

# THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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## BENTEN OUT OF HIS CLAIM.

### A Wily Official Misleads an Innocent Miner for Five Long Weeks.

And on the Technicality of a Syllable in the Application, Another Man is Allowed the Claim. Official Information Used for Personal Ends.

There is something radically wrong with the conduct of the gold commissioner's office when by collusion or deliberate mystification an honest man can be held off his claim for over a month, until someone else gets it, as was the case with No. 21 on Boulder.

With such a weak, fickle man at the head of that department—a man held in derision by his subordinates and contempt by the public—nothing uniformly equitable can be expected. On September 1st, J. Meyer staked the upper half of No. 21 Boulder and proceeded at once to the commissioner's office to record. On the 3rd he succeeded in getting Recorder Craig's card and was refused the privilege of recording because under the vacillating policy of the gold commissioner the upper half was declared held for the crown. Mr. Ogilvie then appeared upon the scene and reversed Mr. Fawcett. Meyer, on the 10th proceeded to record, but was three days reaching Craig. Craig graciously allowed the filing of the application; but the ten-day rule being in force advised Meyer that it would be a week or ten days before he could get his certificate. On the 26th Meyer called and was informed that the certificate had not yet been awarded. On the 27th he got the same answer, though Craig showed his hand and his disinclination to record, by saying: "Oh! I remember, now; there are several cases against that claim."

Pressed for particulars the semi-official was evasive and mysterious, and could only give the names of the men on the lower half, Peterson and McGary, as the probable contestants. On the 1st of this month it was admitted that there was no contest, but, owing to press of business the certificates could not be granted that day. On the 5th still too busy. On the 6th Craig assured the applicant of his inability to record for him, as it was "going to be the biggest dispute in the country." The mystified Meyer was further assured only a judge could decide such a serious case. As the applicant could learn nothing as to who the mythical contestants were, and as he was out with Peterson when that gentleman staked only the lower half and knew him to have filed only on that half, Meyer proceeded to the head of the department, Mr. Fawcett, and stated his case. Turning to his clerk, Landriken, the gold commissioner asked the status of claim 21 on Boulder. Landriken said Meyer was the only applicant for the upper half. Mr. Fawcett wrote a note and sent it by Meyer to Craig. Craig read it, angrily tore it in two and assured Meyer it would do him no good to go to Fawcett as he would only have to come back again. Saturday, October 5th, Meyer called on a lawyer who proceeded to the recorder's office and found the claim had been recorded that morning by a man named Moody, nearly five weeks from the date Meyer had first applied for it. Craig's excuse now is that Meyer was all this time applying for record to the wrong clerk, that the claim was never open for selection as it had never been recorded at all yet. It had been held on the books as applied for, and goodness only knows how many men have been misled thereby in the last year. If that claim was not open to re-location—merely to location—why did Craig hold it reserved for the crown? The ruling only applied to re-located claims? Why did Craig for five weeks keep Meyer in ignorance of the true status of the case? Why this quibble over the syllable "re"—for that is what it amounts to. Why did Craig use his official knowledge to dispossess Meyer and install Moody five weeks afterward? Why does Fawcett continue to allow such evils under his very nose? Can Mr. Ogilvie accomplish any genuine reforms in that office without making a general clean-out of Fawcett and his companions of a year?

How long are innocent people to be made the tools of these schemers and plotters? How much longer will a long-suffering people permit such a state of affairs?

### Characteristic Stories.

A story was caught going the rounds which illustrates the possibilities of mind over matter. It is related of the old-time pioneer, "French Pete" that on one occasion he found himself a day's travel from the nearest settlement and his dogs exhausted from starvation and unable to take him any further. By an inspiration it occurred to him that their long tails were just superfluous appendages, and acting upon that idea he cut them off. The dogs refused to eat their own tails but readily devoured the tail of their neighbors when presented. With renewed strength the weary crusader made the settlement and all was well.

### Incorporation Meeting.

On Tuesday evening a public meeting was held at the Fairview Hotel for the consideration of a form of an incorporation ordinance to be submitted to Mr. Ogilvie and the Yukon Council. Col. McGregor was elected chairman of the meeting. On taking the chair the Col. stated that the town committee having been organized at a previous mass meeting to prepare

an ordinance for public discussion, had requested the Miners' Association to draw up the ordinance. In pursuance of this request the present ordinance had been prepared by Mr. H. C. Lisle, the attorney, and was now before the meeting.

The ordinance is an exceedingly voluminous document covering some 92 pages of typewritten matter.

To discuss the entire document was entirely without the scope of a public meeting and hence only the more important features were considered. The ordinance grants suffrage to all males having a residence in Dawson of 30 days and having reached the age of 21 years.

A mayor and 12 aldermen are provided for each to have a property qualification of \$200 in addition to the usual citizenship qualifications. It is proposed to divide the city into four wards, each of which shall be entitled to three aldermen in the city council.

Some discussion occurred on determining the limits of the city. Dr. Good was in favor of making the boundaries of the city small: A sort of nucleus around which would spring up a suburban Dawson. On motion it was expressed as the sense of the meeting that the limits should be as wide as the bluffs north and south of town and extend on the hill back of town far enough to take in the population.

Some discussion occurred on the property qualifications of candidates and voters. A motion to make the mayor's qualification \$1,000 real estate or \$2,000 leasehold was voted down. The sense of the meeting was strongly that the qualification should be as low as possible, especially as the number of eligible Britishers for candidates is decidedly limited.

The ordinance was tiresomely long, granting to Dawson all the usual powers of a city of this size; giving our own police, power to borrow money for necessary expenses until taxes could be imposed and collected, and indeed doing all that a city of this importance should be empowered to do.

Some discussion on the sex qualification of voters resulted in the endorsement of the ordinance as it stood, giving the right only to men. Nationality is only considered in candidates; aliens under the ordinance can vote.

