

# THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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## THE INDIANS WANT NEW MOCCASINS

### Their Interesting Views on Death and the Almighty.

#### Don't Understand White Men's Justice—Chanting Their Death Song in the Night—Understood the Reprieve by Signs.

Mrs. Alice Crane is in the employ of the Smithsonian Institute, of Washington, D. C., as travelling investigator of Indian and Indian customs. The day before the one set for the execution of the three Indians she visited them in their cells with an interpreter. Some attempt had been made by those in charge to enlighten the savages on immortality and redemption from sin, and their poor benighted minds were in a woeful state of hazy uncertainty because of it. There was one thing they had talked over with themselves, and had agreed upon. The white man's account of a better land and life after death must, of course be true and the "very much good man" (Christ) would want to see them undoubtedly. It therefore behooved them as Indians wise in their own way to be fully prepared for a long trip to his abode (Heaven). They therefore asked for new moccasins for each of them as the weather is cold and their feet would need this protection on so long a journey.

Unlike any Indians we ever heard of before, these men had never even heard of a "Great Spirit" and thought when a man was dead he was just like a deer or a moose. The white man's story of everlasting life for all, they could not understand though they believed it, and did not know how they could talk with that "very much good man" without an interpreter. As for the white man's justice, they were unable to understand it at all. Certainly they had killed a white man—everybody knew it, they did not deny it, and they had been caught. To their minds the natural consequence was that an Indian should lose his life in reparation; but, as for three Indians to be hung and only one white man killed they cannot understand it at all. The nearest their minds approach to a conception of justice, of which really they have only embryo ideas, is a life for a life. But for the reprieve they would have gone to their deaths positive that the white men were maliciously unjust.

The reprieve gave all the condemned men satisfaction though the Indians had apparently been quite unconcerned at their fate. Henderson has fully made up his own mind that he will be dead before the expiration of the reprieve. The Indians cannot see the point of a legal technicality and simply think the white men are awakening to the claims of justice. They do not understand English but are lighting at interpreting signs and quickly grasped the meaning of what the "white chief" said.

The cleanliness to which they are subjected and their freedom from exposure to the elements has produced a marked change for the better in the personal appearance of the Indians. They are lighter in color and appear more like intelligent men than at the trial.

### That Dog Ordinance.

There has been a number of inquiries at this office concerning the dog-muzzling ordinance of which we notified our readers in the last issue. In answer we will particularize.

The ordinance takes effect on and after the 10th of this month.

Dogs not chained up or in harness must all be muzzled.

Victorious dogs are all to be shot.

Dogs found at large without muzzles will be impounded, and 75c per day will be charged up against them. A further charge of \$25 may also be collected.

Owners may also be proceeded against and in default of payment may be imprisoned for not to exceed 30 days.

Unclaimed dogs may be sold in 30 days and a title so obtained shall be held good.

If the dog brings more than is charged against him the balance shall be held for the owner one year.

The ordinance applies only to towns, villages or collections of dwellings.

### St. Andrew and Bonnie Scotland.

The time honored feast of St. Andrew, the Patron saint of Scotland will be celebrated this year at Dawson. A number of Scots assembled in meeting at the Dawson club on Wednesday evening last and after some discussion appointed a committee, consisting of J. Micklejohn, Isaac Burpee, P. Ritchie, J. Nicol and Col. Macgregor to make the necessary arrangements for the dinner to take place on St. Andrew's night, Nov. 30th, and report progress at a subsequent meeting to be held the same place on Saturday night, Nov. 5th. Any persons wishing to join in the festivities of the occasion can give their names to any member of the above named committee.

### Miners' Protective Union.

An organization with the above title was launched on Bonanza creek last week at Johnson's cabin, on 59 below, and it required but a statement of the objects to secure a membership of fifty at once. The meeting was a large one and the sentiments expressed were applauded unanimously. There appears to be much dissatisfaction up the creeks concerning the doings of some of our Dawson merchants. It was argued that in cor-

nering lines of supplies and holding them for fabulous prices as was being done year after year the miners' necessities were being traded upon. Other objects of the union are regulations of the freight rates, etc. It is even proposed, if found to be necessary, to take up a subscription and start a store of their own. The union is entirely apart from the Miners' Association, not even the membership being in common; yet there is no conflict between them. The association contains a number of merchants among its members and the regulation of store charges has never been considered. It was born from the agitation of last spring against official incompetency, etc., and its chief object was to act as a safeguard to the miners and to effect changes in the mining regulations which would enable the camp to thrive.

