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KLONDIKE NUGGET. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1903.



AMUSEMENTS. Auditorium—"The Private Secretary."

GOVERNMENT AID NECESSARY.

Elsewhere in the Nugget of today is republished Mr. Joseph McGillivray's plan of a public water system. Mr. McGillivray's ideas were first brought forward during the campaign for the Dominion election and the article as published at that time created widespread attention. Copies of the paper containing the outline of the suggested plan were mailed to prominent members of the government and to men heavily interested in mining ventures. The article is republished today by request of numerous parties and will also be issued in pamphlet form and given as wide circulation as possible.

The water problem overshadows every other issue before the people of this town and territory and its solution is inviting the combined efforts and influence of the whole community. Water must be provided for working the low grade placers of the district or the prosperity of the camp will be endangered. Public sentiment should be so crystallized upon this question that the weight of its influence would be felt at Ottawa with irresistible force.

There is nothing to be gained by making threats or through the use of extravagant language. What is wanted is a clear, forcible, unbiased presentation of facts which will demonstrate to the government that the project will prove a profitable one from the government standpoint. Mr. McGillivray's contribution to the discussion is of much value as indicating the probable results which would ensue should active steps in the desired direction be taken by the federal authorities.

It certainly is to the interest of the whole community that every possible means be taken to enlist government interest in the plan, for we are of the firm belief that no private concern will ever take hold of it in a manner satisfactory to the public.

THE TANANA SITUATION.

Attention is directed to the warning of U. S. Commissioner Johanson relative to the overland trail to the Tanana diggings. From his report and that of others who are familiar with the circumstances it appears that hardships, privation and possibly death await anyone who attempts the journey by going inland from Eagle. There are no roadhouses on the way and practically no trail and it is almost a physical impossibility for anyone to carry sufficient supplies even with a good dog team to see him through to his journey's end. What is of greater importance also is the fact that provisions are not to be had at the diggings for any consideration. The small amount that was in the district before the stampede set in has been consumed and there is no way of getting any quantity of goods transported until the opening of navigation.

Anyone contemplating the trip, therefore, would do well to bear the following facts in mind: (1) The only safe and practicable route to the new strike is via Circle City; (2) Provisions must be taken to last un-

til return is made to Circle City or extreme hardships are likely to be encountered.

Forewarned is always forearmed. It is far better that the facts be known and possible dangers thus avoided than that the truth be concealed. In giving widespread publication to these particulars the Nugget feels that it is fulfilling a duty it owes the public.

Considerable progress has been made in the direction of organizing a board of trade. Such action has been advocated by the Nugget for some time, and we are pleased to see that active steps in that direction are being taken. A live, active board conducted upon broad lines will be able to serve the town in many ways, a number of which have already been suggested in these columns. The Nugget hopes to see a strong, effective organization accomplished in Dawson which will contribute materially to the promotion of the general welfare of the community.

The movement of freight to the creeks has already begun and the volume of traffic will constantly increase until the arrival of warm weather makes the roads soft. This is the season of the year when the shrewd merchant who is after the trade from the creeks derives his greatest profit from a liberal use of printers' ink. The Nugget reaches all the creeks and is read in nearly every occupied cabin throughout the mining district. If you want your share of the trade, place an advertisement in the Nugget and watch for results.

Any one who attempts to effect a corner on any class of commodities in Dawson must not overlook the fact that immense quantities of goods are now coming over the ice. In fact it would be rather risky at this time to essay any sort of corner. The telegraph line is working nicely and it is altogether too easy to transport freight via the overland trail. There was a time when corners in Dawson were a source of great profit but those days have long since passed away.

Choice Language

Washington, Jan. 26.—"Hogs who eat hogs" is the latest complaint tendered United States soldiers in Mindinao by the Sultan of Bacalod and the Panadungan of that place. These two leaders of the Moro tribe have caused the troops no little annoyance since the occupation by their guerilla warfare. The following is an example of the letters received at the war department in the last Philippine mail. It was sent to the United States officers in Mindinao bearing the imprimatur of the Sultan and the Panadungan of Bacalod: "We want war if you do not get out of here and go back to the sea, because neither the Sultan of Bacalod nor the Panadungan wants to be your friend. Within this month we want the war to begin, and if you do not want it you are a lot of cowardly rascals."

"Follow our Mohammedan religion. Do not look for the Mausesy, for we have them. They were captured by Bantuas and Bausing, people of the Sultan of Bacalod. "We sent our regards to the four Generals and their vermin. If you do not want to go from here come to this place and the Sultan and Panadungan will take care of you, for you are a lot of hogs that eat hogs, and in not presenting yourselves at Bacalod look out for we shall go to fight you."

The advices show that neighbors of the Bacalod chief are quite friendly to the troops, the Sultan of Uato having visited camp Vicars.

Saratoga Out of Coal

Saratoga, N. Y., Jan. 24.—This place is suffering from the worst coal famine of the present winter, and the need is intensified by today's cold wave. The mercury at daybreak was ten degrees below zero and it has averaged zero during the forenoon. Dealers are entirely out of coal and doubt if they can get any for several days. Wood is even hard to get, and a poor quality commands high prices.