Messrs. Lisle, Armstrong and McGregor were voted a committee of three, in conjunction with the committee who have handled the petitions for incorporation, to present the ordinance to Mr. Ogilvie and his council as the expressed wishes of the meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks, with applause was given the genial little hostess of the Fairview for the ready generosity with which she had given the use of the hall to the meeting.

### France Again Upside Down.

Col. Paty du Clam in an interview says: "I know very well that my being put on the inactive list has set to wagging all the tongues of Paris, but there is to be no sensation whatever. My relations with this accursed controversy are solely official. All those statements about my having hounded Dreyfus and persecuted his wife are execrable lies. My connection with the dossier, I have none. The war minister best knows why I have retired me temporarily, and like a soldier. If you are seeking a theatrical sensation, let me say you are on the wrong track. Light, about which Zola has prated so much, can do nothing but good to me."

Nevertheless it was rumored that Du Clam had disappeared from Paris.

### Suicide and Death.

A. Klopstein, intent on suicide, on board the Willie Irving on her last trip up, was turned over to the police at Stewart. Klopstein came in this spring and had made several trips as fireman on the Irving. He was found to be suffering from a powerful dose of belladonna and lived but a short time after being turned over to the police. He belongs in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

L. Benson died of alcoholism on Saturday morning in a waterfront lodging-house. Benson had been on a protracted "spre" and was penniless when discovered. Witnesses contend he retired during the night in usual good health and not very much under the influence of liquor.

### The Maison Tortoni.

Readers of the Nugget will note in the advertising columns of this paper that the Maison Tortoni Cafe will shortly be opened to the public by Mr. Baron Jaffe, lately connected with the Hoffman, at which time he catered to the best trade. The Tortoni will be most complete in every respect, and connected will be five elaborately furnished banquet rooms. Mr. Louis Conte, late chef of the Palace and Pacific Union hotels in San Francisco, will have the culinary department in charge and Mr. John Cupeel, long connected with the Arlington and Tortoni restaurants, of Seattle, will manage the dining rooms.

Mr. Jaffe is probably as popular as any young man hailing from the South, having lived years in Seattle, knows the demands of the public, and what will delight the palate of the most delicate epicure. The Tortoni will undoubtedly become a most popular eating resort.

### The New Skating Rink.

Dawson's new skating rink is rapidly nearing completion and if the weather continues cold will be in operation next week. The rink is 65 x 135 feet and is surrounded by a thick sod wall eight feet in height. A heavy canvas

stretch on a frame will cover the entire rink and add materially to the comforts of the skaters. Mr. Aleock, the manager of the enterprise, has had considerable experience in such matters in Canada and the States and understands thoroughly all that is required. Water will be brought from the river and the skating space will be flooded to a depth of six inches. It is his intention each evening to scrape the slush from the ice and cover the rink with water. Lovers of winter sport are looking forward with much pleasure to the opening of the rink.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

One of the largest moose killed this season was shot on Dominion last week. Its horns had a total of 31 prongs.

There is a movement afoot to clear Front Street of the growing piles of logs for the winter fuel for adjoining buildings.

The town detachment of the N. W. M. P. are about to move into their new building at the corner of Third Street and Second Avenue.

It is of importance to those desiring personal interviews with the Yukon commissioner that they remember his office hours are now from 9:30 a. m. to 1 p. m., the balance of the day to other business requiring his attention.

There is a stampede on to a stream known as Thistle creek, entering the Yukon at a point about seven miles above White river. The small steamer Hurpee is reported to have been chartered to carry a number of adventurers to the place.

Timber Agent Willison is a record that wood for fuel will be cheap this winter as sawmills prices go. He thinks it very unlikely that it will be higher than \$5 per cord, and is very sure it will never reach the \$5 and \$60 limit of last winter.

Joseph Conacher met with a misfortune Wednesday afternoon. Just above the Klondike river bridge he fell down on his raft with the result that his right leg was broken just below the hip joint—a decidedly bad place—but at last reports was doing well.

Two large pairs of moose horns closely interlocked were discovered recently on Canyon Creek. No other trace of the original owners of the horns could be found but it is evident from the inextricable manner in which the antlers were joined that a desperate and fatal combat had occurred.

Notices of application for bed-rock stumps rights have been issued by the Yukon creek from 28 below disavow to 20 above. As claims are abandoned now they will fall to the Bed-rock Flume Company instead of being open to relocation. Self evidently the company is looking a long way ahead.

Jack McDonald, who has been so near death's door is still putting up a good fight for his life. Over a week ago it was declared that he had but one chance for his life and that was to submit to an operation for abscess of the liver. Doctors Merryman, Catto and those performing the operation and over four quarts of pus were extracted. The patient has rallied.

Mr. A. C. Smith, an attorney general for British Columbia, has established himself in Dawson and will enter upon the practice of the legal profession as the Dawson representative of the large Victoria firm of lawyers, Purser, Paton & Potts. Sir Charles Purser and the Hon. Peters are so well known to need introduction. Mr. Smith is located at the Fairview.

Mr. Ogilvie evidently considers the construction of public trails as a matter for government aid. The Klondike City trail to Bonanza was built by private subscription and numerous expensive difficulties were overcome. However the completion of the trail found a number of hills unsuited through lack of funds. An appeal to Mr. Ogilvie for labor to the amount of several hundreds has been allowed.

"French Pete" was jubilant Tuesday over the arrival of the long expected Monsieur Lucien Chiche, a French chef of great renown. The dishes of the "French table" are to be resplendent by the inspiration of Monsieur Chiche, direct from "Paris" and is supposed to be able, if necessary, to make a tempting repast of even harness leather. However the French hotel is provided with all the delicacies of which even Bonhomme could boast.

