

# THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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## HE IS HERE AT LAST

### The New Gold Commissioner Arrived on Tuesday.

#### L. E. SENKLER, SUCCESSOR TO THOMAS FAWCETT, WITH A NEW OFFICE STAFF.

#### Will Shortly Take the Reins of Office and Administer Its Affairs.

#### Since June 16 the "Nugget" has Industriouslly Labored for the End Now Almost Accomplished—And Many a Sigh of Relief Will Ascend on Every Creek in the Yukon Territory—The New Gold Commissioner Gives the "Nugget" a Night Interview.

At last! What meaning there is in those two words this Wednesday morning to every reader of the Nugget as he shall take his favorite paper and have conveyed to him the cheering and cheerful intelligence that at last the successor to Thomas Fawcett, the misfit gold commissioner has arrived in Dawson and will shortly assume the duties of his office. At last and deviously those two words will go up as in one chorus, over Bonanza, Eldorado, Munkler, Dominion, Sulphur and other creeks of the Yukon Territory, that soon will come to an end the administration of Thomas Fawcett, in one of the most important branches of the government. Recognizing the incompetency and wrongs so manifest in that office the Nugget has persistently and despite all hugging opposition, ever since its first issue away back in June, called for a remedy—the removal of Mr. Fawcett from his official position. At last these efforts have been rewarded and today the people are about to be released from the most aggravating disappointment ever placed in official power. It has not been any personal animosity toward poor Mr. Fawcett that has induced THE NUGGET to take its position, but more with a sense of pity and sympathy towards the men for accepting a position which he has so manifestly shown himself to be utterly incompetent to fill. But why follow him further? His power is practically gone and only the consummation of detail necessary to the transfer of so important an office is required to install his successor.

Mr. L. E. Senkler the new gold commissioner, arrived in Dawson late Tuesday night, and immediately a NUGGET man was dispatched to meet the official. Mr. Senkler has many friends in Dawson and it was not until after midnight that the NUGGET representative found the foot-sore and weary official at his quarters in the Fairview, where for the present he is stopping. Despite the long and weary—not to mention perilous—trip of Mr. Senkler, that gentleman upon being approached by the newspaper man kindly granted an interview. Approaching Mr. Senkler the interviewer at once introduced himself and stated that although undoubtedly anxious to obtain his much-needed rest, nevertheless thousands of earnest men, were patiently but anxiously awaiting the announcement of his arrival, and that the NUGGET was more than anxious to tell them that its efforts had been rewarded by his coming to Dawson.

Mr. Senkler at once and most interestingly told of his and his party's trip to Dawson. The party left Vancouver Oct. 21, on the steamer Danube, arriving at Skaguay Oct. 28, leaving there the day following, tramping over White Pass and arriving at Bennett Oct. 31. There being no steamer there, a start was made in an open boat, but meeting a river steamer, boarded her, returned to Bennett and left there again on November 2, arriving at White Horse November 8.

Here the party of six with three N. W. M. Police took two boats, but were troubled with ice in Lake LeBarge, and were compelled to abandon them and proceed as best they could on foot over the rock-bound shores of the lake, and in fearfully windy weather made only four miles in one day. One day each were occupied in reaching the Hootaliqua, Big Salmon and Ignatius rivers. Here a boat was again procured, but about 15 miles above Selkirk they were caught in an ice jam, and there they lay one entire night, suffering intensely from the cold, but with the assistance of two policemen aided by oars, found their way to shore, and chopping logs, laid a spruce pontoon—as it were—to the boat and rescued their provisions and luggage, which had hardly been done before their boat was on end in the jammed ice and a wreck. It required two days to reach Selkirk where the party arrived November 16 and remained twelve days, when two dog teams were procured from the N. W. M. P. and the re-

mainder of the journey to Dawson completed in nine days.

Completing the thrilling and interesting story of his hazardous trip the new gold commissioner was then asked: "Will you immediately assume the duties of your office?" To which Mr. Senkler responded: "Having just arrived, I am scarcely prepared to answer that question, but details necessary must first be arranged and they are numerous. I must first see Mr. Ogilvie and it may be the first of the year before taking charge of the office."

"Did you bring with you any persons whom you will have to assist you in your work and duties as gold commissioner?" was next asked.

"Yes, sir," promptly replied Mr. Senkler, "Mr. J. E. Bolduc and Mr. K. H. Baker, who will have positions of trust in the office, but in what positions I am of course as yet unable to say." "This will be as delightful news to the NUGGET readers as even the arrival of Mr. Senkler, as it undoubtedly means the removal of at least a portion of those who have been under Mr. Fawcett in the gold commissioner's office, and be received without much weeping or gnashing of teeth."

Asked if he had seen copies of the NUGGET on the outside Mr. Senkler smilingly replied "Oh, yes, quite a number of them and read them too."

But the dawn of happiness seems not to be involved alone in the arrival of the new gold commissioner, for the honorable Fred C. Wade's successor, was one of the party. "Mr. W. H. P. Clement bears a commission appointing him to the position of legal advisor to the Yukon commissioner and council." Another new appointee is Mr. Gosselin, succeeding J. W. Willson as timber and land agent. Accompanying the party simply as an individual, however, was Dr. R. W. Simpson, of Winnipeg.