See Mr. A. M. Thornburgh as "Samuel" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

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GOVERNMENT WATER PLAN

System Which Mr. Ross Has Long Been Working on to Supply Water and Power to the Miners Upon Their Claims at Nominal Rates.

[Republished by Request from the Daily Nugget of November 10th.]

Joseph McGillivray, the well known mining engineer, has made three or four speeches in this campaign, and everyone has been impressed with his earnestness in taking up the support of Mr. Ross' candidature. In this respect, and in fact that he speaks from a personal acquaintance with the candidate, his speeches have been very effective.

During the course of these speeches he has made references to conversations with Governor Ross showing how much opposed the latter was to concessions in general, and how much he favored the adoption of some plan by which the government should control the whole water supply of the Klondike district and sell the water at nominal figures to the miners. Mr. McGillivray was the first to make mention of this subject on the public platform, but since then other supporters of Mr. Ross have given attention to the subject in their speeches. In the last speech Arthur Wilson made he said Mr. Ross believed it to be the wish of the miners, and in their best interests, that the government should supply the water for mining purposes, that he did not believe the government should grant any individual water rights.

Mr. McGillivray was questioned on this in a conversation had with him yesterday, and he replied, "that is correct. Mr. Ross is against concessions and any form of monopoly or grant that may tend to monopolize anything. He is for giving the miner a fair show and I know that he is in earnest in his desire that the government shall provide water for the miner's use. I have spoken with him three or four times upon this subject."

"It is because of the fact that Mr. Ross has been known to have been studying the question of a government water supply that the concessionaires are now so bitterly opposed to his candidature. The government may have been right in the first place in granting concessions, as they did so on the representations that the gravel included in the area applied for could not be worked at a profit by ordinary methods, and upon promises by the concessionaires to bring water to work these gravels by ordinary hydraulic methods. It was naturally to be expected that the concessionaires would immediately proceed to carry out their part of the contract. In the United States, when a man locates a water right he has to begin construction work within sixty days or his location is voided."

Here in the Klondike none of these concessionaires have brought on water to work the ground hydraulically, and therefore their grants should be considered void. It is for that reason that the government feels compelled to study this question of doing what no capitalist seems inclined to undertake—bring water to the miner's claims and sell it to them at a reasonable rate."

"Would it not be without precedent for a government to go into the business of furnishing water?"

"Not at all. Governments build railroad and telegraph lines for the purpose of opening up new countries, getting their returns mainly from the increased production resulting from development. They have also aided the development of mining districts in the very way Mr. Ross is now considering. In New Zealand, for instance, nearly thirty years ago, the government built a ditch for supplying the miners with water, and this enterprise gave a direct profit to the government. In Western Australia the government is furnishing \$17,000,000 for conducting water through 420 miles of steel pipe and elevating it by steam at three different stations. This is for a dry section of a gravel and quartz mining district, and I am informed that the supply obtained for this large cost only amounts to the small quantity of 270 miners' inches, equalling 105 cubic feet per minute."

"Now, before we go any further, let me give you some instances of some of the expenditures of bringing water for hydraulic mining in California. One dam, 131 feet high, cost \$155,000, the South Yukon canal cost \$1,100,000, the Excelsior's ditch cost \$1,200,000, the Eldorado ditch cost \$2,000,000, and there are many others, these mentioned being only those which first strike one and a very small proportion of the actual number. "Let us next compare the area of the California gold fields and their output with those of the Klondike. California's mining district covers from the Colorado river on the south to the Oregon line on the north, a distance of 800 miles, through 34 counties every one of which is a gold producer. In one place it is 190 miles wide and altogether covers an area of 8,000 square miles of mining country. From all kinds of mining, quartz, drifting, hydraulic and beach,

The Klondike region may be likened to an island surrounded on all sides by lower levels than those upon which the gravels lie. It is clear that there is a limited supply of water in the district itself, not enough to do a one-hundredth part of the mining that should be done; yet there is going to waste on the borders of the district thousands of inches of water that can be made available. The system of pumping water for hydraulic mining has always been a failure in other mining camps and would prove to be so here. It is a system which should never be adopted when there is a supply of living water near at hand that can be taken by gravitation through canals, flumes and inverted syphons. In California the government is using the inverted syphon with excellent results. It is the most practical way of delivering large bodies of water over low depressions.

"I installed the first large inverted syphon that was ever used. It was one of my own invention and I have lived to see the system generally adopted. The best system to be adopted here—in my opinion, you understand—would involve one of these inverted syphons to cross the Klondike valley, a main ditch from forty to sixty miles long, and branch ditches to convey the water to the claims of the miners. I would construct this to convey 5000 miners' inches, but this same water on its way to supply the miner would generate electric power for pumping and other purposes, equal to another 5000 inches, and thus practically double the supply."