The Irish Little Ora will make another trip to White Horse this season. When the B. I. & K. N. Co. first announced their determination to operate their line of boats from Dawson as late as October 4, there was considerable wise shaking of heads. All the large river boats have hunted up winter quarters long ago and yet by a strange fatness of the ice the Yukon is an open and frozen in any five this summer. The Klondike is the only river entering low into the main stream and the brave little Ora apparently has nothing but plain sailing ahead.

Late news carried in by passengers just from the outside is to the effect that the irresistible new general, Kitchener, now subduing the upper Nile with British and Egyptian troops, has started a mysterious expedition beyond the reported Khartoum and has not allowed a solitary newspaper correspondent to accompany it. The departed war correspondents have about agreed that the expedition is against the French entrenchment in the interior, and the object of the exclusion is to prevent any authentic word reaching Europe until the raising of the British flag over the disputed territory shall have become an accomplished fact.

### The Three Hats.

On Saturday evening of this week lovers of refined amusement will be enabled to have their tastes gratified. Miss Mertie Houck assisted by a company of local talent will present at the Pioneer hall a three-act comedy entitled "The Three Hats." The play is an adaptation from the French and is sold by those who have witnessed it in other places to be intensely interesting and amusing from beginning to end. The efforts that are being made by Miss Houck and the other members of the local dramatic club to meet the lack of wholesome amusement in Dawson, deserves and should receive hearty support from the public.

### Some Fine Dogs.

Messrs. W. E. Gaffner and E. E. Farnett, of Klondike City have 26 of an English setter were brought to this country. One team of five large McKenzie river huskies owned by Owners \$1,600. Mr. Gaffner states that he can make the trip from Dawson to the coast in five days with this team. At the present time he is using them in drawing logs from the woods on the Klondike to the river bank. During the winter the dogs will be used in freighting.

## MINING OPERATIONS BEGIN IN EARNEST.

### Every Creek Beds Fair to Be Thoroughly Prospected This Season.

An Army of Men are Now at Work Preparing to Make Mother Earth Disgorge the Output She has Far Exceeded Last Year's.

There will be a great difference in the spirit of the Klondike in the winter of 1898-9 compared with the winter preceding. The winter of 1897-8 found this arctic overrun with men, who knew nothing whatever of legitimate mining and who operated entirely upon a speculative basis. The world was on the qui vive on all matters pertaining to the Klondike. Stampede after stampede was made to new creeks and formidable lists of claims were compiled for sale to the gullible people outside. But alas! The head-and-tail plans of mice and men all gang alike, and shadowy reports had reached the outside world ahead of the men with claims to sell. Measures to find a list of claims aggregating \$20,000 which went to Seattle, Victoria, New York and London, and is still unsold though it embraced beautiful stamped properties from Seattle creek at \$8,000 to Henderson at \$12,000. This is all history now and the result of the skepticism of the world is that today the Klondike is on a firmer basis than ever before. The pieces of which claims are changing hands are as hard as gold and the investor upon the ground can hardly go wrong. The result of the bursting of the boom is that small investments have located lots of corners upon good ground, which had been held at any other value but which now will be worked days upon good ground, have been let at a fair working percentage which will result in the turning over of lots of earth this winter. In fact the creeks are populous as never before. From the mouth of Bonanza to the mouth of Dominion are piles upon piles of firewood—and the firewood upon the ground is a far better test of impending activity than mere cabins; cabins are often merely representation work to hold claims. Lower Bonanza has been grown profitable and so has upper Bonanza. Dominion, though still largely unworked, has been sampled in so many places that every foot of ground has a recognized value. On sulphur and tributaries also is happening activity.

To sum up the situation, speculation and stampeding has gone largely out of fashion and hard work is taking. The result of the change in the temper of the camp will be quite apparent in the winter's output. The opinion of our most conservative men is that the output will be nothing less than from 18 to 25 millions. It is a small estimate to calculate the number of workers now in the field at four or five times the number there was a year ago. Conditions will be entirely different; instead of the bulk of the output being from a few big mines the output next year will be from a multitude of smaller ones. For every hole dug last winter there will be 10 this.

Whenever the output reaches over 20,000,000 and the royalty is reduced as the probability is that it will be, there will be an influx of capital which once and for all will remove from the reach of the poor man the opportunities which now can be seen on every hand for him with but a few hundreds. The mines of the Klondike are not doing what might be called "poor man's mining" and still less will they be so after the influx of the capital which all consider so desirable. Nevertheless there will be some work for good wages which is the means towards which so many gravitate.

### Pete McDonald to Open the Hoffman.

Everyone in Dawson knows Pete McDonald and his many friends are pleased to learn that he has again perfected arrangements to enter business. The Hoffman house will be opened next Monday, the 27th, under his management and from appearances will be a cozy place as Dawson can boast of. The interior has been entirely reconstructed and with as fine a stock of wines and liquors as money can procure, we bespeak for the Hoffman a patronage exceeded by none.

### The New Monte Carlo.

A novelty is introduced and enjoyed by actors and audience alike at the Monte Carlo theater which opened up in its new winter quarters last Friday night. There is a full bill with many new faces and new roles and in the wind-up of the first farces the house engages in a polling between the stage and the audience and free songs. The musicals are popular imitations of Mexican tonales and the air is kept full all the time until the curtains are drawn and much noisy hilarity. The house is packed nightly.

### The Opera House Hotel.

Invitations are out from Miss Helen Holden to attend a house-warming at the Opera House Hotel on Wednesday evening. The occasion promises to be a most enjoyable one, as music, dancing and luncheon will be provided ad lib. The Nugget begs to acknowledge receipt of invitation.

### The Small Theatre.

The Flucht Theatre has the best aggregation of talent ever together at one time in any house in Dawson. The Mulligans, Cad Wilson and the Rodolphus are a show in themselves without the help of the many lesser light which have been secured by the new management. Cad Wilson has been a drawing card for many years and sings her songs fearfully.