Mr. Senkler is comparatively a young man, about 23 years of age, of fine physique, athletic in build and evidently a man of firmness, decision and character as indicated by a splendidly shaped head, good features, and firm square jaw. Graduating as an attorney, he commenced the practice of his profession in Toronto, but during the past two and a half years, has been a resident and practicing attorney of Nelson, B. C. That being the center of a large mining district known as the Kootenai country, the knowledge gained there by Mr. Senkler regarding placer and quartz mining will be of immense value to him here in his new position.

Mr. Senkler is evidently a hard worker, careful and thoughtful, easy of approach, affable in manner, and the NUGGET welcomes him to this country and his new position while congratulating the miners of the Yukon Territory upon the actual accomplishment of a much-to-be-desired change in an important office. Mr. Fawcett on stepping down and out, it is said, will be made Chief of Survey, a position he is far better qualified to fill than the one he has so long occupied. The Minister of the Interior is evidently reading to good advantage the handwriting on the wall.

#### A Fortunate Raise.

A party consisting of C. Everitt, J. W. Burwell, J. Lewis, R. Lambier and G. Davis, arrived in Dawson Saturday from below Circle City. The Robert Kerr is laid up for the winter some 40 miles below the round city, and is

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is only one of the Moran boats which failed to make Dawson last summer. The party left Circle City 21 days ago and for the first hundred miles had to break their own trail through the soft snow. From there to Dawson was found either a beaten trail or the ice had been overflown, covering the snow and making it ideal traveling.

An interesting story of good fortune is told of the Robert Kerr. The freeze-up found her high and dry on a bar near the center of the river in such a position as guaranteed destruction in the early spring when the ice broke up. Supplies were reluctantly taken from her and cached on the bank and the same with her cargo. Just below was a convenient blind slough. It had broken away and formed a vast jam right across the river. Immediately the water backed up behind. Soon it was raising on the bar which held the Kerr upon its crest. Inch by inch, then foot by foot and, with a suddenly increasing speed it rose around the sides of the helpless boat and raised her bodily from her sandy bed. The demolition was so sudden and unexpected that nothing had been prepared for the involuntary trip down the river. Steam engines were dead and she just floated without anyone being able to direct her movements. To everyone's surprise and delight she made straight for the very slough she would have been placed in had she been movable, and when the ice jam gave way and the river sank as suddenly as it had arisen, the Robert Kerr was within a few feet of where she should have been last fall; and this without the help of anyone.

Messrs. Everitt and Burwell are leaving again for the coast in a few days.

#### Christmas Night.

On Christmas night there will be given a carnival of minstrelsy at the Tivoli theatre for the aid of St. Mary's hospital. There has never been a minstrel show in Dawson yet, and the gentlemen who are booked for the evening's entertainment are devoting their time and thought to it without reservation, and it undoubtedly will be the one great event of the season par excellence. It is often remarked what an abundance of all kinds of talent there is in Dawson and never will this be more transparently true than on Christmas night next. Already arrangements have been made for handsome costumes, and nothing is to be spared.

#### LOCAL UNEVITIES.

The Elks Club of Dawson will meet at the Bodega on Thursday evening to hear the report of the committee appointed to arrange for a social session.

The public library and reading room has passed into the hands of the First Presbyterian church and has been removed to the top of the A. C. office building.

On No. 22 below Sulphur, a large buffalo horn was found 45 feet down. Various bones of some large animal were also found. The horn is the exact counterpart of those of the American bison or buffalo, only several times larger.

The skating rink is no more, at least the covering of the rink. Along came the "typhoon" of Tuesday afternoon and away went the tent into shreds. Several narrow escapes from injury by pedestrians from flying signs are reported.

The wondrouscope, on Sunday evening at the Monte Carlo, was greeted by a full house. New pictures were introduced and new songs by Mr. Fred Tracy. By request he repeated his favorite of a week ago: "It's a picture of My Best Girl."

Local mail from Circle City, Ft. Yukon and intermediate points, reached Dawson Saturday in the care of Mr. Hawley, representing the Arctic Express Co. Mail for Circle City and intermediate points left Dawson on Monday in care of Mr. Robertson.

The Tivoli bar is being altered this week into a Bazaar which will be a novelty to Dawson, and is illustrative of Manager Bled's enterprise. There is to be a grand raffle on December 23rd of \$10,000 worth of useful presents and cash. Furniture, furs, jewelry, diamonds, etc. Announcement will be made later.

The net proceeds of the hippodrome sparring contest of two weeks ago, amounting to \$284.75 have been turned over to St. Mary's hospital as ordered by the referee, Mr. James Donaldson. It will be remembered that the referee decided the affair "no contest" and awarded the receipts to the hospital.

A fire that might have resulted disastrously but for the prompt action of "shorty," the porter, occurred at the Monte Carlo theatre about 5 o'clock, Sunday last. Sparks had fallen into an open crack in the roof, and smouldered into a blaze. Prompt application of water from the buckets with which the house is well provided arrested the flames.

