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CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS.

Officials Not to Be Allowed to Hold Property in the Territory.

Royalty Exemption Increased—Fractions Everywhere to Go to the Government—Regulations Not in Force Until They Reach Dawson.

The following dispatch shows the important fact that the Yukon regulations are receiving more or less attention at the hands of the government:

OTTAWA, Ont., April 7.—The Dominion government has promulgated the following rules respecting the mining regulations of the Yukon territory: First—Regulations shall come into force upon the date which they are received by the gold commissioner and posted in his office, which shall be within twenty-four hours after they are received by him. Second—An exemption of \$5000 shall hereafter be allowed on the gross annual output of claims in the Yukon Territory in calculating royalty. Third—No officer or other person employed by the government of Canada in any capacity, whatever shall hereafter stake out or record mining claims or acquire by purchase or otherwise any mining claims or Dominion lands of any kind or description in the Yukon territory. The action of Maj. Walsh, late commissioner of the Yukon territory, in withdrawing from entry all fractional claims in the territory and also all creek claims unrecorded on Dominion creek, has been confirmed.

Scattering Business.

The government has been offering strong inducements of late for the purchase of land in the government reservation along the upper end of the water front just south of the court house, and quite a number of persons have made investments. Some of these are from the ranks of the merchants in the district ordered cleared and a number of stores are likely to be established there; other purchases, however, were purely for speculation, and a complaint is heard that in many instances sales were made without the knowledge of people living and doing business on the lots, the first they knew of the transactions being when they received notice to get out. Several transactions of the kind aroused the indignation of the abused parties and Commissioner Ogilvie has had to listen to several uncomplimentary speeches from them.

CREEK NOTES.

Looking is progressing satisfactorily on the Millside and Adams hills are wearing happy smiles as the clean-up progresses. Mr. Berry is just completing a new home on No. 6 Eldorado. It is a two-story log structure. The main building contains four large rooms which are being elegantly furnished. A great deal of summer work will be done on Eldorado this year if the flow of water will permit. Nos. 1, 2 and 6 will all be worked to the fullest extent, as will be 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 above on Bonanza. The Berry Bros., together with Mr. Edgar on 2 below Bonanza, have purchased the interest of Messrs. Jones and McDonald in No. 18 below upper on Dominion, and Mr. Frank Berry will represent the claim in future. A nugget weighing 14 ounces was picked up on the fractional bench off 5 Eldorado, left limit. The nugget consists of about one-half gold and the other half barren or bull quartz. Mr. Bert Schuler secured possession of this fine specimen.

Sluicing has begun in earnest on Bonanza and Eldorado, and Sunday saw large numbers of men with shovel and sluice fork standing on the dump and in the boxes sluicing in and cleaning up. A number of claims will be worked night and day. No. 4 Eldorado, under management of Bert Schuler, will work three shifts of men as will most of the others.

"Old Regularity."

The most popular up-river steamer last summer was by long odds the Willie Irving. And not without reason was this so. Her shapely lines and powerful engines enabled her to buffet the rapid stream and make her trips with the regularity of a railway train. Quite early in the season she was dubbed "Old Regularity," which name she carried consistently to the end of the season.

The boat was built in Portland, Oregon, of the very best materials extant. Natural knees of oak, first quality fir bottom, and top of best red cedar. In a knock-down condition she was packed to Lake Bennett and there put together. Her famous and successful trip through the rapids is now a matter of history, and is little less remarkable than her return trip up Five fingers to the foot of White Horse.

She has now been purchased by a company composed of the following gentlemen: L. H. Hamilton, P. Douglas, N. Cowan, G. H. Dwyer, C. F. Griffith and N. Allan. A large amount of money has been expended in overhauling her and refitting her for her work, and when she leaves the Dawson wharves for her first trip those who knew her best last season will not recognize her appearance. The deck has been raised some nine feet and a new deck substituted. This will bring the pilot house some five feet higher than formerly, a most desirable improvement when the vision of the pilot is all that lies between the boat and an endless array of sand bars. Every seam in her shapely hull has been recaulked and painted and her wheel, new interior fittings, new boilers, and there you have the popular Willie Irving in her

new guise ready for the season of '99. Not that all the improvements are yet completed, for she is yet in the hands of a multitude of workmen on the river front. But when the congealed flood shall have passed, and like a duck the Willie shall once more ride the waves, she will be a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. The owners are all practical steamboat and river men, thus guaranteeing to patrons the skilled care which can only come from long experience. Each of them will be vitally interested in securing for the boat a continuation of that popularity which has always been hers, and therefore the patrons will receive the most careful and considerate attention which it is possible to bestow. A strong feature is to be also made of the table d'hôte, for with a far-sighted policy the owners have already decided to lay the foundations for a future far ahead of the present season.