### Here's a Snap.

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### INCORPORATION.

There are plenty of people outside the Miners' Association—and a few inside—who raise their hands in holy deprecation when the association takes up matters such as incorporation, etc. If those people will take up the back numbers of this paper they will find that "to aid in bringing about the incorporation of Dawson" was specified as one of the duties of proposed organization. The Miners' Association is the only duly organized body in the Yukon Territory today outside of a few mercantile and mining companies which have their birth in a desire for gain. What more natural than that there should be referred to it such matters as the drawing up of the ordinance of incorporation. It is true Mr. Ogilvie and his council are bound by no law to pass the ordinance, yet it is the part of wisdom to let those gentlemen know the terms on which the citizens of Dawson are willing to relieve the government of the expense of the care and custody of this important corner of the newly set apart territory. It goes without saying that there are terms of incorporation which would be so objectionable to the free spirit of our people that they rather remain as they are than accept them. For illustration it is within the powers of Mr. Ogilvie and his council to grant the franchise in the new city of Dawson only to a few men of vast wealth; but the sentiment of the people is undoubtedly in favor of a manhood suffrage because to a man working for wages the future of Dawson is of as vital importance as it is to the Eldorado king who has invested a few old thousands of his wealth in Dawson property. Again in the matter of candidates for office; is it not a fact that a man with large investments in mines and property would be much too busy over his own private business to find time for public business even if elected; therefore the people are largely in favor of making the qualifications for office as liberal as possible. To sum up, there is no good reason against and every reason for drawing up our own ordinance and submitting it to Mr. Ogilvie, thus placing ourselves on record as unanimously desiring incorporation, but on certain terms.

### BLOCKS OF TEN.

It is only once in a while that a government raises to itself such a monument of incapacity as has been done by the passage of the mining regulations under which we are working. In the first place it is of interest to note that no proviso was made as to when those regulations of January 18, 1898, were to come in force. They therefore were in force for four months before officially communicated to Dawson. What about the hundreds of claims staked in the interim? But it is Mr. Sifton's famous ten-claim reservation which tickles the risibles most. When he made his great grab for the reservation of alternate blocks of ten claims, to be disposed of by the crown, *alias* the government, *alias* Messrs. Sifton, Tarte, et al., Mr. Sifton forgot to specify which ten he wanted, above or below discovery. Or did he intend to leave open four above and five below? or did he know what he wanted? In the case of the bench claims there is the most ridiculous indefiniteness. Possessed of a burning desire to seize a half of the country he yet hadn't the wit to legislate the *best* half into his own keeping. Bona fide prospectors do not of necessity stake their claims in sequence either up or down stream, but here and

there wherever in the judgment of the individual would lead them to suppose was the most likely ground. But Mr. Sifton knew little of the ways of the pioneer and cared still less.

It is in the matter of bench claims, however, that the lack of knowledge of our legislators is most apparent. Where the bench claims occur in tiers which tier do they want reserved? Suppose the benches occur in blocks, as is the case on some of our most valuable ground. Three claims square would make ten claims. Where does Sifton want the ten for his disposal? Or, suppose the block is ten-claims square; does he wish the three adjoining blocks which would give him three for one? The fact of the matter is that under these un-miner-like regulations there must exist the gravest fears in the minds of nearly all the stakers of new ground that they are just as likely to be locating on government ground as on ground open to the public.

To the child-like minds of our wise men in the East a simple solution suggests itself, and that is to throw a handful of surveys into the breach. A few tangents; some business-like rows of stakes neatly numbered and labeled "open to the public" or "closed to the public" and "there you are" say our guileless and innocent makers of mining regulations. It does not occur to them that if discoveries are to continue to be made, the explorers must be deeply into the unknown wilderness ahead of any surveyors, and they are the men who should be secured in their ground if they find any worth having. So far the crown reservation regulation has not resulted in dragging into the official net any considerable property of value. The law has been found of so little use in the objects it was designed to accomplish that according to Major Walsh just before he left—the government has secured but little property in the country excepting a few blocks on "Swede" creek and other streams which raise a smile whenever you mention them. Still the time will come when valuable new ground will be discovered and it behooves us all to work for the abolishing of a regulation the only result of which so far has been to establish a state of indecision and uncertainty on any new ground opened up.

### A QUERY.

Is a government, which collects large revenues upon much needed improvements in that community, morally bound to expend any part of said large revenues upon much needed improvements in that community? The combined nations of Britishers and Americans answer yes in no uncertain tones. The policy of bleeding outlying colonies for the benefit of the already wealthy home government once cost England a glorious empire. From that day forward England took the well learned lesson to heart with a result that today she is at the head of the grandest and greatest empire this old earth has ever known. Only the most just and liberal policy towards her dependent colonies could have cemented together in one loyal whole the far apart members of that empire. On a small scale Canada is giving us an exhibition of that same intolerable taxation without representation which England has put away, of that same bleeding of a weak and distant member of its territories, of that same apathy to their sufferings, aspirations and honorable desires, of that same withdrawal of millions in taxes and the penurious begrudging of paltry thousands for much needed sanitary improvements, of that same sending into the field of hundreds of men with bayonets to enforce the collection of tribute and not a single man with a shovel for the improvement of trails, streets, etc. We find a string of men from the Chilcot summit to Forty-Mile whose duties are to collect—always collect. Customs, royalties on timber, on mines, on whiskey, to collect license money, recording fees, money for hay, for firewood. We find the government going into the real estate business and laying out townsites on every hand and collecting—always collecting money—for the privilege of a piece of ground to live on. Eight hundred thousand dollars a

year to enforce the imposition of taxes and not one dollar to blast rocks out of the channel of the river; rocks which could be destroyed at a trifling cost, yet which have dealt out death and destruction with a lavish hand to the tax-payers all summer long. Nearly half a million for soldiers, not one cent for laborers. Expensive posts right to the crest of the storm-bound summit of Chilcot pass to collect—always collect—and not a single gang of laborers to drain this camp of its accumulated filth of two years and to thus save some of the lives of our people. Thousands for guards and sentries to overawe us by their presence, into the willing payment of our wicked taxes and nothing at all for a sanitary inspector to regulate the unsanitary nuisances which are making Dawson a reeking pest house and a malodorous offense unto heaven. Hundreds of clerks to keep track of things and see that none escape the universal taxation, and not one of them with powers or instructions to keep a public register of deaths that the waiting ones at home might refer to and learn what of the loved ones far away from whom nothing whatever was being heard. Thousands of dollars for guards for the treasure of the rich, and cold apathy to the dying hundreds.

