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FAWCETT'S NEMESIS.

The "Nugget" Prosecutes a Serious Charge Under Difficulties.

HOW "BIG ALEX" WORKED THE GOLD COMMISSIONER.

Great Lapse of Memory of Officials When Put On the Rack.

But the "Nugget" Secures Damning Admissions Just the Same—Only Voluntary Evidence Taken and Then No One Can Be Compelled to Answer—Nevertheless Conviction Stares Mr. Fawcett in the Face—Evidence Piled Up Pile on Pile.

Saturday's session of the royal investigation committee proved a most depressing surprise to certain gentlemen occupying high positions in official life, and especially to Mr. Thomas Fawcett, whose late conduct of the office of gold commissioner, more than anything else, was responsible for the conditions which necessitated the appeal for the institution of the investigating body. His hope of escape from the myriad of damning charges against him received a staggering blow, from the effects of which—at least so far as public opinion goes—he will never recover. Dark, dank gloom settled down where arrogant defiance had reigned, and a realization of inevitable conviction dawned amidst the gathering shadows. A more complete victory than was secured over the fallen official could only have been hoped for and not expected, under the circumstances, for the evidence was taken under the limitations of his powers, which Commissioner Ogilvie lately discovered in his commission, with which the public has heretofore been made acquainted. A discerning and implacable judge, representing an abused public, occupied that portion of the room set aside for the accommodation of the public, and triumphant applause arose time and again from earnest hearts as the chains were riveted upon the wrists of the crestfallen defendant, metaphorically speaking. Had the scene found its action within the sanctity of a criminal court, and a trial for malfeasance been the motive instead of a misdirected investigation, conviction and punishment would have been the lot of the accused before the case had been concluded.

It was proven satisfactorily that Thomas Fawcett had entered into collusion with Alex. McDonald in a plan to extort from two ladies, without even a shadow of right or justice, the sum of \$2,000; and that he had used his official powers to that end; that he had represented to them that a mortgage existed against certain mining property which they wished to acquire by entry, which mortgage he knows never existed; that he employed in the plot a subsequent application for the ground of an entirely different person than Alex. McDonald; that he would not, and did not, allow the ladies to record until they had assumed the alleged indebtedness and signed a document alleging that they had owed Alex. McDonald \$1,000; and that the entire of the other man to the property was set aside as soon as this was done, though neither had at any time been consulted or considered in the matter; that, in fact, there never did exist a contest to one-half the claim, though it was otherwise represented to the lady; and she was obliged to assume a half of the \$2,000 indebtedness; that, although Donald McDonald had staked the two claims for one, and that his stakes yet call for 500 feet, the application which he made for the same has been filed, and now shows a claim for only 250 feet.

The evidence was of the most sensational nature throughout, and it is an open question which witnesses proved most damaging to Fawcett's good name, those for him or those against. That the latter's witnesses furnished more nails for the coffin and yet produced them unwillingly, but makes them the more valuable. Some were too honest to lie, as Mr. Calder. Some hid behind "I don't know," as did Mr. Craig; but from first to last the testimony was pointed and full of material facts, pointing to the prostitution of government office for private gain of friends.

UNCOVERING THE FRAUD.

The charge against Mr. Fawcett, by which this was all brought out was preferred, among others, by the Nugget, and was that Mr. Fawcett did use his official powers for the benefit of friends and the prejudice of free miners, as in the case of the Dominion creek claims of Mrs. Miner and Mrs. Kelly, when he compelled them to pay Alexander McDonald the sum of

\$2,000 before allowing them to record the claims they had staked." The Nugget had withdrawn from actively prosecuting the investigation, owing to the construction placed upon the instructions of his commission by Mr. Ogilvie, whereby all charges of wrong-doing occurring subsequent to August 25th last, were to be ignored; but agreed to appear in prosecution of the charge above quoted because the innocent parties involved had been unwillingly dragged into it by the Nugget and felt the necessity of going on in their own interests, even under the adverse conditions employed by Commissioner Ogilvie's late ruling. An explanation to this effect was made by Mr. George, the Nugget's representative, and the commissioner consented to hear the evidence. As no oath could be legally administered, it was mutually agreed that the witnesses should give their testimony, which would be reduced to writing and presented to them for subsequent affirmation to its truth before a justice of the peace, reserving them the right to first strike out such portions of their testimony as they desired. Mr. Fawcett had gone to extreme pains to prepare an elaborate defense and was in high glee over the confusion which he expected to create in the ranks of his prosecutors. But, alas! the frailty of human hopes.

THE FIRST NAIL IN THE COFFIN.

The first witness called was Mrs. Kelly, who in response to a request from the Nugget's representative testified, in substance, as follows: Just after midnight of August 31, I was staking the lower half of E above upper on Dominion. After completing the staking I came to Dawson and made application to record, which was received. Mrs. Miner, who accompanied me, had staked the upper half of the claim and presented her application, but it was not received. At the end of ten days we returned to the office, as directed, but were told by the clerk, Mr. Craig, that they hadn't had time to look the matter up. Two days later we again went to the office and Mr. Craig said he had not had time, as yet, but in about two weeks he would be able to publish a list of those entitled to record and who had not contested against them. After the two weeks were up I called on Mr. Fawcett and told him I would like to understand all the particulars about this claim. He told me there was a mortgage of \$2,000 against it in favor of Alex. McDonald. I asked him if it was on record, and he replied it had been since last winter. I asked him how it was they could hold claims for debt against crown lands, as there had been no representation on this claim. He insisted that if we got the ground we would have to assume the indebtedness, and that Mrs. Miner and I could each assume half. He further said he would not let anything else be done with the ground pending our decision. Later, Mrs. Miner and I executed two mortgages for \$1,000 each in favor of Alex. McDonald. Together with Mr. Doherty and Mr. Calder, agents for Alex. McDonald, Mr. Miner and Mr. Kelly, we went to Mr. Fawcett's office. Mr. Doherty had drawn up the mortgages, and we signed them in Mr. Fawcett's presence. He saw us sign the papers and then let us record. He gave Mr. Doherty a note to Mr. Craig and we went with him to the clerk. Craig read the note and went downstairs. After a time he came back and wrote on the note something to the effect that we were willing to pay the \$2,000, and we signed it. He said it was to keep up his end of the thing. The note was so held that we could not read it all. I never had any dealings with Alex. McDonald and do not know him nor ever owed him anything.