Frank Slavin reports that Little Blanche and Canon are showing up very well, but the pay seems to deserve the creek and take to the benches, for wherever the creek cuts into the bench ground good pay is found, but Quartz is not proving a winner and many of the laymen are leaving. He also says No. 21 Little Eldorado has struck six feet of pay dirt averaging 30 cents.

Andy Young, the energetic and successful local paper-seller says he knows his falling and has turned over a new leaf. He wants his friends to take notice of this fact and restrain their generous impulse to pass the flowing bowl whenever he puts in an appearance. He says the holidays are coming and there will be plenty time enough to celebrate; till then refrain from that familiar remark: "Well, Andy, what are you going to have?"

The captain of the Columbia Navigation Co.'s steamer sovereign is having all kinds of trouble down at Circle City where the boat is laid up for the winter. He has been arrested several times on various charges. Among other accusations that are brought against him he is charged with collecting money from the company for wood which the deck hands had cut. Also with selling a library which the company had sent up for the use of the men and appropriating the money. He has been up before the courts at Circle City nearly all the time the boat has been there. The company affairs have been taken out of his hands and placed in charge of Mr. Storey.

#### Money to Loan

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## A ROUND-UP OF THE CREEKS.

### The True Status of Dominion and Sulphur Creeks.

#### What Claims are Being Worked—Laymen Leaving the Lower Creeks—Some Pertinent Facts Concerning the Digging.

A NUGGET representative has just completed the round trip down Dominion, up Sulphur and back by way of Gold Bottom.

Work is progressing on all of the creeks, although on both lower Dominion and Sulphur the water has interfered and set the work back to a great extent.

Between discoveries on Dominion almost every claim is being worked and several good strikes are reported.

On 13 below upper the laymen are quite jubilant and men are being put on the lower half at wages. The pay streak has been located on 18 below and also on 20 and 21, but strange to say several holes on 18 have failed to locate the hidden treasure.

The biggest thing yet reported is the late find on 33 below upper. On this claim there are six lays. Three of them have located the pay streak and pans from \$25 to \$50 taken out, the pay streak averaging upwards of \$1.00. Wage-workers are on the claims both above and below this one but haven't yet located the streak. The claims just above discovery are mostly in the hands of laymen and they are all hard at work sinking. The next month will undoubtedly bring forth very pleasing results from this locality for very good prospects were reported.

Below lower discovery nothing startling has been found and the farther down the less are the chances for a strike being made this season. The creek gradually becomes viler and as there are so many claims "not open to record" it makes prospecting very difficult. One man cannot undermine enough ground to give a claim a fair test. He must act in co-operation with the adjoining claim owner, and if he is alone, and such is the case in many instances, it is simply "pot luck" if he strikes it.

In the hundreds most claims are being simply represented, which means one or two holes to bedrock, although several claims are let out in lays and will be a little better prospected. Quite a few laymen have returned to town disgusted with the creek and deserted cabins are quite frequent.

Messrs. Rasmussen and Holt, formerly of Seattle, are sinking on 124 below lower and have several holes under way. They are undoubtedly the champion moose hunters on the creek for two fine moose, hanging in front of their cabin, are the fruits of a successful hunting trip.

In the two hundreds the claims are being represented, and those near the mouth of Gold Run, 220 to 228 are being prospected more thoroughly. The reason for this is the recent finds on upper Gold Run, Nos. 45, 46 and 49 have uncovered good pay-streaks of coarse gold and nuggets weighing 32 have been taken out. Pay is also reported on several other claims on that creek.

A good trail leaves Dominion at No. 230 and leads to No. 117 below on Sulphur, two claims above the mouth. Here the claim-owners were sinking, but no prospects had been found. This is true of almost every claim from 31 below to the mouth and disheartened laymen are returning to Dawson almost every day. The creek is quite wide, and, like Dominion, has not been thoroughly prospected.

On 35, 36 and 37 below six holes have been sunk across the channel and one more is being put down but a more disgusted set of laymen could not be found. The same is true of 18 below, where four laymen have put seven holes down. Fair prospects have been found on 11 below and from here to discovery pay has been struck in several places. The several fractions below report very good pay, and on 5 below Mr. Brimstone reports fair pay with bedrock only 12 feet. He will summer sluice the claim, and in the meanwhile, helps entertain the guests in his road house, where the Nugget man spent a very pleasant evening.

Strange to say nothing is being done on McDonald's high-priced claims, Nos. 7 and 11 above, but from 15 to 20 above the workers are fast getting on the pay-streak. Robert Menzies who owns No. 17 has two holes down on the streak from 3 inches to 4 feet thick that will average 25 cents. On 18 the pans were averaging 21 cents and on 19, 81 cents, the best pan being \$1.25.

The richest claim on the creek, so far, is 30 above, owned by Charles Nelson. He is employing nine men and has three lays out on the claim. The pay-streak is a thick one and very wide and averages over 40 cents; one hole showing up still better and \$1 dirt is found. It was on this claim that Ted Martinson, the man who was recently hurt by a falling bucket, was employed.

