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OGILVIE AND THAT FRACTION.

"Nugget" Examines the Neighboring Claims and Reports Thereon.

No Water in the Suspected Shafts and They Are Open to Inspection—The Pay-streak Being Worked to Prove its Existence.

The *Nugget* representative on Dominion and Sulphur was instructed some time ago to visit the famous Swinehart-Ogilvie fraction and report conditions. The report has been to hand for ten days, but has been unused while the *Nugget* made an effort to secure a copy of the famous Swinehart-Ogilvie contract, the existence of which Mr. Ogilvie denies through his official mouthpiece, the *Sun*. Mr. Senkler was seen personally, and declined to show the document until Mr. Ogilvie's consent should be forthcoming. Naturally enough the contract is now being withheld on the plea that it is a private contract between the government and Mr. Swinehart, and though in the recorder's office the contract is not on record. Offers to pay the regular fees for an abstract have proved unavailing. Arguments that government contracts, in their very nature, are public, have not proved efficacious in securing a copy. Mr. Ogilvie thoroughly understands the value of withholding that contract from the public in view of his letter denying its existence.

The fraction in question occurs on Dominion, between No. 36 below upper and No. 13 above lower discoveries, and is the most valuable piece of ground owned by the government in the territory. Innumerable efforts have been made to record the ground and to purchase it; but signal failure met all attempts alike, until the making of the Swinehart-Ogilvie contract put men to work upon the ground without money and without price.

The pretense made by the commissioner in his letter and in his contract that the object of putting men to work upon the fraction was to protect the government and prevent "gophering" from the adjoining claims, is proven a fiction by the reports of the *Nugget* representative aforementioned. Mr. Ogilvie, in the letter over his own signature, says:

"A report having been made to the gold commissioner and myself that the fraction had to a considerable extent been undermined. The shafts (on adjoining claims) had been filled with water, which had become frozen solid, thus preventing an examination of them."

The *Nugget* informs its readers that the foregoing excerpt from the governor's letter is entirely misleading. In the first place the shafts of No. 13 did not fill with water, are not frozen up, have been examined by Mr. Cautley, D.L.S. and pronounced well within the limits of the claim and not encroaching upon the fraction. The holes on No. 36 near the line are as Mr. Ogilvie says, filled up and frozen, yet to show the bad faith of the entire proceedings, when the workmen sank on the fraction near this upper line and found no gold to any amount, the work of intercepting the drifts of No. 36 was discontinued and the whole force centered on the line of 33 where the ground is fabulously rich and where there could be absolutely no question of the government ground having been "tapped." The holes on 13 were open to the government and measurements could be made as well there as by working out the pay streak of the fraction. More than this, upon reaching bedrock at this lower line the workmen proceeded to drift along the streak of richness both up and down stream, getting out a good big dump and proving conclusively the insincerity of Mr. Ogilvie's actions in the entire matter.

First Build Sidewalks.

The regular weekly meeting of the Yukon Council took place on Saturday afternoon at the usual time and place, with all members present.

A communication regarding the establishment of a public school brought about a determination to confer with the clergy upon this important matter.

In a communication Col. Steele recommended the establishment of a proper hospital or asylum for the insane. The council thought there should be accommodations for six patients, and the commissioner will write to Ottawa concerning the matter.

D. W. Davis, chairman of the fire commissioners, recommended in a communication that a permanent fire engine house be built upon the water front, between Second and Third streets, with an incline to the water for the engine. A communication was also read from the fire department appealing from the decision of the fire commissioners in laying all the blame of the late conflagration upon Chief Fleischer by dismissing him peremptorily, when the failure of the water supply indicated that the blame, if any, attached to the engine men. Other matters were treated upon by the memorial, and Messrs. Ogilvie, Clement and Col. Steele were appointed a committee to look into the

causes of the failure of the engine and the other fire matters.

The public administrator, in a communication, asked for further instructions regarding the disposal of the effects of deceased persons, and pointed out that in many cases the absence of property or effects left him without his fees. Referred to the judge.

A discussion of the question of admitting to practice all members of the Northwest bar was had and the matter was referred to the judge.

The comptroller in a communication pointed out that no salary attached to the position of chief license inspector and suggested \$200 per month as a proper compensation. The council acted on the matter and at the suggestion of Judge Dugas made the salary but temporary until Ottawa could be heard from.