Under cross-examination, witness continued: Nothing was said about a contest and I did not think there was one, as we were the only ones who staked for 250 feet. My husband found other stakes on the ground for 500 feet. I never saw the mortgage Mr. Fawcett had told us was on the ground. When we had

recorded I asked Mr. Craig how the mortgage could be settled, as I know nothing about law and thought it should be taken up. Mr. Craig replied: "Why, there is nothing against this ground." Afterwards we gave Alex. McDonald an option for \$15,000 on the ground and he has the claims out for sale. While Mr. Craig was away I saw some papers on his desk, apparently a list of applications, and one bore the name of Donald McDonald. I did not see how much it called for, but his stakes were for 500 feet.

Mr. George here read the mortgage given by Mrs. Kelly to assume the \$1,000 alleged indebtedness, which went on to set up that she was partly indebted to Alex. McDonald in the sum of \$1,000 and was giving the mortgage to secure it. "And were you indebted, in any sense, to Mr. McDonald?" he asked. "No," replied the witness. "I never owed him a penny." "Then, were you not induced to subscribe to what was not true? and how came you to be induced to sign your name to a document giving Alex. McDonald a lien on your claim?" "It was the only way I could get it recorded," was the pithy reply.

Commissioner Ogilvie took a hand here and asked Mrs. Kelly if she and Mrs. Miner remembered calling on him in reference to their claims, asking if a mortgage would be any good against a claim that had not been represented. "Yes," was the answer of witness, "and you told me you didn't see how it could." "You see, I didn't know then that there was no mortgage against our claims?"

THE PLOT BROADENS.

Mrs. Miner was the next witness called. She told how she had, in Mrs. Kelly's company, staked the upper half of the claim in question and applied for record. She was put off for ten days and then the application was filed. She went again to get a certificate of record and was told by Mr. Fawcett that there was a mortgage against the ground, and that she couldn't record unless she assumed it. Witness then told of herself and Mrs. Kelly assuming the indebtedness by signing the mortgages against the ground; of Fawcett being present; of him giving Doherty a note telling Craig to let the ladies record; of Craig going down stairs after reading the note and of seeing the list of applications for claims on this desk, among them that of Donald McDonald. "His application was for 500 feet," she said.

Mr. Tabor, who represents Mr. Fawcett and the other officials in the investigation, began a cross-examination here, and unexpectedly let drop a remark that must have made his principal client wince. "I am in a rather delicate position here," he said. "As Mrs. Miner consulted with me as an attorney on the matter of the mortgage some time ago, I advised you that you didn't have to pay that mortgage, didn't I, Mrs. Miner, and that Alex. McDonald didn't have any claim in law?" Continuing under cross-examination Mrs. Miner said she did not see a note for \$2,000 given by H. L. Birt, the original owner of the claim, to Alex. McDonald; later it was found in Mr. McDonald's effects and given to Mr. Miner, who, in turn, gave it to Mr. Doherty. She did not see Donald McDonald in the act of staking her ground, but supposed he was on the ground, as he had been there for several days previously, and made me think he was there for the purpose of staking. He said, however, that he did not intend to stake, as his brother Alex. had bought the claim.

Mrs. Kelly was here recalled, and testified that she saw Donald McDonald and two men on her claim at the time. Mr. McDonald was cutting a stake as I drove mine down," she said with a brightness that made the audience laugh in approval. His stakes are on the ground now; I understand he staked for 500 feet. He saw me later, and said that if I did not do as he proposed his brother Alex. would get the claim. His proposition was that I should assume Birt's indebtedness to Alex. McDonald. He also proposed that myself and husband stake the ground over again with him and leave Mrs. Miner out.

WERE COMPLETELY TAKEN IN.

Mr. Miner next took the stand, and told of consulting with Mr. Kelly when the ladies had been refused record. They went to Doherty and agreed to assume the indebtedness mentioned, which Doherty allowed them to believe was a mortgage secured by Birt's note, which they supposed would be transferred to them, and in exchange for which the ladies were to be allowed to record. Doherty never said anything to disabuse them of that idea. He was with the ladies when they signed the papers in Mr. Fawcett's office, and accompanied them up stairs when they went to record. He looked over Doherty's shoulder and read the note from Fawcett to Craig.

FAWCETT'S NOTE.

It said, in substance: "These women have signed a mortgage to Alex. McDonald for \$1,000 each on claim 15, Dominion, which is the best we can do, I think, and you had better let them record." Witness heard the ladies talking about the paper, containing application on Craig's desk. Donald McDonald's application was for 500 feet. Witness had measured the ground, and found it to be but 480 feet. The first time he knew there was no mortgage on the ground was right

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after the ladies had recorded, when Craig said, "Why, there is nothing against this ground." I always supposed there was a mortgage. It was never said to us that Donald McDonald would relinquish any claim he might have to the ground if we took up the indebtedness. I never considered that he had any valid claim on it, and if the proposition had been put to us in that way we would never have paid \$1,000 to him, nor a cent. No, we did not owe Alex. McDonald a cent.

Mrs. Kelly was recalled at this point by Mr. George and asked if, instead of the alleged mortgage, the demand for \$1,000 had been made in consideration of Donald McDonald withdrawing his claim to the ground she would have consented to pay it. "No," she replied, "nor was mention ever made of a contest by Donald McDonald." Mrs. Miner was then recalled and replied substantially as did Mrs. Kelly, that a contest was never mentioned to them.

AFRAID OF McDONALD'S PULL.

Mr. Kelly was the next witness called, and as he was known to have sought a conversation with Fawcett a couple of hours before, during which he asked the other to believe that he was a very unwilling witness against him, his evidence was awaited by the knowing ones with a deal of interest. Mr. Kelly deposed in substance that he was with his wife when she staked her claim. Two weeks later he got a note from her, saying there was a mortgage of \$2,000 against the ground in favor of Alex. McDonald, which they would have to assume before they would be allowed to record, and asking him to come to town, which he did. After consultation with Miner, he went to Fawcett and asked him if the ladies could record if the McDonald interest was satisfied. Mr. Fawcett said, "Certainly." He advised the ladies that the best way was to take up the indebtedness, and the ladies gave their notes secured by mortgages on the claims. They agreed, and he told Doherty they had decided to take up the mortgage. Doherty did not deny that there was a mortgage, and agreed that it should be turned over to Miner. Witness was pressed for time, and thought the form of settlement he proposed was the most advantageous. "Of course," he said, "I did not know that she would act on my advice, as she has opinions of her own."