On this point the Nugget would like an expression of opinion from our citizens: Is a government, which collects large revenues from a community, morally bound to expend any part of said large revenues upon such needed improvements in that community?

### NO ROOT FOR SCHEMERS.

There never has yet been an organization of strength and influence in a community but what enterprising and unscrupulous individuals have sought to make use of it as a means towards furthering their own private ends. The man with an axe to grind is always in evidence. He works through various and diverse channels, sometimes openly and sometimes sub rosa, but the trail of the serpent is there unmistakably and the observant eye can invariably trace it. The Miners' Association of the Yukon Territory is an organization born of the crying necessities of this community. It had its origin through the unselfish efforts of men who saw the need and were willing to sacrifice time, labor and money to the public welfare. It is now, although comparatively young, a power for good in this district. It has before it a future that from the present outlook bids fair to be most bright. The men who guide its destinies are thoroughly versed in the needs of the country, are men of breadth of mental grasp and thoroughly understand what legislation is necessary to open the Klondike country to the legitimate prospector and investor. They have no idea of resting upon their oars. Ottawa is a long distance away and communication with the government is consequently difficult and uncertain, but pending results from the Dominion government local matters of importance can well claim the attention of the association.

In taking up the matter of securing incorporation for Dawson, the association, in our judgment, has acted most wisely. The merits of this proposition have been so widely and exhaustively discussed that further argument on that point is unnecessary. The simple fact that 20,000 people are living in one community, without even the semblance of local government is all the argument required to make the man of ordinary intelligence and judgment a convert to the incorporation theory.

All that the association requires to deserve and win public merit and approval is to keep on in the even tenor of its way, pursue in the future as it has in the past, a broad minded policy, and devote its efforts to the public welfare.

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ROUTLEDGE IS FAWCETT'S CHAMPION.

He Takes Up the Cudgel for the Gold Commissioner and Fires a Shot.

In One Sweeping, Flat Denial He Makes the Gold Commissioner Spotless—Takes The Nugget to Task—An Offer of \$1,000.

The following communication from Mr. J. J. Rutledge was handed in for our last issue but was crowded out from lack of space. If Mr. Rutledge is genuinely anxious for what he asks, viz., "specific allegations" we ask him to keep his eyes open for future issues. Mr. Rutledge says:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NUGGET: Sir—Your article of the 5th inst. re Thos. Fawcett, calls for a flat denial of the charges therein contained.

The NUGGET is indeed glad that after four months of a crusade against the iniquities of the gold commissioner's office, there has, at least arisen one champion of the man and things we condemn. The article in question is, probably, the editorial headed "Got Him Out," and is too long to be reproduced here. However, to the casual thinker, it would appear that there were ways of shutting up a newspaper making charges against an official which it could not maintain other than retaining the redoubtable J. J. Rutledge to use the scathing satire of "flat denial." But more, anon. Mr. Rutledge continues:

It appears to me the undersigned that inasmuch as the NUGGET is the only paper (according to its own statement) that has had the backbone to continue to fire random shots and waste powder without hitting the mark that the time has come for it to give the public a rest and confine its pages to something specific.

Mr. Rutledge, you are ridiculous! The NUGGET never said anywhere anything about having "the backbone to fire random shots and waste powder without hitting the mark." Possibly, J. J., this is too much for our visibles. Mr. Fawcett is hardly to be congratulated upon his choice of a champion unless he can drop such "indefinite and transcendental ambiguity. We simply make a "flat denial" that you can show any such statement in our columns, from its No. 1, Vol. 1. But, further on you say:

If the NUGGET has any one case that it can point to wherein the present gold commissioner has done wrong and has willfully injured any citizen (be he miner or otherwise), let it be proven; but until such is the case would it not appear to the most unobserving that Mr. Fawcett has been over-zealous in the interest of the miners of this camp.

I wish to state that I have had occasion to make over FOUR THOUSAND transfers of different nature for EIGHTS—SIXTEEN—THIRTY—RESIDENT here, and I can only say that the whole of my business has been transacted with dispatch without one cent of extra pay to the gold commissioner or any of his assistants, and that if those who have had dealings at the gold commissioner's office would speak plainly and truthfully their testimony would be the same.

Mr. Rutledge, as a champion of the gold commissioner's office you have missed your calling for you have not only condemned it out of your own mouth but have furnished a "specific charge of the same." You will be unable to get a man, woman or child in Dawson to believe that you ever got legitimately through that front door anything like that number of times. Nay, more; the NUGGET will make you a present of \$1,000 in gold coin if you will prove that you have ever entered that door four thousand times and took your turn with the crowd. Yet, still another offer: The NUGGET will pay you \$1,000 in gold coin if you will prove that you ever took your turn and entered that door FOUR THOUSAND times since Mr. Fawcett's incumbency. We will take your own word that you never used one of Mr. Fawcett's passes, Mr. Craig's passes nor Mr. Bolton's passes as a means to get ahead of the strings of hundreds of men who were waiting in line to get similar services, and you have only to state to be believed that you neither entered the side or rear door nor paid the usual admittance fee.