The council passed the sidewalk ordinance requiring the construction of complete sidewalks in front of all property on First, Second and Third streets within five days of the notification of the owners or renters that the commissioner had decided upon a proper grade. On First avenue (Front street) the walk must be eight feet wide and on all other streets and avenues mentioned must be at least four feet

was fixed for May 30, but in the meantime he will be arraigned on half a dozen other charges, which have already been described in the *NUGGET*.

P. Haussler, charged with securing valuable securities by fraudulent pretenses, elected to be tried by the judge after pleading not guilty, and his trial was set for May 10.

The case of Johnson vs. Steinfeld was a suit to recover \$345 claimed to be due on account; but defendant showed a receipt in settlement, and the judge awarded him a decision, with the complimentary remark that he is an honest man.

Body of a Baby Found.

A man lying in the lower part of town made a gruesome find on Monday, at a point near the base of the hill east of St. Mary's hospital. His attention was attracted to a pasteboard box partially hidden under a large rock, and at once his excited imagination began the formation of air castles as the object suggested the idea of hidden treasure. He was down on his knees before the stone at once, and his nervous fingers began to unwrap a solid substance which was contained within a copy of the *Sun*, little P. J. But as the last thickness was un-

PLACING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

A Jury Inquires Into the Cause of the Late Fire.

Many Witnesses Tell What They Know of the Affair—Two of Helen Holden's Virtues Are Referred To—An Adjournment Taken.

Captain Harper and six citizens conducted an inquest on Monday night to enquire into the cause or origin of the late conflagration, but they have as yet come to no conclusion. The most important evidence was given by George Harris, porter at the Bodega building, where the fire started. He said that at about seven o'clock, Helen Holden, who occupied rooms up stairs, entered the bar-room and, handing him a parcel, asked him to take it up stairs, which he did. About half an hour later he again went up stairs to get some liquor from the stock room and while there his attention was attracted by the sound of a suspicious crackling. He put his hand against the wall of Helen's room and found it hot; he then opened her door and found the room filled with fire overhead. He at once rushed down, gave the alarm and started up with a pail of water but by that time the flames were at the head of the stairs and he could do nothing. He said there had been no fire in the stove down stairs during the day.

Miss Holden was considerably agitated when she took the stand and talked with great earnestness. She said that she had gone out to lunch at about six o'clock, as was her custom, and upon coming back, stopped at the bar room in response to a call from within. Some friends were drinking there and she stopped for a few minutes. While thus engaged, the porter ran down stairs with the alarm of fire. She declared that when she left there was no fire in the stove and no lighted lamps in the rooms. It was her opinion that the fire started in the stock room, and it appeared suddenly that she believed it was due to oil, alcohol or some other inflammable article.

One of the jurors seemed to entertain the belief pretty firmly that the fire started in Miss Holden's apartments, for he asked her if she smoked cigarettes. A litter went through the audience as she replied rather vehemently that she did not, and it was repeated when Captain Harper asked if she curled her hair. Miss Holden, however, didn't see anything in the question to laugh at, and she answered very seriously that she did not—that her hair did not require curling, thanks to Mother Nature.

Billy Chenoweth, night bartender at the Bodega, had just gone to work a few minutes before the fire. He was asked if he had expressed any opinion about the oil used in the building and he replied that he had complained of it to Mr. Jourden; it made the lamp smoky and hot and he considered it unfit for use. He looked up the stairway when the porter gave the alarm and could see the fire above.

Ike Coravan, F. H. King and George Noble, who were in the saloon, told of the janitor giving the alarm.

Alonso Griffin of the Northern restaurant, was attracted by the smoke from the fire. He went up on the Northern roof and looking down, saw that the fire was situated about midway in the Bodega building, though the first smoke came from the rear. Miss Holden wanted him to go in and save her clothing, but he did not care to do so, as the fire and smoke were threatening.

A. F. George testified to the effect that the fire did not originate in the Tivoli, as some people had claimed. Seeing one of the Newman children go in there, he followed to look after the little fellow's interests. There was no fire and no artificial light in the place; everything was quiet and there was positively no fire in the place. Later on he went up stairs with the fire brigade and was there when the fire from the Bodega broke into the Tivoli. At this point, the inquest was adjourned to Wednesday evening, when further testimony will be secured and a plan of the building exhibited.

Libel Case on June 1st.

