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CHARGING NOW FOR EMPTY SLEDS

The Pioneer Tramway Extends Its Offensive "Draft."

And the Toll-Houses are Being Used as Bar-Rooms—Sale of Liquors Added to the Tramway's Coeffers.

It is now eleven days since the Nugget, in the most respectful manner within its ability, addressed the Yukon commissioner, Hon. Wm. Ogilvie and the members of his honorable council upon the obnoxious imposition of the grinding octopus familiarly known as the "Pioneer Tramway Co., without a tram," operating a couple of toll-houses and a number of employees known as checkers, collectors and guards on Bonanza creek.

It called attention of the honorable gentlemen, who we are sure, never intended to add such an injustice upon the miners of this territory with such a monstrous proposition, to the burning wrongs already handed every poor fellow whose necessities and business compelled him to go up that heavily patronized trail. If most respectfully and earnestly asked, in behalf of thousands of poor hard workers in the Yukon Territory mines, that until this abomination had shown some evidence of carrying out what we are satisfied was the proper intention of the Council in granting them the letter issued to Messrs. Henning & O'Brien, by constructing and operating a tram, the charges upon a sled-trail nature herself had provided, be suspended. Continually and persistently this paper has claimed it has no objection to a tramway, operating a tram—whether by Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Henning, a company or anyone else. It goes further than that and says it believes if properly handled and moderate charges prevail that it would be a good thing for everybody, and the company be entitled to a fair return upon its investment. It may even concede Mr. O'Brien's business ability and with which it has nothing to do; but it is most emphatically a greivous wrong that such a letter as was issued by the Council, should be used as a franchise, when the letter distinctly stated that "an application should at once be made to Ottawa for a charter." That is the point.

Not satisfied, however, with the former charge of a half cent per pound on every sled load, passing up the trail, the rate as the trail has improved from constant use, has been raised to one cent per pound to the Forks, just to make the matter more binding, you know. But they don't stop there. It is now 50 cents for hauling an empty sled up the trail. What do you think of that, Mr. Commissioner and men upon the creek? Was ever greater injustice and imposition carried on in any community in the whole world? Did the Honorable Council ever contemplate, that their liberality, in caring for a lot of unpaid men, hired on wind, would be so grossly maltreated? We think not.

Now, let us show you another matter fully worthy of mention and of comment. In the toll-houses now are sold liquors, so that the weary "musher" may regale himself from the bottles at so much per drink. Was this ever contemplated when the toll-houses were erected upon the Council's letter of grant?

Now, let us see how the case stands and how it works. Here is an open trail, used only by sleds, there is no evidence of a tramway anywhere, except the painted signs in large letters at the lower toll house, saying it "is a tramway," and which doesn't make it so, by any means. They are charging sled-pullers 50 cents for running an empty sled, and when loaded imposing a tariff of one cent per pound to the Forks, and then putting liquors as a temptation in the way of every frequenter compelled to visit their toll-houses.

Mr. O'Brien is an industrious, energetic business man and overlooks nothing in the way of enterprise. It is no defamiation of character to give him credit for such ability. It is not particularly detrimental to him to say that he thought he saw "a good thing" in it. Mr. O'Brien is also, we are informed, a very heavy owner of a large stock of wines and liquors, being rather long on whiskey at a high price, in a market glutted with it, so that wholesale owners are seeking any avenue that will lead to the unloading of stocks and realization of cash by reaching the consumer direct. Are not the Pioneer Tramway Company's toll-houses a happy medium for such an outlet?

Why are not all the sleighs held up and compelled to disgorge for traveling upon this "tramway without a tram?" Perhaps Mr. O'Brien is not aware of the fact and if he is not the Nugget desires to advise him that only on last Wednesday evening a large two-horse sleigh was held up on its way to the Forks, but the occupants declined, positively refused to pay, and the same thing occurred on the return trip Thursday morning. Mr. O'Brien will therefore see that this tramway sack is why at least \$10 by the good common sense of the sleigh owner, and which every sled pusher and puller should take cognizance of and do likewise. Another point is the fact that on an average probably each sled has 300 pounds being carried upon it. That means that \$3.50 paid for toll on a sled trail, and without the semblance of a tram, is extracted from the pockets of miners, finds its way into the energetic Mr. O'Brien's pocket, which might be expended in Dawson for general necessities and thus put

that much more money in general circulation instead of in the hands of one concern.

Can any mind, official or lay, argue that this "tramway without a tram" is a good thing. The Nugget again respectfully asks the honorable Yukon commissioner and his honorable council to suspend the grant of this concern until a tramway is in operation. The Nugget asks this in behalf of the struggling people of this territory who cry out under this unnecessary burden and imposition. It has done so repeatedly and earnestly. May it announce to a suffering community that justice has at last been done? Gentlemen, the Nugget awaits again patiently for your action in what it conscientiously believes to be an evil.

The Nugget does not seek sensationalism, it has on the contrary sought always the side of conservatism, but if the truth is sensational then truth is furnishing the bug-a-boo of sensation and it will be only a short time until the Nugget will unfold a story so sensational in its character, so grave in its showing, that the volcanic eruptions with which this Arctic country was torn, will not be more vivid than will be the rending of certain circles in the revelations to be made. The people will see that this paper is fully alive to their cause, and has no fear of championing that cause, feeling that regardless of consequences the right must, in the end prevail.

Bound Over to the Higher Court.

The charge of attempted suicide duly came up again before Magistrate Harper on Wednesday afternoon. Lewis L. Wilson was examined for the prosecution. He occupied a room opposite the room in which Helen Holden used the chloroform upon herself. He testified that on the night of the occasion under investigation he had heard Chappell pass along the hallway to Helen's room and knock. Chappell then came to his room and asked if he knew whether Helen was in. Witness recalled that he believed so for he had seen her but a short time before. Chappell went away and returned in excitement telling him to get some coffee at once. Witness returned with Chappell to Helen's room and found the woman stretched out in bed. Pulled the covers from over her feet and slapped them and distinctly saw them move. Felt her pulse and timed it with a watch. Found it normal. Both went out of the room. Could see the defendant from where he was and saw her replace the handkerchief over her face again. Went in and removed it. Believes she simply played it there as a bluff.