You ask for one case in which the gold commissioner can be proven wrong; is not your own case one of them? What right had he to let you or his other friends in and out of that office so frequently and without delay when hundreds of good hardy prospectors and miners were waiting in line at the door for days and weeks. Whether you have done so or not there are business men in this town who have had Fawcett's clerks come to them or meeting them by appointment to get documents for filing—and all for a consideration. Is that sufficiently specific? But more on these points in later issues. You continue your communication:

It is simply this—It is easy for any paper to take up the statements of those who have an imaginary grievance and who have become disappointed by not being able to file on a claim that to them would appear to be their own property by right; but in these cases the law points out a remedy, so why keep making unfounded accusations regarding the gold commissioner and his staff of assistants when there is absolutely no truth in the vague hypothesis?

The only comment necessary on the foregoing is that none but Mr. Rutledge as far as we know, considers them vague. Nothing vague in our offers to you, Mr. Rutledge.

I have casually talked with many of our leading business men and find that they are disgusted with these unwarranted attacks upon Mr. Fawcett and his staff of assistants.

Your experience and our own, Mr. Rutledge, have differed. In direct, not casual, conversation with our business men yourself not excepted—no disclaimer has been entered when the stupendous incapacity of Mr. Fawcett was the subject of conversation. Such being

characteristic of the man, how can the attacks be unwarranted?

In conclusion, I would respectfully ask that you, in your next issue, state something tangible and definite or else cease from any further attacks and statements of gross misrepresentation. I am, yours sincerely, J. J. RUTLEDGE.

We would ask Mr. Rutledge to take down his file of the NUGGET and read carefully each issue. He will find definite charges enough to condemn an angel to eternal banishment. As for their "being untrue—we quote his own letter—"In these cases the law points out a remedy." You will hear again from us, friend Rutledge.

The New Westminster Fire. VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 15th.—Belief still comes to New Westminster. Rosland has contributed \$5,000, the Northwest Territories \$1,000, Nelson City \$500, Hiram Walker & Co. \$250, Kamloops \$500. The Vancouver Board of Trade fund is nearly \$3,000. The banks in the city are obtaining instructions from headquarters to subscribe \$500 each. The Women's Council has collected \$448 and Nanaimo \$500, while several Hamilton, Toronto and other Eastern firms have sent their quota.

Indeed one feature of the fire has been the splendid way in which Eastern cities, as well as Seattle and the towns of British Columbia, have come to the rescue of the sufferers. Many vaults have been opened and their contents found uninjured. In the Bank of Montreal everything was in perfect condition. The vault of the Bank of British Columbia was a surprise to many, as there was a supposition that owing to a crack in the upper part of the brickwork, the contents would be damaged, but on opening the same, which was done without difficulty as the combination worked, the contents and the inside of the safe were as if no fire had been raging outside. There was not a scorched part about any of the woodwork, and the two handsome safes inside were just as good as new.

In previous telegrams mention has been made of the quick advance in rents since the fire. A young fellow with about \$30 worth of candies secured a location in the Burr block just before the fire for \$1.50 per month. The stores on either side of him are \$75 a month now. He has a lease for two months, and must be given a month's notice. The owners want to turn him out, but naturally he will not go. He offered to get out if they paid him \$300.

The Canadian Pacific railway is repairing its slightly damaged shed.

The destroyed line of rails along Front street is again being put in order, and a pile-driver is at work on the approach to the depot.

Yesterday the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company bought a lot adjoining its present property for \$2,000. Superintendent Whyte, of Winnipeg, this morning informed Superintendent Marpole that plans would be drawn at once and work commenced as soon as practicable on a new passenger station and additional freight sheds on the old site, the new passenger depot to be of stone and brick and of increased dimensions.

Mayor Owens, of New Westminster has written a personal letter to Mayor Garden of Vancouver, asking him to convey to the corporation and citizens of Vancouver the warmest thanks of the people of New Westminster for all that has been done for them. The letter also says:

Your exceeding promptness in dispatching supplies almost before the conflagration was gotten under control amply met all immediate wants and no doubt averted much suffering. Supplies subsequently received and still coming in from Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle and other places are meeting the wants of the situation in a most satisfactory manner, and I am hopeful that the cases of actual suffering will be confined within narrow limits.

A careful estimate places the number of homeless people at about 2,500 and the number of business houses and homes destroyed at 600. The loss will reach fully \$2,500,000. This of course is terrible, but the people of the Royal City are hopeful, full of courage and determined to restore the city to its former important position. Already the work of rebuilding has commenced, and as soon as the material is available, the enormous task will be in full swing.

On Board the S. S. Flora.

October 8, '09.

TO CAPTAIN MARTINEAU.—On nearing the completion of our trip from White Horse to Dawson, we, your passengers, desire to express our entire satisfaction with the efforts which you have exerted to secure us a safe and speedy passage.

We fully appreciate the difficulties which you have had to contend with, and to your skill and energy we attribute the fact that they have been successfully overcome.

We would ask you to convey to Mrs. Martineau our sincere thanks for our comfort under very difficult conditions and we wish you both good health and continued success and prosperity. R. Belcher, Arthur G. Smith, Murray C. Potts, W. H. Olive, H. Douglas, H. T. Ray, Mrs. H. T. Ray, Miss Ruth Holmes, W. E. Ellis, Jas. W. Logan, Mrs. E. H. Baxter, Geo. Weir, Mrs. E. Crawford, J. C. Liddle, M. F. Thompson, Victor Talbot, W. H. Welsh, E. Evclshire, F. F. Candler, J. H. Escolme.

The Hockey Club.

Great interest is being shown in the organization of the hockey club. A number of good players have already joined and others have signified their intention to become members. The new skating rink will be opened to the public in about a week or ten days and a great deal of sport is anticipated among lovers of skating. Mr. M. Marsden, of the Alaska Exploration Co., has the matter in charge and any persons desiring to become members of the club can secure all necessary information from him.