### Liquor Men Meet.

A meeting of the wholesale and retail liquor dealers was held Thursday evening in the parlors of Tom Chisholm's Aurora hotel and was largely attended. The object of the meeting was to organize an association for the protection of those engaged in the business. Mr. A. Chute was called to the chair. He spoke briefly but to the point upon the government having charged some dealers a \$2,000 license, while others had been called upon to pay nothing. The matter of cut rates in the retailing of booze, was also referred to.

A committee, consisting of Joseph Davis, J. H. Escolme, H. C. Mcaulay, Tom Chisholm, Wm. Chappell, Ed. Lewin and Gus Seifert was appointed to wait upon the commissioner of the Yukon, and ascertain the probative action of the government towards license. They were also instructed to visit the cut-rate dealers and endeavor to have them join in a uniform scale of values, and the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place, at 9 o'clock on Saturday evening.

### St. Mary's.

The weekly report of this institution is November 24, shows 16 new arrivals, 20 departures and two deaths. The dead were B. Gamma, of San Francisco, and Frank Ehinger, of Seattle.

### Time and no Time.

There is an evil in existence which could be very easily remedied, and that is the confusion of time. Every man is his own official time-keeper and shows his manly and independent spirit by setting his watch where his own sweat will suggest. The result is a confusion to which the Tower of Babel was as naught. One citizen asks another, "What time is it?" and is immediately answered, "What time do you want—barracks time, city time, mill time or sun time?" The mills and the government offices have been nearly an hour apart ever since darkness commenced. A few days ago the barracks moved their time ahead to conform with the time kept by a majority of our citizens.

### Buried on Sunday.

The body of Cadenhead, the unfortunate surveyor, was interred in the new burying ground on Sunday last. The coffin was handsomely covered with cloth in place of the customary polish and nothing was spared in lining the inside. As a tribute to the dead the bearers were, with one exception, all government surveyors like the dead man. They were Yukon Commissioner Ogilvie, Gold Commissioner Fawcett and Messrs. Barwell, Gibbon, Cauley and Craig.

### Put to Practical Uses.

"How are the mighty fallen!" is especially applicable to the Aquila, a mahogany launch which two years ago was in the eyes of the world. The fastest launch running into Seattle and yet with lines so shapely and hull so true that the Straits and ocean held no terrors for her. Thousands gathered on the wharves to greet her every arrival for the brave little boat was invariably the bringer of the latest news from the fabulous gold fields of the north.

Today the gutted hull of the Aquila lies upon the bank of the Yukon, her powerful machinery is set upon a large sled to be hauled from place to place. Her lightning-like propeller is no more for her engine is hitched with a ball to the arbor of a circular cut-off saw.

Imagine the grand Aquila sawing wood for a living. Think of the boat which has brasted the worst the Pacific could give now harnessed to a circular and "bucking" wood instead of waves.

### The First Man to Cross.

On Friday morning an adventurous man was seen putting off from the Dawson side of the Yukon for the opposite shore. He wasn't paddling a Peterborough nor driving a dog team. He was simply walking along as though engaged upon some very dry errand, though occasionally he extended a 10 foot rod he carried in his hand and tapped the ice in order to determine its strength. Apparently everything

was satisfactory for he continued to proceed on his journey until the West Dawson side was reached when he soon disappeared from sight over the hill. So far as is known, he is the first man to cross on the ice this year. The day previous large ice-blocks were still running freely in the river. The Nugget will be pleased to publish the name of the adventurous man who holds the distinction of being the first to cross the Yukon on the icy bridge that will connect its banks for the next seven months.