Helen Holden was not put upon oath but stated: "It was a joke. I don't know if the law will accept anything of the kind but it was a joke. I had no intention of suicide as I had plenty of stuff to do it with and plenty of time. It was a joke. I did not know it could be so serious or I certainly should not have done so. I thought I could frighten some body."

The magistrate concluded the evidence to be sufficient to bind the defendant over to the superior court on a charge of attempted suicide and accepted bail for her appearance in the sum of \$1000 from herself and \$500 each from Chappell and Hamburg.

Those Bedrock Flumes.

There is a strange flurry in bedrock flume circles lately, and this office would like further information on the matter. There have recently been filed with the Dominion Lands agent applications for bedrock flume privileges on most of the creeks, not covered in a similar stamped case three months ago. Among those applications we notice particularly that the names of the members of the various companies are the names of partners. There is a street report that most of the companies are "in together" on the plans, whatever they may be. The following are the most recent filings: George Bruce; F. C. Liddle, Charles Milne, John L. Reese and O. H. Clark want from No. 1 to 100 on Gold Run. The application is for five years and was filed December 16.

Wm. Galpin, W. Ash, H. G. Wilson and E. Ash want from the mouth at No. 13 below to No. 30 above discovery on Last Chance for five years. Application filed December 19.

Joseph Carey, P. C. Stevenson, Ernest Gedgo, Thos. McMullen and W. V. Somerville want from No. 1 at the mouth to No. 20 above on All Gold, for five years. Application filed December 23.

Jas. Dickson, Aloysious Joyce and P. R. Ritchie want from No. 1 to No. 33 on Victoria gulch for five years. Filed December 14.

H. C. Lisle, A. G. Cunningham, A. B. Swan and A. Freeman want from the mouth to No. 589 on Swedish creek for five years. Application filed December 22.

Alex. Cameron, Chas. Campbell, S. A. Swan and R. Davis Colley want Gay gulch from the mouth to No. 30 for five years. Application filed December 24.

Several gentlemen have been seen on the proposition and Mr. Senkler's statements are the fullest of information. He said: "All applications to dredge the beds of rivers and for ground to work by hydraulics must be either granted or refused at Ottawa."

"Do bedrock flume applications come under this head?"

"Yes. They must all be referred to Ottawa." "The regulations say nothing of bedrock flumes. What privileges does a grant of this kind confer?"

"The measure was enacted for the reworking of old and abandoned creeks."

"It is sometimes asserted that all claims along the bedrock flume concession revert to the company when abandoned?"

"That is wrong. A concession of that sort does not interfere either with the rights of miners or prospectors. An abandoned claim goes to the government just the same as if the flume company had never acquired any privileges. Neither do fractions, if thrown open, revert to the flume companies," from all of which it is argued that the worth of the flume privileges in its exclusiveness. The future history of each and every creek will show a time when no more drifting can be done profitably. Then the ground must either be abandoned or sold to the concessionaires which have secured the exclusive bedrock flume privileges.

Mail.

The mail matter received on Tuesday at the postoffice is limited largely to the registered mail shipped from here by mistake right after the big fire. Three registered letters to a member of the Nugget staff were included in the number.

There is a considerable quantity of mail yet at Tagish to be forwarded later. No signs of P. C. Richardson or his mail carriers was seen by the last arrivals here and no civilians at all had reached Tagish from the outside when Corporal Richardson left. There were but a few dozen ordinary letters brought down by the last named pedestrian expert.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

G. T. Lanawit, support invisible, fined \$50 and costs.

F. Weisler paid \$50 and costs for not having any settled occupation.

George Robinson paid \$30 and costs and was thereby purged of the sin of intemperance.

T. Fisk contributed \$50 and costs for apparently having no occupation whereby he could earn that amount.

S. A. Ripstein paid \$50 and costs for disposing of spirituous liquors without being first in possession of a government permit to do that same.

J. Holmes did not bring Christmas to a close quietly enough and was boisterous about it. \$25 and costs and Christmas has gone forever.

No Driscoll Tab got six months hard labor for vagrancy and deserves to get double as much for spending his name in any such outlandish manner.

J. Offield has been bound to the superior court, charged with the theft of a bed and bedding from a cabin. J. Stormer, charged with the theft of turkeys is also bound over.

Joseph Schwartz, of the Dawson City wholesale liquor house did not prove to have the necessary papers which usually go with that business. \$0 and costs squares accounts.

R. E. McAndrews complaint comes under that general head of vagrancy which covers such a multitude of sins. \$50 and costs is more than many a hard-working man could have paid.

Mrs. Fesline was unable to withstand the allurements of the black bottles with the result that she appeared up before his honor with a long face and willing pocketbook. \$20 and costs restored her to the bosom of her family.

The following cases have been sent up from the police to the superior court and their cases will come up on January 15th, to be set for a hearing at some future date: Queen vs. Nellie Green; Queen vs. McDonald, Queen vs. Young, Queen vs. Schumann, Queen vs. Dube, Queen vs. Grauman, Queen vs. Leomis, Queen vs. Come.

C. P. Johnson is the fellow who is so fond of "mushing" that he actually confiscated a neighbor's sled for that purpose. More than that, he took whatever else he could find around loose to load it with, as there is no sense in pulling an empty sled. For the next four months he will saw wood and his only "mush" will be on a tin plate.

Bert Dovey, who has figured several times as second to "Kid" Williams in his sparring contests, was up charged with having available means of support etc. He was sentenced by Magistrate Harper to six months on the woodpile and \$50 fine but gave notice of appeal and was allowed a bond on a bond of \$400 by himself and two sureties of \$250 apiece.

Robert Russell, got 18 months on the woodpile and really deserved more. When he was broke and sick he was nursed back to health in the police hospital and afterwards given employment in the officers mess room. He retaliated by stealing everything in sight after but four days of service. The woodpile at a temperature of 40 below may work reformation.

