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BROOM AT MAST.

The Palatial Steamer Yukoner Sweeps the River in Speed

TO DELIGHT OF WHITEHORSE FOLK

Who Present Capt. Turnbull With Memorial and Sweeper.

VOYAGE DOWN WAS PLEASANT

Louise for St. Michael—J. P. Light Will Return Loaded—Canadian Due Tomorrow.

The steamer Yukoner arrived early this morning with a new broom tacked, not to the proverbial masthead, but at the top-nich of her forward flag pole. She has justly earned the distinction of being the swiftest boat on the Yukon and her officers and crew are jubilant over her success. The record trip was made on her last run to Whitehorse, and that she received a royal welcome upon her arrival is witnessed by a cleverly written testimonial which was presented to Capt. Wm. Turnbull, with the signatures of the "gang" before his departure for Dawson.

The round trip will be remembered with pleasure by the Yukoner's crew, for coming down river with her was the Savoy Theater Company, 42 strong, who made the journey down stream a continual round of pleasure, with music, songs and general good-fellowship.

Purser Vifquam speaks in the highest terms of the company; they, he said, being not only clever, but decent people and entirely different from the usual theatrical companies which have made Dawson their mecca in the past. The officers of the Yukoner are Capt. Wm. Turnbull, Purser C. J. Vifquam, Capts. Rabb and Green and Engineer Hewitt.

The following is the testimonial referred to: To the captain, officers and crew of the steamer Yukoner, greeting: Three days, fifteen hours and fifteen minutes is the best time record made by any boat between Dawson and Whitehorse. This record is held by the ever-popular steamer Yukoner, and with one acclaim the boys of Whitehorse say "Well Done," and hereby offer their hearty congratulations, and in symbol of your sweeping all previous records before you, on behalf of the proprietors of the Whitehorse hotel, present you with a broom, which we feel will never be lowered until a swifter boat manned by a more popular captain and crew sail between aforesaid ports, but the time is not yet nor shall it soon come to pass. Long may this symbol of success wave o'er the good ship Yukoner.

The Yukoner will sail tomorrow probably as she has not been inspected this season as yet. She brought seven sacks of mail and 63 passengers, whose names follow: F. Montoquinet, N. H. Montoquinet, Mr. Bell, F. Fraser, W. W. Petre, W. Fitzpatrick, E. Steel, Ed Yound, C. Johnson, Framouth, Misses Walthers, Forest, Stanley, Scanlon, Eldridge, Montrose, Mr. F. E. Crosley, Messrs. Carp, Clew, Nelson, Fisher, A. Manar, W. H. Myers, W. W. Wyndon, W. P. Dixon, S. Levy, R. H. Herron, R. C. Bowin, H. H. Peters, H. Laughlin, P. G. Lee, Thos. W. Hardy, P. G. Washburn, Misses Cammetta, Lemar, Durrell, Rockwell, Demar, Bevis, DeLoey, Milville, Edgeton, Williams, Messrs. Hart, Rany, Wilkinson, Melden, Bryant, Ainslow, Mae Stanley, Miss McNeil, J. McNeil, Miss Lloyd, Steve O'Brien, W. R. Jackson, Greenball, Flynn, Mrs. Flynn, Alex McFarland, D. Buckley, A. H. Morrison.

The Louise is billed to sail this afternoon for St. Michael.

The next boat to arrive up the river will probably be the Susie. She will be followed by the Hannah, another A. C. boat.

The J. P. Light started on her initial run to Whitehorse today. She will load the largest consignment of freight put on a boat from that point—probably 250 or 300 tons.

The Tyrrell will sail tonight. The Nora, which boat was to sail yesterday, is delayed until today. She is now repairing her engines.

The Flora sails for the Stewart river tomorrow.

The Canadian was reported coming down at Hootalinqua this morning at 8 o'clock. The Zealandian passed that point at 7 a. m. going up.

The Lightning passed Big Salmon, coming down, at 3 a. m.

The Sybil was heard from going up at Five Fingers at 11:45 last night.

TAXES ILLEGAL

Is the Tenor of a Report Read and Submitted Last Night

BY THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT.

Report of Committee on Schools Was Much Modified.