The famous *NUGGET* criminal libel suit came up before Judge Dugas on the first of May for the purpose of the defendant electing whether to be tried by a jury presided over by the judge or by the judge himself. Messrs. Allen and George chose to be heard by a jury and the calling of the jury was set for June 1st, after some disposition had been shown to continue it until the fall term of court. In argument by the defense against such a long delay it was urged that a scattering of witnesses would result besides which one of the defendants intended leaving for the outside shortly. The bonds, in the sum of \$100, were continued.

Notice.

The social dances given by the "Sour Dough Club" at Pioneer hall will be continued on Saturday evenings until further notice.

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wide and all of substantial construction. The landlord or renter failing to comply with the order within the specified five days to be fined not to exceed \$100. Failure to keep up the works after they are built to entail the same penalty. Renters who build sidewalks in front of rented property are given the right to offset the rent with the bill for the work.

Judge Dugas' Court.

The May term of the territorial court opened on Monday, and the room was crowded to the doors all day. A number of judgments were handed down from the bench, including one in the case of Edwin R. Gates vs. Henry L. Vinton, Edwin L. Dunlap and James Perkins. The facts in this case are that Vinton and Dunlap owned a claim opposite the lower half of No. 6 Hunker, and that on September 19 they gave Gates a twenty days' option on the property, accepting \$5 as part payment of the purchase price, which was to be \$150. On October 3, which was within the specified time, Gates offered \$150 gold dust to J. J. Rutledge, who was acting as agent for the others and, while Rutledge would not accept gold dust, he had it placed in the hands of a third party and transferred the claim to Gates by means of bills of sale prepared for the purpose by Vinton and Dunlap. But while this was going on, Vinton and Dunlap received an offer of \$50 from Perkins and took it. Perkins also took possession of the claim, and Gates was forced to the courts for his business. Judge Dugas gave a judgment in his favor, and took occasion to censure the defendants for their conduct which, though probably not fraudulent, was not regular. Attorney McKay was congratulated on his conduct of the plaintiff's case.

Emil Thomasson attempted to lodge an appeal from the lower court, where he was found guilty of living from the avails of prostitution, but Prosecutor Wade contested the action and the case was adjourned to August, in the meantime technicalities to take place in the meantime. The wages appeal case of Brown vs. Morrison was dismissed, and the sentencing of Roger Connors was postponed to May 5, at the request of Connors' attorney. The *NUGGET* case was set for trial on June 1.

Michael E. Eschwege was then escorted into court by a police officer and arraigned on three separate charges of fraud, namely, the securing by fraudulent pretenses of a fur robe worth \$150 from the A. C. Co., three hundred pounds of tobacco from another house, and board to the amount of \$42 from a hotel at Klondike City. He pleaded not guilty to all the counts and trial

folded his visions of riches and idleness melted away; for, instead of the expected treasure his eyes were greeted by the body of a little baby in the focus stage. Like a dutiful citizen the gentleman reported his find to the barracks, and Constable Skirving was detailed to look into the matter, which he did, but nothing important developed. The little body was turned over to Dr. Good. It was free from decomposition, but the doctor could not tell how long it had lain in the open.

Last "Sour Dough" Dance.

The last dance of the season given by the Pioneer dancing club was given on Saturday evening at Pioneer hall. The crowd was jolly and sociable; while the supper served at the Fairview hotel cafe by Fred Card, the caterer, left little to be desired by even the most critical. There were Klondike delicacies in salads, cold roast beef and game, confections of every description with olives, etc., in abundance. The affair was managed by the ladies of the Pioneers under the able leadership of Mrs. Wm. Huston and Mrs. Chas. Yeager whose successful management of such occasions has become a proverb with the sociable public. The only fault that can be found with the dance is that it is the last. No expense was spared by the management, but nevertheless a surplus of some \$119 was left over which was handed over to Minnie Deibert who has been at the hospital some six months with fever.

Fire Complications.

The last two charges of chemical for the fire apparatus are in the machines at the present writing and the river bank is in such a condition from garbage and the cutting of recent streams of water that an attempt to get the steamer down to the river for service would likely be attended with disaster. The demand on the chemical engines has been so great that what was considered sufficient for a 12-month's supply of the chemical has been exhausted in less than six. So much now depends upon the steamer that until the river opens and the engine is floating on a barge there will be little rest for many of our citizens.