"Its cost? Well, approximately \$3,000,000. This would, of course, be too large a capital for any concessionaire to raise for the purpose of working his own ground. The government, while appropriating such a sum for the general advantage of the country, might desire to see at least the capital returned. They would see this, and with good interest which interest I think is only proper—although charging the miner but a nominal amount for the use of the water."

"Now, Treadgold is granted 5000 inches, and is permitted to charge the miner 25¢ per hour per inch. That would be \$300,000 per day. Supposing the government charged for its water 50¢ a day instead of 25¢ an hour, that would amount to \$2500 for 5000 inches of water. Running, say, 150 days a year, this would amount to \$375,000 annually, from which only the running expenses would have to be deducted. In this calculation, too, I have not estimated the returns from the additional 5000 miners' inches that would be generated into electrical force by the same water. So you see that it would take but a comparatively short time to pay back to the government the initial capital with reasonable interest. I feel confident there is enough of paying gravel to last for the next hundred years at the rate it could be worked with the water system I have briefly described."

"When I say that the system could be put in for \$3,000,000 I am stating an outside figure and one which would cover all the expense of installing the electric power plants. This might not be deemed advisable at the beginning of the enterprise; the initial cost for simply bringing on the water to work these grounds might possibly come under \$2,000,000."

"If this government water supply system should be put in, I see no reason why our annual output of gold should not be increased to 550,000,000 annually, and kept at that amount for many years, and what such a building up of this district would mean to the rest of the Yukon and to the wealth and prosperity of the whole Dominion, I need not point out."

"I am as confident, too, as I can be of anything in the world, that Mr. Ross is thoroughly in earnest on the subject, and that we shall hear something in regard to it very soon."

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MUTINY ON THE LEICESTER CASTLE

A Present Day Tale of the Sea That Rivals the Lawless Annals of Captain Kidd and the Spanish Main.

The annals of Captain Kidd, or the Spanish main, afford no more sensational story of mutiny on shipboard than that which concerns the bloody night of September 2 last, on board the British ship Leicester Castle, the particulars of which are just coming to light.

It is one of the most sensational stories that have ever been written, either in fact or in fiction, and the supposed fate of the mutineers—they were devoured by man-eating sharks—was a just and swift retribution for their unprovoked and murderous crime.

The Leicester Castle is a British ship of some 2000 tons burden. She took on a cargo of wheat at San Francisco for Queenstown last August and her master engaged several new hands to complete her company for the homeward voyage.

Among those shipped were three Americans named Hobbs, of Illinois, Sears, of Idaho, and Turner, of Oregon. They were nondescripts without discharges.

The voyage proceeded quietly until September 2, and up to then there was nothing in the conduct of either Hobbs, Sears or Turner to indicate that they had a plot on foot. At 10:30 p.m. on September 2 the Leicester Castle was traveling under all sail at about three and a half knots. The men were nearly all on deck, as they usually are in the tropics. Most of those of duty were asleep.

The ship's yards were braced sharp up, getting the vessel as much to windward as possible, and all sail was set. There was a slight swell on caused by far-off gales in higher latitudes.

It was just the time and place where conspirators might work out their plans, and if they knew anything of history they could not fail to remember that their position on that night of September 2 was not far distant from where the crew of H.M.S. Bounty many years ago mutinied and sent the captain adrift, the mutineers afterwards settling on Pitcairn island, which is now occupied by their descendants.

The Leicester Castle was 300 miles from Pitcairn on September 2. Captain Peattie was lying awake reading when Sears appeared at the cabin door and said:

"Beg pardon, sir, a man has fallen from the foreyard."

The captain jumped out of bed immediately and called out to Sears:

"Where is the man? Tell the second mate to bring him into the cabin."

Sears disappeared, saying, "The man is on deck," and at the same moment Hobbs sprang in at the starboard cabin door.

and the captain rose to make a final effort, his strength meanwhile failing him.

The second mate at this point appeared at the port cabin door, and immediately Hobbs turned his revolver on him and shot him dead.

He then grasped a club and felled the captain to the cabin floor, showering down blows with terrific effect, and almost smashing in his victim's skull.

The captain's shouts for help seemed to anger Hobbs considerably, and he fired again at him.

Meanwhile the chief mate, hearing the shots, appeared at his door, and immediately Hobbs turned the revolver on him and the mate at once closed the door.

There were others, however, who heard the firing and the captain's shouts. Hobbs, realizing the danger he was in, and his ammunition being exhausted, rushed clear of the cabin up on the poop and down the ladder to the maindeck, from which he went forward.

Two men called Dumming and Beck lifted the captain from the floor and placed him in his berth.

Meanwhile all became confusion on board.

The mate summoned all hands aft on the poop, and all responded—but the three Americans, who remained forward.

It was decided to leave the ship to until morning, as it was considered unsafe to commence an attack on them in the dark, particularly as the belief was that all three were armed.

The noise of hammers and other work forward set the crew aft thinking, and the opinion was that they contemplated launching the small boat forward, but half an hour after midnight the men assembled aft saw under the ship's starboard side a raft, on which, as well as could be seen, the three men were huddled.