WILL RECOMMEND LABOR LAW

Arrangements for Vice-Regal Reception Well Under Way—Mr. McGillivray's Invitation.

The fact that there are two grades of members of the Board of Trade caused a meeting of that body to be somewhat long drawn out last night. Every member of the organization appears to have the best interests of the city and district at heart, but there is a difference in the mode and manner of expression. One element of the board is disposed to call a spade a spade instead of referring to it as an implement of agriculture; while another element, just as zealous in the advancement of the local interests as their out-spoken co-workers, insist on administering a rubbing of goose grease on every measure that is up for hearing and disposition, and it was applying goose grease to a number of reports submitted last night that caused the meeting to be in session until well along towards midnight.

When the session was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting had been disposed of—Dr. H. M. Yemans entered with General Manager E. C. Hawkins, of the White Pass and Yukon Route, whom he introduced to president Fulda, who in turn introduced him to the meeting in a few but well-chosen words. Mr. Hawkins was greeted by general applause. He spoke for several minutes on the subject of the work in which he has been for two years and is yet interested. His company, he said, is now satisfied with its investment, which at first looked like a risky and hazardous one. In answer to a question, Mr. Hawkins said his company's franchise extends to Port Selkirk, but that there is no intention on the part of the company to extend its line north of the present Whitehorse terminus for at least two years, although, in his opinion an extension to a point on the Yukon below Rink rapid would greatly facilitate the matter of shipping as that would preclude the necessity of steamer going into the more dangerous parts of the route as they are now required to do. Mr. Hawkins said that as all the money for the construction of the road comes from London, and as the present condition of the money market there is greatly depressed on account of war in Africa and contemplated war in China, it would not be possible to extend the line now even if it were so desired. Regarding the matter of a Sunday telegraph service, Mr. Hawkins said his company is ready to transmit any business that may be entrusted to it on Sunday.

A number of the regular committees reported progress in the matter of preparing reports.

The committee on architecture and education, of which committee Messrs. Crawford, Dawson, Wade, Parsons and Allen are members, submitted a voluminous report in which the action of the commissioner of the district in leasing Fraternity hall for school purposes was denounced, it being stated that two school buildings for non-sectarian schools are needed instead of one; that they should be located, one in the south and one in the north ends of the city; that Fraternity hall is not suited to school purposes; that it is poorly

constructed, illy ventilated and is located in a portion of the city where there are few if any school subjects.

During the discussion of the report it came out that two months or more ago there were 266 school subjects in Dawson and that fully 100 have been since added to the number. It was the sense of the report that the location of Fraternity hall will preclude a large number of children from attending school in severe weather. It was reasoned that economy is at all times a good thing, but that to practice it too rigidly where the interests of several hundred children are at stake is disastrous to good government and not in keeping with the broad spirit of free education which prevails in other parts of Canada.

An hour or more was spent in discussing and goose-greasing the report, and after it had been modified until its authors would not recognize it under an arc light, it was adopted.

Dr. Yemans, chairman of the committee on health and sanitation, submitted a partial report, but was not ready to report in full. Later in the evening the same committee, through Dr. Yemans, reported that the smallpox has been virtually stamped out from Dawson; that of the six cases, all are on the high road to recovery, and that there have been no new cases for the past three weeks and that no further apprehensions need be felt, although it is not advisable to relax vigilance or grow careless; as it is yet possible that the disease may be brought here from other points.

As chairman of the committee on Lord Minto's reception, Mr. Wade reported progress and activity on the part of those having the matter in charge. His committee had conferred with committees from other bodies and had satisfactory arrangements and everything is progressing finely. The matter of the grand parade of organizations, fraternities, pack trains, dog teams, etc., is now about all there is to work up and get ready.

The matter of preparing a nugget souvenir for Lady Minto has been appropriately relegated to the miners. Mr. McGillivray has kindly issued an invitation to the vice regal party to visit his claim, partake of luncheon and see the work of sluicing and cleaning up. In behalf of the distinguished guests it is said Commissioner Ogilvie has accepted the invitation and will invite three members from both the Board of Trade and citizens' committee to accompany the party on its tour of the creeks.

