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WILL HAVE A BUILDING AT ONCE.

The Miners' Association Will Soon Be Comfortably Housed.

An important meeting of the standing committee of the miners' association was held at the Hotel Warden.

On Monday evening the standing committee of the miners' association held an important session, in the parlors of the Hotel Warden. The members present were Messrs. Armstrong, Piddie, McCuen, Galpin, Ritchie, Allen, McGregor, Pelletier, Langley and Courtney. The special business before the meeting was the consideration of tenders for the construction of the miners' association building.

The building committee, consisting of Messrs. McMen, McGregor and Galpin, were instructed to inform the successful bidder of the result, and to award them the contract upon their furnishing a good and satisfactory bond for the completion of the work in accordance with the terms of the specifications.

The incorporation committee had adjourned, the two committees met in joint session at the National Bank of Commerce. Representing the incorporation committee were present Messrs. Wills, Rededge, Chute and Davis.

Mr. Chute in a brief speech laid the plans of his committee before the meeting and was followed by Messrs. Wills and Rededge. It was stated that Mr. Ogilvie possessed all the necessary authority to incorporate the city of Dawson under a charter similar to those granted to other cities of equal size in different parts of the Dominion.

Threw a Paddle.

The Canadian steamer *Clara* landed Sunday evening after a successful trip to White Horse and back. To illustrate the power of the boat it may be mentioned that she eluded five finger rapids without throwing out a line.

Adios Deaneavy.

Mr. Frank J. Deaneavy has left Dawson for the United States and Canada and his leaving has created a void which his many friends regret. Mr. Deaneavy is a minor and a South African colonist and almost from his advent in our midst has taken a prominent and distinguished stand against official ring methods.

It heart and soul end as far as temporizing with villainy, he was utterly incapable of it. People of less transparent natures sometimes find fault with his disinterestedness; but no ulterior motives ever showed a cloven hoof in his actions. His popularity among his fellow miners was great and increased in proportion as he became better acquainted.

Lost Half His Raft.

The Yukon river is long and wide and men are taking advantage of that fact to cut logs and timber without permits. Alphonse Dene and Wm. Densen came down on Sunday on a boat to find out what they had been doing.

"Old Regularity."

The name of the popular up-river boat Willie Irving might with propriety be changed to "Old Regularity." From the date of her first dip in the water she has most persistently and with almost the regularity of a passenger train, made her trips between Dawson and White Horse on railroad time.

To Clear the Bar.

Without desiring to be at all paternal the government has decided that it is in the interest of those to be discomfited that campers on the sand bar and reefs and boats should be cleared away before December 1st. A notice to that effect has been posted. Mr. Wilkinson, the crown's land and timber agent, was seen about the notice by the *Nugget*. It appears that there have been sudden ice jams and raising of the river which ever so early as September have made a clean sweep of everything on that bar.

Says They Have Struck the Strip.

Mr. Ernest H. Seroggs was in Dawson this week on business and incidentally to try and secure concessions on the Stewart river. He claims that at last the gold belt has been uncovered and he shows a dirt which by claims was taken out of the gravel in five pans of dirt. The streak is claimed to be about twenty-five miles up the Stewart on one of the side streams and Mr. Seroggs contends that returning Stewart prospectors to the contrary notwithstanding, there is the pay gold there and it is being uncovered in sufficient places to guarantee its permanency and value.

From Near White Horse.

Editor *Nugget*.—Just a few lines to let you and your newsy little paper know about another trip up the Yukon. This is our seventh day out from Dawson, but we had an accidental blowing out of one of the lines in the boiler, or we would have made the trip in five days.

Not the Men Wanted.

John Hoover and John Bennett were arrested last week for investigation into how they came into possession of some of the jewelry stolen Tuesday night from the parlors of Frank's hotel. The jewelry consisted of a gold watch chain and a gold chain, a gold watch chain and a gold chain, a gold watch chain and a gold chain.

valued at \$70, but they accounted for its possession by saying they found it on the beach close to their own boat the day after the robbery. Their innocence of any complicity in the thousand-dollar theft was pretty well established by their subsequent actions. They pronounced the diamond cheap paste and took the pin to a jeweler to be tested for brass.

DROWNED IN THE KLONDIKE.

The Turning Over of a Boat Causes the Loss of at Least Two Unknown Men.

About 12:30 Tuesday afternoon a large boat laden with people attempted to shoot across the Klondike river above the bridge. The boat was overturned and some of the men who had been in it failed to reappear.