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NEW CLERKS

There are rumors of a general break-up of the clerks in the recording office. Messrs. Bolton, Craig and Fortune having already gone, and Hurdman promising to follow in a few days. It seems the new gold commissioner has been engaged conscientiously in "lopping" off the many valuable prerogatives of the clerks upon which they have grown rich, and finally in admitting Mr. Pattullo to the office and in installing him as registrar of titles has succeeded in rendering very difficult the many questionable practices which have done so much to render the Yukon administration the great weapon it is proving against the continuance in power of the liberal party of Canada. In an effort to prevent the making of private lists of unrecorded property for the use of the "ring," we understand that promptly at the close of business at 4 o'clock the clerks not directly under the eye of Mr. Pattullo are promptly let out of the office. Besides this their presence is required again just as promptly at the hour for opening business in the morning. Seeing that Othello's occupation is gone, the boys who have had such a good thing for such a long time are contemplating a retirement in a body to private life at the conclusion of their terms of service.

The excuse given for retaining the present incumbents of the recorder's office so long in their positions when the public was figuratively up in arms against the reign of boodle and duplicity which proved so powerful under their occupancy, has always been that the books are in such a hopeless tangle that none else can decipher them. It is to be hoped that time has been taken by the forelock in the disentangling of the records and that the long looked for cleaning out of the office will result in nothing but good to the community for whose benefit it was presumed to be established. There is one thing clear to the mind of every Yukoner in the country, and that is that the change of clerks cannot be for the worse. That they have been continued to the end of their term, notwithstanding all that has transpired under their rule, is one of the unaccountable things which the Sifton administration is being asked to explain by Canadian voters who had no finger in the pie themselves. Such a sinecure was a position in the recorder's office well known to be, and such opportunities for the sudden acquisition of wealth was it also well understood to be, that men actually approached Mr. Othello with applications for the job and offered to remit their entire salaries in consideration of securing the position. This of itself should have opened the eyes of the higher officials, and have put a stop to the things we complain of. The offer was an insult to Mr. Ogilvie, for the

maker took it for granted that the commissioner not only was fully cognizant of what was going on, but that he approved of it and gave it his official sanction.

ECHOES OF THE GREAT FIRE

It is a sad commentary upon human nature that we will persistently refuse to profit by the experience of our fellows and must needs go over the same bitter penitential road before we become equally wise with those who paid the fiddler first. Dawson will always be a woe-den city and the demands of business will always build our city more or less in a bunch, thus constituting a fire trap pure and simple. We have the experience of similarly situated hamlets the world over to guide us, and we have police reports covering half a hemisphere and yet have to be twice burned out before we learn that it is even more unsafe than wooden buildings to let the ever present demi-monde dwell in the business portion of town. Personally and in numerous parts of America the great fires with which we have had a close acquaintance, all originated in the quarters of loose women. Of Dawson's two greatest fires one started in the room of "Tony" Page and this last one in the room of Helen Holden. In the yearly conventions of fire chiefs, police chiefs and town marshals, this inevitable fact has occupied a prominent part of all their conclusions—that the first condition of safety to a wooden town is to keep the demi-monde out of the business portion.

We do not believe in the oppression of this unfortunate class either by unreasonable police regulations or in rendering them the powerless victims of the extortion, etc., which we see practiced upon them in many Christian communities; yet in self protection thousands of wideawake municipalities have found it necessary to forbid them the freedom of the business portion of town for dwelling places. This is not oppression nor even one of those fruitless attempts at suppression. We say fruitless attempts, because, notwithstanding them all, the class is as old as sin and in the millenium theirs will be the last vice to perish from the face of the earth.

Some of our burned out citizens are indisposed to rebuild. Many will put up better edifices than they lost. Let the proper precautions—the result of our past experiences—be used for their protection. Let the Tony Pages and Helen Holdens go their ways unmolested but let their ways lie outside the buildings which by the force of circumstances are the most important in town, are built close together, and which represent fortunes to their owners. Renovate the fire department; get another fire engine so that if one fails we may not have to stand helplessly by and watch our town destroyed. Dawson would have been big money in pocket if she had spent \$100,000 more upon her fire department and had avoided this last great disaster. Let us not be penny wise and pound foolish again.

NEW LICENSE OFFICE

Owing to changes in the gold commissioner's office the issuing of miner's licenses has been temporarily transferred to the office of the Yukon commissioner. The distance between the recording office and the new license office is unreasonably great, necessitating, in some instances, many trips from one office to the other before one's business can be concluded. In renewing lost or expired licenses the use of a certain set of books is often required at the issuing office, while almost as frequently the same books are required at the recording office for the same research. If the business in the recording office has grown too great to accommodate the license clerk, then let the clerk use one of the near-by government buildings, and not move away half the length of the town. It would

be no more unreasonable if the post-office mailing and delivery were in the present building, and one was required to purchase stamps at the barracks.