"Hurrah for the American flag," said one, as the raft floated by. The voice was that of Hobbs.

First Statue to King Edward VII Unveiled in Ancient English Town

The first statue of England's crowned King, Edward VII, has just been unveiled in the ancient town of Reading.

It is the work of the distinguished English sculptor, George Wade.

It was presented to the historic old town by Mr. Martin John Sutton, J. P., one of the most prominent men of that city.

This majestic presentment of England's monarch is a noteworthy addition to the artistic treasures of Reading and a fitting companion to the statue of his majesty's illustrious royal mother, Queen Victoria.

The statue occupies a splendid position in the broad space near the railway station at Reading and upon entering the town it is the first sight to fix the attention.

It is a colossal bronze, nine feet high, and the king himself gave sittings for it. His majesty is represented in the uniform of a field-marshal, wearing his coronation robe and holding in his right hand the sceptre and in the left the orb. It faces the north.

The statue stands on a red granite pedestal twelve feet high. It is not polished, but fine axed. There are two large bronze panels, bearing the name and titles of his majesty, together with the name of the donor of the statue and also an account of the coronation ceremonies.

The panel in front bears the shield with the royal arms and heraldic scroll work, the panel at the back displays the Reading arms. Both the statue and the panels are cast in a golden bronze. The inscriptions alluded to read as follows:

His Majesty, King Edward VII, King of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, Emperor of India.

The Statue was Presented to the Town of Reading by Martin John Sutton, Eldest Son of the Late Martin Hope Sutton, Who for 86 years was a Resident in this Borough.

The unveiling of the statue, by his royal highness Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein was an eventful occurrence for ancient and historic Reading. It was made doubly so by the conferring of the honorary freedom of the town upon Mr. George William Palmer, J.P., M.P., and Mr. M. J. Sutton in recognition of the manifold services they have rendered to the town of their birth and to their country.

When King Edward and Queen Alexandra were crowned it was found that there were no public funds available for the erection of any permanent memorial in connection with the commemoration by Reading. This was a source of deep regret to Mr. Sutton, who was convinced that the chief town of the royal county should be identified for all future time with this auspicious event. He asked the town of Reading to accept a statue of his Majesty King Edward VII in his coronation robes as a suitable complement to the statue of Queen Victoria erected on the occasion of the jubilee.

Mr. Sutton has already distinguished himself in promoting the interests of agriculture in the country, in furtherance of the commercial prosperity of the town and in the support of various beneficial institutions, especially those having for their object the welfare of young men. But the gifts to Reading of a statue of King Edward is the most munificent of all, and one that moved the townspeople to a deep sense of gratitude.

Mr. Sutton entertained King Edward when he was Prince of Wales, in company with the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn.

"You can't make me believe," said the man with the flashy watch chain, "that the north pole can be reached for \$200,000."

"Why not?" the others asked him. "Why blame it? Look what it cost me to carry the north polling place in my precinct last fall!"

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WARM GAME WAS PLAYED

Civil Service Add One More Victory

Hockey Match Saturday Evening Was the Best Played Since the Christmas Game.

At the hockey match Saturday evening between the Civil Service and Athletics the former was badly handicapped in one respect. The crowd was small and practically every mother's son and daughter extended their sympathies to the D. A. A. There was not even a pleasant smile for the Service chaps and to any other team less sure of a victory it would have been more than disheartening to have their best plays, their surest shots and their incomparable rushes passed up in silence like so many white chips. If the Athletics made a good run there were all kinds of cheers and when they made their two goals the crowd went wild.

When one of the civil Service boys was checked and fell or his stick was knocked out of his hands there were more yells of delight, but when "Randy" carried the puck alone the full length of the rink and almost kicked it into the next there was but little evidence of delight shown even though it was a magnificent play. It was not that the crowd had any particular antipathy toward the government employees, but they were surfeited with the unbroken line of victories accredited to the Civil Service and were fairly aching to see administered to them the big wallop. There was but little chance, though, of the Athletics doing the job, notwithstanding the brilliant start they made. They are not in condition, do not have the practice the others take and can't hope to win unless their play is very much improved. Individually they play like treads, but their combination work is very much to the bad. Take the Civil Service, for instance. If one of the wings starts down the line with the puck the other forwards instantly range themselves directly in line ready to receive the disc should the wing be in danger of losing it and make a pass, which is not true of another team in the league. It is the combination work that tells in making goals, not the individual efforts.

Some little delay was experienced in starting the game, due to the Athletics protesting Hope who was playing point for the Civil Service. It was claimed that when the Police team was amalgamated with the Athletics the combination was affected in a body, and that Hope being formerly on the Police team had no right to play with any team other than the D. A. A. The protest was made to the board of managers of the league and they evidently dismissed it as Hope played.

The line up of the Civil Service was the same as it has been all winter with the exception of Hope who donned the red and black sweater for the first time. The change in the Athletics consisted in taking on two men from the old Police team, Timmins at goal and Wright at coverpoint. Timmins, Gibson and Wright are considered by many to be the best defense that has been on the ice this winter.