The audience seemed to cheer heartily in the closing expression, and joined in his compliment to the lady with applause and laughter. Continuing his testimony, Mr. Kelly said: "Donald McDonald told me his brother would beat me anyway, I did not investigate any of the stories, and lumped all the opposition. I wanted to remove it all at one settlement, and so advised the plan I did, which I think was a good bargain."

Mr. George: If the same proposition were to come up now, you knowing there was no mortgage against the ground, would you advise the same step?

Witness: Well, I couldn't afford to remain away from my claim and lose the time, and—

Mr. George: Do you think that without the collusion of the gold commissioner the opposition of Alex. McDonald would have been such as to prevent your wife from recording her claim?

Witness: I don't know that there was any collusion. Very few men could be pitted against Alex. McDonald with success. I don't want to incur the enmity of Alex. McDonald or anybody else with the wealth he has. If his demand had been for \$2,000 instead of \$1,000 I would have paid it just the same if the claim was worth \$10,000. It never occurred to me to appeal to the gold commissioner, because my wife had told me it was no use.

Mr. George again put his question and demanded a straight answer to it. Witness replied: Ours was the first staking, and I kept our rights under it; but I knew McDonald would antagonize me, and I dreaded the opposition he could bring forth.

Mr. Ogilvie: Did you ever think there was any collusion between Alex. McDonald and the gold commissioner, or that McDonald's influence would have any effect upon the gold commissioner?

Witness: Well, I am an imaginative person, and I might have entertained many ideas that, if expressed, would be an injustice to the person. I believed that if I entered into a contest with McDonald it would be made such an expensive affair that I could not stay in, and to that extent it would have been unfair.

Mr. George: Did you know that in a contest against McDonald, with Fawcett for a trustee, the chances would be against you?

Witness: I knew his would be but the preliminary court.

Mr. George: Well, Mr. Kelly, I will not ask you to antagonize the McDonald power by giving straight answers.

Mr. Ogilvie: It is not right, Mr. George, to cast aspersions like that against Mr. Kelly's character.

Mr. George: Mr. Commissioner, I have three times asked him a question and he has refused to give a straight answer, after volunteering to come here and testify. Well, I have put on the last of the witnesses who volunteered to testify; there are other witnesses, but I didn't try to get them and will submit the case to you as it is.

THE DEFENSE GOES TO PIECES.

The Nugget's case being all in so far as the circumstances would permit, the defense took the helm, Mr. Fawcett at once going into the witness box to give his version of the main

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RE TOM FAWCETT.

And now, we come to the obituary of "Poor Tom Fawcett" as Mr. Fred Wade used to describe the ex-gold commissioner. With a trusting innocence, as "childlike and bland" as that of the "heavenly Chinese," he forced the issue upon us under the most adverse circumstances to ourselves and the result is laid before our readers in our local columns. By stupidly threatening Messrs. Miner and Kelly with criminal proceedings he brought us to the rescue, even after we had withdrawn from active prosecution until a proper commission to investigate should arrive, either extending Mr. Ogilvie's powers after August 25th or sending in new commissioners of inquiry. And now, the damning evidence is in and confronts Mr. Fawcett in cold type. A question which arose in every spectator's mind on Saturday last was: "Will Fawcett ever receive his just dues?" A stern duty now awaits our Yukon commissioner. It takes an uncompromising and staunch integrity of character for one official who has been ever on the friendliest terms with another, and who, by a turn of fortune's wheel, has been hoisted to the position of judge over that other—the accused having been once upon his staff and his right-hand man—to judge that unfortunate mental phenomenon with cold, impartial justice.

In this connection we wish to point out that no force whatever attaches to the protestations of the best of motives of men accused of wrong doing. By a curious phenomenon of the brain, the mind of man is ever engaged in justifying its acts to conscience. Does a man neglect his family; then brain tells conscience that it was justifiable, from the heartlessness of that family or from the pressure of surrounding circumstances. Does a man commit a capital crime; then conscience is pacified with exaggerated pictures of the victim's offenses. Is a wife untrue; then mind says to conscience that the infidelity was justified by the cruelty or neglect of the husband. It is astonishing how this self-justification holds true even to the smaller offenses of daily life. Does a weakly gold commissioner extort \$2000 from two unoffending ladies in the interest of a wealthy citizen by a cry of "protest" when there was no protest; then conscience is pacified with the argument that the money was really owing to the big mining man by someone and that the ladies were securing very valuable ground and could very well afford to take up the indebtedness, and that to cause the ladies to believe some weight attached to a fictitious mortgage on lapsed ground which they were innocently restaking, was holy duplicity in a righteous cause. Does a public officer use his official position to enforce the payment of a righteous debt from an innocent party; then a plausible salve is applied to conscience that the end justifies the means. There never was an offense committed but what, by some peculiar mental process,

the guilty person goes through a course of self-palliation and comes out purged of everything but the most righteous motives. So convinced are the guilty ones of their own righteousness that the force of the conviction often affects the weaker of the surrounding humanity, and we are called to witness the painful spectacle of scores of delicate ladies calling at the jail and leaving bouquets of tear-bedewed flowers for a Durant, a Blank, a James, a Younger, a Cole, a Spies or a Peace.

Mr. Ogilvie must not expect of Mr. Fawcett that he will ever acknowledge malfeasance. The same structure of the mind which makes malfeasance possible is accompanied by an obscure mentality of abnormal activity which justifies that official obliquity most emphatically and sincerely. There is no foundation in fact for the popular pictures of Benedict Arnold spending the latter end of his life in the deepest retrospective remorse. The same phenomenon of mentality which rendered his offense possible was accompanied by an undoubted justification to his conscience. Ask any of the judges of the land if the men whom they are called upon to assign to a felon's cell ever showed the absence of this self justification. Visit our jails and you find the same thing; and then let our Royal Commissioner ask himself if any weight attaches to the mere self asserted innocence of the men he is called upon to judge. The upright bearing and pre-terested integrity of convicted men during trial has been the theme of some of the most noted of English verse, and of itself goes for naught. It usually requires the training of years and years in court before a man acquires that eminence of lofty mindedness which we find in our judges, and which to the unphilosophical mind appears often as hard heartedness, but which in reality is but the human rendition of Blind Justice weighing with impartial scales. Even a twenty-year judge is often thrown into mental anguish by the necessity of putting aside his pity for the trembling yet self-righteous culprit before him. Older than the Bible is the cry from the parched throats of the condemned, "Judge! for God's sake, I am innocent."