THE NUGGET AT OTTAWA

It is unfortunate just at this time that quick mail communication with the Canadian capital is hindered temporarily by the condition of the river and lakes preparatory to the break-up of the ice. The following dispatch from Ottawa shows the two Nugget representatives to be on the ground, and that they have made their purpose known. At this time nothing else is known.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 3.—D. W. Semple and G. M. Allen, of the KLONDIKE NUGGET, are here from Dawson. They have been carrying on a war in their paper against the Canadian officials in the Yukon and are here to press upon the government certain reforms. They do not represent any body of men in particular. What they ask is abolition of the royalty, or a reduction from ten to two per cent., and the abolition of the alternate claims system.

That is an oddity of the law which was enunciated from the bench by Magistrate Harper on Friday last. The case in court was one of shooting a valuable dog by Watchman McLaughlin, of the N. A. T. & T. Co. stores. Evidence was being produced showing that the dog in question had several times led an open-mouthed assault upon the watchman, he being engaged in his ordinary duties and being upon the street sidewalk at the time. The case was not ended, but in order to set the defense right in preparing its case, the magistrate pointed out that there was a special ordinance authorizing the killing of a dog that was caught in the act of attacking sheep, but nothing was said about the justification for killing a dog found in the singular pleasant occupation of baiting a man or even a child.

We are rather inclined to the belief that while there may be no special Northwest ordinance authorizing the killing of a dog which may be attacking a man, there will be found in the common law of England—which is also common to the North American continent—plenty of authority for the committal of the act in self defense.

The first of May has come and gone and the oft repeated assertions of Governor Ogilvie that he would clear the water front upon that date, have been superseded by an offer to rent the ground to the occupants at the rate of \$4.50 and \$8 per front foot. Up to the first but two or three of the frontiers had availed themselves of the offer, though no preparations to move are yet in evidence. In fact a new factor has been introduced into the situation by the claim that if the ground is rentable for stores at all it belongs to Harper & Ladue by virtue of their grant. There is now another "no-rent" movement along the front, and the ground is taken that only by long and tedious process of law can they be dispossessed, and that pending a legal dispossession there can be no distraint for rent because of the uncertainty of where the title rests.

The giving of whiskey to fire fighters is undoubtedly done by our good citizens with the best of intentions, but is unwise and ought to be discouraged as much as possible. Not but a "bracer" might often be administered with considerable benefit; but when, as was the case Wednesday night, the bottle holding friends come around in quick succession and unbeknown to each other, then the only remedy is to discountenance it entirely. The excitement of fighting fire, together with the unusual exertion, will in most men start a desire for stimulant which on other occasions is wanting, with the result that many usually temperate men soon become not only incapable of their best work, but also unable to take the proper precautions for their own safety

of the safety of the men with whom they are working.

Eventide.

WALLACE FRANKLIN SMALLEY.
The curtain of the night is gently falling,
The evening shadows creep along the floor,
From out the gloom a voice seems softly calling,
That wakes within me memories of yore.
A voice more sweet than nightwind gently sighing—
More tender than the fading tints of day—
More sweet than woodland violet dying,
Or mountain meadow freshly strewn with hay.

A form comes gliding swiftly through the gloaming,
And leans in silent rapture at my side,
While through the hallowed past my thoughts are roaming—
Sweet recollection of the eventide.

I seem to hear the sigh so full of meaning,
To feel again the touch—the sweet caress,
To see the eye with love-light brightly beaming,
As to my own that throbbing heart I press.

Oh, sweet the dream that keeps my thoughts from drooping,
The twilight hour with fondest memories rife,
So may the stars of love come gaily trooping
To cheer us in the eventide of life!

Collection of Royalty Begins.

This week sees the formal commencement of the annual whupping in the gulches, and the clubs will begin to fill up with baking powder cans loaded with dust and nuggets. Simultaneously, too, will commence the collection of the crown royalty of ten per cent of the whole, which will be looked after by Captain Belcher at the Forks, Captain Stearns on Dominion and Captain Search on Hunker. Pretty soon the golden stream will begin to flow into Dawson, and activity in business circles will be resumed.

