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NOTICE.

When a newspaper offers its advertising space at a nominal figure, it is a practical admission of "no circulation." THE KLONDIKE NUGGET asks a good price for its space and in justification thereof guarantees to its advertisers a paid circulation five times that of any other paper published between Juneau and the North Pole.

WHEN?

Some months ago a statement given under official authority appeared in the columns of the local press to the effect that within a very short time the privilege would be extended to the Canadian citizens of Dawson and the Yukon territory of casting their ballots for the election of two members to our territorial legislative body—the Yukon council.

It appears to us that the time for that election is about due. The council as it is at the present time organized, is a sort of combination legislative and administrative body. Its sessions are held behind closed doors and such information as to its proceedings is made public as in the judgment of its members is deemed wise. With the election of members by direct vote of those entitled to the suffrage in the territory the sittings of the council would become public, and the administrative deliberations of that body would be confined to executive sessions.

It is natural to suppose that with a portion of its members responsible directly to the people of this territory, matters which concern and affect the public weal would be given more consideration than is now the case.

More alacrity would be displayed in solving such problems as the lighting of the public streets, the establishment of a thorough system for maintaining the healthfulness of the city or the organization of a system of public instruction.

Some day or other Dawson must become an incorporated town, conducting its own affairs and electing its own municipal officers.

This would probably follow closely in the wake of the election of the new members of the council. For the welfare of the community at large, the sooner this election is announced the better.

CASUALTIES ARE SMALL.

A remarkable feature of the South African war is the limited number of casualties. Considering the strength of the contending forces and the improved offensive weapons in use there have been very few men killed.

In fact the proportion of fatalities is less than would have occurred three hundred years ago under similar circumstances. Students of modern warfare will have something to ponder over when the war is at an end. There will be a great many theories advanced in explanation of the fact that battles occurred where tons upon tons of shot and shell were hurled by the contending forces at each other, and hardly enough men killed to call the affair a battle. One thing seems to be apparent and that is that improvement in

weapons do not necessarily mean a proportionate increase in slaughter.

OUR SEMI-WEEKLY.

The Semi-Weekly Nugget will be printed on Wednesdays and Saturdays hereafter, instead of on Tuesdays and Fridays as heretofore. This arrangement enables us to place in the Semi-Weekly the news of the three preceding days as taken from the Daily, and by that means our creek subscribers and others who prefer subscribing for the Semi-Weekly only, will receive the benefit of practically all the news of the week condensed in the two issues.

The Nugget is looking out with particular care for its creek patrons, where the Semi-Weekly has its largest circulation. The system of delivering which we have established on the various creeks is almost perfect, each creek being covered within 24 hours from the time the paper leaves the press.

Advertising contracts made for the Daily Nugget include insertion in the Semi-Weekly, which gives the advertiser a reading clientage unsurpassed by the circulation of all the other papers in Dawson combined.

Willie Semple, editor and proprietor of the late lamented Sunday Gleaner, is now kicking his heels in high glee upon the soil of Uncle Sam's domain.

Semple will now have plenty of opportunity to air his views in safety. The stories of all the martyrs, the Pilgrim Fathers and everybody else that ever was persecuted for righteousness' sake will pale into insignificance when compared with the tales which Semple will have to relate. It will not be surprising to learn that he has taken the lecture platform, with a view of turning the Dominion of Canada wrong side out. We miss our guess if the festive Willie does not give the Boer war a hard run for space in the newspapers for the next few weeks.

The Yukon territory is a hard country for the evil doer. The natural conditions are such that escape from Dawson up the river is almost impossible. For any man to attempt to leave the territory behind him by any other route than the trail up or down the river would simply be suicide. Added to this is a police service from the vigilance of which few criminals escape. In all probability no new country was ever before settled by a mixed class of people and so few serious crimes recorded as have occurred in this territory since the discovery of gold was first announced.

We understand that the trustees of the Board of Trade will discuss this evening the appointment of a committee on sanitation. This is certainly a wise move. Unless great precautions are taken the health of the city will certainly be endangered when spring opens and putrifying masses of filth and garbage now harmless by reason of being frozen, begins to give forth their noisome stench. Dawson is not by any means an unhealthy place and a little caution will save it from becoming such.

Our telegrams speak of a crowd of people being at Skagway en route to Nome. While numbers are not mentioned the Nomads must be showing up in very respectable quantities. The advance guard of the pilgrims may be expected to show up very shortly.

MAIL FROM ST. MICHAEL.

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Chris Betsch passed through Circle on Dec. 24th, but did not stop.

