

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY NUGGET.

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**THE RIDGE CABLE CO.**  
Have installed a new plant on the Ridge and are now in a position to pull up all comers.  
**McLennan, McFeely & Co., Ltd.**

## FOUL PLAY FEARED

Little Doubt Exists But That  
**Dr. Joseph Bettinger**  
Is Dead.

**FRIENDS THINK HE WAS MURDERED**  
And Body Dropped In Yukon  
Near Nine Mile House.  
**MAY HAVE BEEN ACCIDENT.**

Only Three of Ten Men Registered at  
Roadhouse—Interest Felt in  
Thinly Clad Man.

From Saturday's Daily.  
There is no longer any doubt but that Dr. Bettinger has lost his life along the trail near Ogilvie. On the night of December 11th he together with some nine other wayfarers slept at the roadhouse at Ogilvie. All the names of the travelers at that point at the time of the doctor's disappearance cannot be ascertained, as out of the ten only three people registered. On the following morning, December 12th, the cold was intense, nevertheless against the advice of many, Dr. Bettinger left Ogilvie at 7 o'clock, alone and on foot. Messrs. Behrens and Lumpkins followed soon after, they being bound for White river.

Naturally considerable interest was taken in the movements of the lonely traveler by those who met him on the trail owing to the meagre clothing he wore, his solitary journeying and the intense cold at the time. Consequently Behrens and Lumpkins were on the lookout for the traveler and expected to catch him before he reached the next roadhouse, nine miles from Ogilvie. Upon their arrival there, however, they learned that the doctor had left 15 minutes ahead he having stopped in to warm himself and immediately started out again.

Nine-mile road house is run by F. M. Davis and at that point the last trace of the traveler disappears. The two freighters upon learning that the doctor was only a mile ahead of them started out to overtake him, the information being vouchsafed by the proprietor of Ninemile roadhouse. They followed rapidly, they having two good horses, but upon reaching a turn in the river where they could see for miles up stream no sign of the missing man was visible.

At about the exact spot where in the ordinary course of events he should have been caught up with, four or five feet from the beaten trail is open water, and it is feared the unfortunate physician may have been lost there, although it seems almost impossible that if such is the case it should be the result of an accident, as the trail is well defined with deep snow on either side. Messrs. Behrens and Lumpkins are now in Dawson, they having returned from their trip to White river and at no place above Ninemile house has Dr. Bettinger been seen. The authorities have been notified all along the line to give the matter their closest attention

as it is possible that he may have met with foul play.

**About Lemons.**  
In order to preserve lemons it is necessary to be careful in handling the fruit, the saying among the growers being "that lemons must be handled with kid gloves."

To keep lemons they must be stored in a building with an even temperature, not under 62 degrees or above 68 degrees, and at the same time it is necessary to have plenty of ventilation and to see that the fruit do not crowd each other. For this purpose a building must be specially constructed. The building is double all through, built like the double bottoms of a battleship invested with ventilators to allow the escape of heated air, thus allowing a constant supply of fresh air to pass over the fruit.

To insure the fruit from being crowded trays are made with narrow slats placed about a quarter of an inch apart; the side of the trays must be at least 2 1/2 inches in height and when the fruit is stored away on the trays it must be examined every week and the overripe fruit rejected.

**An Incipient Blaze.**  
A fire broke out on the roof of St. Mary's hospital at 3:15 yesterday afternoon, but prompt action resulted in it being extinguished before any damage was done.

**Crushed To Death**

The construction work of the recently organized cable company between Dawson and the Forks was the scene of a terrible tragedy late yesterday afternoon, when Ronald McRae, better known as Jack McRae, met a frightful death.

The scene of the tragedy was opposite No. 92 below on Bonanza creek, where some hoisting was being done by means of a steam engine and cable. The victim was a blacksmith and his duties kept him near the machinery to which fact his death is due. While the cable was hoisting a heavy load up the tram track McRae became entangled in the rope and was carried clear around the drum, upon which his life was literally crushed out of his body.

A physician was immediately summoned from the Forks by telephone, but the unfortunate man was beyond the need of human care long before his arrival, having expired within 15 minutes after being released from the grip of the cable.

Ronald McRae was 55 or 60 years of age, and was well known as one of the old timers by the pioneers. His married daughter whose name or place of residence cannot be ascertained, lives somewhere in Dawson, her husband, it is understood being engaged in mining on Eldorado creek.

It has been learned that deceased was a member of the G. A. R. The body is being brought to the city this afternoon. Notice of the funeral will be given later.

**Malcolm McDonald.**  
Skayway, Dec. 28.—The mystery surrounding the sudden disappearance of Malcolm McDonald a short time since had some little light thrown upon it today by the ticket agent of the steamer City of Seattle, who, in looking over his ticket stubs made the discovery that the missing man left here on that steamer on June 27th last in company with Dick Abrahams and Guy Ward, both of whom are well known both in Dawson and Seattle.

**The Yellow Stripes.**  
Constable Gardner has gone to Forty-mile where he will hereafter be stationed. The detachment at that post consists of a staff sergeant and two constables.