The work of raising the steamer from her bed in the ice and bringing her to safe quarters on the bank was not only skillfully done by her owners, but furnished an unexcelled opportunity for testing the staunchness of her hull. It was demonstrated beyond peradventure that once in the water, all the bars of the Yukon will never break her back and give her that unightly appearance which became so painfully familiar to frequenters of the water front last summer. Should low water or the exigencies of the traffic ever make it necessary, the Willie is capable of pulling herself by her own capstan over the worst bar in the river, and that without injury to herself or loss of time to those on board.

Memorial Day Observance.

A meeting of Grand Army Comrades, Old Soldiers and Sons of Veterans was held at Fireman's hall, Sunday last, at three p. m., Capt. Jack Crawford in the chair, R. W. McKnight secretary. Capt. Crawford reported that Mr. Leroy Tozier had agreed to deliver the Memorial day oration, and that Rev. Dr. Grant had

invited the Old Soldiers, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and members of the Woman's Relief Corps to attend Memorial services at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, May 2. The following were appointed as a general committee of arrangements: J. L. Gould, representing the navy; C. G. Roberts, 1st Minn.; W. A. Debus, 1st Wis.; E. H. Water, 2nd U. S.; E. D. Fisher, 4th Wis.; R. B. Everett, N. Y.; Vol., and R. W. McKnight, Sons of Veterans. It was suggested that the bodies be requested to organize a committee on flowers and decorations, and that search be made of the death records to ascertain, if possible, what number of soldiers are buried here, so that their graves may be marked with a small flag as is customary in the States previous to Memorial day. The next meeting will be held in Fireman's hall, on next Sunday, at two p. m. sharp.

Fire Department Investigation.

The committee of nine for the above purpose, and for the reorganization of that important body met on Monday afternoon at the office of the Yukon Commissioner. The committee consisted of Messrs. Davis, Hanson and Appel, for the fire commissioners; Messrs. Ogilvie, Steele and Clement for the council; Messrs. Schwartz, George and Moran for the fire department. Mr. Ogilvie was appointed to the chair and after some discussion one from each body was chosen by the chair to prepare a report after investigation. To aid in the investigation it was agreed that a special ordinance should be passed by the council Tuesday afternoon which would enable the taking of testimony under oath. The following is the committee: Clement for the council; D. W. Davis, for the fire commissioner; Moran, for the department.

Made a Fine Start.

The formal opening of the Criterion on Thursday evening was a distinctive and gratifying success, the attendance of citizens being large and representative, and the arrangements for their entertainment all that could be desired. During the earlier hours, the throng down stairs were entertained by choice orchestral selections, after which a select gathering of prominent citizens in the parlors above was edified with several numbers by the Yukon quartet and impromptu numbers by the guests, the program being followed at twelve o'clock by the service of an elegantly prepared supper. After this feature the guests repaired to the ball room below, where dancing was enjoyed for several hours. Richly upholstered settees and lazy chairs gave the room an air of home-like comfort, while a blaze of light from the chandeliers brought the pictures and beautiful decorations into striking distinctness, making the scene one of unexpected beauty. Manager George Nobles was everywhere at all times, and his intelligent, broad-gauged conduct of affairs left its impress upon all present. The Criterion has set a high standard of excellence, but no one who was present at the opening has any doubt that it will be maintained and that the degree of public appreciation it merits will be forthcoming.

The New Tenderloin.

Arrangements for the transplanting of the demi-monde to a point outside the business section of the city have been commenced. Colonel Steele had set aside for their occupation the two blocks bounded by Fourth and Fifth avenues and First and Third streets, and had served notice upon the women that they must be on their way by June 1. At one time it was reported to erect a large building on the site for the use of the women in common, but various drawbacks appeared until the plan was finally given up. The women will now be allowed to locate anywhere back of Fourth avenue.

Cheer Up, the Worst is Yet to Come.

All old-timers in this city will remember the "warm" evenings spent last year at the old pavilion. It will be good news to pleasure seekers to know that the place has been remodelled and rejuvenated, and will be a wide open to



THE ROYAL INVESTIGATOR DEFIED.