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The late fire was a severe blow to the Klondike's capitol, and its effects will be long impressed upon the resources of its citizens. But, as the old saw goes, "It is an ill wind that blows no one good," and out of the experience will come many lessons and benefits. One of the latter was evolved by Judge Dugas of the territorial court, who, while watching with sorrow the destruction of building after building and block after block, acquired a resolve to place within the reach of our citizens material for their edifices which would provide some security against the ravages. To think was to act with the judge, and by Monday he triumphantly exhibited to his friends several specimens of good looking, substantial bricks, baked from native clay under his own supervision. But that was not all. Satisfying himself that he had found a deposit of clay sufficient for all needs on the hill east of town, he purchased a plot comprising 15 acres, from the government, and then set about organizing a company to assist him in his good work. Good fortune suggested to him the name of Captain Hansen and when that enterprising gentleman was convinced of the feasibility of the project, he at once gave it his moral and financial support. That insured complete and immediate success for the enterprise, and within a few days the manufacture of bricks on a large scale will be commenced. Speaking of the project, Judge Dugas said: "I will not care if I do not make a penny from the enterprise; I shall be satisfied if I am instrumental in putting brick buildings on our business streets." Success to the venture.

Presto! Change.

The magic wand most surely have touched the Family theatre. It has long been known as an unfortunate building venture, and its unfinished outward appearance differed only in degree from the interior. But now the wizard of wealth has spoken, and though the familiar outside shows not the transformation, the interior has suddenly taken upon itself such an appearance of handsome finish and artistic luxury, that the first exclamation of all visitors is one of the greatest astonishment that even art and wealth could have effected such a vast change. In place of the long, barn-like interior, with which we are all familiar, the ninety feet of space has been divided off into a thirty foot bar-room, forty-four-foot hall, and two parlors, 16x14 feet, back of the stage. But it is not the divisions which have effected the change, but the art of the paper hanger, the enameled and the cabinet maker. The bar, extending the length of the bar-room and ten feet into the hall, is a masterpiece. If the body of it is of native woods, the fact is skillfully concealed beneath white enamel and gilding, its curved and paneled surfaces showing a splendid advantage. Its polished top of hardwood strips leads one's gaze to the back bar, done in white enamel and surmounted by French plate mirrors of all sizes—but only one quality—the best. Only a connoisseur would appreciate the bar fittings, which are perfect, so we proceed to the hall. At the far end is the stage, an alcove forming a pleasing segment of a circle, backed by a painting of Five Fingers on the wall, by Anderson Brothers, with smaller Alaskan scenes on the side walls. The two comfortable parlors in the rear and twelve bed-rooms upstairs are all smoothly finished in cloth and paper, while the up-stairs arrangements include not only a large parlor but bathroom and closets, while electric calls reach every part of the house.

The intention of Proprietor Frank Swanson is to make this the leading resort of the city, and the name has consequently been changed to "Criterion," for it is to set the standard for all. With the broad-gauged Swanson for a landlord and the genial, popular and musically gifted George Nobles for manager; with a perfect house and a cozy hall, there can be no doubt in the mind of anyone as to the outcome for the success of the house. The building being entirely out of the fire limit, will find its curious rooms in the greatest demand. It stands apart and alone, and for an evening of social recreation it is destined to take the place of the lately lost and long lamented Hotel Worden.

The renovation of the building alone has cost upwards of \$9,000, while the furniture and stock, which are to be in keeping with the house and also with the large ideas of the proprietor and the manager, will cost nearly twice as much more; but though these Klondike comforts come high they are more appreciated in this comfortless land than ever they would be in civilization. Here's success to the undertaking and to the management.

A Miraculous Escape.

Sandy Roberts had a very narrow escape last Thursday. He is working a lay on 17 above on Sulphur and was on the ladder descending, when the round pulled out and he fell thirty-five feet striking square on his feet.

No bones were broken but the man's limbs were left in a terrible condition, almost every nerve and cord being wrenched and shattered.

Providential Escape.

The story of a hairbreadth escape from death of a Gold Hill miner was brought to town the other day. He had been to the bottom of his shaft, which is 78 feet deep, but found the air so bad he could not remain. Instead of securing himself for the ascent, he made a knot about the iron hook at the end of the rope and sat on it. He made the ascent all right until he reached the top, when the fresh air caused him to lose consciousness and he fell over backward. His partner at the windlass was horrified

stricken as he saw his friend plunge downward; but his feet were changed to thankfulness when he saw the iron ring on the rope rip a hole in his trousers leg and hold him suspended securely. The man quickly revived, and if the story were able to say that upon realizing his narrow escape from death, his hair turned gray, it would be less far-fetched than is often the case.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Postmaster Hartman has been indisposed for several days. The prevalence of mumps appears to be on the increase in Dawson, the sufferers now being legion. Proprietor Pete McDonald has had the front of the Phoenix very prettily decorated in pink with red trimmings.