Constable Bacon has been detailed as an addition to the Gold Run force. Since his return a week ago from an extended visit to his old home in England Corporal Frank Smith has not been regularly detailed to service. He is now acting as troop orderly at the barracks.

Inspector Scarth went to Portmyle the fore part of the week and is expect-

ed to return this evening or tomorrow.

Inspector McDonnell took a fresh air flyer down the Yukon behind a pair of high stepping roadsters for a few miles yesterday.

Major Z. T. Wood is on the high road to recovery and will be able to resume his official duties early in the new year.

**St. Cyr Dally Expected.**  
George St. Cyr, the man who shot and killed a man named Davis at Hootalingua sometime about the first of November and who at a preliminary hearing at that place was bound over to the territorial court, is expected to arrive here in the custody of officers this evening or tomorrow. It is likely that his trial will take place in January.

**"Hors de Combat."**  
There was a "go" pulled off at the Orpheum theater last night between Caribon Sinclair and Kid Burns. Sinclair agreed to stop Burns inside of ten rounds. At call of time Caribon swatted his man on the jaw bringing him to the floor and repeated the performance ad lib. until Rafael, who acted as referee, declared Sinclair the winner. Time 1:37.

**The Cross of Gold.**  
In the Klondike region a majority of 1,500 was rolled up for Bryan. It is thought the Klondike expected to furnish the "cross of gold."—The Herald-Star, Ortonville, Minnesota.

**Perished of Starvation**

An aged woodchopper named Austin, who had been working on Queen's gulch, was brought to the Star road house, 22 below on Bonanza, yesterday evening. He was very sick and died during the night. Dr. Edwards of the Forks gave it as his opinion that the old man died of starvation.

**West on the Fly.**  
Robert E. West, the huckling news vender who has probably made more trips between Skagway and Dawson than any other living man, arrived for the "steenth" time yesterday afternoon, and started on the return trip today at noon. He brought in with him papers and magazines, but principally orders for other parties. He traveled by horse and sled from Whitehorse, being 16 days from there to Dawson.

In speaking of the trail Mr. West says it is not now nearly so good as a few weeks ago when the trail led along the shore ice. Now that trail has been discarded owing to crumbling ice and new trails are being made in the center of the river, and, the latter being new, are still very rough. West met a number of outward bound stages. He says they were making very slow progress but will all get through.

West took a large number of orders and will return to Dawson in about five weeks.

**Sawmill Wrecked.**  
Yesterday the saw mill owned by the Slipping Company, at 29 Gold Run, was seriously damaged by a peculiar accident.

A slab caught in the draw belt and carried around to the flywheel which it broke, and being whirled aloft was brought down upon the engine with sufficient force to completely wreck it.

**Flashlight of Dancers.**  
Goetzman, the photographer, took a most successful picture of the members and guests of the Terpsichorean Club while at supper last night at the McDonald hotel. There are fully eighty people recognizable in the negative which will be developed on a photo 8x10 inches in size.

Silk hose and silk underwear at Sargent & Pinska's.

Lindemann the jeweler has removed to Monte Carlo building.

## SOLID FRONT

Will Be Presented by Business Men Against Incorporation.

**OPPOSITION WILL BE UNANIMOUS.**  
Petitions Being Circulated and Generally Signed.  
**ABIDING FAITH IN COUNCIL**

To Justly Administer City's Affairs Felt by All Who Say "Let Well Enough Alone."

To be or not to be—an incorporated town—is the question of the day in Dawson. There seems little doubt now that the proposition will be settled definitely in the negative before many days have gone by.

Dawson's business men and property holders have taken hold of the matter with energy and determination, and it will be brought to a focus at an early date.

As was noted in the Nugget a few days ago a meeting of citizens was held recently at which the incorporation question was discussed in detail. The cost of instituting a local government was fully considered, as also the expense attached to running the same, and it was found that to make the suggested change would be impracticable and in direct opposition to the business and property interests of the people.

In view of the careful consideration given the question and the very apparent financial responsibility which incorporation would saddle upon the property interests of Dawson, concert of action has been taken by the representative citizens regardless of nationality in opposition to the proposed measure. A number of petitions have been drawn up which were yesterday and today being generally circulated with the result that to them is being appended the names of nine-tenths of the property holders, real or chattel, to whom presented. Between now and the next meeting of the Yukon council, Thursday, January 3, it is confidently expected that the names of 90 per cent of those representing the business interests of Dawson will be obtained and that the petition to the Yukon council memorializing that honorable body to refrain from passing an incorporation ordinance, and assuring it of the abiding faith of the signers in the ability of the council to administer the affairs of the city honestly and economically, will be the largest ever received by that body. That this massive petition, representing as it will the larger part of the property interests of the city, will exercise weight and influence with the council is a foregone conclusion.

The Nugget interviewed several of the representative business men of Dawson today on the subject of incorporation and as in one voice bankers, merchants and business men of all trades and grades, regardless of nationality, expressed themselves in a manner the substance of which was: "Let well enough alone."

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