

# THE DAILY KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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## FLORA ARRIVES

First Boat to Make the Round Trip Between Dawson and Whitehorse.

BRINGS SEVENTY-FIVE PASSENGERS

Rock Island and Gustin Will Sail Tonight.

BOTH ARE HEAVILY LOADED

Boats Stranded on Bars Up Stream—General News of the River.

The saucy little steamer Flora arrived in Dawson this morning at 4:30, 45 hours from Whitehorse. The agents of the company are jubilant over her success and indeed well they may be, for she has made the record this season, arriving here immediately after the ice the first boat in and making Whitehorse before all others, and then following her success with the down trip to Dawson from Whitehorse without a mishap the first through boat. She brought down 75 passengers and five tons of freight, leaving Whitehorse Saturday morning at 6:30. Captain Campbell of the Flora gives some interesting information relative to the river steamers, many of which are high and dry on the bars, as the river fell rapidly the past few days.

The Clara is at Whitehorse held awaiting a competent engineer to take her out. The Closset has arrived at that point and was loading for her return trip. The Ora has arrived also and is expected to return to Dawson in two more days.

## Ladue Co.

Has received its beautiful Calendars for 1900 and cordially invite the people of Dawson and vicinity to call and select one for their homes?

## Fine Groceries

Our Stock Is Still Complete

### ..Steam Fittings..

A full line has been brought in over the ice. Special prices in quantities.

## Bar Glassware

A Choice Selection

## Ladue Co.

## ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River. Saws, Flume & Mining Lumber. Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike River and at Boyle's Wharf.

.....J. W. BOYLE

The Canadian and Columbian are both on bars at Upper Lebarge, the passengers of both boats were transferred to the Closset and Ora and carried on to their destination.

The Victorian was still in the slough, three miles below Whitehorse, but is now probably at Whitehorse.

On the trip up Capt. Campbell took two men with him in a canoe from the head of Lebarge, where the Flora was berthed owing to a prevailing high wind, and proceeded to Whitehorse with the mail, where C. D. Co.'s men were awaiting its coming with pack animals. It was rushed through via the cutoff to Bennett and got through in safety. It arrived at Whitehorse on May 30th at 6 p. m.

The steamer Sybil was met in Thirtymile making good time last Saturday.

The Philip B. Low and Gov. Pingree are both on the beach at lower Lebarge, but will be floated any time when news is received that the water in Thirtymile is sufficiently deep for navigating the boats. Nels Peterson is in charge personally and will accompany them into Dawson.

The Hootalinqua and Pelly rivers are throwing out a large volume of water, consequently Hellgate is fortunately very high, being but 3 1/2 feet from high water mark.

The following passengers were brought down on the Flora: Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Adams, Mrs. H. Fitch, J. Rosenthal, Mrs. G. Moled, G. Moled, E. L. Allen, Rose L. Wheeler, Mrs. Frese, H. Freise, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. McLroy, J. B. Scott, W. R. Brandon, J. F. McGregor, S. W. McLroy, C. A. Moran, T. Alice, J. Cole, A. Henry, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Price, J. H. Kelly, Mr. Secow, W. Pezoyd, C. Bright, W. Brown, Mr. McKay, C. Stephan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. McDonald, O. M. Bredeman, A. M. Bredeman, H. S. Daffis, J. Patterson, H. F. Ensley, Mr. Burke, Mr. Chataway, S. Ensley, E. J. Waddle, J. H. McCaul, Mr. Petrie, J. H. Watson, E. Auld, P. Doffer, A. Letourneau, S. Johnson, R. Hamsey, C. W. Pratt, J. Bedard, T. Davidson, Mr. Gaoul, Ed Lainglo, J. C. Ackerman, M. A. Linder, E. Auld, L. Wike, T. Lanze, Chas. Geil, T. Echart, Cad Wilson, N. Holgate, A. Spitzel, L. Talbey, P. Lawson, H. Pringe, A. Pennyquick, P. J. Ryan, G. Stevens, G. W. Osborne, J. Jordt.