Several of the Witnesses Keep Away From His Farce.

Obliged to Adjourn the Meeting as a Consequence—Threatens to Employ the Police to Bring Them Before Him.

Commissioner Ogilvie made an effort Tuesday to get his royal investigation into activity again, but the attempt was so dolorous, so ludicrous, that even he must have realized for the moment the estimation in which the farce is held by the public. Notice of the meeting was published in all the city papers, and had it been anything else under the sun—being free and promising diversion—there would have been a respectable audience present, as was the case when the investigation began originally. But the meeting was finally called to order at a late hour with but two spectators present, and even the accused parties, with one exception, and other interested ones absent. It was a most depressing frost, and the tones of the royal investigator showed plainly the resentment that he felt.

"I had intended," he said in substance, "to investigate the charge against Mr. Wade in connection with the leasing of the water front to Morrison and McDonald, but Mr. Wade is not present; I understand that he has gone up the creek, as well as Mr. Morrison and McDonald. I met Mr. McDonald and asked him if he had been served with a subpoena, but he only smiled and evaded the question. I also intended to inquire into the charge of Miss Nellie Cashman against Captain Norwood, and told her on Friday she would have to be here. She tried to beg off, said she was sick and wanted to go to Dominion, and finally said she had discovered she was mistaken about the Captain Norwood affair. I had a summons served upon her a few minutes later, but in the law of that she left the city. As a consequence of these disheartening circumstances, his excellency said he would be unable to go on with the investigation, and would adjourn it until May 17. In the meantime he would have the police serve a summons upon every one of the witnesses, and have them present at the next sitting. Attorney Clarke said that the adjournment worked an injustice upon his client, Captain Norwood, who has already been here a month awaiting the investigation, and he hoped that diligence would be used to further the inquiry into the charges. The royal investigator then did some more talking to the stenographer for reading at Ottawa, after which the meeting was declared adjourned.

MR. WADE INTERVIEWED.

The NUGGET, immediately after the investigation had been adjourned, saw Mr. Wade and found that he had not left Dawson for the creek and was, in fact, on his way to the investigation when he heard of the adjournment.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

John Lee, d— and d—, \$20 and costs. Alex. Bleienberg couldn't "jar loose," and \$20 and costs remedies that failing. G. W. Gilbert and Lester Mormet did not show proper regard in their choice of language to John Wesley Reggs, (colored) and \$5 and costs soothed the ruffled dignity of the colored man and the law. John Svendsgaard was accused by Ole Finstad of the misappropriation of \$20 medical books. Ole says the books were his by virtue of a bill of sale of the whole store. Svendsgaard claims the books were not included. Judgment reserved. Ed. Caron was blacksmith for the Anglo-French syndicate. Foreman notified him his wages were cut twenty-five per cent. His honor held that this broke the "clean-up" contract. Judgment for wages in full and at once, or jail for ten days. J. H. McLaughlin spotted a bad dog with a bad reputation and somebody substituted a gentle animal that looked like him. The result was a drawn battle and a shot. McLaughlin paid A. S. Moes \$25 damages for the gentle dog, and increased the general fund by the sum of \$5 and costs. Chas. Schmidt and Jerry Madelina were "lay" partners. A dispute at the bottom of the shaft resulted in a "scrap" to a finish. His honor acted as referee after the fact, and collected \$20 and costs apiece. They were allowed the privilege of returning to their claim and washing out their fine. Wm. Ellis was supposed by all in the neighborhood of his deserted cabin to be dead. Wm. Millichamp took the roof logs. Ellis turned up very much alive and claimed to have missed some goods from the cabin. No connection was known between Millichamp and the goods so the matter was dismissed after the return of the logs. John Barnes' case was a test case. The Anglo-French syndicate is working No. 6 Eldorado under a "clean-up" contract with the men. The men struck for better food. The evidence showed the men got neither butter, sugar nor milk. His honor decided that while sugar was a necessity, butter and milk are Klondike luxuries, and their absence from the table did not break the contract. Dismissed. P. W. Roder was one of the employees of the Anglo-French syndicate on No. 6 Eldorado, and was under a "clean-up" contract. Roder appeared on the scene one mild morning in heavy shirts and mitts. Wouldn't obey orders and discard them. Discharged. His honor held that what he wore was strictly his own affair, and that the company had broken the contract. Judgment for full wages at once or jail for ten days.

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