Bennett and Sears faced off and a red hot pace was set right at the beginning. In six minutes young Albert Forrest snatched the puck out of a pocket and shot a goal, and the crowd went wild, it being the first score in the game. Paul Forrest made a couple of crackerjack runs, but failed to land in the net. Seventeen minutes had passed when "Randy" made one of his sensational plays. The puck was in the Civil Service territory when the veteran secured it and like lightning made for the other end, successfully passing all his opponents and carrying the puck squarely into the net. He was scarcely two feet away when he made the shot that scored. Just one minute later he did the same thing again, minus the long run, and a third time he tried it, shooting into Timmins' feet. The last attempt Strickland took his skis and had to leave the ice for a few moments, Ellick being sent to the rail to even up matters. Two more goals were taken by the Civil Service in the first half, one by Bennett on a pass from Watt in five minutes and the other by old "Sureshot" Kennedy three minutes before the fall of half time.

In the second half three more goals were scored by the Civil Service and one by the Athletics. Bennett took the first two in five and nine minutes of play. Forrest the next in two and Kennedy the last in eight. Bennett and Sears were laid off two minutes each for rough play near the end of the half.

It was a good game and more even than the score of 7 to 2 would appear to show. The ice was in excellent condition and the temperature ideal for hockey from the standpoint of both players and spectators. The Civil Service to date still remains the undefeated champions of the north not having lost one out of seven games played this season Saturday night of this week promises to be another battle royal when they again meet the City Eagles. The first game of these two teams was that played on Christmas, which will be remembered as being a stemwinder for speed and red hot play. The Eagles will be stronger than they have ever been before. Andy Smith having regained his old time form and Merritt has fully recovered from the injuries received at the Christmas match. The line-up at the game last Saturday was as follows:

Civil Service—Goal, Senkler; point, Hope; coverpoint, Ellick; forwards, Bennett, McLennan, Watt and Kennedy.

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Score—7 to 2 in favor of the Civil Service.

Referee—J. N. Merritt. Goal umpires—J. S. McKay and W. J. B. Pinder. Timekeeper—W. H. B. Lyons. The following is the standing of the teams to date:

Table with 4 columns: Team, Wins, Losses, P.O., Civil Service, 7, 2, 1000; City Eagles, 6, 1, 858; D. A. A., 9, 2, 362.

Wood at \$3 a Cord

Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The den employed by John D. Rockefeller's wife at Pocantico Hills and the den employed by John D. Rockefeller are very grateful to Mr. Rockefeller for supplying them with wood this winter at \$3 a cord, which is less than cost.

Mr. Rockefeller visited his estate a few weeks ago and learned that there was a scarcity of coal at the hills and the price of such as could be bought was high. He ordered his superintendent to cut down all dead trees in his forest. More than 500 trees were cut and sold. Mr. Rockefeller's woodchoppers are still at work. The pine at Pocantico Hill will not suffer from the cold this winter.

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Table with 4 columns: Team, Wins, Losses, P.O., Civil Service, 7, 2, 1000; City Eagles, 6, 1, 858; D. A. A., 9, 2, 362.

Wood at \$3 a Cord

Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The den employed by John D. Rockefeller's wife at Pocantico Hills and the den employed by John D. Rockefeller are very grateful to Mr. Rockefeller for supplying them with wood this winter at \$3 a cord, which is less than cost.

Mr. Rockefeller visited his estate a few weeks ago and learned that there was a scarcity of coal at the hills and the price of such as could be bought was high. He ordered his superintendent to cut down all dead trees in his forest. More than 500 trees were cut and sold. Mr. Rockefeller's woodchoppers are still at work. The pine at Pocantico Hill will not suffer from the cold this winter.

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wheat, however, is developing in a new quarter. Minneapolis reports that 10 per cent. of the receipts there are Manitoba wheat, and that one mill has bought 2,000,000 bushels of Manitoba No. 1 hard. One of the Minneapolis mills was bonded last year for a short time, and has been bonded this year, and will be run with a government inspector, and all product, flour and feed, will be shipped in bond. Thus there has been opened a new outlet for Manitoba wheat which should develop largely, as it is likely to do; will be of great value to the western Canadian farmer during the season when low freight rates are not obtainable to offset the high all-rail freight carriage which ordinarily consumes so much of the price paid for the grain in the eastern markets. This shipment of wheat in bond to the United States to be ground into flour and in turn shipped in bond to Europe is a trade with which governments and tariffs cannot well interfere.

See Mrs. J. Langlois Bell as "Isabel" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

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BANK OF COMMERCE WINS.

Judgment in Case of the Bank vs. Syndicat Lyonnaise du Klondike is Against the Company—Latter Recovers Judgment Against Barrett for the Sum of \$40,000.