The NUGGET is published on every Wednesday and Saturday.

A HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUND HOUSE

A Klondike Novelty in the Form of a House as Light as Air.

A Fire in the Logs Causes the Sawmill Boys a Scare—Fire Apparatus Helpless in the Streets—Possibilities of Disastrous Fire.

Dawson has a real, brand new article in the way of a house. Both literally and figuratively speaking it is a warm thing. It is not so large but what an unobservant passer by might miss sight of it altogether were it not for the fact that it shines and glistens in some such way as Solomon's temple is popularly supposed to have done.

This curiosity in the way of an Arctic house is about seven feet square, six feet high and when packed into its case, which is about the size of an ordinary croquet box, it tips the scales at 150 lbs.

The material of which the house is composed is aluminum plates. The framework is of bicycle tubing. A miniature Yukon stove occupies one corner. When a move is contemplated the cooking utensils are packed into the stove pipe. The furniture of the house consists largely of a double bed, which in the day-time by some magic process is folded up and becomes a nice, easy couch, just suitable for one person to lounge upon and take life comfortably.

The walls of this unique house are only one sixteenth of an inch thick. The plates overlap each other and are supposed to keep Jack Frost at a respectful distance, even at 60 below. However, the most interesting features of the entire structure are its proprietors, Dr. Mary Mosher and her sister Miss Mattie Mosher of Boston. The ladies left the American Athens some time in March and reached Dawson on the steamer Philip Lowe, in the latter part of September. Altogether they are quite satisfied with their adventures thus far, and are authority for the statement that there are now no undiscovered sand bars in the Yukon, the Philip Lowe having located all that were missed by the rest of the Yukon fleet during the season. They have had their house, which of course they brought with them, set up on the trail near the slough and are very cozily situated. The approach of a Klondike winter has no terrors to them in their guaranteed frost proof residence.

A Log Fire.

On Monday morning last the Yukon sawmill saved its full supply of logs by the exertions of its employees. The logs have been on the bank some time and are quite dry. About 10 a. m. a small blaze occurred which was readily mastered by pouring water between the logs. However, at noon there was a sudden rush of flames from that 30-foot pile of logs and it required the organized efforts of the mill hands to overcome the fire. A hose from the engine furnished a small spray and a line of men with buckets kept the water coming from the river in a stream. By moving the logs to a depth of eight or ten feet the seat of the fire was got at, and all danger was quickly reduced to a minimum. Had the logs been frozen, the consequences might have been serious, as the piles of logs and stabs, the sawmills and saw factory stand closely together and, there being no fire department in town, the fire could easily have gotten beyond control. It is but a question of time when a disaster by fire in Dawson will shock the world unless more interest is shown in Dawson's fire department. With inefficient fires occurring every few days it is sublimely ridiculous that our expensive fire apparatus is allowed to stand rusting in the streets.

Thoughtfulness vs. Carelessness.

A short time ago the Dawson postoffice was practically blockaded with outgoing letters carelessly dropped there by writers. Many had placed American two-cent stamps thereon, while many failed to stamp them at all. It will be remembered that this is Canada's territory and Uncle Samuel's stamps do not go in Queen Victoria's postoffices. However, here were letters to wives, mothers, sweethearts and fathers, probably many of whom had not heard from their loved ones for months. Captain Hansen, the manager of the A. C. Co., heard of the matter sent immediately to the post office, had every letter properly stamped and the big sacks of delayed mail went forward on their missions. The post office officials were in no manner at fault, but the big-hearted generosity of Captain Hansen relieved the difficulty. To think with him, is to act always. This will probably be the first intimation the Captain has, that the NUGGET is in possession of the knowledge of his generous thoughtfulness.

An Insignificant Blaze.

What might have been a serious blaze was occasioned Thursday by the overturning of a candle by one of the guests in an upper chamber of the Dawson City hotel. The partitions were of canvas and readily took fire and the occupant of the room aroused the house with a cry of fire. A hose from the nearby brewery was run into the room and a spray of water soon left the room in damp darkness. No damage was done other than the burning of the partitions and the wetting of the gentleman's clothes.

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The "Knocker" is Promptly Called Down.

Hartlett Brothers Resent the "Butter Corner" Accusation, and Come to the Front With Cold Cash to Be Paid for Evidence.

Editor Nugget.—A newspaper such as yours, which openly makes charges against those whom it considers are working to the injury of the public you serve, and which has the courage to always give names, dates and places, inspires the respect of all. But what can be thought of the cowardly and contemptible methods of those who dare only to attack people under the miserable subterfuge of blanks and dashes as was done in the last issue of a local sheet which is evidently ambitious to follow in the footsteps of the Portland Mercury, Seattle Sunday Star and other journals of the sewer whose establishments have long since been closed by the authorities.

That there should be no mistake in the identity of the individuals selected for this intended "hoax," the blank name "B. B." was reinforced by an array of dime museum monstrosities evidently intended to represent pack mules, with the words "Packers and Forwarders" added, as an additional aid to those whose mental stupidity has permitted them to subscribe for the sheet in question.

This illustration directly accuses the undersigned of cornering and holding for a higher price the butter supply of this market.

We herewith place with the Nugget the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid in equal amounts of two hundred and fifty dollars each to St. Mary's and Good Samaritan hospitals.

You are authorized to pay over these sums upon the production of any reputable evidence that the undersigned have in any way undertaken to control or influence the market price of butter or any other food product.

And you are expressly authorized to disburse the above-named amounts upon the production of any reputable evidence showing any purchase of butter by or for us in this market, except to supply orders from the creeks in small quantities for immediate delivery, all of which orders have gone forward to our customers, as fast as purchased.

And for this purpose our office way-bill stubs, showing in every case the name of customer, quantity forwarded and price charged, are open to the inspection of any committee of three which may be designated by the Nugget and the management of the two hospitals.