J. L. Bates has an interesting case and escaped easily. The inspector of weights and measures for Dawson, Captain Starnes, received an intimation that something was wrong with the gold scales at the Seattle restaurant. He proceeded there at once with the official weights and found the scales unbalanced to the extent of fully five grains. Careful examination showed the scoop on the side of the weights to have a five-grain weight stuck underneath with soap. A gold is not legal tender Bates was tried under the law for those found using false weights and was fined \$5 and costs.

FROM OULAHY.

The following were brought up from Cadsby and tried in the Dawson police court:

G. Snito, charged with a too-liberal absorption of berry pie. A month on the woodpile.

Maud Boyd, the spouse of F. Boyd, escaped with a fine of \$50 and costs for maintaining a house of ill-fame.

John Bell took the contents of a cache on Forty-mile last winter and will not be worried about caches any more for three long years.

C. Davenport, who departs himself in the smiles of Dame Fortune and fiddles Miss Chance under the chin, contributes \$50 and costs to the police strong box.

F. Boyd says the reason he didn't work was that his trade is not represented on the Yukon. He is a glass blower and for the next six months will blow his fingers instead.

NO NEARER A SOLUTION.

Peace Commission Still Endeavoring to Agree Upon Terms.

Meanwhile Disorder is Running Riot in Cuba and Outrage Still Continue to be Perpetrated—Uncle Sam has a Hard Task.

HAVANA, via Key West, Nov. 6.—In the settlement of the terms of peace between the United States and Spain there appears to be so wide a divergence of interests that on all sides the question is asked how much nearer the final solution of the problem than it was on the day the protocol was signed. The feeling among the better class of intelligent and influential Cubans may be pretty accurately summed up in the following observations made today by a representative Cuban merchant of Havana to the representative of the Associated Press: "It seems to me, and I think my views are shared by many, that the United States is dilly-dallying too long with Spain over the evacuation question. Of course the problems is a difficult one, but the delay is surely unnecessary. The United States has sent here an assortment of commissions each more self-important and mysterious than its predecessor, and each yielding its operations with a veil of secrecy, which, so far as my American experience goes, really serves the purpose of obscuring sense and concealing very small achievements. Almost nothing has been accomplished. First we were told that the date of occupation by the United States would be November 1, then December 1 was fixed upon, and later we were informed that the date for occupation would be left indefinite. So far as evacuation is concerned January 1 was named as a final date; but now it is rumored that February 1 has been agreed upon. The country, whether Cuban, Spanish or foreign, is getting disgusted. Unless the Washington government forces its detestable commissions into greater activity Cuba will be an immense graveyard and its fields barren before the United States takes possession. The daily records of mortality show that in all parts of the island the population is dwindling steadily. Entire villages are dying of starvation. On all hands Spaniards continue robbing and plundering. The situation involved in this uncertainty is still further aggravated by the fact that nobody dare sow crops or cultivate lands until the present chaotic conditions show some rays of light to guide efforts. Day by day the number of beggars, thieves and prostitutes increases; while the number of those able to relieve distress shrinks in the same proportion. Thus far the United States has sent in the name of humanity a million ounces and the Red Cross society two casks of supplies as to whose disposition there have been unfavorable comments. While the blockade was on, the city was riled with an iron hand and cases of assault and robbery were almost unknown. Today with the increase of criminals and the increase of poverty, the list of murders and hold-ups is a grave affair. Many boys and girls of genteel extraction have been thrown on the streets to beg and live as beggars, as thieves, and to be brought up in jails and houses of ill-fame. Doubtless people of the United States realize these things."

MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—Montreal is preparing to give a royal send-off to the Abderceners. Their excellencies arrived this evening from Toronto and remain until Friday, when they leave for Quebec to take part in the welcome and swearing in of Minto on Saturday next.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 7.—Captain Constantine who was in charge of the Northwest mounted police for three years, is here on his way to Regina to receive orders.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 7.—Two earlocks of Raguin dogs passed through the city on Saturday night from Labrador where they were purchased by the Dominion government for the use of the Northwest mounted police of the Yukon. The dogs have been on the way over six weeks and have been reduced in numbers from 150 to 142 owing to deaths.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—The following basis for the settlement of the great street railroad strike has been offered by the companies: The company offers to pay 23 cents an hour for the first year, 25 for the second, 35 for the third, the hours to be arranged by the men themselves. Manager Carr says this rate is higher than in any city of London's size in Canada. The rate has not yet been accepted by the men though both sides have agreed upon this Union clause "That all future employes of the company shall have full liberty to affiliate with any association or club and shall not be required to sign any document to a bridge this agreement."

VICTORIA, Nov. 11.—Dr. DeCov, surgeon of the Northwest mounted police, who came down on the last trip of the City of Seattle, ridicules the idea that mail at Brea is blocked. It was he who unseated the blockade at that point and it is now being hurried in to Dawson. In Skaguay he had interviewed the postmaster and asked if he knew of any mail for interior points. In reply he showed a quantity of mail bags in the post office and told him that there were still more outside tarpaulins on the deck and on the warehouses. There were about 65 bags and all first class mail. The doctor immediately started the mail over the railway to Dawson and advised the police of its coming by telegraph.

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WHENCE THEIR INSPIRATION?

When a suspicion dawns upon the public mind that a newspaper in its editorial columns only echoes the desires and opinions of a subsidizer such a paper immediately begins to lose caste. The public has the right to expect from a newspaper an honest expression of opinion upon all subjects with which it may be called upon to deal. When it becomes known that the policy of a paper is dictated by persons whose personal ends are being furthered by reason of such policy, a consequent lack of confidence in the sincerity of such a paper's utterances must inevitably follow.

We are led to make these remarks by reason of the attitude assumed toward the tramless tramway company by the *Miner-Sun* combine. There is a well defined belief in the minds of the public that Mr. Thos. O'Brien, chief promoter of the tramway concern now operating a toll sled trail on Bonanza creek is interested financially in both these papers. How well grounded is this belief, may be seen from the fact that the Nugget through its editorial columns has asked all the parties interested to define the situation for the benefit of the public and thus far no explanation has been forthcoming. Nevertheless we find the down town end of the *Miner-Sun* sticking up staunchly for the tramless tramway outfit while the organ published from the vicinity of the barracks, though professedly living, moving and having its being for the sole purpose of protecting the rights of the hard-working and down-trodden miner, is silent as the grave when it comes to a criticism of Mr. O'Brien and his alleged tramway.