One of the longest and most complicated judgments ever delivered in the territorial court of the Yukon is that which was handed down this morning by Mr. Justice Craig in the case of the Bank of Commerce vs the Syndicat Lyonnaise. The document covers 60 closely typewritten pages and goes into the subject most exhaustively, dissecting the evidence piecemeal and quoting authorities extensively in support of certain decisions made. The work of compiling the judgment has been tremendous and reflects great credit upon his lordship's keen powers of perception and his ability to sift out and properly weigh the most minute detail embraced in the testimony. Not only was the evidence very voluminous, but there were numerous plans of workings to be kept track of, many exhibits and the counsel on both sides neglected the precaution of completing the examination of one question before proceeding with the next, but instead would wander about, returning now and again to a matter that perhaps was thought to have been exhausted a half hour before, all of which made the digesting of the evidence and its thorough assimilation a very difficult matter. The extreme length of the decision makes its reproduction almost an impossibility and only the most salient features are given herewith. The nature of the action is set out as follows:

The plaintiffs sue the defendant syndicat for payment of a promissory note for \$92,500 and also on the covenants contained in two mortgages covering mining property and chattels made on the same day and for the same debt. The note and mortgages being made by the defendants to their co-defendant, Joseph Barrett, and by Joseph Barrett assigned to the plaintiffs. Various and very intricate defenses are raised. First, the defendants deny the making of the note and the mortgages, deny that the plaintiffs are holders of the same or that any consideration was given for the same, and set out various circumstances in proof of their defense which I will refer to in the history of the case as I consider the facts as well as the technical defense raised on the note and mortgages. A counterclaim is set up based upon fraud in which the allegation is made that in the negotiations leading up to the sale, the defendant Barrett in fraud and by misrepresentation, and with intent to deceive the plaintiffs made representations as to the value of the ground, its nature and the extent of the operations which had previously been carried on upon the properties in question. The sale covered the following properties, namely: Creek claim No. 32 below upper discovery on Dominion creek; creek claim No. 12 above lower discovery on Dominion creek; hillside claim opposite the upper half of the left limit of 22 above lower discovery, Dominion creek; creek claim No. 9 above lower discovery on Dominion creek; the lower halves of creek claim No. 2 on Caribou creek; an undivided interest in creek claim No. 1 on Caribou creek; hillside claim opposite the upper half, left limit, No. 28 Eldorado creek; and it also appeared in evidence, though not set out in the pleadings, that there was included in the sale some interest in a creek known as Barlow creek. The counterclaim, centered around four of these claims, namely: Claim 32, Dominion; claim 12, Dominion; hillside 22, Dominion; and creek claim No. 9, Dominion.

Then follows by his lordship an extensive account of the investigations made by the representatives of the defendant company which led up to the purchase of the property at a cost of \$167,000, about the formation of the company in France by Messrs. Paillard and Tarut after a previous visit made to the Klondike, their first trip to the claims in April, then in June, and the events that transpired which eventually resulted in a sale being made. It appears that the representatives of the company relied almost wholly upon the word of Mr. Barrett and made themselves only a cursory examination of the ground. In fact, a complete examination could not have been made at the time, in the summer, many of the shafts and drifts, particularly the old workings, being full of water. The main claim of the company is that Barrett deceived them not only as to the richness of the claim, but also as to the extent of the portion worked out. Exhibited at the trial were complete plans made of each claim showing the extent of the drifts and the position of each shaft. These his lordship went into very carefully, making lengthy comments upon discrepancies in the evidence and showing why he believed such and such was true. Concerning the allegations made by the company that prospecting in certain portions of the claims showed poor results his lordship continues:

"I need not go into the evidence in detail to make this judgment more lengthy than it should be, but there is no evidence to rebut the positive evidence that in all these holes the pay was extremely poor, small pans being got and at other times not even shovels. It was contended that the prospecting done, as evidenced by these holes, is not sufficient to base any opinion on as to the value of the unworked ground; that Dominion creek and this claim is spotty, and that drifts should have been run between these holes. While it is, but barely possible that spots may be found containing good pay between these holes, yet I am satisfied that the prospecting there done is sufficient to show that the placer gold in that part is not even and extensive and of the same grade and quantity as was taken out of the worked drifts. Mr. Wilkins, a very intelligent witness of large experience, says what he found he would not call pay at all. I would not want that ground, a prudent miner would not work it."

His lordship considers that for future operations No. 32 is worthless as a mining proposition. After devoting 22 pages to the facts of the case, the law governing the same is taken up and dealt with equally as exhaustive manner. Much seemed to depend upon the translation of the word "nantissement," and the right of Mr. Paillard to execute a note and mortgage in the name of his company. Mr. Justice Dugas was placed in the box and gave expert evidence as to certain peculiarities of the French law. M. Henri Plouchat, a French lawyer, likewise gave evidence, though it was directly contradictory to that of Mr. Justice Dugas.

His lordship concludes by finding judgment for the defendant syndicat against Barrett in the sum of \$40,000, and there will be also judgment for the plaintiff, the Bank of Commerce, against the syndicat for the amount sued for by them with costs.