### Practical Charity.

The Salvation Army is doing charitable work of the most practical kind. They have opened a wood yard, are asking for destitute persons and allowing them to saw wood as compensation for what is done for them. They have placed their wood secured during the summer upon the market and are selling it at prevailing prices merely as a means for paying the expenses of their organization.

### Staked After Recording.

It is clearly against the law to record a claim before staking, but owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing at the recording office it has been done in numerous cases and indeed was for a long time the safest course to pursue if you really wanted the claim applied for. There is to be a change and at once. The regulations require that applications shall be made out on form "H," in which the maker solemnly swears to having been on the ground, observed good indications and to staking in conformity with the law.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

The meat on the barges tied up in the West Dawson, is already arriving on dog sleds. Pat Gabein has a lot of it coming in along the edge from Indian River.

Ed Macdonald is reported to have sold the remaining hall building to Robert Biel for \$36,000. Biel proposes opening the building as a hotel, to be called the Melbourne.

A meeting of members of the B. P. O. Elks is to be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the rooms over the "Bodega" for the purpose of organizing a permanent Elks' club.

The alarm bell tower has been erected on Front street directly in front of the engine house. It raises the bell above the nearest buildings, and the alarm given can be heard all over town.

Wm. Joel has filed an application for a grant of coal land, which is on ground less than a dozen miles from Dawson. He urges haste in giving the grant that a good article of coal can be placed upon the Dawson market.

A match game of billiards occurred at the Regina club a few nights ago between M. Eschwege and Dr. Yeomans. Though not pre-arranged the contest attracted much attention and was won by the doctor with 12 points to the good.

A report comes to the Nugget office of a big strike on a Hunker bench above Last Chance. It is said that a celebration occurred at one of the road houses in honor of the occasion. Partisans as to the importance of the strike have not yet come down.

The teamsters are organized, the dog drivers are organized and now the butchers have organized and the following schedule of prices has been quoted: Beef, common, \$1 per pound with \$1.25 for parthouses. By the quarter it is quoted at 75c for hind and 55c for shoulder.

Mount Vesuvius is in an active state of eruption and lava streams are pouring down its side in a manner threatening extinction to nearby towns unless the supply of lava runs out before they are reached. In 1833 there were 18,000 persons who lost their lives during a similar eruption. Reports are lacking to the score in thousands from all parts of Europe.

The Bear creek trail has ceased to be a terror to the travelers on the trail. Enough ice has now formed on the Klondike to admit of the trail passing on the shelf at the base of the bluff instead of passing over the hill as was the case last week. This makes a vast difference in the amount of labor required to freight up Hunker as it often required a large party of men to pack a sled load of freight over the hill.

A benefit is to be given at the Monte Carlo theatre on Tuesday evening, November 29, under the auspices of the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and kindred fraternal organizations the proceeds to be used in completing Fraternity hall. The amalgamation of all the societies of the various society members should make this occasion a most successful one. A large list of talent has volunteered their services of which due notice will be given later.

### PERSONALS.

Louis Allenby leaves for Boston in a few weeks.

L. Garfinkel, of the North West Trading Co., is down very ill with typhoid fever.

Dr. J. W. Reed, dentist, has rebuilt 144 First avenue, where he will be pleased to see his many patrons.

Corporal Carter is now sheriff's clerk and with Constable Goodall and Corporal Conway share in the police court work.

Dr. J. O. LaChapelle, who was called to Dominion creek on professional business, was stricken down while over there and is said to be in a very critical condition.

Dr. Buyn came in from lower Dominion on Monday in 48 hours and 40 minutes, and consequently has been up for repairs since. He reports it very cold on the dome and also reports that he passed two men more or less frozen, a nose and a toe being involved.

### Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

DAWSON, Oct. 21, 1898.  
The partnership heretofore existing between Charles S. Rosenfeld and A. S. Levine under the firm name of "The City of Paris" is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All outstanding accounts are payable to said A. S. Levine, who likewise assumes all obligations.

CHARLES S. ROSENFELD,  
A. S. LEVINE.

Staple and fancy groceries. Complete stock Kelly & Co., Druggists, Front street.