Now, gentlemen, you have put up some very plausible reasons in asking public support for your twin sister combination, be honest with the public and let people know the exact status of affairs. If Mr. O'Brien is the source of your editorial inspiration come out and say so. There is nothing gained by these little subterfuges and an occasional confession is always good for the soul. Our ears are open.

COMING YEARS.

What has the future in store for the Klondike? Will a few years serve to exhaust the gold and then the country be abandoned, once more to become a stamping ground for enormous herds of moose and caribou or has this portion of her majesty's domain sufficient resources behind it to justify the opinion that it will be a permanently inhabited district.

Our observation leads us to the latter conclusion. It is not placing the matter one whit too strongly to say that as yet this country has scarcely been prospected. When one considers the known broad expanse of the gold producing area, and then considers the limited amount of real development that has taken place he must be impressed with the fact that the gold fields of the Yukon are still in their infancy. Gold is known to exist in greater or less quantities from Atlin Lake along the course of the Yukon and its tributaries almost to its

mouth. The limit of prospected territory is exceedingly small. The hardships incidental to outdoor work in this country have a great deal to do with bringing about this condition. Again the fact must be taken into consideration that there are large stretches of ground carrying gold in paying quantities which cannot at present be profitably worked owing to the high prices of commodities and the excessive royalty tax. When the Dominion government is finally brought to a realization of the absurdity of the royalty, and increased competition and consequent cheaper freight rates brings the prices of provisions to a reasonable figure it will be possible to work at a profit much of the ground that is now lying idle.

Attention, we think should also be directed to the inclination on the part of a great many claim owners to hold their ground unworked and allow neighboring miners to determine its value, at least approximately. It is an unfortunate thing for the interests of the country at large that this should be possible. When a man has not sufficient faith in the value of his claim to prospect it he can scarcely expect a would-be purchaser to show it greater confidence. The fact that investors are now looking for prospected properties leads us to hope that the speculative era is about at an end. This must have the effect of steadily increasing the amount of development.

It is safe to say that within another year large capital will be attracted to the Klondike for investment. The most conservative investor will find satisfactory opportunities for placing his money with a minimum of risk and the development of the resources of the country will then progress much more rapidly than has been the case thus far. On the whole we consider the outlook for the Klondike as bright today as it has been at any time since the gold discoveries were first made.

CAN'T REVIEW MR. FAWCETT'S DECISIONS.

The interview with Mr. Senkler printed in our local columns shows a most unsatisfactory condition of affairs. To people in this Western hemisphere it is not at all pleasant to have their pecuniary fate rest in the hands of one man. Yet this is practically the case here. In a great many cases our citizens feel themselves aggrieved at the ex-gold commissioner's decision which possibly awarded what they considered their property to others. The only appeal is to Ottawa, 3000 miles away. This is at once seen to be prohibitory to all who are not already rich in this world's goods. The right of appeal is simply an empty privilege to the people of the Yukon. The people here, especially the Americans, are in the habit of exercising their inalienable right of appeal and of regarding it as a living prerogative of the race; hence a feeling of helplessness which pervades this community.

Then the conclusion of Mr. Senkler that he cannot reconsider any of Mr. Fawcett's decisions. He (Mr. Senkler) is making vast changes in Mr. Fawcett's rulings on the regulations, and evidently believes it well within his powers. For 20 days more Mr. Fawcett will continue, deciding mining disputes in the claims court with Mr. Senkler in the gold commissioner's chair, thus leaving us to all intents and purposes with two active gold commissioners at this present time and neither one with power to change the decisions of the other. It is truly an anomalous condition and not likely to arise again when neither is the subordinate, nor under the instructions of the other, with the regulations making provision for but one.

THOSE DOMINION STAKES.

The survey of Dominion creek under Mr. Fawcett's instructions seems to be working a hardship upon the owners of bench claims. All placer regulations yet to hand speak of and demand two stakes, one at the lower and one at the upper boundaries of the claims. The right and left limits are also defined in the regulations, and whenever the claims are surveyed those limits are supposed to be followed fairly by the sur-

vayor. What then can be thought of the Dominion creek survey. The gentlemen went into the field while the creek was closed and much of it yet unstaked and unrecorded. The claims were marked by four stakes, one presumably at each corner. Now the creek follows closely the right limit, leaving not much valley on the right and a wide stretch of flat on the left. The stakes on the left limit were not carried out to "the base of the hill or bench," nor yet to where the bedrock raised to form a three-foot rimrock. However, the stakes were placed by official surveyors and respected accordingly. Prospectors staked their hill and bench claims down to those stakes believing them to mark the official left limit of the creek claims. Mr. Fawcett has decided that the stakes, though official, did not mark those limits; that they simply marked the upper and lower boundaries as would and should have been done under the regulations by a single stake at either end; that the stakes were merely surveyed double because the creek was so wide a single stake might not have been seen. In the interview with Mr. Senkler it will be seen that the men on the benches have to move back for the creekmen on the grounds that while it may work a hardship on the benchmen by giving to the creekmen part of the claims staked by those benchmen, the creek claim owners cannot be deprived of what is rightfully theirs by either errors of survey or of the instructions the surveyors worked under. Thus it appears that an injury has been worked upon the bench claim holders who staked and recorded in good faith, under the belief that the survey stakes marked the limits of the creek claims.

CAUSE OF THE WAR SCARE.

Notwithstanding the threatening nature of the news brought in by the latest papers which have penetrated from the outside, it may be put down in our note books that France will not declare war upon Great Britain even should the latter country appropriate the whole of Africa yet unattached to European powers. In brief, the ambition of Great Britain appears to be the uniting of her North African dominions by an unbroken string of possessions through the heart of Africa with her South African realm. France deplored this unseemly project of a rival colonizing power and marched some troops to a point which would intercept the British line of march. Undoubtedly they were there first and gave color to their claim of "prior French influences." The British are there now, for the modern Gauls promptly evacuated upon receipt of notice to quit from the irrepressible Sir Herbert—now Baron Herbert Kitchener.