On Dec. 28th the mail from the Lower river having arrived we started on our return with six sacks of mail, one being the way pouch. One sack had left St. Michaels Nov. 1st, via the Anvik cutoff. Received a letter from the carriers below me, which was to the effect that the trail on the river below Rampart was good to St. Michaels, via the Anvik cutoff and requesting me to tell stampedees the advisability of getting plenty of grub at Rampart, for it was scarce below that point. Six miles from Circle we met Jack McCartney and Billy Woods bound for the Koyukuk to "buy in," they said. About 40 miles from Circle we met "Cyclone" Hansen, reduced to a gentle arctic zephyr, bound for Cape Nome, but now going into winter quarters at Circle. At Wood chopper creek about 50 miles from Circle, it was reported that a strike of 35 cents for the pan had been made 12 miles up the creek, and that a number of men had gone up to stake. The man at the cabin hadn't gone, so I wouldn't. About 85 miles from Circle we passed five men with a dog team bound for Nome. Right behind them were two men mushing their own sleighs, which were loaded very heavy. They were bound for Nome, too. Near Star City we passed two men with one dog, who had just been fined \$150 at Eagle for stealing an Indian's dog. From here on we passed quite a number of mushers, all Nome bound. While going down the river we had passed a man named Hendricks eight miles from Nelson river, traveling all right, and were surprised upon reaching Eagle to find him at the government hospital, having had all his fingers on both hands amputated at the second joint and both thumbs at the first joint. He recognized us, and said he had frozen them within a half hour after leaving us. Another pitiful case came to my notice at the government hospital. Three men from Dawson going to Nome, stopped over night in Eagle. During the night one of the men became paralyzed on the right side from the shoulders down. The others waited a few days and finding he was incurable, went on, after selling his effects which netted \$285. The poor fellow is now almost a raving maniac. His name was unknown, but he came from Effingham, Illinois.

From Eagle we came up in four days. On our return we found the trail excellent, with the exception of the 50 miles this side of Circle, which is passably fair, but from there to Eagle City it is as smooth as a billiard table. We had no winds or bad weather coming up. I guess I'll be going back in about five days and expect to have a much easier time than before," and the scribe left Mr. Diffenderfer to the delicate task of reconstructing his frozen nose.

Poet-Scout Falls in.

Capt. Jack Crawford, the poet scout, met with quite a mishap Monday. Capt. Jack was returning from a trip to Hunker creek. He was driving his little jenny and taking matters comfortably reclining upon his Yukon sled. At a point about five miles up the Klondike the captain took the wrong trail, and before he was aware of what was going on, sled, jenny and captain were all precipitated into the chilly waters of the Klondike by reason of a break in the ice. Captain Jack was supported in a measure by the sled, but the poor little jenny was entirely submerged with the exception of a portion of her head. Rescue was at hand, however, in the person of Dick Adams, the Nugget's Hunker man, and another traveler, both of whom proceeded immediately to extricate the unfortunate scout from his perilous position. In a few minutes the captain and his steed were safe on solid ice and making tracks for home. With the exception of a general chill over his body the captain was none the worse for his ducking.

Captain Jack yesterday presented his rescuer, Dick Adams, son of Acting Consul Adams, with a handsome gold watch chain. Capt. Crawford says that if Mr. Adams had not come to his relief when he did, nothing could have prevented his freezing to death. We congratulate Mr. Adams on his well deserved gift, and Capt. Crawford on his escape and recovery from the after effects of his accident.

Call and see our stock of playing cards, leather pocket case with each pack. Nugget office.

The Salvation Army holds services in the new barracks, Second avenue, as follows: Tuesday, 8 p. m. (barracks time); Thursday, 8 p. m.; Saturday, 8 p. m.; Sunday, 2 and 7:30 p. m. Free reading room in same building; open every day. Also in the evenings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

Warm offices for rent in the A. C. Co. office building, M. I. Stevens, Room 3, agent.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct and operate a line of railway from a point at or near Pyramid Harbour, on the Chilkat inlet near the head of Lynn Canal, or from the International Boundary line at or near the village of Kluckwan, northerly to Dalton's Post on the Dalton trail, and following the Dalton trail to Port Selkirk, thence continuing by the most feasible route to Dawson City, with powers to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines; to mine and deal in mines; to crush, smelt and work ores and minerals of all descriptions; erect smelters and other works and carry on a general mining business; to construct roads, tramways, wharves, mills and all necessary works; to own and operate steam and other vessels in the Yukon and all its tributaries and upon all inland waters in the Yukon district; to erect and operate all electrical works for the use and transmission of electrical power and to acquire and use water power for that purpose. Also to erect and maintain trading posts and carry on a general trading business in all merchandise in the Territory, and to acquire all other necessary rights and privileges, and to do all necessary things in connection with the business of the company.
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