THAT LAST ISSUE.

The Tuesday issue of the Miner-Sun claimed to deal with the present farcical investigation into the acts of government officials being perpetrated at the court house, and was under the caption of "Fawcett Exonerated." We have not nearly as much space to devote to the Nugget, but we wish to say en passant that this paper never joined issue with Messrs. McDougal and Armstrong in prosecuting Fawcett, and during the hearing of their first charge, after which they resigned, was merely present in a reportorial way. The Miner-Sun knew these things, and was simply, as usual, false to what it knew to be the truth. There is also no record of the Nugget ever withdrawing its charges against Fawcett, so that in representing these things as facts the Miner-Sun is simply stating lies at so much per lie in favor of their purchasers and masters. We had no intention of referring to these things, only the Miner-Sun refers to the Nugget in one senseless paragraph, amongst a hundred others, as a "social scab." From the senselessness of the surrounding paragraphs we are very much inclined to think that Editor Logan had simply floundered beyond his depth, and didn't know what he was saying; that the lapse of manners and memory was in the nature of paresis; as though in the exhilaration of a recent addition to a depleted exchequer by a donation from official sources, there had been an irresistible intoxication which had overcome all better judgment. No blame attaches to the government organ in its efforts to defend its masters, though we must admit that the truth is being handled in a most reckless fashion, and we think they sold themselves body and soul too cheaply for even so valueless and noninfluential a sheet. The palsied trembling of paralytic morals is on every page; the uncertain hesitancy of a faprous conscience in every paragraph; the nosing gait of a

yoked slave in every line, and the pest house atmosphere exhaled from its bought and paid for columns is simply nauseating to even its hundred and fifty readers. We repeat, we had no answer to make but for the rank personality of that "social scab," and we submit to Editor Logan that in that particular he showed poor judgment and the rankest want of manners, besides adding one more untruth at the behest of his masters.

To show how fearful are the people here that justice and right cannot prevail in this land of hopeless government, it is but necessary to point out the constantly recurring rumors that the toll gate on the O'Brien trail has been re-established and the miners are being again forced to pay tithes to the already rich. The rumors were of course false, yet the readiness with which they are believed shows a great and unnecessary lack of faith in our courts and its presiding judge. We have reason for greater faith than that, and believe that unless superior orders come from Ottawa overriding the limits of our court, the miners will ever receive substantial justice at the hands of our broad-minded judge of the supreme court.

The Boston Globe has made the startling discovery that many of the inhabitants of the Philippine islands are polygamists, and further, that those pestilential islands are the hotbed of polyandry or the marriage of one wife to a plurality of husbands. The unhappy Bostonese are greatly alarmed, and the immediate construction of the trocha by the aid of which they hope to withstand the expected onslaught of the diabolical Filipinos will be ordered.

McDonald's Unpaid Royalty

When the royal investigation was opened on Tuesday morning, Col Donald McGregor addressed Mr. Ogilvie and asked permission to put a few questions to Mr. Fawcett at the request of many miners.

Permission being granted, the colonel asked if Alex McDonald had not a great many good claims. Mr. Fawcett replied in the affirmative.

"And has the royalty on the same been collected?" next put the colonel.

"I don't know about the amount," replied Mr. Fawcett, I know that it has not all been paid.

"Has the time elapsed when it should have been paid?" was next put.

"I don't know, but I think it has," was the answer.

The colonel had some other questions about Alex McDonald's connection with the gold commissioner, but deferred to Commissioner Ogilvie, who said all these matters were to be investigated next week. The investigation was then adjourned to Monday.

Where Are They?

NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE, TERRITORIAL OFFICE, DAWSON, Feb. 17, 1899. Major Nugget: Enquiry is made for one, Robert B. Hunter, who was formerly at Toronto, Ont., Hartford, Conn., and New York City.

Also for Richard Raymer who was for some years at Victoria, B. C.

If either of the above parties will call at the above address they will oblige. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, S. B. STEELE, Commanding N. W. M. P., Yukon Territory.

Library Changes Hands.

The public library has again changed hands, having been purchased by Dr. McDonald from Dr. Grant, and in the future it will be under the supervision of Mrs. Shornborn, Mrs. Kaiser having resigned as librarian, much to the regret of all who know her gracious ways. The library now has 1100 volumes and is nicely located in a well lighted and comfortable room in the A. C. building.

A Parson in Trouble.

Rev. Dr. Macdonald, who was in Dawson last summer and who delivered a lecture, while here, on "Bobbie" Burns, is back to his parish, and, according to a Glasgow paper, is in trouble with his Presbytery because of the length of his trip. The Glasgow paper says: Dr. Macdonald, the "Braw" minister of a

brave little Kirk in Inverness, got three months leave of absence recently, and—Heaven help him!—he went to the Klondike. He did not, he stayed away six months instead of three.

The matter was brought up at the meeting of the Presbytery this week by the clerk, who declared gravely and with great circumlocution that the Presbytery are called upon most seriously to consider how they stand.

Dr. Macdonald coolly replied that he had no explanation to offer; that he was not at his journey's end when the three months expired, and that the members of the Presbytery would well advise where he intended to go, if he had not made special effort to come home he might have been frozen up all the winter. The Presbytery solemnly discussed this daily reply for some time, the Rev. Martin Mackenzie expressing the opinion that, although they set their minds they would not make any thing out of the doctor, who had an extraordinary facility for making loopholes for himself out of all difficulties. The only remedy was, "no to give him leave of absence again—in short, to tie him down to his work."

Dr. Macdonald: I have no objection if you pass a vote of censure on me. But you will not prevent me going away when I like. In the end the Presbytery purged itself by agreeing that the explanation made by Dr. Macdonald for his absence is not satisfactory.