BARTLETT BROS.

Blank bills of sale at the Nugget office.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Things continue to be very quiet at police headquarters. J. J. Shultz accused Howe of "swiping" some of his cordwood. After several days in court, Shultz failed to prove ownership of the wood, and the case was dismissed.

Lillian Burroughs charged Miss McCrae and Mrs. Adcock, of the California restaurant, with non-payment of wages. Justice Harper found Miss Gillan in the right and awarded her \$82 and charged the costs of the case against the defendants.

An unknown insane man was taken to the station Tuesday morning from a waterfront lodging-house. He did not know his name, where he came from or where he wanted to go. Under his pillow was found a gold watch stolen from a fellow-lodger and that charge is also booked against him.

Blanche Tracey was charged with drunkenness for making a mess of exhaustion. Very tired from a long trip he had taken a single drink of Dawson "shoot," with a result that he became immediately unworkably drowsy. Justice Harper let him off this time as it would cost him several months' imprisonment.

A Tabor had been cutting wood on the opposite side of the river where they drink nothing more intoxicating than Yukon water. Recalling his pay he advanced to Dawson and for a few hours lived like a millionaire. Unfortunately when he appeared next morning before his honor his empty pockets proved him a pauper as he couldn't pay his fine. Once more he labors; this time with a ten-day limit and no wealth at the end of the term.

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PERSONALS.

T. H. Willahan arrived in Dawson Monday in a small boat and wholly destitute, having lost a scow loaded with stores and provisions on Thursday. He was himself fished out by a narrow chance and his two partners immediately made back tracks for Seattle. Everything was lost but the clothes Willahan had on.

Bill McPhee started down the river from White Horse aboard the Flora on her last trip, but discovered one of his scows badly on a bar and left the steamer above Stewart river.

The Nugget has blank bills of sale.

Our Trip to Alaska in '98.

There was an old ship steamed out on a swell, it had so many tows it didn't know what to call. With hearts full of hope and a Chinese cook. We started out for Alaska to look. The proposition was hard but the crew it was harder.

The name of the ship was the famous Laurada. The stowaways ate at the very first table. The passengers ate whenever they were able. The passengers grumbled all day long. The coffee was weak and the butter was strong. The tablecloths dirty and the dishes wet. And I haven't told half of my troubles yet. The teaspoons were shy, the napkins "non est" and the dispositions were put to such test. When the third table heard all along the route. The cry of the waiters, "The pie is all out." And everything seemed to be opposite quite. While the water was pink the soup it was white and the color of the butter nobody knew; it was like a chameleon changing its hue. When daylight was ended not so with our woes for all night long we'd have trouble with our tows.

The whistle would blow and the engine stop quick. And we knew in a moment it was the Katie Henrick.

For she was such a frail little maid, And in her distress would cry out to her boat. Her constant companion the Philip B. Low. And so we went back to Sitka a spell. To fix up the Katie and Philip as well; It was not in our contract but what did we care. We enjoyed ourselves the three days we were there.

One week at Dutch Harbor for water and coal And on to St. Michael we slowly did roll. The weather was cold and blowy and wet. And three miles an hour the best time yet. One week at St. Michael was surely enough. For what they called shore was made of such

Our feet would sink in clear out of sight; To call that stuff land is surely not right. St. Michaels was, certainly, the worst place yet. And we left it then without a regret. We left the Laurada and went on the Low. And went up the river with the New York for a

I never saw a mouth so hard to find. As the mouth of the Yukon. You'd think we were blind; We would make a dive for it and land on a bar. And for twenty-four hours we wouldn't get far; But we would get off of that one and on to another.

Until bars made our life one eternal bother. And then with our pilots one, two, three, four and five!

I wonder they got up the river alive— For, while they are all very well in their places, Too many bars are like too many axes. If you had more than four, there'd be trouble in camp.

And the pilot he called a great big scamp. Well, the passengers cut wood by day and by night. And had pretty brush fires which served them for light. They would cut enough wood to last them one day.

File it all on and then steam away. The boilers were the cleanest things on earth— I never saw such clean boilers since the day of my birth; They were cleaned from the beginning to the end of the trip. And they were by far the cleanest things on the ship.

For such competent (?) help one rarely meets, For the first-class passengers had to wash their own sheets; For their faces would frown and then they would growl.

If the passengers asked for a clean face towel. The butter and milk and sugar slipped away; But the beans stayed by us day by day. The teaspoons also took a vacation; But the beans and ham were our steady ration. Then came a revolution—Capt. Pearce took charge. Of the Philip B. Low and the New York barge. We went back for the Michigan and Gov. Pingree. And brought them back quite seemingly. And the milk came back and the sugar, too. And a change on the table right through and through.

And folks do say "we'll have butter on our bread;" For things "is different," as Tourist said, At Rampart we left a good part of our freight— And passengers, too— I think fifty-eight. Then, with the four boats all lashed together. We started up river in spite of the weather; We went up the river like a snail would crawl. We would stop for any old thing at all; We would stop for fog and then to cut wood. And then to clean boilers, as of course we should.

We left the barge "Michigan" at Fort Yukon. And took on another pilot—a sick one named John. Now with eleven pilots we felt sure we'd be right. But we struck on a bar and stayed there all night.

The Pingree acted like the very old scratch. For an out and out hoodoo she is hard to match. We put her behind and beside and before; But she couldn't do a thing, her power was so poor.

But the three boats landed at Dawson at last. And, though they assured us the steamers were fast. It seems as if years upon years had gone by since down in Seattle we said our good bye. And started off with the B. A. T.

Full of hope and cheer for the gold country. My best wishes go out to all those concerned. For what money they get will be well-earned. Now tell all your friends in this country and out.

When you come to Alaska, come by the all-water route. For, although when you get there it may be quite late. Get there you will and get there with your freight.

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