe arrival of a large consignment of mail yesterday afternoon adds another to the already long list of laurels which the mail carriers have won this season. From now on until navigation opens, the transportation of mail will be attended with much difficulty and no little danger. It will mean a great deal of overland packing and no little canoe work, with possible dangers from ice jams and gorges to be guarded against. When it comes to a question of the safety of carriers or mail sacks, the public in general would, we believe, prefer to submit to delays, rather than have either risked. The service has been so satisfactory during the winter that it is to be sincerely hoped that the season will be brought to an end without accident.

The Sun suggests, in its last issue, the possibility of its editor and the editor of the News making the trip from Dawson to Nome in the same scow this summer. The suggestion is, we believe, founded upon a real, genuine desire to do the public a great service. The Nugget commends the idea, which, undoubtedly, will meet with general approval from our citizens. Should the lack of the necessary scow place a straw in the way of the realization of this very laudable idea, we have no hesitation in saying that numerous parties can be found who would willingly contribute the required means of transportation. The Sun, at last, has touched a popular chord.

If any friction exists in Dawson between British and American subjects, that friction has been engendered through the narrow-minded and prejudiced course pursued by the so-called government organ. The subject of "aliens" would never be raised in Dawson were it not for the publication of such vituperative and abusive articles as fill the columns of the Sun. The great body of Americans and British subjects are in perfect accord upon most questions of public moment, and, to the credit of both, be it said, the efforts of the "organ" to kindle a spark of antagonism between them has met with signal failure.

Improved machinery has worked wonders in demonstrating the possibilities before the owners of good placer ground in the Klondike country. Economy in fuel and labor are two most important considerations, and both are attained by an intelligent use of the improved methods of mining now becoming so general. Within another year the cost of production will be reduced to such an extent that ground heretofore considered of low grade will pay richly for working.

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## STROLLER'S COLUMN

"Did you know that in the spring of 1880 the ice did not go out of the river and that it never budged an inch that summer?"

As the speaker was a lady, the Stroller did not care to tell her she was romancing, so he merely said: "Do tell."

"Yes," she continued, "there was ice in the river for 19 months at one time. It did get just a little damp on the surface during July and August, but as it would freeze every night, the water did not gain much and by the 10th of September it was frozen up as hard and tight as it was at any time during the past winter."

"I did not know you were here 20 years ago," meekly ventured the Stroller.

"Oh, you mean thing! Of course I was not here 20 years ago. Why, I was only a little girl then; these gray hairs being premature. I got my information about the ice from an Indian woman from whom I bought the cutest pair of moccasins you ever saw. If you'll call some time I'll show them to you."

On last Sunday afternoon, the regular meeting of the Hogan order was held in the large cave, which is situated on the west side of the Yukon river. The application of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell was favorably considered; but the honorable gentleman was not initiated, for the reason that important business required his presence on the creeks. The unavoidable absence of the assistant commissioner was explained upon the reasonable theory that he was engaged in ascertaining the locations of valuable fractions, which will not be sold at public auction next July. Any member of the order who has been deprived of mining property through the clerical errors of office employees, or who has located ground unworthy of clerical errors, is earnestly requested to file his name and the description of a rich government fraction with the secretary of the Great and Mighty Hogan Order. Henceforth, no requests for compensatory grants of fractional claims will be forwarded to Ottawa, unless such applications are approved by the steering committee of the society.

After the performance next Saturday evening, Messrs. Joseph J. West, George J. Crowley, E. H. Port and J. W. Pratt, will sever their connection with the Palace Grand theater. Their lease of the premises will expire during the next few days, and no satisfactory agreement can be arranged for its renewal. The people regret exceedingly that the gentlemen who have so capably managed the playhouse for the past five weeks, are now compelled to withdraw. Their earnest, conscientious efforts have resulted in the production of an exceptional quality of entertainment; their thorough knowledge of vaudeville affairs has gained for them the respect of employees and the appreciation of a discriminating public. Under the present management, the theater became one of the leading resorts of the city; indeed, the class of amusement, which was rendered equalled if it did not excel anything of a similar sort ever witnessed in Dawson.

A certain well-known local character claims to have lost \$10,000 the other night in an unfortunate manner.

Wishing to engage a room for the night he hid himself to Ford's bath house, where a choice room was reserved by him for a friend, he observing that it was engaged only for one, and that he would not sleep there as he had quarters elsewhere. All was as merry as the proverbial wedding bell, and the hush of the silent hours, like those preceding the break of dawn, pervaded the house, till late next morning when a terrible uproar awakened everybody, the proprietor and all the employees rushing to the scene of disturbance.

"What in God's name is the matter, said the frantic proprietor, "and where did you come from," as he recognized his visitor of the night before, who was beating the air with his hands and rolling his eyes frightfully.

"Why wasn't I called," he yelled in answer. "I lost \$10,000 by not being called. I had an appointment— But here he was overcome and paused for breath. "Why wasn't I called," he yelled in a moment; "I lost \$10,000 by not being called. I had an appointment— But here emotion overcame him and he burst again into a choice selection of expletives, as he dashed madly down stairs and raced down the street.

It was afterwards learned that the excited individual had passed the night at the house, entering when no one observed him and had missed an appointment in the early morning with a man who had \$10,000 to invest. It is puzzling everyone conversant with the facts how the investment could be so placed that the full \$10,000 would revert to the promoter without the use of a sand-bag.

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