Song of the Shirt.

Beautiful sparkling water that over the pebbles ran— Over the shining sands the miner had in his hand— Water was scarce and dewdrop until it touched the dirt— But the miner soiled the water by washing his dirty shirt. ROSAMOND.

CREEK ITEMS.

On 9 above on Hunker, a nugget was picked off the dump the other day weighing \$2.20. George Hammer, a layman on 17 above on Hunker, reports striking the pay streak, and running into and through some remarkably good ground.

Wm. H. Bard has acquired the well known "Armenian" claim, which is a second tier bench opposite the left limit of 60 below on Bonanza. The consideration was \$15,000.

Gold Bottom is continuing to show up very well, although nothing extremely rich has been uncovered, a number of claims have fairly paid. Several claims on the right fork have paid also, 4, 8, 9 and 10 above, and most of the claims from 1 to 8 above the mouth.

No. 6 below upper on Dominion is showing up in first-class style and Messrs. Johnson and McAlpine employ 30 men at wages. Twelve holes are on the pay streak, cross-cutting 15 feet wide and some very fine pans have been found. A nugget weighing \$7 was recently found.

A good collection of ancient bones were recently found on 16 above lower on Dominion. They consisted of a skull and horns resembling those of a buffalo, but much larger, measuring 36 inches from tip to tip, and being very heavy. One of the horn bones were cracked and in the crack was wedged a nugget weighing, probably \$1.50. This was found about 19 feet deep, and grew two feet from bedrock.

On the Fisher Gold Hill claim on Friday last was dug an odd appearing nugget or quartz "nigger head," through which the stringers and threads of gold were interlaced in a most interesting manner. The nugget had a total weight of about seven pounds, and the gold in it is estimated to amount to from \$100 to \$200. The odd quartz theory miners are situated at the find, as showing the quartz origin of Klondike gold. The quartz is what the miners call "bull quartz."

The delay of the gold commissioner in sending out surveyors to settle the boundary lines between the benches on the left limit and the creek claims at number 5 and 6 above lower on Dominion is proving a great hardship to the men who are thrown out of employment, according to report. About a month ago the owners of the creek claims decided that the ground claimed by the bench men would be a welcome addition to their creek claims so they filed a contest and the police were sent out and ordered the bench men not to stop work. The creek claimers are now working in line with the bench ground and also had to stop work. The ground in dispute is a low bench just at the base of the hill and is from 6 to 10 feet to bedrock. Fair pay has been located in several holes and the creek, 20 to 30 feet below, has deeper ground and no very fine pay, as yet. This needless delay of the officials in settling the matter is keeping about 30 men idle and they are thoroughly disgusted with the present state of affairs. They have been put to considerable expense and are losing the best part of their season's work, as some of the laymen have the ground for only a short time.

A High Average.

Colonel Steele, while talking on general matters with a NUGGET man this week, dropped a statement to the effect that the men of the N. W. M. P. from Dawson to Bennett, are actually covering an average of forty-five miles per day to the men this winter, according to the official reports in his possession. As quite a number of the men are kept constantly at town duties and doing clerical work, the figure would indicate that some of the others are doing some "mighty tall mashing."

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Mr. F. R. Burnham, who owns valuable interests on French Hill, and is quite well known here, arrived in town a week ago from the outside, indirectly from London.

Asked about the reported destruction of the steamer Piedmont, with the lives of 130 persons, Mr. Burnham said it was untrue and entirely without foundation.

N. S. Thompson and A. F. Knight arrived in from the outside this week, and were guests at the Yukon hotel.

Froze His Feet.

Dave Colskey, of the Klondike Trading Co., participated in a stampede to Nine-mile creek, a tributary of Indian river, on Saturday, and as a consequence, he is now confined to his bed with a pair of swollen feet, having broken through the ice of a glacier into the water beneath.

An Honest Man.

Mr. Gibson, a Dominion miner, fills to a dot the axiom that "an honest man is God's noblest work."

Claim Contest Appealed.

Gold Commissioner Senkler rendered a decision this week in the contest of Wilkinson vs. Waugh, which grew out of a controversy regarding the boundary line between their creek and bench claims on lower Bonanza.

Mail

The following letters are at this office awaiting delivery:

A Fireman's Life Is Not

The firemen were summoned from the dormitory of their warm robes on Monday night in response to an alarm from the Phoenix.

THE RAVEN.

(With apologies to Poe.)

Once upon a winter dreary, As I struggled, weak and weary, On the Chilcot Pass, with burdens never borne by man before;

While I on my sled was strapping, Many a useless Klondike trapping, Suddenly there came a clapping On the trail, behind, before,

Down the lakes my way I wended, And I wished my journey ended, When each night, as I rested, some miles further than before;

Up the creek I packed with ardor, Neither deemed I but the harder, On occasions when my arder, Played out sooner than before,

There a raven came and found me, And he coolly strutted round me, And did not utter a sound,

And the raven still is sitting, Still is sitting, never fitting, On the middle bunch of icicles just above my cabin door;

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Barlow left for the coast on the 23d.

Mr. Milne, of the Parsons Produce Co., left for the outside last Saturday.

Messrs. Healy and Jackson went to Grand Forks Tuesday on important business affairs.

Lloyd Batts has left for the outside and expects to return up river with a stock of goods just as soon as navigation opens.

Dawsonites who happened to be on the streets Thursday night were edified by the sight of a falling meteor, which illuminated the landscape brilliantly for several seconds, and traversed a wide expanse of the heavens.

Dr. Mary Mosher a few days ago submitted to the examination before Canadian doctors, which is required by the medical ordinance, and is now allowed to practice, having successfully passed the trying "exam" of her rivals.

An enjoyable dancing party was given on the 24th by Blanchard & Sullivan at their ball at the Forks.

Dr. E. R. Kenner is starting out again over the ice on Wednesday morning, having only arrived here on the 21st.

An amusing story comes from Enley. Twelve miles from town someone lost a dog, which was left alongside the road and soon froze stiff.

Bills are out for the first ski tournament ever held in the Yukon basin, under the auspices of the Arctic Ski club, on the afternoon of the 17th instant.