The Yukoner sailed for Whitehorse last Saturday night with a large passenger list. Capt. Woods accompanied the boat up the river and will return on her next trip. Following are the passengers taken out by her:

C. Boyle, I. Crowley, Mrs. Sheady, I. Cohen, W. F. Matlock, W. M. Bengle, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Augusta Johnson, W. R. Cuthbertson, F. A. Hurdston, H. P. Heacock, I. F. Wallace, Duncan McDonald, Roy McDonald, A. E. Lalande, F. L. Lalande, A. Lalande, H. Protean, B. Elkins, W. Bey, H. Tulford, Mrs. Rice, I. F. Gill, P. Wilson, H. L. Van Wyck, I. D. McKay, Mrs. J. D. McKay and child, E. I. Lee, Hugh Little, Arthur A. Lee, I. I. Fraser, H. A. Mc-

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## Townsend & Rose

The Leading

## ..Tobacconists

Have removed from their former location on Second Avenue, to their

## NEW STORE....

First Ave. Next to Madden House  
Club Rooms Attached

This week we offer—  
**Ladies' Shirt Waists**  
Fancy and plain patterns, all sizes, daintily made, at... \$3  
**Ready Made Skirts.**  
Correctly cut, allowing them to hang gracefully and the right length.  
**Clothing, Gents' Furnishing**  
AND  
**Seitz' Famous Shoes.**  
2nd Street, Opp. Bank of B.N.A.  
"If You Bought It at Parsons It Must Be Good."

## CORPSE OF CLAYSON

Identified By Several Intimate Friends and Acquaintances.

BEFORE THE CORONER'S JURY TODAY

Beyond Doubt a Victim of the Christmas Day Butchery.

BROUGHT ON STR. FLORA

From Selkirk Today—Verdict Not Yet Reached—History of the Crime.

The body found on the evening of the 30th ult. on a bar in the Yukon river about a mile above Fort Selkirk, which body was reported to and cared for by the police at that post, was brought to Dawson this morning on the steamer Flora by two constables, Pennyquick and Hales, detailed from the Selkirk post for that purpose.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Magistrate Starnes as coroner empanelled the following jury and proceeded with an inquest: J. R. Hamilton, J. D. McMurray, E. H. O. Vandir, Robt. Allison, James Mackay and Thos. Marwick. The body which had been in a box on ice, was taken out and viewed by the officers, Dr. Thompson, the jury and a number of former friends of Fred H. Clayson, whose body it was very certain lay before them.

The inquest adjourned from the place where the body was viewed to the courtroom where the evidence had only been partially heard as this paper went to press. The first witness, Constable Pennyquick, described the condition of the body when found by his party after it had been reported by the persons who first found it. The constable's testimony was corroborated by the clothes which were marked precisely as stated; the soles of the felt shoes bearing the imprint of bicycle pedals; a bicycle wrench was found in the pants pocket, and a bullet hole through each undershirt, one wool and one goatskin, over the nipple of the left breast, the body showing a large hole in that spot, also a bullet hole ranging from the left temple to the under portion of the right ear. Constable Hales' evidence was corroborative of that of his fellow officer in every detail.

Of those who had known Clayson in Skagway and while he was here last fall, the following swore to recognizing the body as that of Fred H. Clayson: Mrs. Weisman, E. I. White, Chas. Adler, D. H. Deal and Chas. Pondexter; also R. I. Hiltz and others who met him here before he started on his fatal journey.

There is no doubt but that the verdict will be that it is the body of Clayson and that he was murdered.

On last Christmas morning three men, Fred H. Clayson, Lynn Relfe and Olsen, a fineman in the employ of the Dominion telegraph, left the roadhouse at Minto, the former two being bound for the outside, the lineman for the telegraph station at Five Fingers, where he made his headquarters. Of the three men Clayson is known to have had a bicycle, but as the day was very cold, mercury being 55 below zero, it is not probable that he rode it, but instead lead it and walked along with his companions. Except by their murderers the three men were never seen alive after leaving the roadhouse.

It was fully ten days after Christmas before any thought of the disappearance of the trio occurred and then it originated with the telegraph people at Whitehorse who became anxious at the long absence of Lineman Olsen. Inquiries were made concerning him. He had been at Selkirk, but had started

for the up river nearly two weeks previous. He was traced up the river to Minto where he spent the night of December 24th at the roadhouse of Capt. Fassel, leaving there about eight o'clock, which was before daylight, the following morning in company with Clayson and Relfe who also had reached there the previous evening from down the river and who spent the night at the same place. Thoroughly alarmed, the telegraph people sent wires of inquiry up and down the line and to Clayson's brother at Skagway, but got no information further than that the party left Minto. The aid of the police was enlisted, with what results are already known to the readers of the Daily Nugget—one of the supposed murderers being arrested at Tagish and now an inmate of the Dawson jail, the other being traced through Skagway and on to Victoria and detectives still on his track.

By the 10th of January a regularly organized search for the men, dead or alive, had been instituted by the N. W. M. P. A little later Mr. McGuire, a Pinkerton blood-bond from Chicago, was on the search, having been employed by Will Clayson of Skagway, brother to one of the missing men. It was due to the unerring instinct and skillful training of the latter that the spot was found on which, there is no doubt, the trio was murdered.