The history of each continent, not excepting America, shows the overcoming of weakly semi-barbarians by an all conquering race of greater virility and generally of greater intelligence. The history of Africa is to be no exception. Nor is this at all to be regretted for the enlightenment of the interior of "Darkest Africa" will be found to begin simultaneously with its conquest. Slave trading must and will cease just as soon as the Union Jack is hoisted. Decimating native wars will stop. Law and order will immediately obtain. While with many of our race the introduction of 19th century civilization into Africa else may not be regarded in the light of an unmixed blessing, it must be conceded by all that the white man's code of morals is better than anything in Africa and its engrafting upon the benighted African stock is altogether desirable. May the flag ever wave over its African territory.

A CHANGE OF HEART.

In a communication addressed to the Nugget upon the day of his departure for the outside Major Walsh made use of the following language: "As to the royalty and other matters which have come so frequently before me for consideration I may say that I have always sympathized with a number of the com-

plaints made by the mining population and can only repeat my assurance that everything that has come under my notice will be favorably represented to the government at Ottawa, and I am confident that Sir Wilfred Laurier's government only needs to be certain of a grievance to take prompt steps to adjust or remove it."

If this language meant anything at all it meant that Major Walsh had become convinced of the injustice of the royalty and that he would use what influence he possessed with the government at Ottawa to see that the obnoxious regulation was removed.

It appears that before the gallant major reached home with his report that he experienced a change of heart, for his report has now been made public and no recommendation for the removal of the royalty appears therein.

The late administrator of the Yukon had every opportunity for observing the workings of the royalty tax and he must have become convinced of its injustice from the very fact that in a number of instances he is known to have remitted its payment. That he did not recommend the removal of the royalty can be explained only upon the theory that his report was based upon the wishes of the government and not upon the requirements of the Yukon territory.

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Memories Brought Back Season-A "Nugget" Pleasant Christmas

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Christmas

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Lee and John Fortington riveting story of City up the Prospectors' their moon-

THREE ALARMS IN ONE DAY.

The Boys Turn Out for Various and Sundry Fires.

Memories Brought to Mind by the Holiday Season—A "Nugget" Contributor Tells of a Pleasant Christmas and New Year.

There were three alarms of fire on Wednesday, all three of which might have turned out seriously. The first was at the postoffice building in the forenoon. Sparks from a fire had in some way made their way to the moss of the roof and very quickly there was a hot blaze between the roof and the ceiling. Fortunately it has always been the custom in the government building to maintain a couple of barrels of water in the hallway and the flames were subdued before they had penetrated through to the northeast corner room. Some damage was done by water to the beds and the clothing of the occupants of the room. The department turned out but their apparatus was unused.

The second alarm was from Tom Chisholm's Aurora saloon. The main flue had communicated flames to the roof and it blazed hotly inside for a time. A convenient barrel of water maintained the flames in statu quo until the arrival of the department. The chemical engine was very quickly connected by its hose with the seat of the fire but the Miller one-man machines were found inadequate enough. A little chipping and some "sousing" and the boys again returned to the engine-house.

A little later in the afternoon a small cabin standing alone at the rear of the A. C. Co.'s new warehouse was found to be in flames. It was already so far advanced that what was left of the cabin was not worth the chemical it would take to save it.

Christmas and New Year's.

The holidays have passed and another year has been heralded in. Christmas in the Klondike will be remembered long and with much pleasure by a host of people sojourning here. The celebration in and about Dawson City was of no mean consideration, and among the many festivities, both public and private, the Christmas tea party at the Episcopal church may justly be mentioned. At this feast all were most hospitably served with dainty cake and tea. Later the Christmas tree was unloaded to the great delight of the little ones, and surely no more fitting tribute could be given to Him, who was cradled in a manger upon that first Christmas morn' so many years ago, than to please the little children who are so peculiarly loved and blessed.

As the great tidal wave of Christmas ebbed and bore the pleasures of the week away, and we bade the old year adieu, and stood ready to receive the on-coming one, there were two thoughts struggling for a mastery within us—a regret to see the old year die and an expectancy to greet the new year. Then came a thought mutually disposed to both years—and seriously we wondered if we would advance into a broader better life during the next year or would we retrograde in our steps toward even less noble living. To have the desire for the former is commendable and the endeavor is likely to follow, which probably would result successfully. But serious thoughts lingered only for a moment, as in company with a merry group of friends we hailed the new year with joy and joined in with other Dawsonites in giving it a warm reception by shouting, and sending forth the clear bugle-calls from the corner.

As we look forward into this present year the brightest picture in anticipation with many of us is the return home. May not even the shadow of a cloud rest upon the realization of this happy dream.

Christmas of 1898 and New Year of 1899 will ever be cherished in our memory, and kindly thoughts of those with whom we passed these days shall always cling to us.

A Sad Death.

Mrs. May L. Edgren, wife of Jessie L. Edgren died Tuesday night of typhoid fever and was buried Friday afternoon from the Methodist church. She leaves a two-weeks old little girl behind.

Mrs. Edgren was 23 years old, of a small stature, which, with her bright, girlish ways, would have enabled her to pass for 15 years of age. The husband and his young wife crossed the summit last spring, the lady becoming well known and very popular on the trail from her connection with entertainments given by Captain Jack Crawford at Bennett and elsewhere. Friends and relatives are inconsolable at the loss and have our sympathy.

Whist Contest.

The "P. L.'s" and the Regina Club met in a whist tournament on Wednesday night. The result of the play is appended:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like Heath, Woolrich, Lewis, Richardson, Davis, Lowenstein, McFarlane, McLuskey.

Majority for Regina Club 2.

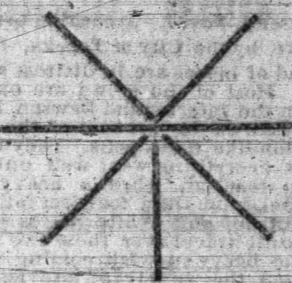
Arrivals Up River.