The Tracy benefit on Sunday night was a big affair. The volunteer musicians were: Violins, C. C. Warner and J. J. Johnson; clarionets, Stahl

and Lyons; cornets, Lyons and Monogram; bass, McKyer; piano, A. Quigley. The orchestra secured much applause with such selections as "Poet and Peasant," "Bridal Rose," "Pom March," and "The Vampire."

A program was furnished by the following well-known and popular performers: Jones Bros. in their trick house act; "The Tramps," by Frank Howard, with tableaux by Tracy, Cropp, Bell and the Newmans; E. J. Deylilo, in club swinging; Cropp and Bell, in duets and solos; Mulligan and Linton, sketches; Prof. Parkes, pictures; Graicie Robinson, character work; Newman children, as the militia of the last century; Mollie Thompson; George Nobles, in limitless bass solos; The Rudolphs; Fred Tracy in illustrated songs; "Little Nugget," as the little Belgian girl is called; Miss Clifford. The performance concluded with the last act of Triss, by the old Tivoli stock company.

There were to have been several sparring exhibitions, but the police ruled it out. The volunteers were Rooney and Gleason, Williams and Agnew, and several other lights of the pugilistic arena.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Joseph King forcibly remonstrated with Thomas Vex because of the careless manner in which the other flourished a loaded revolver in the vicinity of his person, and was fined \$5 and costs as a result.

Ed. McDonald and Henry Spence comprised a brace of disorderlies. Their offenses only differed in detail somewhat; but there was no difference in the justice meted out to them.

Walter Gifford was up for a lesson in good citizenship, in which the complaint against him set forth, he seemed to be somewhat negligent in that he had wantonly disturbed the white dove of peace and caused the sacred bird to flutter from her perch in fright.

A. Samz and Bert Curtis, gentlemen of leisure, were afforded three months time in which to acquire at government expense the manly art of wood sawing.

Justice Harper enjoyed the unique experience of leaving before him a prisoner who could not spell his own name.

Henry Hibbard came down from his road house on Hunker to witness the late glove contest at the Monte Carlo, and the exhibition seemed to create in him a seque of his own physical prowess.

Henry West is billed for a trip to American territory and his departure will occur within the next 10 days.

Mrs. Augusta Gifford told a tale of woe that would have wrung tears from the eyes of an Indian dignitary. She had, she claimed, done the washing, mending and cooking for Mrs. Thomas Society during a period of three months, and had in other ways done as a wife to him.

Carlo Billy has a number of laymen, at his clinic on Hunker. Naturally he is anxious to keep up the amount of remuneration he receives; but he can't do it when the laymen won't allow him about the cabin and shafts; besides that, one of them appeared to have overheated a quantity of provisions belonging to him.

Dr. J. H. Koons, physician and surgeon, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., proprietor Miners Hospital, Eldorado City, Mo.

Joseph Ginsburg appeared before his worship in the guise of an oppressed one and told a tale of woe that was heightened in effect by his inability to talk "queen's English" and an air of unsophisticated honesty.

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giving to the bearer. It was on Cassiar creek, where he had gone on a prospecting expedition. Night and darkness overtook him while eight miles from camp; he broke into the water, which froze his clothes stiff, fractured his right arm by a fall, and so badly injured one of his legs as to cripple him. When he finally reached camp he was nearly dead, and has been under a doctor's care ever since.

Official Weather Bureau.

The temperatures for the week ending Wednesday, February 22nd, show a constantly increasing variation.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Lowest, Highest, Wind Miles per hour. Thursday... -23.2 -33.6 2.0; Friday... -24. -40.9 0.2; Saturday... -24. -22.7 2.8; Sunday... -9.0 -15.2 8.0; Monday... -13.8 -37.0 0.6; Tuesday... -26.5 -41.4 2.2; Wednesday... -11.0 -37.6 9.0

Territorial Court.

Judge Dugas, in Territorial court, will take up the new calendar of criminal cases this [Wednesday] morning. Among them will be those of Hoeses, Bates, Carr and Dyer, the first three being on charges of theft, the last being a charge of false pretenses.

Grand Opening.

On Friday next the Butler hotel will be opened at Grand Forks under the management of the popular Billy Thomas. There will be a full orchestra of six pieces under the leadership of Sam Stanley, while Ben Davis will act as master of amusements and leader of the cakewalk. There will probably be a couple or more stage loads of people from Dawson alone.

Claims Bought and Sold

By Louis Couture, North West House, two miles above mouth of Hunker.

The Regina Club Hotel Bar is the standard of Dawson in quality.

Do you know Albert W. Williams, the woodhauler, at 17 above, on Bonanza?

Large contracts for freighting and wood specialty—Albert W. Williams, 17 above Bonanza or the White House.

A nice line of stationery, time, pass and memo books, tablets, paper and envelopes at Pioneer drug store.

The best meals served in the city are at the Regina Club Hotel.

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LOST—Black Newfoundland dog named "Cup" Last seen at 22nd Bonanza. Finder return to this office and receive reward.

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FAWCETT'S NEMESIS.