Mr. Wade, chairman of the committee on assessment and taxation, made a most complete report, a synopsis of which is that the Yukon council has no authority under the present law to levy, assess and collect taxes until there is local representation on the council; that such levy, assessment and collection of taxes prior to the representation of the district is illegal and could be successfully protested. The report was discussed at length, modified to some extent and adopted, the secretary being instructed to furnish the commissioner with a copy of the report today.

A motion submitted by Mr. Wade passed, to wit: That a committee be appointed to frame and recommend for passage by the Yukon council such laws as will protect the laborer in mines against loss of his wages; provide for a laborer's lien on dumps and otherwise protect him against the avaricious practices to which he is now subjected. President Fulda will name the committee provided for in the motion.

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JOS. A. M'GILL FILES CHARGE.

The Case Now on Preliminary Trial in Police Court—Story of the Prosecution.

Yesterday afternoon information was laid by Joseph A. McGill, charging Public Administrator W. H. P. Clement with making a false return in the matter of his administration of the estate of James F. Dennis, deceased.

Mr. Clement was not arrested and released under bonds to appear in the police court this morning, he was merely served with a summons.

This forenoon, after some minor matters had been disposed of, the case was called, and the principal witness for the prosecution, Joseph A. McGill, made the statement that on the 24th of last month he had received a letter from the executrix of the estate authorizing him to act for her as administrator of the estate here. On the second of August he called upon the public administrator and showed him his authority for demanding the effects of the deceased.

Mr. Clement told him that on the following day, August 3, he would have a statement prepared, and that he could get it then. At the time indicated he called, and was given a gold watch, which formed a part of the effects of the deceased, together with a statement of other effects and disbursements which had been made to creditors of deceased, and to pay bills consequent upon his death.

This statement showed \$600 as the amount of dust, nuggets and currency turned over to the public administrator by the police after the death of Dennis.

The informant had gone to Grand Forks, and at the police station there had seen a receipt given to the sergeant in charge, by the officer from here for 52 ounces pennyweights and 12 grains of dust, 11 pennyweights 12 grains of nuggets in a bottle, one nugget weighing 9 pennyweights and 12 grains, currency amounting to \$59.25 and one gold watch, which footed up \$859 leaving a balance of about \$167 unaccounted for. Mr. McGill offers statements of several accounts, entered in the public administrator's statement as disbursements, but they were denied admission as evidence by Magistrate Scarth, on the ground that they had not been made in the presence of the accused.

Undertaker Green was called and testified to the correctness of the bill rendered for the burial of deceased.

Mr. Clement did not testify in defense, but in answer to questions put to him by Mr. McGill, who conducted the prosecution, he stated that at the time the effects had been turned over to his office by the police he was not present.

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UNDUE HASTE.

The very able document which the Board of Trade, through its committee on assessment and taxation, has prepared for the consideration of the Yukon council is entitled to close and earnest perusal on the part of that body.

The suggestion was made some time ago in these columns that the people of Dawson would not take serious umbrage at a reasonable amount of taxation provided they were in some measure represented in determining the rate of such taxation and the manner of levying the same. Men who are accustomed to the ordinary procedures usually followed in organized civil committees do not expect an outlay of public funds for matters of public improvement and similar purposes without contributing thereto in proportion to their means. We have, however, yet to hear of a precedent for the action of the council in the preparation of the present ordinance, though something similar might be found in the annals of the Transvaal, which government, by the way, is at the present time but little more than a memory.

The committee of the Board of Trade agrees with the position long since taken by this paper that representation on the council must precede the passage by that body of any taxation ordinance. We believe with the committee that the government at Ottawa did not contemplate, in framing the Yukon act, that any method of local taxation would be placed in force prior to the election of duly qualified representatives on the council. Such a doctrine is so inconsistent with, and so repugnant to the very fundamental principles of our governmental system, that it is scarcely to be supposed it would meet the approval of the Dominion government.

In view, also, of the near approach of the long delayed election by which representation is at length to become an accomplished fact, it would appear that further action upon the matter of taxation might easily be deferred until the election is held and the duly qualified representatives of the people are placed upon the council.

In fact, the council might reasonably be expected to take such action of its own volition, and that it does not do so gives rise, as was suggested at the meeting last evening, to the belief that undue and unnecessary haste has been exercised. Within less than thirty days it is possible to comply with all the requirements of the law and place the new members upon the council qualified in every respect equally with the present members.