The storeroom occupied by the B.C.C. Co. has been absorbed by the "Horseshoe" and will be turned into a gambling resort. Fine and dam building on the creeks and ditching in Dawson is attracting the most absorbed interest of our inhabitants these days.

Dr. McDougall came down this week from No. 42a Sulphur, and reports having tapped the pay-streak there for \$1 to the pan. The volunteer fire boys are giving an "at home" on Thursday night at the engine house, to their lady and gentleman friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Manning have adopted the little son of John Daniels, whose wife died a couple of weeks ago. Already, too, he is the household idol.

Word has been received to the effect that Frank Simmons will be in with one of the first boats with a complete vaudeville company for the Twelfth.

Mr. Payne, general manager of the B. L. O. & K. N. Co., is down from Selkirk, and will remain until navigation opens. He is a guest at the Fairview.

Physicians report that summer cholera has begun to show itself among the Klondike population, and that it is up to the standard of severity of the grade experienced last year.

Dr. Svengard's drug store was sold on Saturday under a bill of sale held by Ole Finstad, who bid in the stock. Rudolph Kalenborn will act as manager of the business for Mr. Finstad.

Everybody greets everybody with cheerful vigor these days and paper and paint is changing the appearance of every saloon and theatre in town in anticipation of the clean-up to commence in a few days.

Reports from the interior of Alaska are to the effect that about 600 men are pushing through that country for the Yukon, all of them badly pressed for provisions.

D. H. Pingree, who is one of the organizers of the Yukon Flyer Transportation company, has reached Alaska, and will be Dawson with one of the first boats. Mrs. Pingree and her son John will follow during the early summer.

It is expected that Emil Rodinbach, who was sentenced to five years imprisonment by Judge Dugas last week, will be taken to the penal colony at New Westminster, together with the other long term prisoners here, in the spring.

The increased flow of the Yukon is each day more and more apparent in the leveling of the sag in the center of the ice. White measurements have been made, it is estimated by many that the raise already amounts to several feet.

The plaza before the row of buildings at the gold commissioner's office is being cleared of stumps and filth, and will be further improved by the filling up of the big hole before the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Tom Chisholm on Monday purchased from J. Hinkman the Cliff house, located at the corner of Eighth street and Second avenue, and will fit it up for a lodging house. The purchase was made necessary by the burning of the Aurora.

If anybody knows of the whereabouts or doings of Joseph Huggins they will confer a favor upon the family by communicating with Miss Faith Fenton, at the office of the Yukon Commissioner.

Insurance was carried by the bank of British North America and McLennan, McFeely & Co., Ltd., sufficient to cover their losses. It is not believed the insurance companies will care to renew their policies.

M. L. DeForrest, who arrived from Skagway last week, is an old time Klondiker, and is already making plans to get a house at Dawson. He says there is some probability that the establishment now being built on the site of the old pavilion will be fitted up for his accommodation.

A report was abroad Friday that the sawmills had sent the price of lumber skyward. A Nugget man called to see about it and found the prices to be from \$150 to \$200 per thousand, the mill men at the same time denying that there had been any advance.

The circulation of the Nugget sustained a terrible blow on Saturday, when the management of the bank of British North America annulled their subscription. However, the Nugget will try to bear up under the infliction and it also respectfully tenders to the bank the rebate due on their subscription.

W. X. Wright, who arrived from the outside on Friday, says that Mr. Schultz, a Dawsonite who went out a couple of months ago, started in on a tricycle with another man about the first of April. But the machine took a header into the Fifty-Mile river, and was so badly damaged that Schultz gave up the trip and returned to Bennett.

The government has very sensibly drawn upon the gravel deposit of the river front, opposite the police reserve, for material with which to make a dressing for the barracks court and other places. It has proven so valuable for the purpose that the wonder is that it was not employed long ago and for more general purposes.