[Concluded from 1st Page.] He remembered receiving the applications of Mrs. Miner and Mrs. Kelly and of them calling on him a month or so later. I had found from the records that there were two other applicants for the claim they wanted to record, one of whom was Donald McDonald. Alex McDonald had told me he had a claim of \$2000 against Mr. Birt and he wanted to know if he could not get a grant to the land, as it was all the security he had. He also offered me the fee for a grant, but I would not take it. I finally advised him that the only way was by entry by another person. I assumed that he had a mortgage against the ground because of the way he spoke of his security. When the ladies called on me, on my part, I simply said there was a contest. I knew nothing of the settlement and none was made in my court. Alex McDonald's agent, who was there, also told me the contest had been withdrawn and I followed the ladies to record. Mr. George: You gave a note to Craig to be taken upstairs by the ladies. What induced you to allow them to record? Mr. Fawcett: McDonald's agent told me the contest had been withdrawn. Mr. George: Have you any record to show that the contest was withdrawn? Mr. Fawcett: No, but I had confidence in Mr. Doherty and believed that he represented his principal fully. Mr. George: As a matter of fact is the possible contest of Donald McDonald withdrawn at this present moment? Mr. Fawcett: It will never be pushed. Mr. George: Because of the signing of a mortgage to Alex McDonald? Is that the reason? Mr. Fawcett: I don't know what the arrangement was. [Note—Read the note from Fawcett to Craig and see if he knew what the arrangement was.] Mr. George: Then you don't know that Mr. Donald McDonald won't come up to-morrow to press his contest? Mr. Fawcett: Well, it is a question if it is not too late. Mr. George: When Craig left the others upstairs and called on you in your office, did he not tell you there was no mortgage on the claim? Mr. Fawcett: I don't think he saw that that morning. Mr. George: Didn't you know there was no mortgage? Mr. Fawcett: No, it was only when I went to get the documents for this court today that Craig told me there was never a mortgage against the claims. [Note—He testified he never mentioned the mortgage to the ladies. Does it appear at all probable in the light of the last answer?] Mr. George: When were these contests against the claims to be heard? Mr. Fawcett: There had been no dates fixed then. Mr. George: Alex McDonald was a particular friend of yours, was he not? He used to go to you with his troubles, didn't he? Mr. Fawcett: Mr. McDonald used to ask my advice about many matters. I am friendly with people generally; excepting a few. Mr. George: I suppose excepting the Nugger? [Much laughter.] Mr. Fawcett indulged in a tirade of abuse against the Nugger which is not worth repeating though it provoked much amusement in court. Mr. George: Didn't McDonald go to you and ask if he hadn't better represent the claim, and didn't you advise him "No, let the claim go, and stake it?" Mr. Fawcett: No, it was his own suggestion. [Note—It will be observed that in his last answer, Mr. Fawcett flatly contradicts a statement made a few moments before in his direct evidence.] Mr. Ogilvie here reminded Mr. Fawcett that he had called upon him some time ago relative to the question put to him by the ladies and, substituting other names, asked the gold commissioner if, by reason of neglect to represent, the right of a mortgagee would lapse, and that Mr. Fawcett said it would. Mr. George: Mr. Fawcett, you contend that you were holding out all the time for Donald McDonald's contest. Now, did it not occur to you as queer that the satisfying of Alex McDonald's supposed mortgage would settle Donald McDonald's contest. Mr. Fawcett: No, they were working together and I had talked with Alex about it. CLERK CRAIG NOT COMMUNICATIVE. Clerk Craig was next put on the stand, but not much of importance in the way of evidence was squeezed out of him, so scrupulous(?) was he in his choice of answers to the many questions put him. Sometimes his memory failed him, at others it was something else just as effective, until the Nugger representative gave up in despair after failing to get definite responses and said: "Well, Mr. Commissioner, under these circumstances, I will have to leave it as a self-evident fact." However, Mr. Craig was induced to admit that a contest against the lower half of the claim did not involve the other half, and that Donald McDonald really had no contest with Mrs. Miner. DONALD McDONALD'S KEEPER. James Doherty, Alex McDonald's secretary and one of his agents, followed as the next witness and told of Mr. Kelly going to him with the proposition to settle. Donald, he said, was sick on Eldorado at the time, and as his superior agent, he, with Mr. Calder, closed the deal. He didn't know why Mr. Fawcett had given him the note to Craig, except that he had told Mr. Fawcett that he had withdrawn Donald McDonald's application to the claim. Both he and Mr. Calder could speak for Donald. Mr. George: When you went to Fawcett and told him you had withdrawn Donald's application to the claim, what was it on, 500 feet? Mr. Doherty: I can't say as to that; I don't know what he applied for. Mr. George: As Donald's superior agent, what right, claim or mortgage had you on the upper half of this claim? Mr. Doherty: I don't know what he applied for. Mr. George: Then when you asked Mr. Fawcett not to let Mrs. Miner record you thought you had a claim on it? Mr. Doherty: We had Donald's application. Mr. George: I will have to have some help here, Mr. Commissioner. Either I'm off or somebody else is. I am trying to find out what right or claim Donald McDonald had to the upper half of this claim. I will have to ask you again. The witness was shown Donald's application, which now reads 253 feet. Mr. Doherty: Well, he applied for the lower half of the claim. Mr. George: Then, he not having a contest with Mrs. Miner for her half, why did Mr. Fawcett refuse to let her record? Mr. Doherty [apparently helplessly confused through his efforts to be non-communicative]: Mr. Fawcett and I knew the ground was not there. Mr. George, sitting down: We'll have to let this go, Mr. Commissioner. [More laughter.] Mr. Doherty, in answer to a question by Mr. Ogilvie: I didn't know till a few minutes ago when I saw the application that Donald had no right or claim to the upper half. Mr. Ogilvie: That's all Mr. George wanted to know. Mr. George: Now, if Donald hadn't any claim on the upper half, how can he have a claim on the lower half, as his stakes show he staked 500 feet, though there is in reality 450 feet between the stakes. DONALD'S HEAD KEEPER. Answer to this went by default and Alex Calder, who said he was Alex McDonald's chief agent and held his power of attorney in some things, took the stand. Like Mr. Doherty he was also found to be afflicted with some sort of affliction which prevented him from giving unequivocal answers. He had talked with Mr. Kelly about the plan of compromise and had given his consent to the withdrawal of Donald's application. He had no strings on Mr. Fawcett, he admitted, and didn't know he was waiting for his consent to the arrangement. Neither could he tell what, if any interest, Alex McDonald had in the claim. Mr. George: Now, Mr. Calder, isn't it a fact that this man Birt, while owing Alex \$2,000, left the country, hadn't Birt's claim reverted to the crown when the ladies and Donald staked it and that Alex had no claim on it whatever? Silence on Mr. Calder's part. Mr. George: Now, what right, if any, did Alex have to the claim? Mr. Calder: He had no legal right. Mr. Ogilvie: Well that's what Mr. George wanted to know. Mr. George: As he has at last answered that question, I feel like asking another. You said a while ago that when you were present at Mr. Fawcett's office and consented to letting the ladies record, that you were there representing Alex McDonald's interests and was not there representing Donald McDonald. Mr. Ogilvie, [indignantly]: He said no such thing. Mr. George: I beg your pardon, sir; but he did show that he had said that. Mr. Calder: Yes, sir. Q. You say it again, don't you? A. [Hesitatingly]: Say what? Q. That you were in Mr. Fawcett's office when the ladies signed those mortgages and when you gave your consent, and you were there representing Alex McDonald, not Donald? A. [Very low]: Yes, I have power of attorney from Alex McDonald. Q. But not from Donald? A. No. Mr. George: Then, as you were only representing Alex McDonald why was your consent necessary? No answer. Q. Had Alex any contest on the claim. A. No [slowly]. Q. Then why was your consent necessary before the gold commissioner would let these ladies record a claim which Alex McDonald had no claim on at all? A. [Very slowly]: I don't know. I was looking after Alex McDonald's interests. Q. What interest did he have on the claim? No answer. Q. Did he have a contest on it? A. No. Q. Did he have a mortgage on it? A. No. Q. Is it not a fact that Alex McDonald and Mr. Fawcett were great friends? A. [Heed I don't know. Mr. Ogilvie: Has that anything to do with the case? Mr. George: Yes, sir; it is very important. It is part of the charge. I don't think any portion of that \$2,000 found its way to the pockets of Mr. Fawcett; but what he did was for friendship. The hearing for the day and the session was closed. ALEX'S LITTLE BROTHER DONALD. Monday saw the closing of the interesting case with the recall of Mr. Fawcett and the introduction of Donald McDonald and Mr. Landrekin for the first time. The last named gentleman, a clerk in the gold commissioner's office, proved almost valueless as a witness, his inability to answer a question being so pronounced as to be painful to the audience. Not less than a hundred questions were put to him by the Nugger representative, but to all not more than three straight answers were given. If the semblance of deusness was simulated, it was cleverly though too thoroughly done, and in any event its effect was far no wise to the advantage of Mr. Fawcett's cause. Mr. Landrekin and Mrs. Miner were instructed by the Nugger representative to prove that said that they had seen on Craig's desk a list of applications, among which was that of Donald McDonald, wherein he applied for 500 feet. Witness said there was no such list as they had seen, as his list in which no feet were specified was the only one in existence. It was only after three-quarters of an hour had been wasted in his evasions that Landrekin was forced by attention was also called to the fact that the list of applications he had prepared showed Alex McDonald and W. G. Gates prior to its staking by the ladies. This, he said, was due to an error on his part, but he wouldn't attempt to even guess whether he had put it on the document before or after the event. Absolutely notwithstanding his familiarity with the case, and if anybody present acquired the belief that his conduct was due to a call which he couldn't receive from Mr. Fawcett that morning, no one could be blamed but himself. Mr. Fawcett's cross-examination didn't bring out much that was new either. He denied that Alex's alleged mortgage had influenced him to set towards the ladies as he did, and that he