On 25 above there are two holes to bedrock, one of which panned \$2.54, the other from five cents to 50 cents. Here seven wage laborers are employed and four lays are being worked. Upper Sulphur will be pretty thoroughly prospected, but the water has kept the work back and is still proving a great hindrance.

Considerable work is going on up Gold Bottom and strikes are reported from 5 to 8 above discovery.

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### NEWSPAPER COMBINATION.

In his valedictory in the last issue of the *Midnight Sun* G. B. Swinehart gives the names of the new owners as J. L. Reese and Co. The *Klondike Miner*, also in its last issue, points out with considerable impolicy that it is the same name which adorns the head of its editorial columns. The impression made upon the public is that the *Miner* has swallowed the *Sun* which would be a good enough change were it the purpose to suppress one or the other of these papers of declared divergent policies. The declared policy of the *Miner* is to defend the people against any and all encroachments upon their rights. The *Sun* is the government organ pure and simple and naturally its best patron is that government whose cause it has endeavored to espouse in a weak milk and watery way. To an observer it would appear from the last issue as if the amalgamation of the two papers, the *Miner* and the *Sun*, was to result more disastrously to the *Miner* than to the *Sun*, for at once the *Miner* departs from its "people's friend" attitude and endeavors to justify exaction of toll from the poor miner "mushing" his own outfit up the creeks.

The gentlemen of the *Miner-Sun* combination will find the people not nearly so gullible as to believe in the possibility of the genuineness of the "straddle." It is most difficult to carry water on both shoulders, and the experiment usually results in a good "dousing" for the one who attempts it as well as the loss of the water. When the *Miner-Sun*, published near the barracks, makes a howl about government timber matters it in the same issue re-echoes the paid defense of the toll-trail published in the *Miner-Sun* in the down town office. This is certainly to be expected for there are few men in the world who can live out two policies and show no amalgamation of principles. The *Miner-Sun* will find to its sorrow that the people of the Yukon are a long ways from being the gullible fools who will continue to swallow professions of friendship from such a combination of government patronage and the "people's friend."

A man may buy up and operate two or more saloons. Though illegal it is not at all uncommon to find a railroad company buying up its rival; but in such a case the company is in a position to compel patronage and does not depend for that patronage upon being able to persuade the public that there is nothing in common between the two roads as is the case in the present instance. A lawyer who accepted donations from his client's opponent would be professionally ostracised at once if it was to become known. The *Miner-Sun* combination is condemned upon the same grounds, besides that it is a slap in the face to intelligent people that they are presumed to be sufficiently dense to swallow the situation without comment or without grasping the facts. The combination was effected in very crude fashion and the "Valedictory" of the organ and "A change in the *Miner* staff" of the other did not rid the minds of readers of the impression left by the fact that no declaration was made anywhere of the distinct individuality of the two pa-

pers. It requires not the gift of prophesy to foresee the end. If edited with sufficient brilliancy both or either may be read to a limited extent as literary productions, but there will be found few friends for "Beauty and the Beast" under one hat.

### OVER THE RIVER ICE.

The time when Lieutenant Schwatka traveled over the ice from where Circle City or Rampart now stands to Dyea, with Indian guides, the feat was heralded to the world as a marvelous instance of hardihood and daring—as indeed it was when one considers the long unknown route traveled over. Not a cabin was found on the journey and though the party started out with supplies to an amount which hindered the teams and delayed traveling, if it had not been for running across an occasional Indian village the entire party would have starved to death. Compare that trip with the journey today. From Circle City to the coast the traveler today need not spend a single night in the open air nor once make his own camp. As all know, in winter traveling, the great discomforts of the trip are incurred, not while traveling, but in camp, before the camp is made and in the morning again in breaking the camp. When wood and water and a fairly warm cabin awaits a man at the end of a moderate day's journey his sufferings become little or nothing and men will look forward to the trip with pleasant anticipations instead of with dread. Owing to the lack of storms on the inside there is no country on earth where a man can walk as easily and with as little effort as in these regions in the winter time. The travel has increased until after December 1, a beaten trail winds along the river with a few cut-offs from Circle City to Dyea and Skaguay and at no point are cabins more than a comfortable day's journey apart. Travelers start out with dogged and sleeping robes with possibly two days' rations for themselves to be used in case of emergency. From now on very little bothersome open water will be found on the trip. But with these changes for the better comes a loss of glory, for with thousands making the trip successfully and without danger, the Yukoner appearing in civilization after a 30-day walk will be apt to find himself neglected and not lionized as in years gone by.

### SALOON LICENSES.

It is about decided that the permanent license for Dawson saloons shall be \$200 per annum. The law for the Northwest is that licenses shall be confined to hotels or eating places and the result here will be an incorporation of the idea into the license ordinance. It will be required that saloons shall be fitted up with either a certain number of beds or shall have a kitchen with a certain capacity.

The law in the large Canadian cities does not work altogether satisfactorily, though being the law there is a show made of living up to it. In Victoria one can find the recognition of a peculiar principle regarding these saloon licenses. It appears to be admitted that a license is not just for one year, but is renewable at the option of the holder, not at the option of the council—of course during good conduct and behavior of the house. Licenses issued prior to the making of the law requiring beds or eating accommodations are today being reissued yearly to buildings upon the same lots, and these places are not amenable to the hotel law at all. It appears that they have acquired a right which is recognized by all alike.