In consideration of this fact we submit that compliance with the desire of the community as set forth in the resolution of the Board of Trade should be given by the council readily and cheerfully.

The initial trip of the steamer Flora up to the head of navigation on the Stewart river has served to bring to light the fact that considerable interest is being taken in that district. To such an extent has this been proven that the Klondike Corporation has felt justified in sending another boat up the same stream and a third will follow in a short time. As a matter of fact there will hereafter be business enough on the Stewart river to justify a line of small steamers throughout the open season. Already there are several hundred pros-

pectors upon the upper Stewart and the outlook is favorable for a much larger population next year. When transportation by steamer is available few men will resort to the laborious poling process. From this time forward the Stewart river country should take on a new lease of life. Easy and rapid communication, which has now become an established fact should double or treble the number of prospectors on that river within the next twelve months.

Opinions expressed over the signatures of correspondents do not necessarily reflect the views of this paper. The Nugget aims to be fair in dealing with all matters of public interest and cheerfully gives its space to correspondents whether their opinions agree with our own or not. We cannot, however, allow the use of our columns for the publication of personalities, and in consequence several communications now in this office are withheld from appearing in print. Correspondents should also take note that their real names must accompany all communications or no attention will be paid thereto.

Dawson, in all probability, has a greater warehouse capacity than any other city of its size in the world. It must be remembered, however, that there are very few cities which are allowed only five months' communication with the markets of the world to secure supplies.

The manner in which the government spokesman handled Mr. Wade's telegram from Minister Sifton reminds us forcibly of the man who prayed to be delivered from the hands of his friends. His enemies he could take care of with comparative ease.

Prince Ching, friend of the white man, is certainly one of the most remarkable characters of history, if the reports continually filtering in from China are correct. The prince was killed some weeks ago in the first rush of the Boxers at Peking. A few days later he led a regiment to the rescue of the legations and defended the imperiled foreigners like a hero. Soon after these gallant deeds he was surrounded by the Boxers, slashed over the head with a sword and then hacked to pieces. Undismayed by this untoward happening, he attacked Prince Tuan's ferocious followers and gained a prodigious victory. His enemies, rallying from their defeat, surprised him near the city gates, speared him, and to be sure that he would not revive, hung his head upon a pole. Prince Ching, however, was not to be downed even by such an accident, and the latest accounts state that he was relieved from siege by Gen. Nieh, and will soon begin operations against the hordes of his antagonists. Some kind of a medal ought to be presented Prince Ching when the allies take Peking. He is evidently a marvel, and able to discount the phoenix, the salamander and all the other animals that were ever hard to slay.—Chicago News.

Water Did It.

"It was the water at Paardeberg that played the mischief with us," said Private Taylor, of the returned Canadians, who is just recovering from a very bad attack of enteric fever. "It was as bad as the Boers' courage—a great deal worse than their bullets. Why it used to be part of our regular morning exercise to strip off our clothes and jump into the water and push the bodies of horses and mules off the rocks onto which they had drifted during the night, in order that they might float on down the river and leave us in peace. You see, the Boers were just above us and whatever they threw into the river was carried down to our camp. It was easier to dump a dead horse in the river than to bury it, not to mention the inconvenience it put us to. I have seen that water so muddy that an outsider wouldn't have known it was water. I have seen it leave half an inch of sediment in a glass, after it had stood five minutes, but it was all we had. When you work all day on one biscuit and a quarter you are not going to be over particular about the quality of the rest of your diet, and that is what we had to do about the time of the Paardeberg fight.

For four days lots of us went without an hour's sleep at night. The rain would soak our blankets until we were almost bedded in mire; the odors of putrid cattle would almost suffocate us. We would eat our one biscuit a day and drink our muddy water. Is it any wonder we caught enteric?"

"Just before we made the last charge, before daybreak at Paardeberg," said Private Taylor, "the front rank of the Canadians were ordered to take their rifles in their right hands; and, with their left on the shoulder of the man next them, to rush forward a hundred yards or so, while the rear rank was given picks and shovels to trench. We made one hundred yards all right and were stretching it a little when we run plump into a wire struck with tin cans. As soon as the Boers heard the rattle of the tins they opened fire on us. If they had had enough courage to take aim properly, not a man of us would have escaped. As it was they had their rifles up over the edge of their trenches and blazed away blindly.