had ever promised Alex, he would protect his note against Birt through the claim. The substance of his evidence was that "as soon as Alex lifted his bar" he consented to the ladies recording. Donald's testimony was exceedingly interesting, as evidence on his part, a devotion to his brother Alex. That is only seen elsewhere in that of a dog to its master. He had gone out to stake on orders from Alex, he said, and for the purpose of securing Alex's \$2,000 for him. He didn't know a thing about the arrangement made by Doherty to withdraw his claim to the party upon the payment of \$2,000, but as such had been done in Alex's interests it was acceptable to him. He never was consulted about it and never signed any papers in the transaction. "If Alex did not get his \$2,000 out of the deal you would put your protest even now, wouldn't you?" Mr. George asked. "I would, most likely, if I could," was the answer. "Then, as a matter of fact, the contest is still pending," observed Mr. George. Witness also dropped the interesting and unexpected information that he had taken the precaution, while at the claim on the morning of September 1st, to stake the whole 500 feet with large stakes (a tree, in one instance) and 250 feet, with small stakes, the latter being only about a foot long and about an inch and a half wide, he would be permitted to stake the whole or a half of the claim. Witness didn't remember telling Mrs. Kelly it was no use to stake that Alex would get the claim anyhow; though, "perhaps," he did. At the conclusion of the evidence Mr. George had other witnesses, but didn't know whether they would come voluntarily. Mr. Tabor remarked that he thought they had gone far enough; to which Mr. George retorted: "I know there is enough evidence in already, Mr. Commissioner," addressing Mr. Ogilvie, "and when you come to read it a cold type, it will surprise you." He should prepare addresses on the case and present them in writing to the commissioner, after which the session adjourned. PULLFORD RELEASED. An interesting incident of the forenoon session developed in the appearance of an attorney who said he was there in behalf of Danny Pullford, the young man who was sent to jail for contempt on Saturday. He said that Pullford was perfectly willing to testify on matters occurring prior to August 25, and that he thought the commissioner's action was unjustified, in that the question be put to Pullford, and to which the latter refused to reply, were general questions, whereas in law it is held that questions shall be specific. Besides that, he contended, Pullford might have become confused under the circumstances and answered hurriedly. Mr. Ogilvie, after a short parley, agreed to put Pullford on the stand and give him a chance. Accordingly, Pullford was placed on the stand. "I asked you the other day," said Mr. Ogilvie, "if you knew a clerk in the gold commissioner's office who had acquired an interest in twenty-one claims, presumably improperly. What is your answer?" Pullford: I heard it on rumor only. Mr. Ogilvie: Would you give the name of the clerk the rumor is associated with? Pullford: Yes, it was not a clerk in the gold commissioner's office; it was an official though. Mr. Ogilvie: Well, who was it? Pullford: It was Dr. Thompson. Mr. Tabor: Mr. Thompson is not an official. Mr. Ogilvie: Have you positive knowledge of any official acquiring an interest in twenty-one claims? Pullford: No, sir. Mr. Ogilvie reminded him that on Friday he had claimed that he did and asked him if he knew of any wrong doing on the part of the officials at all. Pullford replied that he had, but only as a rumor. He said to tell what he had heard, he said he had been told that Mr. Willison, the timber agent, had sent a crew of men up the Klondike to confiscate all the logs and timber cut by men without permits, which were to be sold and the proceeds divided with Willison. This explanation and Pullford's statement that he knew of nothing else, seemed satisfactory to Commissioner Ogilvie and he ordered him liberated, with the remark that if Pullford had been frank on Friday, it would not have occurred. Dr. Isidore McM. Bourke, who has more charges in against Fawcett, complained to Commissioner Ogilvie that his examination of necessary documents was being impeded and asked for more latitude. He was advised that whatever documents were pertinent to the case would be produced in court.

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