FOR OLD TIMES SAKE

Capias Machine Gets in Its Deadly Work on Saturday. Saturday afternoon the machine in charge of Sheriff Ettebeck that is used in grinding out capias, which has been almost out of commission since navigation closed, was again hauled out of the corner and set in motion. William Thornburn dropped the requisite fee in the slot and out popped the regulation personal detainer. On the top line was written the name of Marie Newman, affectionately known by her intimates as "Sweet Marie," and in the document it was set forth that the said Marie, she of the saccharine pseudonym, did owe to the said William Thornburn the sum of \$225 in gold coin of his majesty's realm. And it was further averred that the accused was about to leave the big mesh to the Tanaga and the sailing out of the capias was to prevent the possible loss of the golden ducats to the address Sir William. When the writ was served it is alleged that Marie went up in the air and swore by the great horned spoon that she would never pay it. A promise to the bastille was broken and after a three hours sojourn therein she paid up a certified check for \$225 as cash-bail for her appearance. Marie has decided to forego the trip to the new Eldorado for the present and will remain and contest the capias.

MATSON-DOYLE

Plan of the Claims Thrown Open Ready for Inspection. Director of Surveys Chataway has made a map of the eighty claims on the Matsou and Doyle concession which will be thrown open to relocation on the 25th of this month, and several would-be stagers were carefully going over this map in Mr. Chataway's office this morning. This map has been prepared from the records but as the surveys of these claims have never been made the relative positions of the claims as they appear on this map are merely approximate, and therefore a good deal is left to the individual judgment of the relocater in the matter of staking. There will no doubt be a rush for the claims, and those who take part in it cannot be too careful in making as sure as possible beforehand of the ground they wish to stake on. See Mrs. P. Mullen as "Ruth" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21. See the beautiful dances in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

REILY FUNERAL.

Sorrowing Mother Will Take the Body Home for Burial. The funeral of Joseph Reily is to take place at ten tomorrow morning from Greene's undertaking parlors. The services will be held at St. Mary's church, Rev. Father Bunoz officiating, and will be attended by the Young Men's Institute, of which the deceased was a founder, in a body. There will be no interment. The remains will be held here until the opening of navigation and then taken to the home of the deceased at Anacortes for burial. In all probability Mrs. Reily, his mother, will remain here until that time. It was a great grief to her to arrive here a day too late to see her son alive, but she has borne up well and though still in the charge of the sisters will be able to take her part in the solemnities of tomorrow. Mr. Reily made a will and appointed his friends Charles M. Farrar and A. Ritzwiler as his administrators. They have found his affairs in good order and will have a sum for the widow and three children.

SCOFIELD CONVICTED

Appeal to the Higher Court Is Futile. Today might have been called a day of judgments in the department of Mr. Justice Craig. Not only did his lordship render his decision in the Bank-Syndicat Lyonnaise case, but he also filed and read his decision in the appeal case of Herbert Scofield, brought up from the lower court and appealed from the judgment of the police magistrate.

Judgment of the Police Magistrate Is Sustained and the Accused Must Serve One Month.

The accused was convicted before the police magistrate under section 207 of the code for being a loose, idle or disorderly person or vagrant, having no peaceable profession or calling to maintain himself by, for the most part supporting himself by gaming, the sentence of the court being, upon the conviction being secured, that the defendant should serve a month at hard labor. The appeal was practically a new trial and no account was taken of the evidence adduced at the lower court. It was bitterly contested by both sides, Mr. Patten assisted by Sergeant Smith appearing for the crown and Mr. Hazel, K. C., for the accused. The police regarded it as somewhat of a test case, if they secured a conviction gambling would cease forever, but if they failed there would be but little use in making any further arrests. Now that they have been successful they feel highly gratified and will vigorously prosecute any further offenders. Mr. Justice Craig sustained the judgment of the police magistrate and Scofield will be compelled to serve his month at hard labor. The concluding portion of his lordship's decision is as follows:

"I believe from the evidence in this case that this party has no peaceable calling. It was suggested that he was a cabinet maker and has been working at his business since his conviction, but there was no evidence of this, and even if it were proved to me that he was a cabinet maker or that he had skill in that trade I do not think he would still be saved from the operation of the statute, as a man may have a calling and abandon it and become a criminal under this act. I think that having a peaceable occupation under the act means following a peaceable calling, not simply being skilled in it and abandoning it for the purpose of carrying out another line of business. I think the man is a confirmed gambler, a person of the gambling class. He was certainly employed in this place, he assumed to pay the bills incurred, in one case he acted as the head of the table, as a dealer having charge of the cards, the chips and the rake-off, this extending over a very long period, and it is not such a one as the act aims at. I cannot conceive of any one who could be, and if the crown cannot succeed on such evidence as this, but must prove what can only be within the knowledge of the accused alone, that is, the possibility of the act is useless. I do not think I am compelled to go that far, but believe that I may presume conclusively from all the facts given in evidence that this man derived his main support from gaming, whether the result of betting by himself or as being in charge of those who conducted these gambling houses for their profit. I, therefore, sustain the conviction, and dismiss the appeal with costs."