Lee and John Tate arrived at Dawson from Porcupine river on Tuesday last with an interesting story of a relief expedition from Crete City up the Porcupine to the rescue of frozen prospectors. The party was reduced to eating their moose-tins and feeding the leeches of their

snow-shoes to the dogs before all again reached the settlements.

Joe King and Marlan Westall arrived Monday night from Eagle City. Money is very tight and no new developments beyond prospects. The town is built very scattering and gives no immediate promise of building up solidly. The tramroad from the Nation creek coal mines to the river is about completed. The two purpose starting shortly for the outside.

Can You Work this Puzzle?



The Nugget proposes to give its readers an opportunity to while away a few evening hours by working out a number of puzzles. The above seven-pointed diagram is a simple enough contrivance, but has some peculiar properties. Follow directions as given below and see if you can reach the correct solution:

Directions. Start at any given point on the diagram and count in either direction three points—the starting point counting No. 1. Mark the 3rd point and then assuming another starting point continue the process until all points but one have been marked. Remember that you may count either to the right or to the left, but having chosen either direction the succeeding counts must follow in the same direction. The starting point for each count must be unmarked. When all points but one have been marked, according to directions the puzzle is worked.

For the first correct solution received at this office a cash prize of \$10.00 will be paid, and for the second correct solution a cash prize of \$5 will be paid. A full explanation of the solution must accompany each answer.

CREEK ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elwell spent New Years day with Mrs. C. A. Wanger on his Eldorado.

The Nugget has established an office at Eldorado City where anyone desiring to transact business up the creeks can do so.

No. 30 below lower Dominion report that they have struck 60 cent gravel and a rumor comes from 125 below that nine feet of 10 cent dirt has been struck.

Messrs. Jose and Edgar who own 18 below upper on Dominion, report nine feet of fine gravel and from the notes now down the streak is about 200 feet wide.

Messrs. Ellis and Bailey of the Northern Light Inn have just completed a bridge across Hunker creek on the cut-off trail, placing that trail in first-class condition.

A large number of the residents of Bonanza and Eldorado gathered at the Gold Hill hotel at the Forks on New Years eve where dancing was indulged in until well on in the morning.

Trail-builder Green, who has the roadhouse on the Sulphur-Dominion trail at the head of Gold Bottom, has just completed the side-trail up Gold Bottom, which now makes a good and nearly straight trail from Hunker to the summit.

Messrs. E. J. Lough, J. J. Doyle and H. Shaw have opened up a roadhouse below the dome on the Dominion trail. They have built a splendid trail along the mountain side around the dome, so that one need fear the danger of freezing when crossing that ever windy summit.

The Nugget representative on Bonanza was agreeably surprised on visiting the cabin of Mrs. J. N. Home of 12 below, to find on Christmas eve a regular old fashioned Christmas tree decorated with candles and covered with presents. Mrs. Home was the first white woman to camp on Dawson flats and every year she has had a Christmas celebration and tree.

McDonald & Kenyon's claim, 35 below on Sulphur have struck a second pay-streak close to the hill on the left side. Present of gravel averages upward of a dollar to the pan and bed rock has not yet been reached. Curiously the gold is different in appearance from any other Sulphur gold, being heavily stained with iron. Mr. Kenyon certainly can never be accused of having "cold feet," for he sunk five holes, from 38 to 42 feet deep before he located the pay.

Natural gas burst forth from a crevasse on Brimstone's claim, 35 below on Sulphur, last week, with the men were sinking. One workman was left in the hole, 20 feet deep, picking loose the muck, when his pick suddenly went through and the gas shot up with great force, blowing off his hat and filling the hole with the fumes. The man had presence of mind enough to light it, and the fumes shot up toward head and burned for hours. The fumes being so large the supply gradually exhausted itself. Mr. Brimstone says he now has the key to the fuel problem and can apply it.

New Year was celebrated in regular civilized style by Messrs. Atlin and Davidson in the Nugget cabin at Eldorado City where a number of guests sat down to an old-fashioned New Years feast. After dinner the guests were entertained by the genial singer, Jack Crawford whose never failing powers of entertainment were displayed during the evening. The captain among others gave his "Toast to Woman" and also an impromptu poem in honor of Mrs. Davidson. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mills, Messrs. Boway, Monlon, Will Allen, J. Harding, Pyrie, Dickey, Burke and Captain Jack Crawford.

One would think that a person in this country would be charitable enough to allow a man with wet feet to come in and dry himself when the thermometer was down to 20 below, yet a man a couple of miles above the mouth of Gold Bottom refused one of the Sulphur creek boys admittance to his cabin under just such circumstances, and the frozen man was compelled to push on to the next cabin. In contrast to this stands the action of Miss Binhaefer, who keeps the Travellers' Home road house on the Klondike. Monday night a sportsman had been up on Hunker, came in so drunk that he fell down crossing the cabin. He insisted on coming on to Dawson as he had exhausted his cash. She refused to let him continue the journey which would have been almost sure death, to the intoxicated man and rallied assistance to force him into a bunk where a night's sleep put him on his feet again.

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CREEK AND BENCH CLAIM BOUNDARIES

Are Decided by Whichever Regulations They Were Staked Under.

An Important Interview With the New Gold Commissioner—Fractions are Not to Be Opened at All.

The new gold commissioner, Mr. Senkler, was waited upon by a NUGGET representative on Wednesday. A card was sent in with a request for an interview and the scribe fancied he detected a quiet grin upon the face of the courteous inquiry clerk when he returned with the information that the knight of the pencil would have to wait. For nearly two hours and a half the man of printers' "copy" cooled his toes in the outer office while the wood ruster maliciously let the distant fire down to its last spark. One by one the windows were closed, and in the outer darkness and cold the scribe had ample time to moralize upon the immensity of the joy of waiting upon the gracious pleasure of the newly great. However, as the matter in hand was considered of vast importance to our readers, the copy maker determined to get the interview even if it took two days and a half instead of two hours and a half. Our readers will see that since it clears up much uncertainty it is well worth the discomforts and loss of time in securing it.

The scribe was received pleasantly and with apologies for the delay. "Mr. Senkler, will you kindly inform the readers of the NUGGET whether you have brought in anything in the nature of new mining regulations?"