Of the theory that the bodies were taken from the spot to which the men had, by some pretense, been lured and killed, which spot is back from the river about 300 yards, and thrown into the current through an opening which was there, the readers of this paper are familiar. With the fact that the point of murder having been located, search for the bodies has been confined to the river a short distance below, our readers are also familiar; and that efforts in the right direction were made is proven by the discovery of the bodies.

The one man, Fred H. Clayson, on whose account the other two were probably murdered, it being known that he carried a considerable amount of money, was about 29 or 30 years of age. His early life was mostly spent on Puget sound. With the first rush to the Klondike in '97 he came as far as Skagway, where, with his younger brother, Will, he engaged in merchandising, the firm name being F. H. Clayson & Co. Their specialty for the first year was "Klondike Outfits." Fortune smiled on the brothers and to us an expression indignant to the northland, they made barrels of money. They erected a large and handsome store building and the business is today one of the most extensive in the "Gateway City."

Early in '98 Fred Clayson brought a cargo of provisions to Dawson on which he cleared several thousand dollars. He remained here some time during which he acquired several mining interests which he still owned at the time of his sudden taking off. Last year he was the first man to reach Dawson from the outside with a scow load of vegetables and fresh eggs, which he sold at an enormous profit. He remained in Dawson but a short time, returning to Skagway and going on to lower points. Late in September he again started for Dawson with a scow load of vegetables. He arrived here on about the 12th of October, intending to dispose of his goods and catch one of the late steamers up the river in time to get out before the close of navigation; but he, like many others, found that he had miscalculated, as the river close and navigation ceased fully two weeks ahead of schedule time, and he was per force held in Dawson until a possible trail had been made over the ice.

He left Dawson alone on a bicycle the morning of December 17th, and is known to have stopped at Selkirk sufficiently long to have his wheel repaired, it having been broken en route. Where he fell in with Relfe on the journey is not known, but it was presumably at Selkirk or on the trail between Selkirk and Minto, as they reached the latter place together on the evening of the 24th of December.

Lynn Relfe, another of the murderers' victims, was a Seattle boy, probably 23 years of age, his father, now dead, having for many years been a prominent attorney of that city. Young Relfe first came to Dawson during the summer of '98. Being a competent young man of pleasing address, he had no trouble getting along and while here filled several positions of trust and importance. He visited his people in Seattle last year, returning to Dawson at the latter end of the summer. Being a very companionable young man, he had hosts of friends wherever he was known. He left here over the ice about the 15th of December for the outside. He carried quite a roll of money, but it is not known how much.

Of Lineman Olsen little has been learned further than that he was a trusted employee of the Dominion telegraph.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

## ROYALTY TAX

Is Reported to Have Been Entirely Removed as Regards the Yukon.

PEOPLE OF CANADA STIRRED UP

Over Administration of Affairs During Past Two Years.

REFORMS SOON TO COME.

Such Is the News Received by Wire but Not Credited by Local Officials.

The following telegram was received at this office last night:

Skagway, June 2.—Government officials here state that the royalty has been taken off. The people of Canada are impressed with a bad opinion of the Yukon administration and are determined on a complete reorganization of officers as soon as possible. Stirring times in Dawson officialdom may be expected.

A wire was immediately sent to Skagway asking for confirmation of the above dispatch and the names of the officials making the statement, especially as concerns the royalty.

Local officials have no advices and are not disposed to credit the report. Up to the time of going to press no further wires had arrived and the report is printed just as received and for what it is worth.

### Attempted Suicide.

Aileen Vaughn, a young woman who dances and rustles boxes at the Orpheum for livelihood, becoming weary of this vale of tears, attempted to put an end to her earthly pilgrimage yesterday morning at her cabin near the Cliff house, on Second Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets, by swallowing a half ounce of chloroform. Ed Latham, who was in the cabin with the woman, called assistance, and a doctor arriving soon, the free use of a stomach pump saved the woman's life. A warrant has been issued for her arrest and as soon as she is able to appear at police court she will be asked to explain her rash act. As yet it is not known what cause she assigns, but it is probably the old story so frequently heard in circles frequented by her class.

### For the Band Boys.

Miss Marion Tracie is preparing to give a grand benefit concert in the near future. It will be held in honor of the Yukon Field Force band and for their benefit in recognition of services rendered the public of Dawson during the past winter. The concert will include the best talent in Dawson and bids fair to prove both an artistic and financial success.

### Attention, Eagles.

All Eagles are requested to meet at McDonald hall at 6 o'clock sharp tonight to bid good-bye to departing Eagles for Nome. By order of LEROY TOZIER, W. Pres. J. C. DOUGHERTY, W. Sec.

Newly opened—Mrs. West's ice cream and confectionery parlors.

## FRESH GOODS

FANCY ELGIN CREAMERY BUTTER

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