"Twenty-six Canadians fell at Paardeberg. Before the rest of us left we buried the bodies of 12 privates and six non-commissioned officers in one grave. Around it we put a double row of shells, and over it all the limestone boulders we could get hold of. It was not much of a monument, but it shows where some brave fellows lie."—Manitoba Free Press.

Called Out U. S. Troops.

An insane woman whom the Dawson authorities are sending from the Klondike metropolis to Victoria created quite a sensation on the streets at night. The woman is in charge of Dr. Dunn and his wife, and the party were staying at the hotel. All were getting along nicely until about 5 o'clock yesterday when the insane woman put on her wraps and started out on the street. Mrs. Dunn followed her and soon the woman became violent. Mrs. Dunn pushed her into Solomon's store on Broadway and sent for Jailer McNaughton who tried to get her to go either to the hotel or to the jail. They got her out of the store, but after parading around town for half an hour or so and frequent attacks by the insane woman on her escort a call was made on the U. S. troops for assistance. Lieutenant Jenks and Dr. Bailey with two or three assistants from the hospital, responded, a hack was called and the woman was soon in Bishop Rowe hospital. The proceeding attracted a considerable crowd, which followed the procession from one street to another.

The woman's name is Mrs. Emme Hendrickson. She left last night on the Amur.—Alaskan.

Confusing.

When the matron called upon the bride of three months, she discovered her in tears.

"Why, my dear, what is the matter?" she cried.

"I want to die! I want to die!" sobbed the bride.

"There, dear, there! What is the matter?"

"It's—it's Harry!" sobbed the girl wildly.

"Has he been abusing you?"

"No-o, but—oh, dear, what shall I do?"

"What on earth is the matter, dear?"

"He—he—oh, I can't tell you!"

"You must. Has he been staying out late nights?"

"No-o-o!"

"Has he been drinking?"

"No-o!"

"Then what is the matter?"

"He—he doesn't love me any more!"

The matron drew the sobbing girl to her side.

"Now tell me all, dear," she whispered.

"When—when he came home last night, he didn't k-k-kiss me!" she sobbed.

"My dear," said the matron, "you'll get over that. When my husband came home last night, he did kiss me, and I have been wondering ever since what he has been up to."—Detroit Free Press.

In the Coaming.

"George," she whispered, as she crept a little closer and placed her right auricular against his left-hand second-story vest pocket—"George, I want to ask you a question—a very important one. Why do you allude to papa as a pirate? Surely you must have some good reason for doing so?"

"I have indeed!" responded George, with a dreamy, far-away look in his eyes. "Pirates board people, you know; and I expect your father, if my plans work all right, to eventually board me."

"Oh, how clever you are, George! Do you know, I was awfully afraid you were going to get off that ancient chestnut about his being such an old freebooter, and I'm so glad you didn't, because all the fellows I've had have said that, and I was longing for something new?"

And, with a contented little sigh, she ensconced her northwest ear deeper than ever in George's upper left-hand vest pocket, and settled down for the evening.—Ex.

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Tells of New Finds and Rich Districts in the North.

Syndicates Will Develop the Indian River Conglomerate Properties in the Near Future.

Among the passengers who arrived by the steamer Danube on Sunday morning was Capt. Henry J. Woodside, editor of the Yukon Sun, of Dawson. He is bound east, and W. T. Thompson, late of the Rossland Miner, has taken the editorial chair of the Sun, which has now become a semi-weekly, and in the spring is to become a daily. In an interview on his arrival here Capt. Woodside said he was creditably informed that a good strike had been made at the head of the Stewart, and before he left Dawson a large number had started up. Boats containing parties of three or four were stringing up the river from time to time. The find is said to be about 400 miles up. A miner who had spent all winter there returned with a pile. The Big Salmon district, Mr. Woodside thinks, is also a rich one. He says that the greater number of the prospectors in the north have a habit of passing over ground which does not pay as richly as Eldorado and Bonanza as worthless. They seem to forget that ground that, while not as rich as those creeks, will now pay as richly as then, in view of the increased facilities, the hardships of former days making only the richest of creeks workable. To show that the Big Salmon district is looked upon as a rich one, he says that at the recent sale of the ten government claims below discovery, which took place at Dawson on July 2, the property was sold for \$15,500. The bidding was very spirited, which went to show that miners had looked over the ground and found that it was rich. The two principal creeks in this district are Livingstone and Cottonveva. One miner named Black went from Big Salmon to Dawson to bid. Another offered \$4000 for one claim, but could not buy it all.