"No, I have here as you see a long letter of instructions, but nothing in the nature of changed regulations."

"Will you state what your decision will be in the much talked of creek and bench claim boundary disputes?"

Mr. Senkler talked freely and intelligently upon this matter and the results are laid before our readers. The 1897 regulations give the boundaries of creek claims as "from base to base of hill or bench." All creek claims staked under those laws will be governed by them irrespective of what changes may have been made in the regulations since then, excepting that in the case of abandonment the relocation will bring the claim under whatever regulation is in force at that time. The 1898 regulations provide a boundary of creek claims "from rim-rock to rim-rock." Claims staked while those regulations are in force will be allowed the unreasonable privileges allowed them thereby. Absurd as this law is readily seen to be and notwithstanding the almost unmountable difficulties in the way of finding a rim-rock boundary, it is to be enforced. Mr. Senkler's position in the matter is clear and positive. "The minister of the interior said to me before leaving for Dawson 'Whatever the difficulties may be up there, remember that I am responsible for those regulations.' You will see that I am only here to follow and carry out the regulations; not to change them, even for better ones. A man who has located under certain regulations and has acquired his rights from those regulations cannot be interfered with by any change in those regulations afterwards unless the subsequent regulations state particularly that they shall so apply."

"How will your decision work over on Dominion where government surveyors have put in four stakes to the creek claims? The stakes on one side did not come to either the base of hill or benches while of course it is not known where the rim-rock is. The benchmen have staked down to those official creek claim stakes and it will work a hardship if they are compelled to give up a good slice of their claims."

Mr. Senkler replied: "Because a surveyor goes and puts down stakes it does not interfere with a man's rights whatever they may be."

"Then the creek man can claim beyond the stakes if the regulations allow him more ground than the stakes enclose?"

"I have to abide by the regulations."

"Won't it work a hardship on the benchmen?"

"Yes, it will work a hardship."

"Will you kindly tell the readers of the NUGGET what disposition of fractional claims you propose to make?"

"Fractions cannot be located nor recorded. This office is in receipt of instructions from Ottawa to the effect that all fractions shall be reserved to the crown in lieu of alternate claims. Until other instructions are sent, either annulling or modifying that letter, no fractions can be staked nor recorded."

"Mr. Senkler there is a question in which we are all mightily interested. Will you review any of Mr. Thomas Fawcett's decisions?"

"No, I have no power to review any decision he may have made. The only appeal is to Ottawa."

"When Mr. Ogilvie first came here he decried the fact that the disorder of the records prevented them being made public. He said by January 1st he could safely promise they would be properly entered into books to which the public would have access. Has this been done?"

"No, it is being done and clerks are working nights to complete the work but it will take at least four months more. The immense amount of work on those books will render them much

too valuable for them to be placed in the hands of every inquirer to be quickly worn out and torn to pieces."

"Then, practically, the public records will never be public?"

"There will be a clerk all the time to refer to the books and give whatever information is wanted."

"Mr. Senkler, why are the lawyers allowed the privilege of coming to this office and seeing the books, etc., and not the laymen?"

"Lawyers are no more than anyone else here."

"But, they are seen coming in and out freely?"

"It may be that some have taken advantage of acquaintance to check their way in but they will not be given any privileges over and above anyone else."

The matter of Mr. Senkler being in Dawson a month before taking his seat was brought up and Mr. Senkler explained that an injustice had been done him. He had to familiarize himself with the routine of the office before assuming control, and had been in that office during his whole time in Dawson, so that things had been practically under his eye.

Among other things brought up was the removal of clerks. He informed the scribe that in many departments the clerks in control were the only men who could disentangle the mess in which the records were found. No changes could be made there at present.

Another matter discussed was bedrock flume companies, which will be found treated elsewhere in our pages.

With thanks for the courtesy of the new gold commissioner—such a marked change for the better—the scribe retired.

NO NEARER A SOLUTION.

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graph. The men at Tagish and other points are all under orders to forward whatever mail comes their way and are on the alert to do so.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 10th.—The Italian anarchist, Luigi Lucchesi, who assassinated the Empress Elizabeth of Austria, was placed on trial here today. The court was crowded and the prisoner strongly guarded but there was no excitement. The result of the trial is regarded as certain conviction. Lucchesi bowed politely to the court and public and answered the preliminary questions through an interpreter in a clear, strong voice. The public prosecutor, in reciting the circumstances of the crime said that there was no clear evidence that Lucchesi had accomplices, except in the fact of the prisoners silence on certain points, which, as he, in his declaration, had not spared himself, could not be intended to shield accomplices. LATER, Lucchesi was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for life.

LONDON, Nov. 9th.—The annual banquet of the Lord Mayor of London took place this evening with 850 guests present. Admiral Sir William Kennedy and Lord Wolsley in responding to the toasts of "Army" and "Navy" took occasion to state that these forces were in a perfect state of preparation to meet any power disputing Great Britain's just claims. Lord Salisbury began his speech by saying that a succession of events abroad had occasioned grave anxiety to the ministry for a year past. He alluded to the murder of the Empress of Austria for the purpose of announcing that Great Britain had accepted an invitation to take part in a conference which would be called to determine upon the measures which it is possible to take in order to blot out anarchy. The speaker referred to this form of crime as "this horrible, monstrous affliction of humanity." Referring to the present French crisis he said: "We had quite recently to consider whether the question of European war was not very near. But with great interest and consideration the result has turned out happily through the great judgment and common sense displayed by France under circumstances of unusual difficulty which, I think, have relieved Europe of a very dangerous and threatening storm. While matters were in suspense the government, of course, had to take precautions that it be not taken unawares. These precautions had not suddenly ceased but it was impossible to stop them at a moment's notice." Further on he said: "The Czar has invited a congress to provide for the disarmament of the world; but, while we offer our heartiest tribute to his motives, an are willing to assist and sympathize in every way until the happy day when his aspirations are crowned with success, we must still provide precautions needful to counterbalance the dangers surrounding us." On another important point he said: "The appearance of America as a factor in Asiatic and European events is certainly a cause of much disquiet. No one can deny its appearance and it is a grave and serious event which may not conduce to the interests of peace, though in any event, I think it is likely to conduce to the interests of Great Britain." (Applause.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 16th.—A very severe race war is in progress. A thousand white men are on guard in the streets tonight and a number of casualties are reported. The occasion was the gradual seizure of the city by the blacks and was precipitated by an editorial by Alex Manley a negro newspaper publisher. A mass-meeting of whites determined upon white rule for the city and proceeded with rifles to ruin and gut the newspaper office. A manifesto calls for the discharge of all colored labor everywhere.