Something in the same way is being recognized here. A number of places paid their license many months ago and in their cases it is not proposed to enforce the new regulations for beds and eating accommodations, at least until the expiration of the period covered by the license.

### IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTRY.

The importance of Captain Jack Crawford's discovery of profitable mineral in the black sand of the Hootalinqua outside of the placer gold can hardly be

over estimated. This sand is in great quantity in many places and on the ground from which the 12-pound sample was brought it is sufficiently abundant to pay 87c per yard upon the gravel run through the sluice boxes. This is really a big proportion even without the discovery of placer gold also with the black sand.

Two years ago several thousand miles of river bed were sold or leased by the Canadian government for gold dredging purposes. The wharves at Victoria and Seattle were piled high with dredging apparatus for transport and one expected to find the rivers here lined with the machines in full operation. But the expected activity did not materialize in this branch of gold mining and though some half dozen of the companies which secured concessions are on the ground, none have gotten to work and in most cases the machinery is inadequate and the enthusiasm of the promoters abated. Captain Jack's discovery will give this branch of the industry a new start for with even an ordinary dredger of crude model and small capacity there is a margin of 87c per yard even though no placer gold be found.

### THAT SURVEY.

The time approaches which will terminate the opportunity of Klondike City squatters to make a tender for their own lots. We say their own lots advisedly because it has always been a recognized principle of the race that whoever wanders off into a far country and settles upon a piece of unoccupied land, and makes it valuable by his improvements and his presence, is entitled to that same piece of ground. But that is not the question we wish to raise just at this moment. What is the government going to do with the survey made by their predecessors? The law under which it was surveyed clearly enunciates the doctrine that no land shall be sold nearer than 60 feet of the river, while the present law just as distinctly says not within 100 feet. The latter law was passed shortly after the survey. It does not take a surveyor nor yet require the use of a tape line for one to quickly assure himself that this survey in places approaches the bank as near as 40 feet; and leaving out all abstract questions and fine points of law, with which we are in sympathy, it does seem as if the officials will be selling ground within that 100-foot barrier when any one can show the front line to be within 40 feet.

### FREE TRAILS.

As will be seen in the news from the creeks a large amount of trail building is going on at various points where the ascent is steep and passage for sleds almost impossible without it. The work is being done by private individuals and no toll is being charged over these roads. In each case it is done simply that the party doing it may reap the road house trade diverted in that direction by the substitution of a good cut-off trail for a poor and round about old one. To the thinking man this demonstrates more than anything else that even in steep and precipitate places the cost of building trails in winter is but trifling when it can be defrayed by a thriving road house trade. Secondly, it is a strong argument against toll trails on the comparatively level flats when free switch-back trails are being built over the very worst part of the district.

The gold commissioner is mightily exceeding his powers when he considers himself in the light of a court of last resort with powers to settle any matter of title off-hand, ex-parte and without giving an opportunity for evidence to be produced. Yet this is what it practically amounts to when he decides instantly in his own mind adversely to some miner who wishes to file upon a claim, and then and there refuses the application in favor of some one who has already filed or may file hereafter. What would be thought of the judge or magistrate who refused to permit a record of an answer to any of the complaints made in the courts? The gold commissioner's powers are in some respects judicial, and even

if he should not possess legal learning there is no law on earth against him using good common sense and exercising the commonest principles of equity and justice. There is not a stream, a creek, a gulch and hardly a cabin in the Klondike country but possesses at least one inmate who has been irretrievably injured by this ruling or that ruling of the man who was sent here presumably to conserve their rights, not to ignore them. It is to be sincerely hoped the new gold commissioner does not bring with him the impression that his powers and decisions are absolute.

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A Meeting Considers the Advisability of Applying to Washington.

Many Cases of Absolute Destitution are Already Known and Others are Coming to Light Every Day.

There is a strong movement on foot to send a representative to Washington for the purpose of enlisting the United States government in the good cause of aiding in remedying the great distress which prevails among the miners of the Yukon territory. No one who has made it his personal business to find out has but a faint conception of the amount of destitution in and about Dawson. Our citizens are proud and conceal their poverty until sickness or death attracts public attention. We have no mendicants in our midst and it takes the direst distress to make even the hungriest declare himself. Still, the hospitals are overcrowded with indigents and the finances of those worthy institutions will not allow of any more wholesale charity. The Yukon council has tried to take the matter in hand and declares itself already out of funds to care for the indigent sick. Donations for the care of the sick come in regularly but in small amounts, while at this present moment nothing less than \$5,000 per month will come anywhere near taking ordinary care of the poor fellows without money or property. This \$5,000 per month covers the bare expense of those patients already there, and there are now, or will be presently, double as many helpless men outside. The dreaded scourge has made its appearance and none but those acquainted with the hospitals know of its extent. A man named Charles Schmidt, 75 years of age, actually lay in his cabin on Bonanza creek for nine days without wood or water, a victim of a bad attack of scurvy, until he was unable to even put a foot to the ground. Day and night he called vainly for help, but for nine days none heard his heart-rending cries, and he remained without assistance. His condition became known, finally, and he was brought to the barracks and the police turned him over to the hospital. In typical fashion a man can, if necessary, keep on his feet to the last and make his wants and conditions known. Not so with the scurvy which will take a strong man's feet from under him as completely as if snuffed by a railroad train.