Dawson Club.

The above-named club is about to establish quarters for itself at the corner of Second street and Second avenue. McClennan & McCleary are putting up a 40x60 foot building, and the club, through Captain Galpin and E. E. Ritchie have secured the second floor. A floor space of 80x100 feet will afford room for several compartments which will be fitted up with all the Arctic luxuries which a Klondiker could desire.

No Love for Kruger.

That part of our population hailing from South African gold fields are not very badly distressed to hear of the probably fatal illness of President Kruger, of the Transvaal republic. It appears that gold has been discovered in other sections of the country than around Johannesburg, which is not a desirable prospect for the country.

Doctors' Cases Dismissed.

The animus of the medical profession was never more clearly shown than when Dr. McWm. Bourke commenced to prosecute two Canadian doctors, Messrs. Hepworth and Hurdman for the same offense for which American doctors had been prosecuted, viz. practicing without being duly registered. The medical association which had supported him in the first case refused to do so against the gentlemen arraigned Monday. Dr. Lindsay, summoned as witness for the prosecution, caused the dismissal of the case by testifying that he was duly authorized to examine and register physicians and that the gentlemen in court were properly registered.

Wanted to Pay Up.

John Bignermain came in from his claim Tuesday to take steamer for the outside to spend the winter. In Dawson he found himself between the horns of a dilemma. He had 125 ounces of gold which he had dug outside of his \$200 exemption. Where to pay it he did not know, for the gold commissioner had no details of his mining and therefore did not know how much to collect.

Farewell Dinner.

Captain and Mrs. John J. Healy shared with invited friends a dinner on Wednesday evening. The occasion being the eve of their departure for the outside on the steamer *Clara*.

THE CLARA'S PASSENGERS INDIGNANT.

The Barge Carrying Outfits Was Abandoned at Fort Yukon.

How a Shrewd Money-Lender Took Advantage of a Technicality to Get Possession of the Boat.

The passengers who came to Dawson on the steamer *Clara* have an exceedingly long tale of woe to tell regarding the treatment they have received since leaving San Francisco. The chief blame for all the trouble according to the story told the *Nugget* by a member of the company owning the boat, rests upon the shoulders of P. Hauser, the manager.

It seems that the steamer *Clara* on June 5th, in charge of three members of the company, Messrs. Hauser, Ronceroni and James, before leaving the company consented to Hauser a mortgage upon the boat in consideration of \$3,000, advanced by him in fitting out the steamer. They brought along a barge loaded with freight destined for Dawson. At Fort Yukon the barge was abandoned, leaving those of the passengers, whose freight was aboard it and others who were in Dawson awaiting their goods, in destitute circumstances.

After leaving Fort Yukon Hauser announced that he had foreclosed his mortgage and took possession of the steamer. The passengers were induced to cut wood for the steamer under promise of receiving better fare at the table, but the "better fare" is said never to have been forthcoming. Since reaching Dawson claims have been presented by the crew for wages, but thus far none have been paid.

\$8750 IN FINES IN ONE DAY.

Dawson's Police Court makes a record hard to beat. Invited to help pay taxes among the knights of the green cloth for the past week occasioned by the taking of their names by the police. The blow fell Monday night when the fraternity was cited to appear before justice, starting Tuesday morning, thirty-five men were fined \$3 and \$5 costs. Two were let off with \$2 and costs. About half of the men were evidently not considered in the light of ordinary pastboard manipulators for they were invited to, in future, make themselves conspicuous by long absence from these parts.

Notes on the River.

Mr. A. H. Mander is an observing gentleman who came in on the *McWankee*. He says Rampart City is quite flourishing, there being at least 10 substantial buildings already up besides a host of tents and a large store containing a large stock of goods put in by Captain Simmons of Bay City, Mich.

Fort Yukon is in danger of being left completely away from the river by one of her sudden changes in channels. Small steamers can get there from one direction only and then must needs back out again the same way they got in and then pass around through another channel. Previous to this summer the main channel has been by the town and all the river boats passed there.

Circle City is decidedly on the bum. "For rent" signs are stuck up in scores of substantial buildings and an air of desolation pervades the place. "Hurry cabins are abundant and caretakers enough to go round cannot be secured. Eagle City has erected this summer over 25 substantial cabins and there are numerous tents dotted around the townsite. A bustling air of activity pervades the place and a haunting sign "Steamboat Landing" tempts the shorebirds to their shelving and not over an insignificant shore.

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