The reservation of property by the crown, which has the effect of tying up the creeks, works in a way evidently not intended by the government, says Mr. Woodside, and has a bad effect on prospecting and mining. The country must be thrown open. It was imperative, too, that roads be built. The Yukon council had spent about a hundred thousand dollars on roads and other improvements. They thought they would get this money back from the department of public works, but they do not seem to have been able to do so. Otherwise they would have been able to do more work this season.

Capt. Woodside says the police force at Dawson is entirely overworked. There is need of more officers and men, particularly commissioned officers. They have a very large variety of work, filling every position that there are not special officers there to fill. All the police court work is done by the mounted police officers.

Speaking of the Indian river conglomerate finds, Capt. Woodside says there is little more to add to the story written by him for the Sun, which appeared in these columns some days ago, beyond the fact that assays were made by Mr. Marsden, of the Alaskan Commercial Company, of specimens shortly before he left Dawson, and Mr. Marsden told him that the results were about \$2 to the ton. This, though, was from the specimens taken from the surface. It is reasonable to suppose that much better results will be obtained from below. There is a hopeful feeling that before long some large quartz reefs will be struck in the Klondike. Every indication points to that fact.

A number of Britishers at Dawson have formed a syndicate to develop the property. Should the ore develop rich it will give the district a great boom. Outside of this find, though, there is now no mistake as to the permanency of the district. There is gold on every little creek, and before long hydraulic miners will be making large returns from creeks that are not being touched now.

The Dawson contingent that went to Nome, says Capt. Woodside, are sending back bad reports. The majority were soon expected back. A miner employed by Joe Vincent, a mine owner who came out with Capt. Woodside, wrote from Nome to his late employer, saying:

"I thought I was spit on at Dawson, but I've had it rubbed in here."

Another says it is a regular farce.

Joe Vincent, says the Yukon editor, came down to purchase supplies and machinery. He wanted 20 tons of sup-

plies and about four or five steam boilers.—Victoria Colonist.

Terror of the Town.

In a letter received at San Francisco from Nome comes further details of the shooting of Wyatt Earp, formerly of Colton, by a man on whom he started to pull a gun in his saloon. Earp was badly wounded, and before he recovers he will receive the intelligence of the death of his youngest brother, Warren, who, last week, was shot at Wilcox, Ariz.

According to the letter Wyatt Earp, who keeps a saloon and gambling house in Nome, has been the terror of the town because of his reputation as a dead shot. He bullied everyone and he was particularly offensive in his own place after he had a little liquor. June 30 Earp quarreled with a customer and being greatly enraged, reached for his gun, which was behind the counter. The customer, who had a large navy revolver, didn't wait for the "bad man" to "heel" himself, but opened fire and put a bullet through Earp's right arm. This ended the fight, for Earp's arm was rendered useless and he lost much blood.

The military authorities investigated the affair and lodged Earp in jail. His followers swore vengeance, but there were too many troops for them to do anything.—San Bernardino News.

Creek Items.

Mr. Richard Harms went down Bonanza apparently walking on air Thursday morning. On inquiry we found he had just received a telephone message: "Wife just arrived."

Mr. E. T. Barnette, foreman on 21 Eldorado has left the services of the N. A. T. Co. and will go to town with Mrs. Barnette to take a well-earned vacation. Mr. G. B. Thorne, chief caterer on 21 Eldorado leaves in a few days to visit his family. He will resume his old position on his return.

L. A. Bland, of 59 below Bonanza, one of Uncle Sam's boys, leaves for the States in a few days to enlist. Says he will go to China immediately.

A. Garvey, not satisfied with feeding all the transients who come to Grand Forks, is now building a barn large enough to accommodate 20 horses. Mr. Garvey says, "Things will be lively at the Forks this winter."