Another man lay on his back three days on the outskirts of town with nothing within his reach but dry flour. A well-dressed man named Hillman laid helpless on Dominon creek until healed to town by sympathizing miners. Were he on the outside there is no place in America where he would not at once be taken care of. In Dawson the Yukon government is without funds to do anything for him, and financial distress ties the hands of even the good Father Judge. That gentleman can be depended upon to do all in his power to relieve the needy; but how can he go further than the whole public charity of Dawson. The fact is that the amount of distress here has outgrown the total charity of the place, and nothing less than \$200,000 will relieve the distress of this winter. Food is here in plenty but it takes money to buy it. The foregoing and much more was all brought out at the meeting of Americans on Tuesday night last at the office of Consul McCook. Col. O. V. Davis was put in the chair and the following committees appointed: Committee to draw up a memorial—G. Seiffert, T. A. McGowan, Ensign McGill and Dr. M. W. Bruner. Committee on resolutions—H. Teroller, G. A. Sible and N. W. Belster. Finance committee—W. E. Bard, G. Seiffert, A. Bartlett, Falcon Joslyn and Dr. Merriman. H. Teroller said he was going out for his company and volunteered his services to carry the memorial personally to congress.

For the Outside.

Mr. E. M. Bruce and Mr. W. A. Dawkins left Dawson on Thursday for London, England, via Dux and Victoria, and expect to return in five days. Mr. Bruce made the trip up from St. Michaels in his own little steamer and made an extensive study of all the known gold creeks in the interest of his London patrons. The gentleman is a well-faught mineralogist besides being a special correspondent to the London Star, and takes back with him a firm and abiding faith in this country as a great gold producer for a considerable time to come. The two gentlemen left with a dog team each and expect to be among the very first to reach the coast.

Private Trails.

If it were not for the competition of the various road-houses in the Hunker, Dominion and Sulphur districts, the miner who has to navigate his own grub up the creeks, would have a much harder time. In a great many places they have not only kept the trail in good repair, but actually built new ones.

On Hunker the various road-houses have kept one or two men at work on the trail most of the time, one firm has built a trail across country, striking Klondike a mile or so from the mouth of Hunker, and making the distance to Dawson a couple of miles less. This cuts several road-houses off the line of travel, but the "sled musser" will have a shorter and better road.

The Dominion and Upper Hunker people have built a switch-back trail from the left fork of Hunker to the summit and a trail thence down to Lombard creek.

Perhaps the best work in this line has been done by J. L. Green who has a road-house at the head of Gold Bottom. He has built a trail

from 10 above discovery to the summit. This trail has a gradual slope and a man can easily haul 450 pounds up at a trip. From the summit a trail has been built down to 75 above on Sulphur. Mr. Green is considering the proposition of building a like trail down to Dominion, cutting the hill this side of the dome. Joe Cook has his tramway in operation and is pulling sleds up over the divide between Gold Bottom and Sulphur.

If the government will not do their part business competition must keep the trails fairly passable.

There is one good thing about it though, a man is not held up on these trails and made to "dig up." He is simply invited by the builder and erstwhile host of the road house to step in and partake.

GOOD WORDS FROM FORTY-MILE.

Many Men at Work—Trails Hot With Travel—Fires on Every Claim in Canyon.

[Special to the Nugget.] I have the pleasure of submitting the following information concerning prospects and development in Forty-Mile, based on personal information during a trip recently made through a large portion of the district.

So far as the post is concerned things are very different from what they were last season, when the town was practically deserted. Now, every cabin in and out of town, as well as in Cadahy, is occupied—headquarters of men who are out on the creeks hunting for gold. The companies stores and the saloons have been doing a rattling good business; while the scarcity of provisions at Eagle City makes Forty-Mile the supply point for the new town over the border.

The trail up Forty-Mile is easily the finest in the land, level and smooth as the floor for more than 30 miles. Roadhouses are numerous, being located every 12 or 15 miles as far as Chicken creek, and as they furnish good accommodations are doing a flourishing trade. Both going and coming we met great numbers of men moving outfits up the creek, and it is safe to say there are now more than 2000 men at work in the district. With the opening of winter travel on the Yukon this number will be greatly increased by the arrival from Dawson of the many men who are interested here; so there is a certainty that some sections, at least, of Forty-Mile will receive a pretty fair prospecting this winter.

The bulk of the travel seemed to be up the north fork to Hutchinson creek, the trail crossing the divide at the head of Granite and dropping down into Hutchinson at discovery.