See Mr. R. J. Cowan as "Fred" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21. Job Printing at Nugget office.

FATHER CORBEIL

Comes From Whitehorse to Spend Vacation on Dominion. There was a very notable passenger who came in by the White Pass stage yesterday evening, in the person of Rev. Father Corbeil, of Whitehorse. For a long time the priests of this diocese have not been able to obtain vacations, but at length Father Corbeil has obtained one of two weeks only, and he will spend them on Dominion. He said when he got to the Forks, "Now I am once more among my people, or shall be soon," and his eyes were moist with gentle emotion. He came in here in '98, and was an aid to Father Judge, of honored memory. He hopes to spend the whole of his vacation among "his people" on Lower Dominion, who speak his language.

MISSING

If there is any one who knows the whereabouts of P. Chris Peterson please notify Mrs. S. Peterson, 12 Schuyler avenue, Kankakee, Illinois, U.S.A. Job Printing at Nugget office.

OUR QUARTZ COMPARED

With the Values of South African Reefs. Less Than Half Our Average Values Will Create a Big Boom There. Quartz Recorder Petre has received some information as to the quartz values sufficient to induce a lively stampede in South Africa, and in a few moments this morning made some comparison of these values with those of the quartz discoveries in the vicinity of Dawson, much to the advantage of the latter.

The particular quartz of South Africa referred to is the discovery of a reef on the Baal river, in regard to which the well known London quartz expert writes for publication: "This reef averages six feet in width and runs several miles. I estimate its average value in gold at seven pennyweights of fine gold to the ton. This would be about 28s. or about \$7 to the ton, out of which has to be taken the cost of mining and milling, interest on outlay, etc."

Mr. Petre, speaking from his experience, says that the declaration of such values by such an authority will be sufficient to start a boom in the neighborhood of the discovery, that any amount of capital will be ready to be invested, and that by this time there is probably a lively time there. And then he compares these values with those he officially knows to be carried in the discoveries made in this district. He does not feel that he should state these values, but he can say that the average values would certainly be double those which are deemed sufficient to create a stampede in South Africa. The only disadvantage of this country as compared with South Africa in working quartz mines is in the price of labor. But in South Africa they have no timber except what is imported at enormous expense, and as to the cost of transportation they would probably be about the same. At any rate the average of double the value to be received from the ore handled would more than offset any of the disadvantages of mining in this country as compared to the conditions in South Africa, and he is therefore surprised that quartz mining in this country is so slow in its development.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Miss Baxter, who arrived on the White Pass stage on Saturday evening, came with the mission to regenerate a wealthy miner on Hunker, to accomplish which she will change her name. Father Corbeil, of Whitehorse, found friends to shake hands with him as soon as he stepped from the stage yesterday. There were so many of them claiming remembrance that his eyes were moist. Charley Thebo leaves Dawson tomorrow and will be greatly missed in social circles. He will not return until navigation opens when he promises to bring in the latest fashions in dress and in dressed beef. Alois Spitz was charmed with his vacation in California and is determined to try an orange grove here during the summer. If it does not work he will buy one in lower California next fall. He says that in shoveling hash the pay pans in Dawson are getting too small. See Mrs. W. S. Herbert as "Edith" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21. England buys from the United States in a year more than \$100,000,000 worth of wheat and flour, nearly to the same amount and 69,000,000 bushels of corn.

CITY HAS A CLEAN UP

All the Big Dumps Being Operated Upon. Sidewalks Being Worked to Bedrock and Many Pick and Shovel Hands Employed. Dawson city is to have a cleanup. Work began on it today and nearly every man who wanted a job got one. In a day or two there will be no dumps in sight; all will have been cleaned up. Those which have not been operated upon will be thrown into the hands of the city, and the city will not only charge the owners of the dump with the expense of shoveling in, but will haul them up in the police court and force them to contribute to the city expenses. It is hoped that in this way the city will begin tomorrow morning to make a good spring cleanup, as its finances are at present in not the best kind of shape. The authorities waited a couple of days to see what was the result of the paragraph published in the Nugget calling attention to the ordinance that those who did not clear the snow from their sidewalks would be summarily dealt with. Quite a number took the hint. Quite a number took something else. The result was that early this morning the police notified everybody that the snow must be cleared away within the next twenty-four hours or 2 summons to explain why and to pay the necessary fines would follow. That was how it happened that everyone was shovelling off his sidewalk down to the boards this morning, and everybody else was employing somebody to do it for him and the whole unemployed labor in the city was for once at work. Another good regulation which the police enforced was that the snow was not to be piled at the edge of the sidewalk, and that the piles already there should be shovelled into the middle of the street. This is an excellent idea as it makes the street so much better for freighting. This afternoon there seemed to be few who had not complied with the ordinance, and therefore there will be few probably who will be called upon to contribute to the exchequer of the city in the police court tomorrow morning. See the opera "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21. Job Printing at Nugget office.

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