LONDON, Nov. 9th.—The Lord Mayor's show was blessed with fine weather. In the procession was a car representing the English-speaking race. The latter displayed, among other things, Britannia and Columbia seated side by side while the American flag was borne by an

English sailor and the British flag was borne by an American sailor.

VICTORIA, Nov. 9th.—"Billy" Lloyd, Fred Hutchinson and other Yukon old-timers partook of a "Pioneers" dinner at the Oriental hotel last evening.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The supreme court room of the United States was badly wrecked today by an explosion of gas. Many valuable records in the vaults underneath are destroyed forever.

Port Townsend, Nov. 7.—According to reports brought down by the City of Topeka, 400 men and 250 head of horses are in distress at Lake Linderman. Most of the crowd are on their way out from the interior and Dawson having reached the lake on the last boat of the season from the Klondike metropolis. They made a late start but everything went well until Linderman was reached, when a heavy snow storm occurred, more than four feet falling on both the Chilcoot and White passes, which put a stop to all travel over those two routes. Owing to the heavy snowfall coming earlier than expected the supply of provisions at Linderman is scarce and it is doubtful if there are sufficient supplies on hand to feed such a large number for any length of time. A pack train of 250 horses and just crossed the divide before the storm and there being no feed on that side, they are sure to perish, while some of their packs must be lost.

PORTLAND, ORE, Nov. 10.—Practically complete returns from 24 out of 34 counties in the state of Washington give the following for congressmen: Jones, Rep., 28,000; Cushman, Rep., 27,750; Lewis, fusion, 25,888; Jones, fusion, 22,926.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.—Chairman Babcock of the Republican congressional committee believes today that the Republican majority in the next house will reach 20.

SEATTLE, Nov. 10.—Late returns show that the Republican majority in the legislature on a joint ballot will be 20.

Off for the Outside.

On Sunday, January 15th, Mr. B. W. Semple representing the KLONDIKE NUGGET will leave Dawson for Seattle on a business trip, in connection with this paper, visiting San Francisco, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Detroit, Buffalo, Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, thence returning to Dawson via Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg, transacting matters of importance at the latter places—particularly at Ottawa.

A specially-selected dog team has been secured, and "rush" time will be made night and day, probably establishing a record for the outward trip. Mr. Semple will go via Nugget Express and will carry letters, or transfer any commissions at the above places for those desiring such and will return to Dawson about the latter part of March over the ice. There will be room for two passengers on the trip outward, and anyone contemplating going should communicate at once with the Nugget Express office in the Phoenix, or at the KLONDIKE NUGGET office.

Official Temperatures.

The official weather reports for the week ending Wednesday, January 4 as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Day, Lowest, Highest, Wind per Hour. Rows for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

The Council Censured.

An important meeting was held at the Miners' Institute on Wednesday night last. The committee of the Miners' Association met delegates from the principal creeks and finally decided on the recommendations to be made to the government regarding mining regulations. A complete list will be published in our next issue. A vote of censure on the Yukon Council was carried unanimously for having empowered certain persons to extort toll from miners freighting up the creeks and it was resolved to request the government to fulfill their duty of building trails up the creeks. Those present were Geo. J. C. Armstrong, chairman, Col. McGregor, W. H. Bard, Nels Peterson, Bob Lowrie, John Van Inderstine, W. Menzies, Dr. McDougal, John Walsh, Andrew Hancker, John Wilson and John Cameron.

The Nugget Express dog team, which left Sunday noon for the outside is making good time. Two letters have been received from Mr. Walter Watrous, one dated at Ensey creek, the other at Sixty-mile. He reports Dr. Yemans, of the Empire line, one of the passengers, as enjoying the trip, although more or less foot-sore. Mr. E. C. Allen, manager of the Nugget Express, expects to receive letters from every station which will give in detail an accurate account of the condition of the trail, stocks of provisions, etc.

Whiskey Free.

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Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desires to publicly acknowledge the most efficient work rendered by the Dawson Volunteer Fire Department at the fire occurring on Wednesday last in the Aurora building, and to thank sincerely Chief Plester for his management thereof, and his men for their prompt work, and particularly Mr. P. H. Dundon, captain of the chemical company. The service rendered by the department probably saved me \$25,000, and no fire department anywhere could excel in efficiency and discipline. THOS. CHISHOLM, Proprietor Aurora.

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The Tivoli and "Melbourne" Closed.

The Tivoli theatre closed its doors on Thursday evening to the public, and on Friday Mr. Rei, the proprietor, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. This also included the "Melbourne" hotel, the hotel portion of which was run by Mrs. Nels Humphreys. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell on Friday assumed charge of the hotel, and would not permit gentlemen to visit the third floor, occupied by ladies, which caused considerable of a row among the roomers, some of whom were ordered out, and the heat below turned off to aid in the evacuation.

The Monte Carlo Theatre.

The Monte Carlo theater is spreading itself this week, as usual. Fred N. Tracy has commenced a line of sketch work showing himself skilled in much more than singing. His singing, from a peculiar quality called sympathy, has popularized him with the masses. Among the new faces this week are Nellie LaMore and Florence Broeze. The old favorites are still to be seen, Dick Maurelius and wife, Schwartz, Newman, Daley D'Aura, Helen Arthur and Norille. Blanche Lambert is as popular as ever and is a dainty little song and dance artist and is gaining ground daily. The moving pictures and stereopticon views must not be forgotten in mentioning the attractions of this popular place. Nothing is being spared by the management to interest the public and many a metropolitan show cannot boast either so numerous artists nor such a high order of talent.

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