## BOYS RESPOND NOBLY TO FIRST ALARM

### The New Fire Bell Sounds and Finds the Department in Good Shape.

#### The "Nugget" Staff Enjoys the Courtesy of the Monte Carlo Management—A Pleasant Evening for the Newspaper People.

"It was very well done," is the verdict of all who witnessed the turn out of the volunteer fire brigade at the false alarm Thursday night. By whose orders the alarm was turned in is not known for it occurred about 10 p. m., when most of the members were at their cabins either asleep or preparing for bed. Nevertheless within three or four minutes of the first tap of the bell the steamer, one chemical, hook and ladder truck and hose carts were on the street and making good time down Front street. Steam was up and the impression made upon witnesses was that the progress being made by the boys is most commendable. The fast run brought some of the boys to a realizing sense of the effects of a zero temperature breathed rapidly into the lungs unused to so harsh a treatment. The calling of the roll at the engine house after the return of the volunteers was almost impossible because of the fits of coughing of the members. For an hour afterwards the boys around town who had run with the apparatus could be easily distinguished by the same token.

Chief Fletcher was heard giving orders that in future the alarm bell shall be kept ringing for some little time after the turn out so that any of the boys on the way from their homes shall not turn back thinking it a false alarm, or that the fire has been put out.

At the time the alarm bell was ringing there occurred two small blazes, one at the Fairview, where the roof caught fire, and another at the theater. Both were found extremely arduous in extent, but both teaching the boys to be constantly on the qui vive, as they may be wanted at any moment.

There is one thing wanted which becomes at once evident, and that is a badge or a uniform that will distinguish the fire-fighters from the spectators. The police always have orders to keep the crowd back and on Thursday morning some of the boys were held back from their duty, while explanations were made. Cloth caps have been suggested, made on some distinctive pattern and which each fireman could get from a basket on the machine he is lending or at the engine house.

### "Nugget Night" at the Monte Carlo.

Wednesday night was a special occasion at the Monte Carlo theatre and as per previous arrangement, found the NUGGET force and friends in possession. By request the performance devolved a trifle from the arrangement of the program, for the ladies and gentlemen present desired especially to see the charming little Margie in her best numbers. The performance throughout was wholesome and clean and was especially enjoyed by those of the party who had not before witnessed it. The applause was sustained and, as a consequence, each performer did his or her level best in their respective parts. Green's never-failing wit was even shaper than usual and original as ever. The Esteps, in their Lancashire clog work patted off the beats with the utmost precision, and, in fact, every number was at its best, and suffered frequent recalls. By request, little Margie Newman did her pretty Scotch "trot" in Highland costume. It is doubtful if ever she was more sincerely and heartily applauded than by the people who more especially came to see this charming miniature specialty artist.

The following was contributed upon the spot by an admirer:

She's a dainty little chatter, with a pale, æsthetic face;  
Diminutive in stature with the sweet and childish grace  
Of a visitor from Oberon.

She's a graceful little fairy, and must be their queer, for sure!  
She knows her power; her sceptre wields with dignity demure.  
This visitor from Oberon.

Come, gather all ye Highland Scots and testify with me,  
Your costume ne'er before was worn by midgit royalty.  
Like this visitor from Oberon!

Your kilt and cap's immortalized when the fairies rob their queen,  
In its tartan and beribboned folds as yesterday was seen  
Upon a visitor from Oberon.

Then testify we all will pledge to this airy, fairy mite,  
Who charms our senses, rules our hearts by force of royal right—  
And is a visitor from Oberon.

### Postponed for Two Weeks.

The coroner's investigation into the cause of the death of Surveyor Cadenhead has again been postponed, this time until two weeks from Thursday last. The jury has sat three times already and now desires to get the papers of the deceased which are on Sulphur creek. The jury realizes that the circumstances attending the death of Cadenhead are most peculiar and desires a thorough investigation that unsettled questions may not arise in the future. The evidence which has already been produced is most interesting and will be published upon the returning of a verdict by the jury.

Kelly & Co., Druggists, Front street.

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First Ave.