Hutchinson creek resembles Bonanza in many respects, having about the same length, with formation and other characteristics. There is no doubt that rich gravel has been discovered here, but as to its extent, though the miners swear it will prove another Bonanza this winter's work will tell that story. Some 250 men are busy on the first chapter. On Chicken creek about 250 men are at work; many of them on 50 per cent. lays. Several good strikes were made during the past two months on the main creek and also on Myers and Stonehouse forks. We counted 17 cabins on discovery alone. Joe Dyer declares he will take out \$100,000.00 this winter. Walker's Fork, with room and to spare for 2000, has only 250 men at work, but they are doggers and will give a good account of themselves next spring. Claims on this creek are 1000 feet in length. On Napoleon creek, the N. A. T. & C. Co. have had a force of men at work all summer and will continue the same during the winter. We did not see many on Buckskin, but it will receive a thorough prospecting this winter. On Butte creek about 55 men are developing promising claims located last summer, while Dome and O'Brien will have 200 workers sinking when the ground gets in condition.

Fires are burning on almost every claim on Upper Canyon, and including its tributaries, Camp Woods, Hall, Iles and Squaw, about 150 men are opening up claims. The most important strike of late was made on No. 7 above discovery on Squaw, owned by Roy M. P. Ke.

Here we found 12 to 15 inches of gravel that showed from 20 to 60 cents by actual weight, no guessing, to the pan; and this without touching bedrock. Out of a dozen no pan had less than 20 cents. Bedrock is 10 to 12 feet from the surface on this claim; about the average depth on the creek. All the foregoing creeks are in American territory, where claims are large and miners' law prevails. On the Canadian side of the line not much is being done, except on Miller and Glacier creeks where perhaps 50 men are at work.

Taking it all in all, as one of the old miners said "if Forty-Mile keeps up her lick, she'll boom in the spring." But boom or no boom we have good reason to believe that Forty-Mile will make a heavy contribution to the output of the Yukon country in '99. Yours truly,

THOS. H. PIKE.

Forty-Mile, Y. T., Nov. 27, 1898.

In From Selkirk.

Major Bliss, of the Yukon field forces, arrived in town last Wednesday with the official mail sack from Selkirk. He was accompanied down by Private Docherty. It is the major's first trip "mushing" dogs and he refers to it as a pleasant incident in his experience of life on the Yukon. When he left Selkirk the mail was to follow in two or three days. It would have been sent on here this but the Yukon field force was handicapped for teams, the dogs having been sent up the river to bring down the outfit of the new gold commissioner and his party stuck in the ice some 16 or 17 miles above. The major thinks it quite possible the mail may accompany the new gold commissioner's party to Dawson.

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LATE NEWS FROM CIRCLE CITY.

A Good Trail Nearly All the Way Down the River.

Charley River Open at the Mouth—The Diggings Back of Circle Showing up Well—Circle Begins to Look Like Old Times.

J. C. Mather, a merchant of Circle City arrived over the ice in Dawson on Saturday last. He, with several companions made the trip from Circle in 26 days, six of which they spent in camp. Mr. Mather reports that the trail for the most part is exceptionally fine. With the exception of the first 51 miles this side of Circle the very best time can be made. In that particular stretch of river, however, travelling is most difficult. Great jams of ice, piled higher than a house, occur at frequent intervals, and often two immense blocks will be found jammed together in the shape of a letter Y, leaving the traveler to pick his way through or around as best he may.

Four or five miles a day is considered very good progress under such circumstances. Mather advises no one to participate in stampedes to Charley river. He says that, as a result of an almost continuous flow of hot water, it is very hard to pass across the mouth of Charley river and much more difficult to ascend the stream to the diggings which are located 21 miles from the mouth.

Prospects at Circle City are looking much brighter than at any previous time since the stampede to Dawson nearly depopulated the town. There are, probably 700 people living in the town and scarcely an unoccupied cabin is to be found. An equally large number of men are at work on the diggings. There is every evidence being shown that a handsome yield will be had next spring. There have been few rich strikes found in the season that the expression is understood in Dawson, but on the other hand there has yet failed to be recorded a single claim where thorough prospecting did not show pay rich enough to work. On Bonanza creek it is no uncommon thing for one man to take out \$50 in a day.

Among the newer creeks that are commanding attention at Circle are Hoggum, Butte and Sam. On all of these good prospects have been located.

There is plenty of grub at Circle. In fact, more than there is any probability will be needed. The main diggings are 50 or 70 miles from town and are reached by a trail which is none of the best. In summer it is well-nigh impassable. Business in the town is good and everyone seems to be satisfied with the present condition and future outlook of the place.

St. Mary's.

The report for the week ending, November 20th, shows the number of inmates to be gradually decreasing, owing probably to the difficulty of getting sick people to town from the gulches through the bitter cold we have lately been having. Twenty new patients were received during the week, and 26 discharged, which with three deaths left 99 inmates in the hospital. The deaths were:

Robert H. Byers, aged 30, from Toronto, Can., on November 24th.

Sami Hainhi, aged 29, a native of Finland, on November 25th.

R. F. Davis, aged 44, from Oregon City, Oregon on November 20th.

Road House Licenses.

The Yukon council met on Monday evening. It was decided to devote a portion of the Good Samaritan hospital to the use of indigent patients in a mild state of ageritude. The amending of the fire ordinance was referred to the fire commissioners.