Mrs. M. P. West has purchased from Judge Marford a building site on Third street opposite the Melbourne and will build thereon a two-story business block, with double stores on the ground floor, and offices on the upper floor. The building, which will have a new glass front and some features of ornamentation is to be completed in two weeks and Mrs. West will then move in.

There was a meeting of water frontiers on Monday night to hear the report of the committee which had been selected to interview Mr. Ogilvie regarding a lease for the strip. The committee reported a very unsatisfactory status of affairs, and the harmony of the meeting was broken by suggestions of want of confidence in the committee by some of the present. Dr. Bourke pointed out that several of the committee had availed themselves of the offer of Mr. Ogilvie of a cheap building site on the police reserve, thinking he thought, a lack of single purpose upon their part.

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POLICE COURT NEWS. Chas. Des, too much tangled foot, \$25 and coats. Falcon Joslin paid \$5 and costs into the government coffers for discharging a revolver within the city limits.

P. Hauser was up on a charge of issuing three valuable securities with interest to defraud J. A. Acklin and was held for trial before the supreme court. Alfred Rice, T. O'Shea, W. Thompson, R. Roberts, J. Atkinson, T. Roaver and W. Daniels could not resist the persuasion of free whiskey during the progress of the fire and all but the last named had to "dig down" for \$25 and costs.

All the gentlemen had the distinction of being tried before Colonel Steele, who held a magistrate's court the next day. C. J. Gould attempted to jump a claim on Gold Run that Sigvald Paulson was representing and then had Sig. arrested on a charge of making a false oath of representation. But Sigvald had a host of Norwegian witnesses present to swear to the different stages of his work and the case was so well handled by Attorney McKay that his client was discharged in triumph.

The popular but reprehensible practice of robbing people of their goods during fires received a merited rebuke at the hands of Magistrate Harper Monday, when two men named Atkinson and Tessum were given 30 days at hard labor for the offense. One of the men had a veritable curiosity shop in his varied collection, and the nerve to claim that he had found all of them in different sections of the city. Although he threw and been arrested for drunkenness and upon being searched at the barracks his rubber boots and clothing were found to be padded thick with stolen articles.

Ashes to Ashes. Joseph McGee died on Monday at the Good Samaritan hospital from the effects of heart disease. He was a native of Belfast, aged 31 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Turner conducting religious services at the undertaking establishment.

The Bonanza King and Eldorado are the Flyers. James Donaldson is a nervy man as well as a patriotic American. He, with others heard a loud-mouth bally roudly vilifying all Americans during the excitement of the fire. "The police should take care of the beast," some indignantly bellowed. "I'll take care of him," said Mr. Donaldson quietly, and he walked over and remonstrated with the fellow. But the latter only became the viler in his abuse, whereupon the professor made him a present of one of his choicest upper cuts and put him to sleep. When he came to, he showed plainly that he appreciated the lesson, while the professor had to accept the compliments of everybody present.

The Flyer is the fine and Reilly is the man to see. Good clean trucks, good ventilation, Rainier House, water front, opposite A. C. Co.

It is not true that the Cafe Royal took advantage of the fire by raising prices. We know it to be a fact that this popular resort has strictly adhered to its scheduled price lists from its first opening on the 5th of October last up to the present time, and neither scarcity of goods, or an over rush of business, can cause any inclination to run up prices.

You won't have to rush on the Flyer. We will do all the rushing. Sargent & Pliska have a fine line of clothing. Front street, opposite Monte Carlo.

Dissolution of Partnership. The partnership existing between J. J. Hales and H. L. Vroom has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All bills collected and paid by H. L. Vroom. J. J. Hales. Eldorado City, May 1st '99. H. L. Vroom.

Public Notice. Take notice that the law partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned has this day been dissolved. F. C. Wade, O. H. Clark, H. G. Willson. Dawson, May 1st, 1899.

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MASSAGE.

Massage - Mrs. A. Wilson, graduate of the Massage Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, and late with Dr. Mitchell of Philadelphia; is again established in rear of this office, opposite his old place.

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HOW IS YOUR BACK? Liniments and plasters don't do the work; try an Edison or Sandon electric belt; a guaranteed cure for lame back, kidney troubles, rheumatism and preventative against fevers. Office next to Jeanou Joe's restaurant.

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Mining Engineers. J. B. TYRRELL, M. A., B. Sc., F.G.S., Consulting Mining Engineer. 15 years geologist on the Geological Survey of Canada. Dawson. Walling & Tozier. Can be found at office of Seaman James Donville, opp. Ebenitz.