Messrs. Sutton & Hartney have the contract to complete the government road from 60 below Bonanza to the Forks. Frank Dooner, foreman, informs us that he has 40 men at work at present, and will have 80 in a few days, and that the road will be completed by September 6.

Another Klondike Romance.

The Seattle P. I., which has always been long on "Klondike romancing," perpetrates the following in its latest effort along that line.

A romance in domestic life, in which George H. Cutler, of Skykomish, Wash., and his wife, Anna, of Enid, Oklahoma territory, are the leading characters, was just brought to light on Monday last, by the re-marriage of the two in the commissioner's office in St. Paul.

The rich gold fields of the Klondike have been responsible for a great many heartaches as well as demonstrations of joy. But of all the entanglements that may partially be attributed to the irregularity of mails, probably none are more interesting than that which robbed a wealthy returned Klondiker of this state of the wife he thought was awaiting his return and would be overjoyed at the good fortune that had overtaken him in the north.

The reverses of the past have, however, been overcome by a relieving of the marriage knot and Mr. Cutler and his bride are expected west to their home in Skykomish in a few days.

The story of the romance, as told by Mr. and Mrs. Cutler after their marriage, to the St. Paul newspaper men is contained in the following:

A very novel wedding took place in Court Commissioner Gallick's office yesterday afternoon and there is quite a little romance connected with it. The contracting parties were George H. Cutler, of Skykomish county, Wash., and Anna C. Cutler, of Enid, Oklahoma territory.

It was just 13 years ago yesterday when Mr. Cutler, who was then a railroad man, married his present wife the first time. Things went along very smoothly for a few years and their union was blessed with two bright-looking boys, who were named Martin and Charles. Some time after, however, things began to go backward for the happy family. Cutler was unable to get any work. They owned a little farm of 160 acres at Enid, Okla., on which they lived. Finally he went to Montana to seek work and got a job at railroad and things began to look brighter. While in Montana he met a gentleman from Boston by the name of A. H. Barber, who was going to the Klondike and wanted some sturdy western man to go with him. Mr. Cutler, who is a

strong built man, six feet in height, accepted the offer. He accordingly sent his wife 400 and told her he was going.

This was in July, 1897, when the Klondike craze was first on, and they succeeded in getting the last boat out of Seattle for the gold country. That was the last heard of him by his wife for a long time. Finally the little family on the farm in Oklahoma began to get in hard circumstances and were in danger of losing the little tract of land.

As a last resort the faithful wife went to the judge in their little town and told him about it. He asked her if she had heard from George in the last six months and if he had sent her any money. She told the judge that she had not and so he told her he would grant her a divorce and that by getting this divorce she could save the land. She didn't like to do it, but as a last resort she finally consented.

All the time Mr. Cutler was in the Klondike and was striking some rich claims, one of them which netted him and his partner from Boston \$58,000 last year. This spring he started for home and arrived at Seattle on June 29 last, on the steamer Garonne. He immediately telegraphed his divorced wife to meet him at Omaha, Neb., with the little boys, which she did. They came from there direct to St. Paul and were married at once.

B. C.'s New Governor.

We do not believe in flattery, and as near neighbors of Sir Henry Joly we have refrained from telling him to his face some of the pleasant things the people of Victoria have been saying of him. The following long-range observation, however, we have no hesitation in reproducing. It is from the London Daily Chronicle of June 28th.

"Next to Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself perhaps the most delightful personality amongst Ottawa politicians is Sir Henri Gustave Joly de Lotbiniere, who has been appointed lieutenant governor of British Columbia, in succession to Mr. McInnes. Sir Henri is over 70 years of age, and a Protestant. With the Catholic French-Canadians in the province of Quebec he is intensely popular, and he is hardly less so with the hard-headed Presbyterians of Ontario and Manitoba. He was born in France, the younger son of a noble family, and in the rough-and-tumble of colonial political life he has never lost the charm of manner of the old regime. In the troublous times of 1861 he was largely instrumental in allaying friction amongst his fellow countrymen, and in persuading them to look not backward to France but forward to Canada. In his little court at Victoria, amongst idyllic surroundings, old Sir Henri will be an ideal governor, and her majesty will have no more loyal viceroy in any part of her dominions."—Victoria Times.

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