It was decided that the license for road houses should be \$250 for the balance of the year; the license year ending June 1, 1899.

A petition was received and read from the heads of families representing some 40 children of school age, praying that Dawson and vicinity be made a school district. The matter was referred to Judge Dugas to be taken up at some future meeting.

A Suggestion.

I have often looked at the ground upon which the city of Dawson is built, and think that good pay dirt would be found if prospected to bed rock. Now, what is the matter with the officials, who are to a great extent responsible for the health of the inhabitants of Dawson, sinking a shaft or two for bed rock and at the same time locating run-of-river drifts on bed rock from the back end of the townsite, connect them with the river, and use these drifts as sewers? Then when spring comes they can sluice the gravel onto the different streets and have a good roadway instead of billing in sawdust. In this manner they could get revenue out of some of the prisoners. Yours truly,

J. SLOAN JOHNSON.

[Something like the foregoing has been suggested before to this paper, but the idea of connecting the drifts with the river and utilizing them as sewers is novel to say the least. Would not the warm water of the river cause those drifts to cave? Or would not bed rock be too far below the level of the river to give any fall to these novel sewers?—Ed.]

A Good Map for 50 Cents.

The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50 cents.

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Saturday night at the Regina hotel the Tramp Shriners and Knights Templar met in social session, and not a thing occurred to mar the wholesome pleasure of the occasion.

The dining-room was comfortably filled with guests and the social features of the evening were led by Governor Ogilvie who presided and was master of ceremonies.

Mr. McDonald delivered an address with timely allusions and local skits. Col. McCook begged to be excused from making a speech and concluded with a story.

The governor, in announcing the next number for look occasion to speak appropriately upon the last was and the consequent closer bond of friendship between the two English-speaking nations.

Mr. D. W. Semple made the hit of the evening with humorous allusions to the pilgrimage of his brother masons. The speech was impromptu but timely and was concluded with a well-told story.

Colonel Davis addressed the gathering and spoke very feelingly of the loved ones at home and how we all deserved the very best at the hands of the country in return for this long deprivation of our families.

Mr. Perkins made a few remarks on the evening and proposed D. W. Semple as chairman of the next meeting, to occur on the first Saturday in January.

Change of program at the Wondroscope exhibition next Sunday. Don't fail to see it at the Monte Carlo.

A minstrel show in aid of St. Mary's is to be given on Christmas night at the Tivoli.

In accepting "Little Willie" created much amusement and told another story.

The governor wound up the festivities with the "King's Picture" and the happy evening was concluded with "Auld Lang Syne," all present joining in the singing.

Friday Benefit. On Friday night there will be a benefit performance at the Monte Carlo, the object being the relief of the poor and distressed people of Dawson.

Manager Alcock guarantees every one who attends the grand skating carnival a splendid evening's enjoyment. Remember the night, Thursday, Dec. 22.

PERSONALS. Mr. John Manning of the Northern is slightly indisposed, but he indelibly keeps at his post of duty.

Mr. Fred W. Martin, formerly of Victoria, B. C., and well-known throughout the province, is in charge of the lecture platform at the Pullman Cafe during the day.

Mr. Carter, employed in Ash & Manning's establishment, gave us a call with a request for coal oil as he has to read the paper and yet there is so little daylight now-a-days.

Messrs. Wm. Thomas and Thomas Barry are contemplating a trip over the ice shortly. They intend trying the experiment of not taking sleds nor dogs and carrying a light robe a piece upon their backs.

We learn that Frank J. Dunleavy, late organizer of the Miners Association, has taken the lecture platform in Canada, and is telling the people down there what he found and saw in government circles under the old regime.

Every one wonders at the unusual happy smile carried around by Casey Moran these days. Easily accounted for, however, when it is known that on last Saturday evening Mr. Moran led upon his own pretty Miss Katie Vaughn to the residence of Rev. Bowen, rector of St. Paul's church, who pronounced upon them the beautiful marriage ceremony of the Episcopal church. Congratulations to the happy groom and bride.

Dawson is becoming more and more of a winter station. Every couple of days a party from the lower river calls at Dawson and again leaves for the outside on various missions.

The Pullman's specialty. In almost every particular the Pullman excels and in no department more than in its bar where Captain D. K. Howard, presides, and if ever a rock of salt fills with delight the taste of the explorer is to be had, the captain can produce it. None but bottle goods are used at the Pullman, no bulk goods being on sale, thus guaranteeing quality to those who patronize it.

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The furnishings were all selected and placed by Mrs. Nellie Humphreys, a lady of charming manner and most perfect good taste, and the hotel portion is in her hands. The hotel is already well filled, and the more comfortable place is in the entire management.

Mr. Robert Blei has long catered to the public as hotel proprietor, and to their true amusement as theatrical manager, understands precisely what is required and spares no expense in any undertaking in which he engages.

There is a fine line of patent medicines at the Pioneer Drug Store. E. Short, prop'r, cor. Second Avenue and Second Street.

Secure reserved and box seats at Kelly's drug store for the Wondroscope. Next Sunday at the Monte Carlo.

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